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FROM PASTOR NATE'S DESK ...

Greetings Easter People!

And Blessings to you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

As my time here in Williamsburg draws to a close, I am really starting to feel the pressure. Yes, there is stress in moving, and re-locating, and especially in leaving this place, but the pressure comes from somewhere else. The pressure, though but a mere portion of the pressure Jesus felt, I think comes from the same place. It was a pressure to restate and clarify the message he was sent to deliver. That's the pressure I'm feeling today, though again I'm certain my load is light compared to the cup Christ carried.

So today, as I revisit the messages I've preached in the last 3 years, I find myself wondering if the words got across. Then, I revisit scripture and I wonder how many times Jesus said the same thing in different ways. I wonder how many times he told us to love our neighbors, and in how many different ways. Then I start to wonder, how long has God been trying to tell us that very same thing?...frustrated to the point he had to show up in the flesh!

So, in the next few weeks, we might revisit a few topics. But know, it's solely to make good on the promise I made to God, to deliver his message. A message I hope you'll receive. A message of forgiveness, peace, service, and the new life we gain when we give our hearts to Christ!

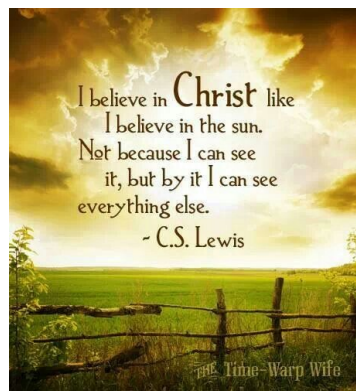
"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:18-19)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35)

See you Sunday!

Pastor Nate Starkey



Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Banquet—Friday, May 12th 6-6:30pm: Fellowship; 6:30pm Dinner followed by a program—Peace Ranch! Dress in your cowgirl clothes or hat if you'd like!

All women are welcome! Bring a friend, neighbor or relative! The program will be provided by Peace Ranch—PEACE Ranch serves horses & humans in need of rescue... from abuse, neglect, conflict, grief, pain. Equine assisted counseling and education is suitable for a broad spectrum of ages and issues. Please RSVP to Joyce Burrows (938-1568) by May 10th.

\$7 adults, \$4 children ages 5-12. <https://peaceranchtc.com>



ACTIVITIES

Women's Fellowship

- **HOSTING CWU on May 4th, 11am-1pm!** The Program is Peace Ranch. We will need help setting up and greeting our guests
- **Friday, 5/12 6pm** Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Banquet (see page 1 for more info!)
- **Saturday, 6/10 4-8pm** Strawberry Social, Silent Auction and Live Basket Auction

Thursday, May 18

1-4pm

Prayer Quilting!

Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary!

There are many steps that need to be done!

Come and join this great group of people making quilts for our Prayer Quilt Ministry!



Sunday, May 7th

6pm

Men's Group Meeting

here at WUMC

Dinner will be served!

MAY'S NOISY OFFERING WILL HELP SUPPORT CAMP NEW DAY

at Albright Camp near Reed City, at the crossroads of US10 & US131. Open to individuals, families, and churches -- EVERYONE is WELCOME. It is located on the banks of the Hersey River and is bounded on the north by Rails to Trails. Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, biking, and hiking are all activities which are available at the camp. Albright is a Christian, family focused camp promoting

an alcohol free environment. There is a prayer-meditation garden, a meditation fire bowl, and chapel area available, and a 500 person tabernacle, along with over 1.5 miles of shaded walkways with benches. Albright Camp has both cabins that can accommodate up to 140 people and 32 RV camp sites with water and electric, 2 outdoor pavilions, a dining hall, mtg. rooms, bunk house, swimming pool. This is a great place for family and individual camping and

church camp. The Hersey-Reed City area offers many recreational and tourist attractions. The Old Rugged Cross Museum, the Cadillac recreation area is only ½ hour from Camp, the Hersey River is adjacent to the camp is the Rails to Trails path. There are several 4 month long permanent Flea Markets in the area. Website: www.albrightcamp.org. Thank you for your help!

MAY CELEBRATIONS!

2nd	Jack Braden	8th	Pam Hamstra
3rd	Wanda Provins	9th	Amy Starkey
5th	Pete Morrison	14th	Scott Graham
6th	Nick Lloyd	15th	Jan Bassett
7th	Chelle Lints	17th	Nicole Buchan
7th	Hannah Reinhold	21st	Erin Gogolin
7th	Brandon Gualtiere	24th	Rod & Kim Kuncaitis' 14th Anniversary
7th	Nate Graham	30th	Connor Rouse



Community Pasta Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 403 Traverse St., Elk Rapids, on Wed., May 3rd, 5-7pm. Come join your neighbors for a really great meal! Everyone is welcome! Handicapped equipped! (free-will offering)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* more info in newsletter	1	2	3 10:30am Bible Study 3pm All Faith Wor- ship Svc. @ Samari- tas *5-7pm Pasta Dinner @ St. Paul's Episco- pal Church	4 * 11am- 1pm CWU here 12:15 Prayer Svc. @ ER Govt Center	5	6
7 10am Wor- ship Service & Communion *6pm Men's Group meets here	8	9	10 10:30am Bible Study 3pm All Faith Worship Svc. @ Samaritas	11	12 *6pm Mother Daugh- ter Sister Friend Banquet!	13
14 10am Worship Service Mother's Day! Potluck	15	16	17 10:30am Bible Study 3pm All Faith Worship Svc. @ Samaritas	18 *1-4 Quilt Ministry	19	20
21 10am Worship Service	22	23	24 10:30am Bible Study 3pm All Faith Worship Svc. @ Samaritas	25	26	27
28 10am Worship Service Brunch	29 Memorial Day 	30	31 10:30am Bible Study 3pm All Faith Worship Svc. @ Samaritas Conference "Safe Sanctuary" Class held here until 5pm	AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm NEW TIME!!! Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm		

Join us for a new Women's Study

Wednesday Mornings at 10:30 AM

April 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31



**Building Connections
Better Communication
Emotional Boundaries**

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**If you have questions you can call Beth at 231-267-5792
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*Perhaps You
were born for
such a time as this*
ESTHER 4:14

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