



## "THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
APRIL, 2019

### PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Praise God, for through His mercy and grace, salvation was made possible through Jesus Christ! April is the month this year in which the hearts and voices of all His people will shout with joy: He is risen, just as He said!"

His resurrection is real! It is a historical fact! The tomb is empty! Certainly there were many who tried very hard to disprove it when it occurred, just as there have been since. In Book XVIII of The Antiquities of the Jews, the Jewish historian Josephus wrote: **"...When Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named after him, are not extinct at this day."** Written about A.D. 70. (There are many scholars who believe that a Christian censor or copyist has altered the text to provide the desired testimony, however Josephus did make the original entry). If it were not true, if there were nothing to the claims of Jesus and the Church, surely over the period of over 2,000 years, somehow it would have been proven false. It has not been-and will not be-because it is true! The tomb is empty! He is risen! It is a fact of history!

His resurrection is real. It is real in the hearts and lives of all believers since the day the angel said, **"He is not here! He is risen, just as He said!"** The words spoken of it by those who experience the reality of His resurrection in their lives hang in the air for just a brief moment, and then they are gone. But the witness of changed lives, the unswerving faith of those who with the yielding up of their lives testify to its truth, will endure for eternity.

We will celebrate this month the Resurrection! We celebrate it as a

historical fact, and as a personal experience. It is the source of all hope, peace, love, and joy.

Knowing it as a historical fact will not change your life. It will not make the resurrection a reality to you. It is when the resurrection becomes a reality in your heart and life that all the love, mercy and grace of God will cleanse your sin and empower your life.

Is the resurrection truly a reality to you? If not, look to the Word of God and open your heart to the leading of His Holy Spirit.

***"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."***

Romans 10:9

May the hope, peace, joy, and love made possible through the resurrection be brought to fullness in your life! The tomb is empty! New life is possible!!

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill



**By Jason Upton**

*There is a road  
That leads to peace  
That leads to life  
But few will follow  
We're at the crossroad  
Which way will we go?  
There is not today a more holy way  
Than the steps that lead me to the cross  
Where my will can't be the priority  
And these crowns I've gained I count as loss  
When I hear the Spirit say  
That this is the true King's way*



# EASTER SERVICES

Love Feast                                      Thursday, April 18                      7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service                      Friday, April 19,  
Church of the Nazarene                      Fellowship 1:00 p.m.  
Service,                      1:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service                      Sunday, April 21,                      7:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast                      Sunday, April 21                      7:30 a.m.

Easter egg hunt                      Sunday, April 21                      after breakfast

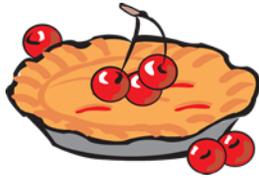
Easter worship service                      Sunday, April 21                      9:00 a.m.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

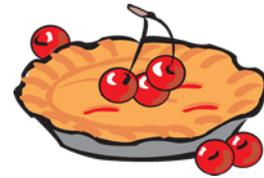
*On MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18, this church will once again celebrate LOVE FEAST. We embrace this ordinance of the Church of the Brethren by washing our brothers' and sisters' feet, by sharing a meal, and by sharing communion. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for this act of **service and worship.***

*"Jesus took a towel, poured water in a basin, and washed his  
Disciples' feet"*





## Pies for Sale



The youth will hold their semi-annual pie sale this month to earn money for camp and National Youth Conference. Mouth-watering apple, blueberry and cherry pies will be available. Watch for one of the “kids” taking orders. Why bake when you can let the young people do it?!

***What are your prayer requests?***



Join Us  
Sunday

*gathering of friends*  
*time for instruction*  
*prayer for each other*  
April 7      7:00 p.m.



***Women's Fellowship***

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. All women are welcome.....a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!

**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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- \*\*\*\*\* **Outreach cup offerings for Jan., Feb., Mar. and April** are designated for Walk for Warmth
- \*\*\*\*\* **Birthday Sunday**, April 7, worship service
- \*\*\*\*\* **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
- \*\*\*\*\* **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- \*\*\*\*\* **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.

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*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together*

***FUNERAL DINNERS***—a ministry of this church.



*Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.*

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**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN VISION STATEMENT**

Through scripture, Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action: To surrender ourselves to God, to embrace one another, to express God's love for all creation.