



The BCC Connection

*April
2025*

*Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans*

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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:45 am

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.

Special April Church Activities

April 13th—Palm Sunday

April 17th—Seder Celebration—5:30 pm

April 18th—Good Friday—1 pm

April 20th—Easter Sunday

- ♦ *Sonrise Service—8:15*
- ♦ *Easter Breakfast—9:00*
- ♦ *Worship Service—10 am*

April 27th—Randy & Marli Brown Ministries

- ♦ *Potluck will follow*





From Your Favorite Pastor

There is a story of a teacher that talked on the four seasons, telling how in the spring the new life comes to the earth, with the growth of grasses and leaves and flowers, how this life matures in summer, and so on, and so on. Then she called on the class to repeat the information she had given. She asked one little boy about spring. "What do we find in the spring, George?" George seemed very reluctant to answer, but when the teacher insisted he at last said: "Why, ma'am, there's a frog, an' a lizard, an' a snake, an' a dead cat, but I didn't put the cat there. It was another boy." We find a lot of new things when spring comes, including some messes we don't want to clean up!

As we are called to be a follower and disciple of Christ, something similar happens in us. The yuck and dirt of our lives gets exposed to us by the Spirit. Paul tells us how we all have this in Romans 3:23 "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." We all fall short all the time, and there is no way we can make ourselves right with God without Christ. When we begin to follow Christ, we also start the discipleship process which starts us out on a new journey. That journey is to work toward a life of maturity in Christ, which we are told to work toward in several places including I Cor. 13, Romans 11, I Peter 2, and Ephesians 1. For most of us in this process, it starts to reveal the dirt and yuck in our heart. This happens because as we move to more knowledge and understanding, the Spirit reveals things we didn't know of.

As the Spirit reveals these things, He starts to clean them out as well. Each step in the cleaning process brings us closer to the blossom that God desires from us. A blossoming of our faith which leads to others seeing Christ shine through us. So be encouraged this spring to seek a growing maturity in Christ so that you can be a fully bloomed follower of Him that is seen by all the world. Read the passages listed above, have a great Easter and have a great spring!

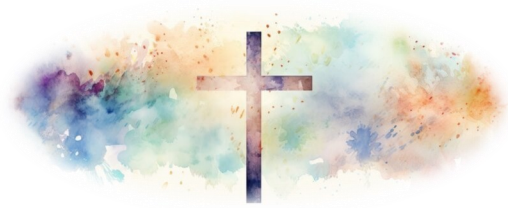
Be Blessed & Be a Blessing,

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Twisted Scripture



Matthew 14:6-12

This passage leads Jehovah's Witnesses and some Christian holiness groups to believe it is wrong to celebrate birthdays or holidays. Are birthday celebrations pagan simply because Herod killed John the Baptist at such an event? The only way to draw this conclusion from Matthew 14:6-12 is to read it into the text. The most we can say from this passage is that it's unwise to make rash promises when caught up in the emotion of a celebration event, as happened to Herod (vv. 7,9). Nothing in the context says birthday celebrations are wrong. The same is true of secular holidays. In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul went so far as to say that eating meat offered to idols was not immoral as long as choosing to do so did not cause another Christian to stumble. Using this as a general principle, we see that the Bible allows Christians the freedom to participate in such events as birthday parties and holiday festivities as long as no harm is done to others (Colossians 2:16).

Matthew 18:19-20

Some Christians take this verse to mean that the Spirit of Jesus comes around only if two or three Christians are gathered together. However, context indicates that this is a mistaken conclusion. The topic of Matthew 18 is church discipline, where an errant Christian is confronted about his or her ongoing sin. Jesus promised in verse 17 that He would be present whenever the church leaders met together to resolve difficult situations such as these (also see 1 Corinthians 5:4). Later, Jesus told His disciples that He would be with them always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20). He did not say it would take two or more of them to make this a reality. If Matthew 18:19-20 really did say that two or three believers are needed for Christ to be present, by implication we should never read our Bibles alone or pray by ourselves. Yet Jesus emphasized the importance of privately coming to God (Matthew 6:6), and so we know He is present with us even when we are alone.

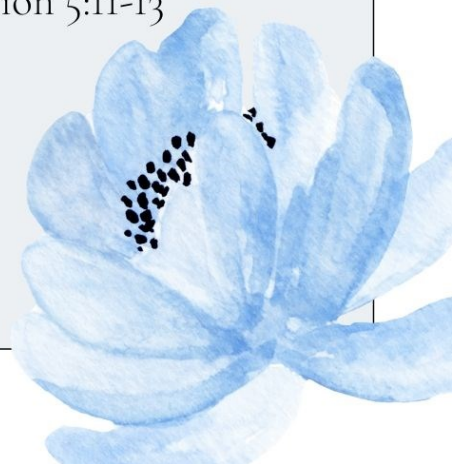


He Is Risen!

April



- Day 1: Genesis 3:14-15
- Day 2: Genesis 12:1-3
- Day 3: Numbers 24:17
- Day 4: Psalm 22:16-18
- Day 5: 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- Day 6: Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 7: Isaiah 35:3-4
- Day 8: Isaiah 35:5-6
- Day 9: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Day 10: Isaiah 53:6-7
- Day 11: Isaiah 53: 8-9
- Day 12: Isaiah 53:10-11
- Day 13: Isaiah 53:12
- Day 14: Matthew 26:31-32
- Day 15: Matthew 26:38-39
- Day 16: Matthew 26:53-54
- Day 17: Matthew 27: 45-46
- Day 18: Matthew 27: 50-51
- Day 19: Mark 15:46
- Day 20: Luke 24:1-2
- Day 21: Luke 24:3-4
- Day 22: Luke 24:5-7
- Day 23: John 20:11-14
- Day 24: John 20:15-17
- Day 25: John 20:26-27
- Day 26: John 20:28-29
- Day 27: John 20:30-31
- Day 28: Romans 8:33-34
- Day 29: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
- Day 30: Revelation 5:11-13



Kingdom Bloggers

Weekly Service Schedule for April 2025

Service	6th	13th Palm Sunday	20th Easter	27th Randy & Marli
Greeter	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl
Greeter	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed	Volunteer
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed
Nursery	Shana Post	Paula Wahl	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed
Sound	Wyatt Crego	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	X
Computer	Cait Johnson	Sarah Bias	Vaeh Cooke	X
Call to Worship & Prayer	Matt Post	Lee Habermehl	James Huguelet	X
Prayer Elder	Brian Red	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	X
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	X	X
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	X	X
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade Exodus 19:9-11	Sharon Lewis Luke 19:11-14	Maddie Bias Matthew 27:62-66	X
Benediction	Pastor	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Pastor
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl	Carl Cook	Lee Habermehl
Financial Team	Matt Post	Layne Valade	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Communion	James Huguelet			

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, *please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.* The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your service to our church!



I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS: POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCE

*Provide the answers for
these post-resurrection appearances.*

1. The first of Jesus's friends to see Him alive again.
2. The first to reach the tomb and look inside.
3. The second to reach the tomb and look inside.
4. What the disciples thought they saw when Jesus first appeared to them.
5. The town the two disciples were going to when Jesus joined their walk.
6. The disciple who was not with the Twelve when Jesus appeared after passing through locked doors.
7. Jesus showed Thomas this to erase his doubts about Jesus.
8. What Jesus was making for the disciples when they came in from fishing.
9. The largest number of people who saw Jesus at once after the resurrection (according to Bible accounts).
10. This was where Jesus and His followers were when He ascended to heaven.



Answers on pg 11

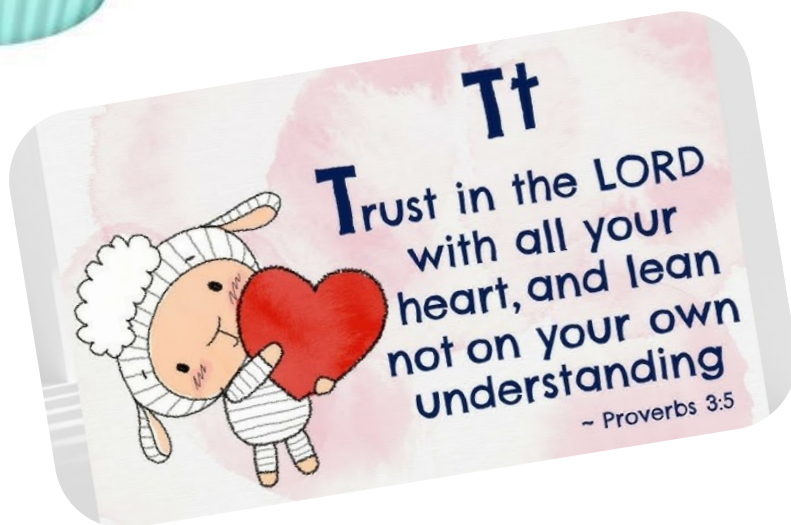
This Month's Cause for Celebration!



VALADE,
MCDONALD,
KADLEC
MALLOY
COOKE
PERRI

CODY
MATT
AYDEN
DILLON
LISI
JONAH

4-Apr
8-Apr
16-Apr
11-Apr
17-Apr
28-Apr



11	Matt & Shana	Post
17	Gary & Wanda	Evans
23	Tom & Sandy	Braid



Kids Corner

Did you know you can share important truths about Jesus by using Jelly Beans?



THE JELLY BEAN GOSPEL

PURPLE - REMINDS US OF THE ROBE THE SOLDIERS MADE JESUS WEAR. JOHN 19:5

RED - REMINDS US OF THE BLOOD JESUS SHED. MARK 14:24

BLACK - REMINDS US OF THE DARK TOMB JESUS WAS IN FOR 3 DAYS. MATTHEW 27:58-60

PINK - REMINDS US OF ALL THE PEOPLE CRYING WHEN JESUS WAS DEAD. JOHN 20:13

ORANGE - REMINDS US OF THE SUNRISE ON EASTER MORNING WHEN JESUS ROSE TO LIFE. MATTHEW 28:1

WHITE - REMINDS US OF THE ANGELS THAT ROLLED THE STONE AWAY. MATTHEW 28:2-4

GREEN - REMINDS US OF THE GARDEN WHERE MARY FIRST SAW JESUS. JOHN 20:14-17

YELLOW - REMINDS US OF ETERNAL LIFE WHERE WE CAN LIVE FOREVER IF WE ASK JESUS TO BE OUR SAVIOR. JOHN 3:16

Mission News!



You are invited!

You are invited to come to our Easter breakfast Easter Sunday!

A love donation that will go toward the Food Pantry.

There is a sign up sheet available if you plan to attend the breakfast—we want to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

There is also a signup sheet for you to indicate what food you can donate and if you can help set up and/or clean up.

Thank you for your support and help!

Mission Team

We can use your help on our Mission Team! Please consider coming to our next mission meeting, April 14th, at 10:00 a.m.

OCC Boxes and Youth Haven News

This year we are only collecting full Operation Christian Child Boxes that people donate. As a mission team, we're not doing special shopping trips and collections to fill 100 boxes. We will be glad to accept your boxes and donate them to the OCC drop-off place.

This will allow us to also help Youth Haven, our Michigan Mission, that we regularly support. They are a life-changing, Christ Centered facility. They provide experiences for disadvantage Children. They have special programs, camps for kids in the summer, and care packages they receive. They feed the kids and give them a warm safe place to stay. Youth Haven reaches many children from all around Michigan.



Do You know our Missionaries we support?

We're putting up a new bulletin board so you can see their picture and see their news!

Our missionaries are:

Kathy Coon, (OMS)

Kathy Curtis (Camp Barakel)

Dottie Hoppe, (PAM)

Matt & Jennifer Johnson, (ABWE)

Diane Lepior, (HEARTS)

Carlos Novisteros (Philippines)

Debbie Price, (RBM)

Youth Haven Ranch, (Michigan)

Isaac Zander, (Camp Barakel)

Grandma's Kitchen



Cauliflower Pepperoni Pizza Casserole

Makes 4 servings

Per serving:

3 vegetables

1.5 ounces protein

¾ fat serving

1.5 condiments

Ingredients:

- 1 large cauliflower, cut into florets – use 4 cups of florets
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cups low sodium canned diced tomatoes – pizza sauce is too high in carbohydrates
- 2 oz turkey pepperoni
- ¼ cup black olives, sliced
- 1 cup mozzarella, shredded
- ¼ cup parmigiano Reggiano (parmesan), grated
- ¼ tsp oregano (optional)

Directions

1. Toss the cauliflower in the oil, place on a baking sheet in a single layer, and roast in a preheated 400F/200C oven until it starts to caramelize, about 20-30 minutes, mixing halfway through.
2. Mix the cauliflower, tomatoes, pepperoni, and olives, reserving some pepperoni and olives; place in a baking dish, sprinkle on the cheese followed by the reserved toppings and the oregano.
3. Bake in a preheated 350F/180C oven until the cheese has melted and the sides are bubbling- about 20 minutes.



Cloud Bread Egg Salad Sandwich

1 lean - 3 Green - 0 Healthy fat - 3 Condiment (Per serving)
4 servings

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs, whites and yolks, carefully separated
- 3 Tbsp low-fat, herb- and garlic-flavored cream cheese
- 1 packet calorie-free sweetener
- ¼ tsp cream of tartar
- Cooking spray
- 8 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- ⅔ cup plain, low-fat Greek yogurt
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped scallions
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped jalapeno pepper

- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp paprika
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 sliced tomatoes
- 2 cups arugula

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300°F.
2. In a small bowl, mix egg yolks, cream cheese, and sugar substitute until well combined.
3. In a large bowl, combine egg whites and cream of tartar, and beat on high speed until egg whites form stiff peaks. You'll know you have stiff peaks when the egg whites are shiny and stand straight up when the beaters are lifted.
4. Very carefully fold the egg yolk mixture into egg whites until combined. Be very careful not to break the egg whites.
5. Scoop mixture into eight even rounds on a lightly greased baking sheet.
6. Bake for approximately 25 to 30 minutes, until tops are golden brown. Allow to cool completely on a rack when finished.
7. Meanwhile, prepare the egg salad. Combine the chopped, hardboiled eggs, yogurt, celery, scallions, green pepper, jalapeno pepper, Dijon mustard, paprika, salt, and pepper in a medium-sized bowl, and mash with a fork.
8. Prepare sandwiches by topping four cloud bread halves with an equal amount of tomato slices, arugula, egg salad mixture, and remaining cloud bread halves.

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 most days the office works offsite*
Tuesdays by appointment
Please use the church phone or Facebook

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9	10	11	12 8 am 
13 	14	15	16	17 5:30 pm 	18 1 pm 	19 10-Noon  5:15pm
20 8:15  10:00 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Randy & Marli 10:30 am  Potluck after	28	29	30	29		

**I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS:
 POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES**

1. Mary Magdalene
2. John
3. Peter
4. a ghost
5. Emmaus
6. Thomas
7. hands and side
8. breakfast
9. 500
10. Mount of Olives

Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study
 Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group
 Thursdays: Karate

Cast your cares on the LORD
and he will sustain you;
he will never let
the righteous be shaken.

Psalm 55:22

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