



**NCPC**  
**April 2026**  
**Newsletter**

**April Events**

**Thursday, April 2—Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Service

**Sunday, April 5—Resurrection of the Lord Sunday**

*Food Bank Collection Sunday*

9:30 am, Morning Worship Service—*Happy Easter!*  
(No Fellowship Time or Bible Study after Morning Service)

**Monday, April 6—Easter Monday**

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

**Tuesday, April 7**

4:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Library

**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 pm, Session Meeting, Library

**Sunday, April 12**

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—Salad Extravaganza,  
Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 14**

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

**Saturday, April 18**

5:00 pm, Scripture Singles, @ Beth Oliver's Home

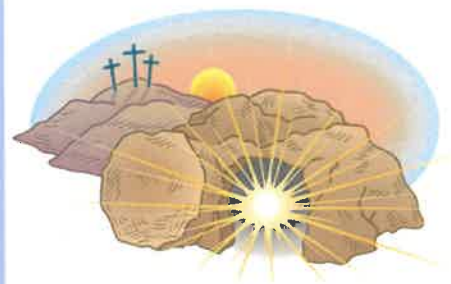
**Wednesday, April 22**

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room

**Tuesday, April 28**

6:30 pm, Christian Movie Night

*Alleluia*  
He **+** is  
*Risen*



*Happy*  
*Easter!*



# A Word from the Pastor

Beloved in Christ -

As I write this article, the celebration of Easter is less than two weeks away. Of course, as we all know so well, Easter is one of the two central celebrations of the entire church year. There are those certain folks, in fact, that even confine their church attendance to only those two events and those two times of the year. We call them 'C and E Christians' for Christmas and Easter. Although, in all honesty, I don't really think someone who feels limiting their church attendance to two times a year should really be called a Christian. But, that's a matter for another time.

The purpose of this article is to focus on that second of those two central events of the Christian faith – the resurrection. While on Christmas we focus on and celebrate Christ's birth, it is Easter when we focus on and celebrate Christ's second birth - His resurrection.

In fact, that is why it is preferable to call this day we are about to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, rather than Easter Sunday. The name Easter carries with it references to the pagan goddess, *Eostre*, who was celebrated with pagan feasts during what was known as the month of *Eostre* which occurred in April. The Christian church later adopted these celebrations for its own to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, which also was observed, generally, in April to coincide with the Jewish Passover. So, while we will never be able to completely escape from this day's ties to that pagan holiday called 'Easter,' we can always make sure to remember and celebrate what makes the day the special day it is for Christians with Christ's resurrection.

But, what is it about Christ's resurrection that is so central to our Christian faith? Can we, even, have a Christian faith without Christ's resurrection? Many liberal theologians argue that you can, and even that you should, as they strive to remove all manner of God's divine and supernatural presence from our understanding of the faith. But, the truth is that God's Word, as delivered to us in this case by the Apostle Paul, will always remain true and in effect in our lives of faith – his words, as found in 1 Corinthians 15:14, that *"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith!"*

What role, then, does the resurrection of Jesus play in the overall story of our redemption? There are at least four major truths about the resurrection that teach us about its absolute necessity for our lives.

First, it proved that Jesus was, indeed, the divine Son of God. Paul wrote that *"Jesus was declared to be the Son of God... by His resurrection from the dead"* (Rom. 1:4). Actually it was impossible for Jesus' body to remain in the grave because, being the Son of God and, therefore, divine, it would be impossible for the divine nature of Jesus to die, because God cannot die. So it was not possible for Jesus' body to remain in the grave. It had to rise again. And in raising Jesus from the grave, God declared beyond all shadow of doubt that *"this Jesus whom lawless men crucified was indeed the divine Son of God"* (Acts 2:36).

Second, the resurrection of Jesus assures us of our justification, of our being declared righteous by God. Paul also said to the Corinthian church, *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"* (1 Cor. 15:17). If Christ was not raised again, it would mean that God had not accepted His Son's sacrifice on the cross on our behalf, and we would still stand guilty before God. So, Jesus' resurrection assures us of our justification. It was God the Father who raised Jesus from the dead, and by that act declared that He had accepted Christ's atoning sacrifice on our behalf. The penalty for our sins has been paid in full. And Christ's resurrection was God's declaration of that. *"When you were dead in your sins, God made you alive with Christ (and) canceled the written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. (from Col. 2:13-14).*

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Third, the resurrection assures us that we serve a living Savior who, even now, is interceding for us. As Paul writes in Romans 8:34 – *“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, (and) who indeed is interceding for us.”* When you are going through struggles of any kind, be it adversity that you face, or sin you are struggling with, remember that Jesus is interceding for you.

And fourth, Christ’s resurrection guarantees our own future resurrection. Again, we look to Paul who wrote, *“But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”* (1 Cor. 15:20–22).

So, beloved, as we gather together to, once again, celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 5th, let us do so assured of what we believe, in whom we believe, and what He has done to give us life both now and forever. So, let all the Church proclaim the Good News, that - *“The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed!”*

As always, see you in church!

Pastor Craig

### UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

In late May, Kevin Evenson, Bill Peterman, Katelynn Robinson and two other team members, will travel to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to help Project Video host their Asia Family Meeting. This will be a gathering of their 40+ ethnic media teams across Asia and Africa.

These teams come together to share stories of how God is moving in places where few have heard of Jesus, to present their best films and to receive additional video training.

We will have a Commissioning Service for the team during our Morning Worship Service on Sunday, May 10th (Mother’s Day).

### ♪ A Note From Janet ♪

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) was an English pastor, theologian and hymn writer who sought to give Christians hymns and songs based on New Testament writings rather than only the Old Testament Psalms as was typical in the Anglican Church of Great Britain.

Perhaps his most famous Easter hymn is **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**. Some consider it one of the finest hymns ever written in the English language. It expresses awe, gratitude and sorrow at the crucifixion of Christ. Its six verses emphasize Jesus’ sufferings for the sins of humanity.

Long after Watts’s death, Fanny Crosby attended a revival service in New York City in 1851. A prayer was offered and the group began singing “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” as a consecration hymn. Miss Crosby reported that during that hymn her “very soul was flooded with celestial light”, and she gave herself to Christ with a mission to write Christian hymns. Thus Isaac Watts played a part in winning to Christ the author of a new generation of hymns and gospel songs.

## NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS



### Lydia Circle "The Stories of Women"

Tuesday, April 14,  
2026  
at 1:30 pm  
in the Church Library  
We will be in Lesson 7  
&  
Our April hostess is:  
Jennifer Duran

## Christian Movie Night

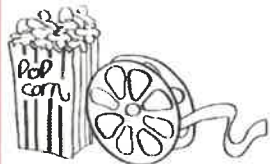
Tuesday, April at 6:30 pm

*This month's movie will be "Time Changers."*

The year is 1890 and Bible Professor Russell Carlisle (D. David Morin) has written a new manuscript entitled The Changing Times. His book is about to receive an unanimous endorsement from the board members at Grace Bible Seminary when, surprisingly, Professor Carlisle's friend and colleague, Dr. Norris Anderson (Gavin MacLeod), dissents, raising an objection. Dr. Anderson believes what Carlisle has written could greatly affect future generations. Using a secret time machine, Anderson sends Carlisle over

100 years into the future, offering him a glimpse of where his beliefs will lead.

*We hope to see you there!*



## Son-Rise Guys

Every Thursday morning—7:00-8:00 am  
In the Church Library



"Son-Rise Guys" started hope you will join us as we study the Word of God. We all start out simple, but mature to wisdom. A Band of Brothers studying God's Word together—it doesn't get much better than that!

## Deacons Corner

Deacons—our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6th, at 5:30 pm, in the Church Library.

### April Deacon Greeters

Jan Lindwall  
Katelynn Robinson

### Deacons On the Road

Sunday, April 19, 2:00-4:00 pm,  
at Legends for a Sing-Along.  
Anyone is welcome to join us.  
Please bring cookies to share.

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

*Psalm 100:2a*

## Kneedles & Hooks

Kneedles and Hooks will meet on April 22, (We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month) at 1:30 pm.

We hope you will join us in making scarves and other warm items for those in need.



## Recipes Welcome

All recipes are always welcome. If you have one or more that you are willing to share, please email them to Julia at:

[secretary@newcovenantpc.net](mailto:secretary@newcovenantpc.net)

If you don't have access to email, you may put a copy in Julia's box or on her desk.

Thank you so much!



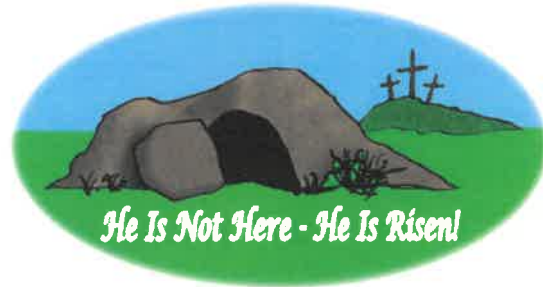
# April Recipe

Looking for a fun Easter Project for your children? Make this recipe together—delicious—and a good teaching tool too.

## Resurrection Cookies or Easter Story Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup pecans or mini chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vinegar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg whites



### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 300 degrees
- Place pecans (or chocolate chips) in a plastic baggie. Beat the nuts/chocolate chips with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. This represents that Jesus was arrested and beaten by the Roman soldiers.
- Read John 19:1-3.
- Smell the vinegar. Talk about how Jesus was forced to drink vinegar when he was thirsty on the cross. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl
- Read John 19:28-30.
- Add egg whites to bowl with vinegar. Eggs represent life and that by giving His life, Jesus gave us eternal life.
- Read John 10:10-11.
- Give everyone a little salt in their hand and encourage them to taste it. The salt represents the salty tears that were shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our sin. Add a pinch of salt to the bowl.
- Read Luke 23:27.
- Add 1 cup sugar. Sugar is added to show that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us.
- Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.
- Beat the egg whites to form peaks, beat for about 5-10 minutes. The white color represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Christ.
- Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.
- Fold in broken nuts or mini chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoons onto a parchment covered cookie sheet. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was placed.
- Read Matt. 27:57-60.
- Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Use pieces of masking tape to seal the oven just as the tomb was sealed.
- Read Matt. 27:65-66.
- NOW GO TO BED! Just as you may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight, Jesus' followers were sad when the tomb was sealed and they had to leave his body there.
- Read John 16:20 and 22.
- On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. As you take a bite you will discover that the cookies are hollow. On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.
- Read Matt. 28:1-9
- Recipe found online at: <https://www.yourhomebasedmom.com/resurrection-cookies/>

## A Note from the Fellowship Committee

### Potluck Sign-Up Sheets

As you may have noticed, some of our potlucks don't have sign-up sheets. When that happens, feel free to bring whatever suits your fancy—main dish, side dish, or dessert. Occasionally we'll have extra desserts, or maybe not enough of them. However, we always seem to get enough to eat. We're glad for the great participation, and the delicious dishes that you all bring for us to sample. Yum!

### Potluck Themes

We always try to think of a fun theme to go with the appropriate month, so we hope you enjoy those. However, if there's something you'd especially like to bring and it's not necessarily a match for that month's theme—no worries! Bring whatever you'd like to share—an old standby, or something new, wild and crazy! We're sure to enjoy whatever shows up at the table! See you in April!

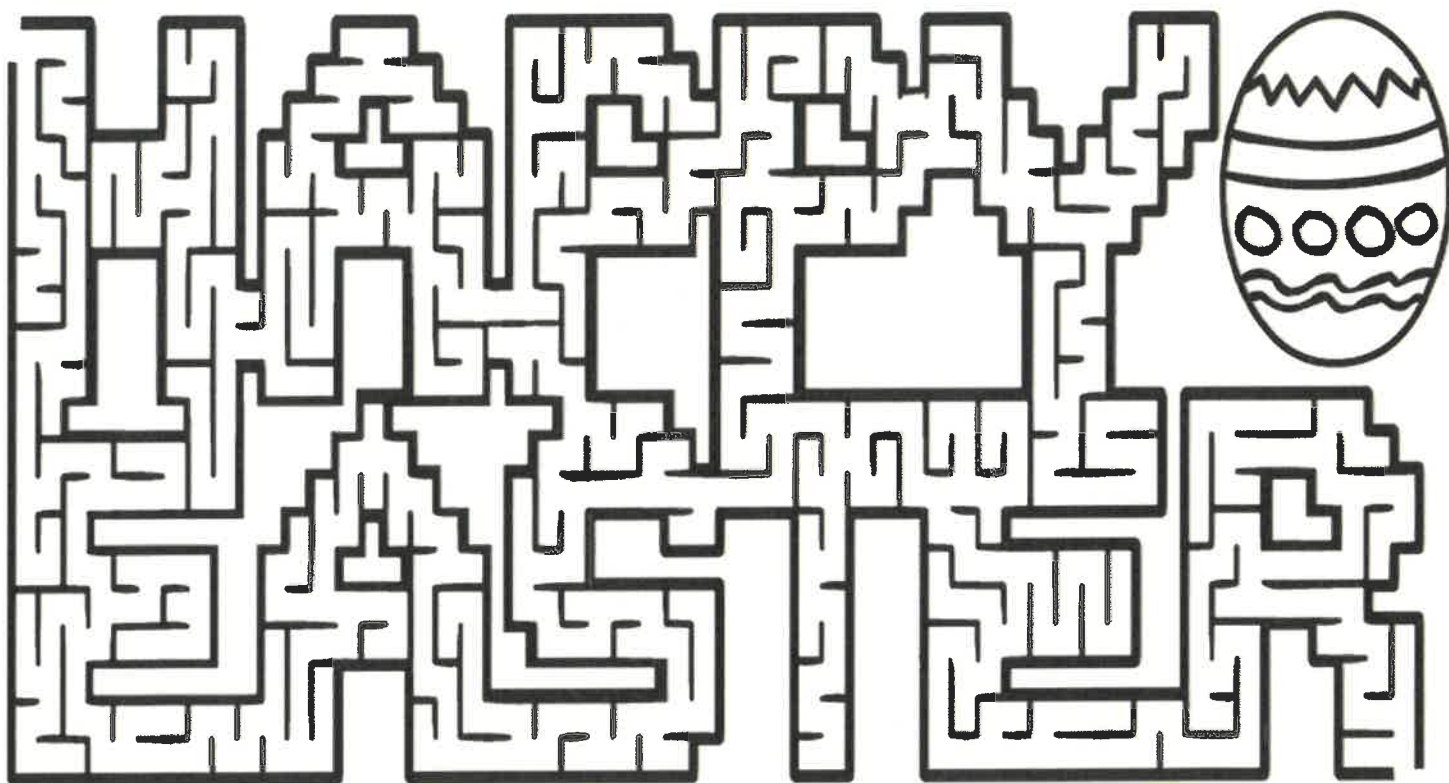
## Are You Crafty? Then Your Help Is Needed!

I have been taking care of the bulletin board closest to the kitchen for some time now. However, as you can tell, (since it is still decorated for Christmas), I'm not very good at keeping up with it. I would like to hand this over to someone else who has time and would enjoy doing it. I just don't have enough time to take care of it the way I should.

We don't need another information board since our other boards offer us that. However, something seasonal and more decorative would be nice. If you enjoy this type of thing and would like to take on this project, whether on your own, or with a friend or two, I would greatly appreciate that. Please let me know if you're interested. I also have some things that you can use for decorating. See me in church or give me a call or text.

Thanks so much—Julie Waetke

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# April 2026 Mission Prayer Notes



Pray that through 2026 my e-mail will cooperate—here is the story—My e-mail has not been working recently. Praise that it seems to be working better now. Now I can see that our missionaries have been communicating with me! ~Glenda

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## Murray & Kathy Trim— Japan—TEAM, (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) - since 1988

**PRAY** for Murray and Kathy as they each have classes and relationships with people to share to whom they can share the message of GOD'S LOVE as they labor in Japan. Kathy is teaching a ladies class on Monday; they are currently studying the book of Genesis, and are presently studying about NOAH. She asks for prayer that the ladies will understand their need for faith. She fell in mid-February and had some cracked ribs—she says that now they only hurt when she laughs, coughs or sneezes. She plans to be in Kansas in early May. We are going to try to arrange a time for her to be in Hutchinson, so those who know her will get to see her and those who do not know her will get to meet her. **PRAY** for Murray as he meets with people, he is preaching 3 times each month. **Pray** for wisdom as he prepares the messages, and for GOD'S WORD to penetrate the hearts of those listening to him. Continue to **PRAY** for health and strength for each of their mothers, Kathy's mom, in Pretty Prairie, had surgery March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pray for her healing. Murray's mom, in Nebraska, she will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 25, Murray and Kathy plan to fly to the U. S. for that celebration.

FYI NOTE – they do not plan to retire for a couple more years – sometime in 2028.

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## Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania & the U.S.

**PRAISE THE LORD** that **Medical Ambassadors** allows Shelly to spend most of her time in the U.S.A; living and helping her parents and visiting churches and individuals in the U.S. She is preparing a **VBS program** for Albania this summer, however, however she may not be able to go to Albania. Her knees are bothering her a lot and she may be having surgery on them, both knees are bad, she cannot tolerate any of the normal meds for joint pain. She would like to go to Albania in June and have the knee surgery after she returns to Kansas. The surgery needs a lot of healing time, 3-6 months, so it would not work to have the surgery before going to Albania, with that need for healing time. Therefore, her going to Albania is very indefinite at this time. **PRAY for SHELLY** as she continues care for her parents, her mom Her mom has heart issues with her heart rhythm. Her dad – is doing about the same in his recovery from the stroke 3 years ago. They are thankful to have the issues with his wheelchair taken care of! In **Albania**, her co-workers, **Patriot** and **Keli** are working on training a team to enter a new community with the **CHE** program. They are encouraged as they have met people who are open to hearing the Gospel. **CHE** is a multifaceted approach to Christian ministry, it addresses the needs of the whole person – physical, spiritual, emotional and social. **CHE** equips individuals to be independent workers and evangelists in their communities.

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## Fredy and Djana JAVIER – Macedonia – World Outreach (WO)

**Pray for the Javier's** – as they work with the mission project they set up in Macedonia and for their children **JAVI** (**Shavi**) and **SHARON**. Communication with them may become a reality! We have been invited to join a prayer call with them where they give an update on their work. The prayer call is the first Thursday of each month. Pray that some of us can make this connection.

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## The New Jerusalem / Children of Hope—School in Haiti

Haiti continues to have many needs! **PRAY** that there will **soon be an end** to the **gang activity** which is so dangerous, destructive and disruptive. We have NO recent information on what is happening at the schools. Just KNOW that Haiti needs our prayers. Recently they have also had some severe rains in their country. **PRAY** for wisdom and God's guidance and protection for the teachers, other school workers, the students and their families as they live in this dangerous situation. There is a lot of uncertainty as to what is happening at the schools, since the gang attacks and destruction last June. **PRAY** for **VOLVICK**, one of the founders, and current long distance Principal of both the elementary and secondary schools. **He** continues to live and work in Port au Prince, supporting himself, so that all the income sent from New Covenant is used for the schools and their needs. The town where the schools are located is some distance from Port au Prince. In better times, he was able to get back and forth a couple of times a week to visit the schools, with the gangs that is not possible now.

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## LOCAL MINISTRIES

**FOOD BANK—THANK YOU** for your generous giving to the **Food Bank**, putting food items in the basket in the hallway under the coat racks. This is taken to and distributed through the **Food Bank** to those in need in our community. **THANKS** again to **CARL** and **JEAN SIDEBOTTOM**, who deliver donations for us. Last month there were two deliveries – each over 20 pounds.

**YOUNG LIFE—PRAY** for **Grant Luttrell**, local **YOUNG LIFE leader** and others who are involved in meeting and working with the young people who are involved in **YOUNG LIFE**. The people working with the youth often go to school activities to encourage the young people. This organization works with Junior and Senior high students Their goal is to clearly present and sharing the message of **GOD'S LOVE** and the need for a personal relationship with **JESUS CHRIST** as they build relationships with the young people. The personnel are mostly working in the Buhler school system at this time, but want to also move into the Hutchinson school system. **PRAY** for more adults to be **PRAYER PARTNERS** for the local program. **PRAY** for dedication and good stewardship of people's time and talents as the leadership committee is being rebuilt. **PRAY** for those GOD calls to help lead in high school and middle school activities, current need is 4 to work with senior high students and 2 more to work with junior high students.

**STERLING COLLEGE—PRAY** for all those who work at **STERLING** as they have contact with students and provide leadership and direction for the college. **PRAY** for ways New Covenant can help and support **STERLING** and its activities. **PRAY** for **Jose Carrillo**, campus pastor, as he ministers to the students and plans and directs **MISSION TEAM** activities. During spring break there was to be a team going to **Wilmington, Delaware, – March 16-20**. Due to weather complications they were rescheduled to leave on Wednesday and were to return on Friday, so the trip was canceled. Pray that these young people will have an opportunity to go on another mission trip in the future.

There are teams going to: **Cairo, Egypt – May 11–25**; to **Craiova, Romania – May 12–28**, and one to **Chiang Mai, Thailand – May 14–31, 2026**. The team to Chiang Mai may be meeting up with a team from **Project Video**, which will include **Kevin Evenson** and others from New Covenant.

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## OTHER MISSION CONCERNS

**Zach and Ellie—PRAY** for **wisdom** for them as they continue to minister to people that GOD brings into their lives in the country where GOD has called them to serve. **PRAISE GOD** for the person who recently came to know JESUS CHRIST and is meeting regularly with their team mates for spiritual teaching. They ask for prayer for this person to have the opportunity and boldness to share his new found faith with his family and friends. This person came to know Jesus Christ through the resources that their mission has for producing and using digital resources to proclaim the WORD. **PRAY** for their young sons, **Roman** and **River** as they grow and develop.

**Our special family—PRAY** for them as they continue their life here and the adjustments that come with the activities in which they are involved. **Pray** for concerns for their family here and family and friends still living in their native country.

**PROJECT VIDEO—PRAY** for **Project Video** and those working with it. Kevin Evanson is involved with this activity and will be glad to share more with you, especially their summer plans – a trip to **Chiang Mai, Thailand – May 14-28**. **Pray** for finances and prayer supporters for this trip – 3 going from New Covenant.

# FAMILY NEWS

## Condolences to...

Marty Clark and family of Ron Clark,  
who passed away on March 5, 2026.

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*If you know of any information that should be included in the newsletter, please notify Julia in the church office.*

## Welcome New Members...

James Brooks  
Clark & Johnnie Hugo & family  
Jack Neuber  
Lu Richards  
Art Sundquist

*We're so glad you are a part of our New Covenant family!*



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# Fellowship Footnotes

## April Fellowship Potluck

April Fellowship – will it be warm enough to think of salads for the potluck? An Extravaganza of Salads is on the menu. How many different types of salads can there be? Oh, you can bet we will have quite a variety from light and healthy to something decadent. Have you heard of a dessert salad? Did the potluck sneak up on you—don't worry, we always have plenty! Please join us on Sunday, April 12, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.



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## Coming Up in May

**Monday-Wednesday, May 4, 5 & 6 is HCC Finals Week**—If you're available, consider joining in this fun outreach event to our local college students. We'll be handing out fruit, snacks, juice, and visiting with students during their finals week. Come be an encouragement to them during this stressful time. Look for the sign-up sheet in late April.

**Sunday, May 10th**—We'll be celebrating Cinco de Mayo a bit longer this year. This is one of our most popular potlucks. Please join us at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, and bring your favorite Mexican food dish to share.