

Congregational Church of the Valley

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DEAR FRIENDS!

SURPRISE! Not a "Newsletter" this month. It IS a newsy month for we are at the end of our fiscal year ... and the foundations are rumbling with new ideas for the New Year ... our fiscal year is April 30 to April 30 ... so a New Church Year, for us, begins May 1st! I used to have a poster in my office some years ago that had a picture of a man seemingly writhing on the ground ... the Caption read: "MAN WHO STUMBLE OVER SAME ROCK TWICE DESERVE TO BREAK NECK". We want to avoid old stumbling blocks – be grateful for all that has been – seek new ways to effectively serve our God and to be witnesses for Jesus Christ!

SO! ...on the enclosed calendar are the events regularly scheduled for April. In May you will receive a "NEWSLETTER" with some new format and "stuff like that". If you have any brilliant ideas, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Lyle and plug them in. Right now, LET US REFLECT-

Easter is over – the highest and most holy season for Christ's followers. The resurrection is central to our belief and to our personal lives. The fact is, we count on resurrection happening in many areas of our lives because we know that it means LIFE and HOPE! Now we must live as Easter people if we really BELIEVED! If the Light of Resurrection has shone upon you and now shines through you (and me) ... then we must take action in a positive manner reflecting JOY and LOVE ... that which was at the heart of Easter.

We celebrated on Easter Sunday with real "gusto". Remember the words before our first hymn (Christ the Lord is Risen Today) ... "THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, 'DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE. HE IS RISEN JUST AS HE SAID.'" Our response was, 'He is not here! He is risen! Alleluia!' Now, do we just leave it there?

You know, perhaps, that after Easter and Pentecost, the church year enters into a period referred to as "Ordinary Time". There should be nothing ordinary about any time that we spend together in worship or in our service to God! Nothing ...ordinary. And that's the approach that I'm going to take!

Every year I discover new meaning in Easter. And this year it was especially special! For lots of reasons! I discover things about myself that need to change ... and things about my work activities ... and about the activities and action of the church ... and our input to our communities and the nation in which we live. There is no question but that there is a movement afoot in our land in which there is a readiness to "come home to God" ... you remember that Prodigal Son story Jesus told?!

As we celebrate with joy the continuing season of Easter, let us be open to change, growth and commitment. We're going to look at that in a very specific way this Sunday ... come this Sunday to worship at 10 a.m. ... let's do it together. Nothing somber or threatening about it ... rather it's exciting opportunity and challenging. The challenge in the afterglow of Easter is Great!

LOVE YA' ALL

Pastor Lyle



SEE YOU SUNDAY

BRING A FRIEND

no one has the right to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do the right

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<p><u>IF YOU'RE HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION</u></p> <p><u>GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS</u></p>						<p>CHOIR - 11 a.m.</p> <p>Ply Guild ladies meet at 9 a.m. to mark baked gds and flowers for Sun sale</p>
10 a.m. 6 Worship & Communion Sunday Sunday School after church---- Baked goods and flower arrange- ments for sale!!	7 No Bible Study class	8 7 p.m. Church Council	9 7 p.m. Boards Trustees Diaconate	10	11	12 9 a.m. Plymouth Guild 11 a.m. Choir rehearsal
13 10 a.m. Worship Sunday School Meet 'n Eat 11:30 Serrano's	14 Bible Study 7 pm	15	16	17	18 Scrap-booking 7 pm - midnight!	19 11 a.m. Choir Re: 2 p.m. Kid's Choir
20 10 a.m. Worship & Sun.Sch New Members Rc'd Everybody 4:00 pm Organ Stop Pizza	21 Bible Study 7 pm	22	23	24	25	26 11:30 <u>MOTHER-DAUGHTER</u> <u>SALAD LUNCHEON!</u>
10 a.m. 27 Worship Sunday School	28 Bible Study 7 pm	29	30	<p><u>-Growing old is inevitable- Growing up is optional</u></p> <p><u>-The most important things in your home</u> <u>are the people!</u></p> <p><u>-Peace starts with a kind word and a smile</u></p>		

WATCH BULLETIN BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SIGN UP-SHEETS FOR MEET 'n EAT
AND ORGAN STOP PIZZA