

Welcome to worship! The glow of Easter remains in our hearts. Therefore we gather to glorify God for his saving act in Christ. Join together in love and unity before our Creator and Redeemer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 4 - 7:30 PM - Zone Rally at Stone Ridge

April 11 - Conference-Wide Day of Prayer & Fasting

April 11 - Youth Group Meeting

April 13 - Pastoral Vote

April 13 - Afternoon (time TBA)- Dale Bates Memorial Service in Greenville

April 22-27 - Spring Revival Services with speaker Henry Miller.

Ladies, do not forget our Friday women's meetings. All women are welcome.

THANKS are in order:

To those who provided the altar lilies - Bobbie Bates, Cathy Posson, Merylin Ellis, and the Owens family (in memory of Maurice Schenck and Glenn & Ima Owens).

Note from Mrs. Owens -

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Resurrection pageant last week! - In addition to the Sunday School cast members (Ethan, Jacob and Sydnie Ford; Duncan Ford; Brayden and Lavinia Vosburgh; Caleb Whittaker; Shelby Wood) and their parents, thanks to Gideon Whittaker (technical effects), Bunnie Bates (costumes), Merylin Ellis (costumes and prompts), Bobbie Bates & Cathy Posson (rehearsals and prompts), Rachel Owens (piano accompaniment), and Pastor Owens, who built the tomb and wall.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
OT	Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23	Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20	Deuteronomy 18:1- 20:20
NT	Luke 8:40-9:6	Luke 9:7-27	Luke 9:28-50
PSA	Psalm 71:1-24	Psalm 72:1-20	Psalm 73:1-28
PROV	Proverbs 30	Proverbs 31	Proverbs 1
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30	Deuteronomy 23:1- 25:19	Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26
	Luke 9:51-10:12	Luke 10:13-37	Luke 10:38-11:13
	Psalm 74:1-23	Psalm 75:1-10	Psalm 76:1-12
	Proverbs 2	Proverbs 3	Proverbs 4
	<i>Saturday</i>		
	Deuteronomy 28:1-68		
	Luke 11:14-36		
	Psalm 77:1-20		
	Proverbs 5		

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Schenectady**. Brenda Wallick and Genie Dickerson are the pastors.
- From our Cobleskill church, recent requests include Alyssa, the Rev. Ivans, Bruce and Judy.
- Pray for a God's Bible School senior who has had to go home because of some extremely debilitating problems.
- Pray for **Stella** and her family (in Armenia)
- Physical Needs - let's be faithful to pray for **Bob Zeh, Amilda Heckman, Lilian Jamison, Barbara Bates, Rosemary Snyder, Pastor Dixon, Brian Edwards, Althea Cookfair, Becky Staggs, Glenn Hockmeyer, Mark Vosburgh, Kathy Moltzen, Mary Jane Fuller.**
- Continue to pray for:
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our young people in college, including **Lyndsay France, Seth & Isaac Owens** (*on tour this week*), and **Keith Posson**. Pray for our students as they study, and also that they can be strong in their faith in the life lessons that come their way.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills** and **Jacob Eggleston** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Wesley Lum** (Germany), and **Eric Wells** (flight school), **Donnie Gray** (President Myers' grandson - Iraq), and **Brian Sickler**.
 - *Our missionaries, especially **Bev Fay, the Wellses, the Shermans, and the Hunters.***
 - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

There's more!

On the first Easter morning, three women found an empty tomb. The discovery left them trembling and afraid. They didn't know there was more - a resurrected Lord.

Later that day, the risen Jesus appeared. As happy as the disciples were about this miracle, they didn't yet know there was more - a gift of the Holy Spirit that would make their joy complete.

Early Christians in Corinth were so delighted by the gift of baptism that they could scarcely imagine there was more - the resurrection of the body to eternal life.

As great as Easter is, it's only the "first fruits" of what lies ahead. Celebrate the fact that Christ is risen, but remember that the best is yet to come!

Our ultimate goal

In his poem "A Psalm of Life," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Christians believe in eternal life because:

We trust that the God who created us won't abandon us when our hearts stop. Will God allow us to become mere dust or fodder for worms? Surely not. We can believe in a life to come because of God's eternal love for us.

We trust Jesus, God's Son, who said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Death is only a change of residence, a move to our eternal home.

We trust that we will be raised from the dead and live, just as Jesus died and was resurrected. We simply finish the last chapter of this life and start the new book called eternal life.

All praise be to God!

