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Second Sunday of Easter

WHATSOEVER is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

I John 4:4-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this second Sunday of Easter, we continue to delight in the reality of the risen Christ. We are pleased to welcome with joy all who have come to share in the glorious good news of the Resurrection.

- **April 14** - Conference-wide day of prayer and fasting
- **April 18** - Pastoral Vote
- **April 24 - 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** - Zone Youth Seminar at Grand Gorge - "Pursuing a Life of Light" - by Rob and Rachael England
- **April 25** - 7:00 p.m. - Stephen and Kezia Mills will be speaking about their forthcoming service as missionaries in Brazil.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 AM Morning Worship 9:30 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week we are praying for our sister church in **Strattanville, Pennsylvania**. The pastor is Steven Fuller.
- Continue to pray for our sister churches and pastors in **Haiti**.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Pray for:
 - **Ed and Rosemary Snyder, the Ford family, and Bonita Mickle**
 - Neighbors, relatives and friends for whom prayer has been requested, including Yvonne, Gloria, Julia, Butch, Barb, Wayne, and Tim.
 - **Our young people**.
 - The renovation of our church building.
 - Conference President Case and the Council.
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical needs:
 - **D. Ternes, Anita P., Ingrid E., Linda M., Vicky H., Pat McCoy's grandson, Michael Wright, Steven Wigger, Mrs. Griesmer, Rosemary Snyder, Brian, Kathy Moltzen, Kathy Dendler, Susan Ford, Duane Maxey**
- Recent requests from Cobleskill: Gladys C., Gladys M., Todd, Mark, Sharon, Laverne.
- *Answer to prayer:* **Gwendolyn Lecates'** lymphoma is in remission , and she will be placed on a medical maintenance program for 2 - 3 years.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Joshua 3:1-4:24	Joshua 5:1-7:15	Joshua 7:16-9:2	Joshua 9:3-10:43
NT	Luke 14:7-35	Luke 15:1-32	Luke 16:1-18	Luke 16:19-17:10
PSA	Psalms 80:1-19	Psalms 81:1-16	Psalms 82:1-8	Psalms 83:1-18
PROV	Proverbs 11	Proverbs 12	Proverbs 13	Proverbs 14
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Joshua 11:1-12:24	Joshua 13:1-14:15	Joshua 15:1-63	
	Luke 17:11-37	Luke 18:1-17	Luke 18:18-43	
	Psalms 84:1-12	Psalms 85:1-13	Psalms 86:1-17	
	Proverbs 15	Proverbs 16	Proverbs 17	



Jeremy was born with limited abilities and a chronic terminal illness. At age 12 he was only in the second grade at a small Christian school. His teacher was often at the end of her rope. She had thought about encouraging his parents to send him away to a special school, but they insisted that this was the happiest he had been and that they could not part with him. Miss Miller realized that she could not part with him either.

Prior to Easter she explained the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, but she felt that Jeremy did not catch on at all. He stared back with blank eyes. Her idea was to give each of her 19 students an empty plastic Easter egg and ask them to bring it back the next day with something inside that would illustrate the resurrection.

The next day there were 19 eggs in her basket. She opened the first and inside was a flower. "Oh, yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life." A girl in the front row waived her hand, "That's my egg, Miss Miller."

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly," said Miss Miller. "Yes, that's my egg," little Judy shouted out.

Then Miss Miller opened the third egg and sighed. The egg was empty. She knew it was Jeremy's. Once again he had not understood her instructions. She discreetly set the empty egg aside not wanting to embarrass him.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up, "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?"

Flustered, she replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty!"

He looked into her eyes and said, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too."

Three months later Jeremy died from his congenital illness. Those who came to the funeral were surprised to see 19 plastic eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty. This is the Good News. The tomb is still empty!

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