

# The Beacon

April 2019

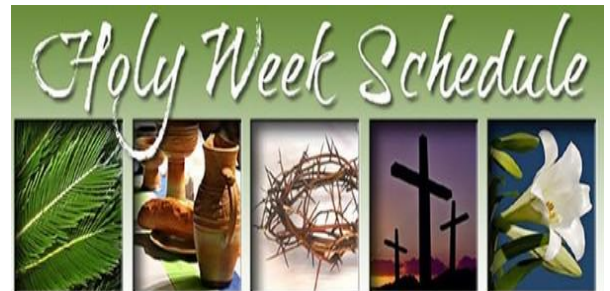
## UMW NEWS

UMW will meet April 9, 2019 at 9:30am. Charlotte Booth is in charge of coffee time and Carolyn Stevens will give the program. Because I cancelled the February meeting I rather messed things up and we are trying to catch up. It's time to think of strawberry jam and a possible Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Evening Circle will meet April 15 at 6:30pm at the church. Morning Circle will meet April 16 at 9:30am at Carolyn Stevens home.

The District Spring Gathering will be on April 15 in Delavan. Please let me know if you want to go.

Christ's Love,  
Carol Kemper



Palm Sunday  
April. 14 9am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday  
April. 18 6:30pm

Good Friday  
1st United Presbyterian (Elmwood)  
April 19 6pm Fellowship  
7 pm Service

Easter SON-RISE Service  
April 21 7am  
Elmwood United Methodist Breakfast -  
following



Saturday Evening Service

April 6 \* 5:00pm

Simple – Meaningful - Fun

Easter Worship  
April 21 9am & 10:30am



## *Pastor's Page*

Greetings friends in the Name of Jesus.

Throughout history, erroneous reports of people's deaths have popped up with exasperating regularity. These luminaries, ancient and recent, include, but are not limited to, Pope John Paul II, P.T. Barnum, Mark Twain, Scott Baio, Barbara Bush, George H.W. Bush, Fidel Castro, Jackie Chan, Chevy Chase, Hillary Clinton, Sean Connery, Celine Dion, Kirk Douglas, Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth II, Nora Ephron, Gerald Ford, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Roger Goodell, Hugh Hefner, Christopher Hitchens, Bob Hope, Michael Jordan, Jerry Lee Lewis, Nelson Mandela, Joe Montana, Al Pacino, Britney Spears, Sylvester Stallone, Abe Vigoda, Betty White and many more.

But, let's consider one as our primary example. Exactly 50 years ago, a rumor began to fly around the world: "Paul is dead." The year was 1969, and many people were convinced that rock star Paul McCartney of the Beatles had died in 1966 and been replaced by a look-alike. Music fans played a song from The White Album backwards and heard the message, "Turn me on, dead man." They listened to the song "Strawberry Fields Forever" and thought they heard John Lennon say, "I buried Paul." On the cover of the Abbey Road album, the four Beatles are crossing the street in what looks like a funeral procession. John Lennon is dressed in white like a heavenly figure. Ringo Starr, in black, is supposed to be the undertaker. George Harrison, in denim, is the gravedigger. And Paul McCartney, barefoot and out of step with the others, is the corpse. A Volkswagen in the background has the license plate "28IF." Twenty-eight is the age that McCartney would have been, if he had survived. Turn me on, dead man. The Beatles' press office quickly issued statements denying the rumor, saying that it was "a load of old rubbish." Paul was still very much alive, not killed in a car accident in 1966 after having an argument with his band mates. The Beatles had not replaced him with an orphan from Edinburgh, and Britain's security service, MI5, had not orchestrated the plot out of concern for what McCartney's death would do to his fans. Is Paul dead? Not according to the Beatles' press office. And not according to Paul McCartney himself. In an interview, McCartney said to the BBC, "If the conclusion you reach is that I'm dead, then you're wrong, because I'm alive and living in Scotland."

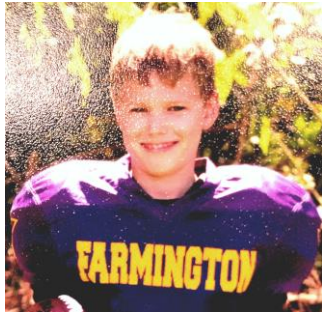
Years later, he had some fun with the rumor by recording a live album called Paul Is Live. Then, an American named Alan Goldsher published a novel called Paul Is Undead: The British Zombie Invasion. It depicts all the Beatles as ... zombies, except for Ringo Starr. On Friday of Holy Week, all the acquaintances of Jesus, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a safe distance from the cross and watched Jesus die (Luke 23:44-49). A righteous man named Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus off the cross, wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb. The women saw the tomb, and then they prepared spices and ointments to put on the body (Luke 23:50-56). On Easter morning, at early dawn, the women walked to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They were expecting death, not life. But, when they arrived to anoint the body, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. When they ran inside, they were unable to find the body, which left them perplexed (vv. 1-4). At the end of Easter morning, we are left with the question "Is Jesus dead?" Some people say yes, based on the fact that Jesus was not spotted by any of his followers in the vicinity of the empty tomb. If Jesus were alive, he would have been spotted by someone in the area, but he wasn't (not in the Synoptic Gospels, anyway). Why? Because he was dead, that's why.

But let's not ignore the testimony of the women and the two men at the empty tomb. These eyewitnesses make a compelling case for the resurrection of Jesus. Their words and actions teach us that new life is not limited to Easter morning. Instead, it continues in our words and actions today. So, let's stop looking for death instead of life. And let's follow Jesus Christ as we seek to understand our own experiences of death and new life. We believe that Jesus is alive and seated at the right hand of the throne of God. We also know that Jesus is not dead, because he is alive in us — now and always.

Happy Easter. PD.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## April Students of the Month



**Justin McCullough**

Although Justin is one of our newest 4-5 Class Sunday School students, he already has a reputation for attentiveness and kindness. He enjoys sports at Farmington Elementary, and we're glad he's here at UMC.

Congratulations, Justin!



**Brooks Cummings**

Brooks is a member of our Preschool Class. He enjoys the coloring and games in the class, and he was especially good at roaring when Daniel was in the lion's den. Brooks and his sister Ruth will be welcoming a new baby into their family soon.

We are happy to know you, Brooks!



**Jonathon Bryant**

Jonathan is an Elmwood student who was confirmed as a full member of our congregation last year. His teachers compliment his attitude and his helpfulness. He is a "doer of the word, and not a hearer only" (James 1:22).

Congratulations, Jonathan!



## *April Birthdays and Anniversaries*

1	Mike Case	16	Steve & Nancy Davis Anniversary
1	Nicole Shoop	17	Mike Sweeney
2	Paul Caulkins	18	Kayla Mitchell
5	Brandon Bryant	20	Natalie Adkinson
5	Janet Mottaz	21	Madeline Koll
6	Sarah Caulkins	21	Ian Smith
8	Connie Dalton	23	Tom & Denise Hayes Anniversary
8	Roland & Cathy Ekstrand Anniversary	24	Jade McMillan
11	Sara Kane	24	Megan Perryman
12	Gary & Cindy Fargher Anniversary	25	Rachel Cummings
15	Mary Nell Simpson	25	Sydney Seipel
15	Emily Webel	29	Jake Callister

Come serve the Lord Come live your faith in action!

## Community Service Impact

**Saturday May, 4th 8am to 3pm**

**Volunteers sign up TODAY**

All types of Work!

Simple  
Low impact

Raking Yard work  
Yard clean-up

Care home visit

**FAITH IN ACTION**



Sign up by April 28th

Simple Lunch will be  
provided

Invite your family

Come make a  
difference in our  
community

## Community Service Impact 2019

Come help make another impact on your community and live your faith in action.

Saturday May 4th 8am to 3pm. You are invited to help in various ways that you are comfortable and able. As we bring the love of God to our community once again.

We will have various jobs and opportunities available.

Simple jobs \* Yard work jobs \* Sit-down Jobs \* individual jobs and many more.

**WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK to HELP!**

Please sign-up in the narthex and let us know in what way you would like to help. We need to know by April 28th

Simple lunch provided

## SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM

### 9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

April 7, 2019

GREETERS: Gail Sprout/Laurie Leadley  
USHERS: Denise Hayes/Leann Sweeney  
LITURGIST: Rusty Koll  
ACOLYTES: Lee/Lucas Kosowski  
VIDEO: Aaron Miller  
NURSERY: Jill Crisco/Megan Perryman  
COMMUNION: Janet Vallas/Becky Caulkins  
COFFEE BAR: Johnson Family

April 14, 2019

GREETERS: Doug/Tracy Whitney  
USHERS: Bob Paige/Roland Ekstrand  
LITURGIST: Cathy Ekstrand  
ACOLYTES: Ian Smith/Ty McFarland  
VIDEO: Kent Stevens  
NURSERY: Lisa Doubet/Emily Roberts  
COFFEE BAR: Tuesday Evening Bible Study

April 21, 2019 (Sunrise)

GREETERS: Janet Vallas/Lois Hill  
USHERS: Kent/Georgia Stevens  
LITURGIST: Tom Hayes

April 21, 2019

GREETERS: Don/Michelle Forrest  
USHERS: Lawrence/Karla Kane  
LITURGIST: Kurt Webster  
ACOLYTES: Baron/Cassidy Case  
VIDEO: Aaron Miller  
NURSERY: Laurie Leadley/Mary Drone

April 28, 2019

GREETERS: Mike/Leann Sweeney  
USHERS: Curt Smith/Curtis Smith  
LITURGIST: Jason Hahn  
ACOLYTES: Katy German/Ashlynn McFarland  
VIDEO: Jason Hahn  
NURSERY: Janelle McFarland/Megan Perryman  
COFFEE BAR:

## SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM

### 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

April 7, 2019

GREETERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd  
USHERS: Tom Morse/Celene Duley  
LITURGIST: Nancy Davis  
ACOLYTES: Lee/Lucas Kosowski  
PIANIST: Charlotte Booth  
NURSERY: Laurie Leadley/Michala Schauble  
COUNTERS: Kanes

April 14, 2019

GREETERS: Dan/Pat Keefer  
USHERS: Chris Stevens/Charlotte Haley  
LITURGIST: Mary Howard  
ACOLYTES: Ian Smith/Ty McFarland  
PIANIST: Sandy Cantu  
NURSERY: Angie Ladd/Alix Steele  
COUNTERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd

April 21, 2019

GREETERS: Celene Duley/Carol Kemper  
USHERS: Mary Nell Simpson/Mary Howard  
LITURGIST: Dixie Marsh  
ACOLYTES: Baron/Cassidy Case  
PIANIST: Kris Petermeyer  
NURSERY: Celene Duley/Alana Parm  
COUNTERS: Celene Duley/Alana Parm

April 28, 2019

GREETERS: Meade/Betty Montgomery  
USHERS: Chuck/Connie Johnston  
LITURGIST: Chris Stevens  
ACOLYTES: Katy German/Ashlynn McFarland  
PIANIST: Kris Petermeyer  
NURSERY: Nancy Davis/Gene Gibson  
COUNTERS: Kanes

