

# The Spire Lite

April 2022



“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.  
Mark 16:6



## Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday, April 10**

10 am Worship with palms and the Joyful Noise Bell Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14**

7 pm Communion Service

### **Good Friday, April 15**

7 pm Prayer Service

### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

6:30 am Sunrise Service in the church cemetery followed by breakfast

10 am Worship

All services will be in person and virtual.

We extend our deepest gratitude for the 30 plus years Sandy Kushner has shared the gift of music with us. Sandy's dedication to God and our congregation has been inspiring. She has always been willing to provide music during weddings, funerals, and special services. For many years, Sandy directed our voice choir. Many individuals joined her to sing and praise God. Her willingness to begin a chime choir has allowed us to have the Joyful Noise Bell Choir. We will miss Sandy, though wish her the best in the years to come. We will be celebrating Sandy on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and her final Sunday with us is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Send a Card

You are invited to send Sandy Kushner a thank you card. Mail it to the church in care of Sandy Kushner or bring it to worship and place it on the table as you come into the sanctuary.





## Thank you, Lori!

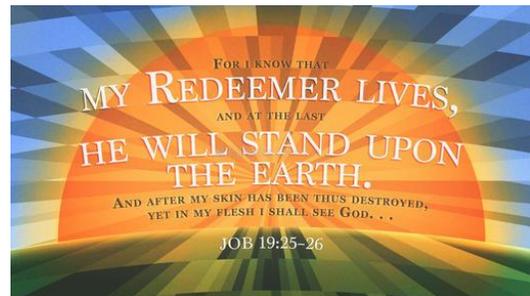
Lori works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 am until 1 pm. We are grateful for her professionalism, her kindness and her willingness to help make things run smoothly in the office.

April 27<sup>th</sup> is Administrative Professionals Day. You are invited to send Lori a thank you card. Mail it to the church in care of Lori or bring it to worship and place it on the table as you come into the sanctuary.



## Workday – April 9

Saturday, April 9 is Church Clean Up Day. We will begin at 9 am. Please bring work gloves and yard tools. We will be trimming bushes, cleaning up the cemetery and doing other yard work.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries for March and April

### April Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kefalas
- 9 Sam DeVecchis
- 13 Dan Miller
- 15 Kimberlee Kalichak
- 21 Darlene Strunk
- 24 David Pysher  
Denise Sweeney
- 27 John Shaw
- 30 Anna Geveke



### April Anniversaries

- 27 Jimmy and Liz Machamer

### May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 4 Noah Geveke
- 5 David Geveke  
Darlene Pysher
- 7 Peggy Albany
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Dawn Buckworth  
Thomas Geveke
- 22 Sandy Kushner
- 26 Jackie Wright
- 27 Hans Geveke
- 28 Stephen Kalichak, Jr.

### May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan and Dennis Decker
- 16 Barbara and John Phillips



## Food Bank

The item of the month for April is  
*Cake Mixes and Icing.*

Please donate anytime during the month.



## Church Accompanist Search

We continue to pray for our Church Accompanist Search. We have not had any applications at this time. We continue to look for new avenues and share our job description. Mrs. Marge Waltman has agreed to play the piano in worship on April 24 and for the month of May.

This is not the news we hoped to share, but we continue to hope and pray for our next accompanist.

## Lenten Offering

The Lenten Offering will be used to support future Main Street Elementary School projects. You are welcome to give to the Lenten offering at any time during the Lenten season. You can give in person or online, please mark your donation *Lent*.

## Mark Your Calendar!

\*April 14<sup>th</sup> we will be delivering lunch to the Upland Police Department and dinner to the Upland Fire Company from your generous Christmas Card donations.

\*Our next Service Sunday is May 22. We will be doing trash pickup in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade as well as making crafts for Fair Acres.



## Prayer Meeting

We will meet on zoom on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 pm. Go to [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org) and click the praying hands.

## Yeah!

The chair lift is operating again! We are grateful for all of Frank Kulp's efforts to get this working again. You may need assistance with the latches, but we are able to use the lift to get to and from the sanctuary.

## Devotional Thought...

Mark 14:3-7 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor. Leave her alone," said Jesus, "She has done a beautiful thing to me. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial."

We have been studying Mark in Bible Study, and this passage created some discussion. How did this woman know Jesus was going to die? In this passage, she isn't named but in John's Gospel it is said that she is Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Jesus sees this action as a total pouring out of her love.

Today, each of us can be like that woman if we are willing to give our most precious gift, ourselves, and pour all that we are and have before our Lord.

How do you prepare for the sadness of the crucifixion and then the joy of the resurrection? Do you come to church? Do you read a devotional? Do you prepare certain foods and spend time with family and friends? What gift can you give?

Dawn Rafalski



One Easter, a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly Gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

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