



EPIPHANY

Church of the Epiphany April/May 2018

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Clergy Clatter



Mornings can be just dreadful – especially Monday mornings. Between feeding, watering, and walking pets, remembering to turn on the hot water in the shower instead of just the cold, answering a few phone calls, finding the cell phone that is ringing somewhere under something, figuring out what to wear – well, you know how it is. The other morning I thought I had done pretty well. I'd gotten up early, knowing that it was going to be a full day. I'd run up to the NUOM office to let the electrician in at 7:30, as I had promised. I'd dashed back home to "get it together", and I'd made it back to the NUOM office by 9:00. Victory was mine! Another morning conquered.

My cell phone, the bane of my very existence, rang (don't know why they call it "ring." It should be "shriek.") It was my dentist: "Where are you?"

"I'm at my desk. Why?"

"You were supposed to be with the dentist at 8:00 AM."

I snapped open my calendar book (yes, I still use a Day Runner calendar book so I won't miss

things), and there it was: "8:00 – Dentist." What's worse, I had gotten a reminder text to which I had dutifully responded "Yes", a robo-call reminding me, and an email reminding me. And it was in huge letters in my faithful Day Runner. Do you know how it feels to have absolutely no excuse – no excuse at all? All I could do was stammer an apology and ask for a reschedule.

Now, if you know me, you know that I have a thing about making meetings and appointments, and being early – not on time, but early – for everything. I'm obsessive about it. I refer to my Day Runner several times a day, and check my watch (yes, I still wear one of those, too) regularly. My Day Runner and my watch tell me where I am in time and space.

As I hung up from the dentist, I slumped in my chair and pondered, "This must be how it begins. What comes next? This truly is the beginning of the end."

But then I remembered. It's Easter season. The Lord is Risen. I have a Savior. I didn't want to go to the dentist, anyway. They still give me brushing lessons after 76 years. They find a way to dig out some draconian instrument to inflict pain. And then they send me a bill. The Lord is Risen and saved me from the dentist. It's a wonderful day in the neighborhood, especially in the morning. Happy Easter.

Richard

Vestry Highlights

March 2018 Vestry

- ♦ Approved modest increase in cost of lawn service after eleven years at same price.
- ♦ Approved plan from Outdoor Living Designs to correct water ponding by the air conditioners and columbarium with a horizontal French drain.
- ♦ Approved 2017 Parochial Report.
- ♦ Reported that the church has purchased a new podium and sound system with wireless and blue tooth capability for the Parish Hall.
- ♦ Reported that the large hanging magnolia limb, that has become a hazard, will be removed.
- ♦ Reported that a new projector has been purchased.
- ♦ Reviewed Holy Week and Easter plans.
- ♦ Reported that the Bishop is retiring effective December 31, 2018. See separate article.

Combined April/May Newsletter

We are publishing a combined April and May newsletter because a certain someone —“whose name cannot be spoken” (see Harry Potter)— will be on vacation at May publication time!!



Please note:

The church office will be closed on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of April and the first Tuesday of May.



- 2 - Todd Bissonnette
- 3 - Tina Wright
- 5 - Otto Pebworth
Linda Swain
- 7 - Dawn King
Mike Pipis
- 8 - Chris Boswell

- 10 - Betty Ann Christiansen
- 11 - Nell Steckman
- 16 - Roslyn Cronin
- 17 - JoAnne Brausewetter
- 19 - Patty Poore
- 20 - Gini Scott
- 26 - John Phelps
- 27 - Khalid Alexander



Lynne & Michael Pipis
April 26th

- 2 Arden Porter
- 4 Cheryl Turner
- 5 Evelyn Dobbs
- 5 Melissa Daigrepont
- 6 Ann Bolen
- 14 Kaylee Fernandez
- 16 Dan Swain
- 16 Len Wright
- 16 Bodie Foster
- 17 Cassidy Fernandez
- 20 Kenneth Barrineau
- 22 David Jones
- 23 Gail Irby
- 25 Tracy McIntyre
- 27 Kathy Moore
- 31 Joan Feret



- 9 - John Childers & Mike Diaz
- 17 - Julia & Chan Ashby
- 26 - David & Patricia Jones

We pray for the repose of the soul of Buddy Jones (brother of David Jones).



Picnic

Sunday, May 6th, after the 11:00 Rogation procession with Beating of the Bounds we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks (provided by church). Bring a side dish to share!



Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



Choir Dinner

Wednesday, May 30
K & W Cafeteria at 6 PM
Spouses welcome.

This will celebrate a year of great music by a very faithful choir and its talented director.

Epiphany Prayer List

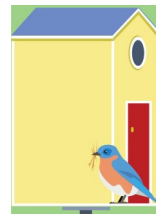


*Sheila Brinck
Pauline
Stephanie
Michael Hardin
Linda Armstrong*

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Patty Poore
Edward LaPointe
Roger Bolen
Jerry Cronin*

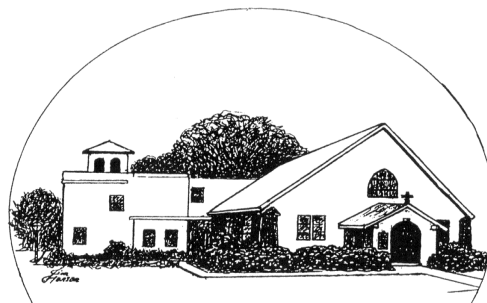
Clergy Day

The Bishop has called a "Clergy Day" for all clergy to meet at Chanco to discuss plans for the election of a new bishop. Bishop Hollerith has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2018. Bishop Magness, retired Bishop of Federal Ministries, (including the Armed Forces), has been serving as our assisting Bishop since his retirement. The Standing Committee of the Diocese has asked him to serve as our Interim Bishop until a new bishop is elected. We will have more details for you after Clergy Day.



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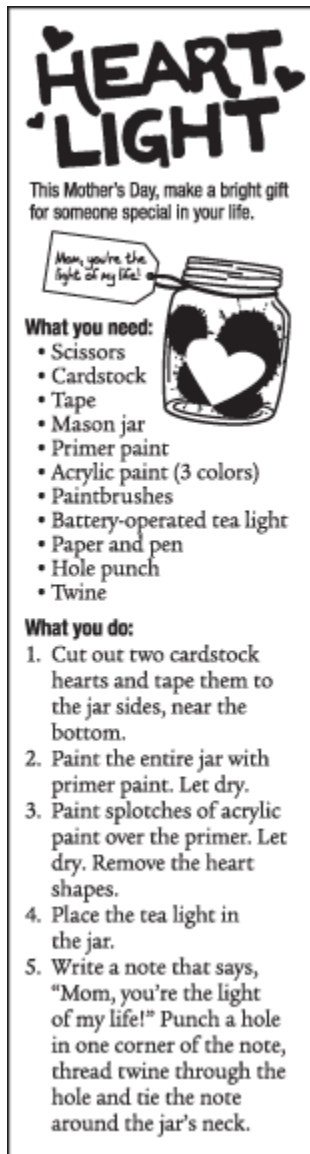
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At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



UTO (United Thank Offering)

The United Thank Offering is a national effort by the Women of the Episcopal Church to raise money for special mission and outreach projects. April is "UTO Ingathering Month"; however, this year there was too much going on in April to have an effective ingathering. So we will have our UTO Ingathering in May. Watch for the blue UTO envelopes and coin boxes.

I can personally attest to the effectiveness of this ministry since significant UTO grants helped build Tucker House, Trinity Woods and Magnolia Gardens. This is a wonderful effort and worthy of our support.



Bible Quiz

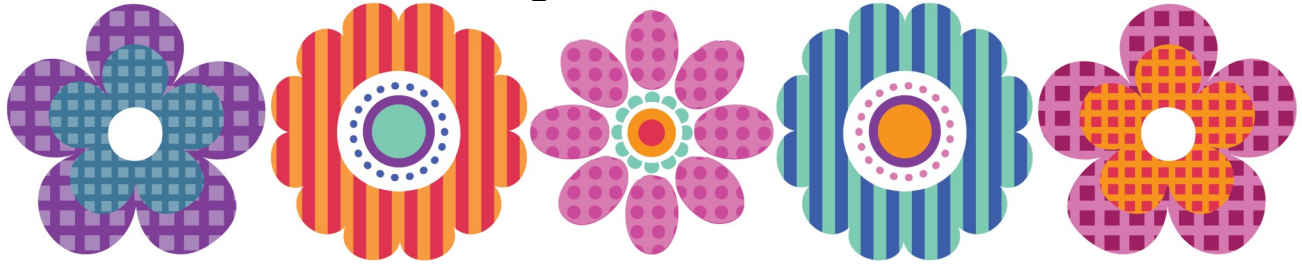
While in Jerusalem for **Pentecost**, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?




- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



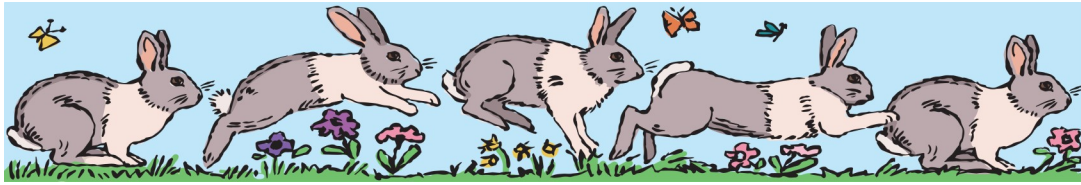
Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)


May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Office closed</i> <div>Spring Clergy Conference at Chanco</div>	2 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3 Choir 7:00	3	4 <i>Al Anon</i> noon-1 PM	5
6 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8 and 11 am <i>Rogation Sunday</i> with picnic	7	8 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12 <i>Rowing Club</i> 6 PM	9 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3 Choir 7:00	10 Vestry 6:30 PM	11 <i>Al Anon</i> noon-1 PM	12
13 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8 and 11 am 	14	15 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12 <i>Civic League</i> 6:30 PM	16 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3 Choir 7:00	17	18 <i>Al Anon</i> noon-1 PM	19
20 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8 and 11 am 	21	22 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12	23 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3 Choir 7:00	24	25 <i>Al Anon</i> noon-1 PM	26
27 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8 and 11 am 	28	29 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12	30 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3 Choir Dinner 6 PM	31		

April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am</p> <p><i>Easter Day</i> 6 PM Tucker House service</p>	2	<p>3 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12</p>	<p>4 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	5	<p>6 Al Anon noon-1 PM</p>	<p>7 <i>Earth Day Community Clean-up</i> 8:30- 11:30AM</p> <p><i>Fraternity</i> noon-1:30</p>
<p>8 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am</p>	9	<p>10 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 12</p> <p><i>Rowing Club</i> 6 PM</p>	<p>11 <i>Office open</i> 9 - 3</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	<p>12 Vestry 6:30 PM</p>	<p>13 Al Anon noon-1 PM</p>	14
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<p>22 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am</p>	23	<p>24 <i>Office closed</i></p> <p>Fr. Bridgford at Sewanee</p>	<p>25 <i>Office closed</i></p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	26	<p>27 Al Anon noon-1 PM</p>	28
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