

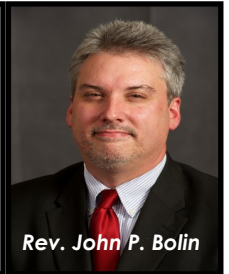
Tranquil Tidings



Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be
blessed when you
come in
And blessed when
you go out.
Deuteronomy 28:6



Rev. John P. Bolin

April is a time of renewal and growth. April symbolizes hope, a renewed sense of purpose and motivation. Hence, this would be a good time to revive and grow the church. "April is a promise of what's to come."
Gladys Taber

What is to come? Can we see the parking lot overflowing, and the classrooms and sanctuary filled once again?

There is hope for renewal. But, how will it come about? It can come about through the restoration of faith, joy, and purpose. All of these things are possible through the power of God. He promises new beginnings.

Below are ways to experience growth:

1. MISSION: Revisit your church's mission and vision. Share your mission throughout the community.
2. WORSHIP: Enhance worship services through spirit-filled worship experience. Appeal to the younger and older generations alike.
3. MINISTRIES: Prioritize children and youth ministries. Children's and youth programs are crucial for attracting families and fostering long-term growth.
4. INVITATION: Invite friends and family to worship.
5. COMMUNITY: Host community events and partner with local organizations to build relationships outside the church. This can pique interest in the church.
6. WEBSITES/SOCIAL MEDIA: Establish a strong online presence. This encourages exploration of the church by enhancing visitors.
7. ENCOURAGEMENT: Small group gatherings and programs promotes a deeper connection and spiritual growth among members.
8. WELCOME: Make sure that newcomers and visitors feel welcomed the moment they arrive. Teach members of the congregation to be friendly and approachable. Every member is needed to greet and meet.
9. EVENTS: Special events can bring people in. Some events include holiday celebrations, community service days, singers, special services, etc.
10. PRAYER: Pray for guidance and growth.

*Fill this church,
Lord, we lift it up,
Lord!*



STEWARDSHIP

March Offerings & Attendance

Yearly Budget received to date: \$ 31,208.10

		<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Attendance	Mar 1	19	34
	Mar 8	20	33
	Mar 15	19	36
	Mar 22	20	30
	Mar 29	19	31

SERVING

April Trustee of the Month

Bubba Davis
(C)864 993-3878

April Usher

Bubba Davis

April Counters

6	Martha Vincent
13	Patsy Anderson
20	Sandy Shaffer
27	Cindy Davis

Altar Guild Volunteer for April

Ann Coker

ALTAR FLOWERS

5	Easter
12	Tyler's and Rebecca's birthdays By Richard and Ann Coker
19	In memory of Tom & Lois Anderson By Robert "Bobby" Moore
26	To the Glory of God

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 5	Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10
April 12	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Ps 16 (UMH 748) 1 Pet 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
April 19	3rd Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries Festival of God's Creation Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837) 1 Pet 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
April 26	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-27 Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137) 1 Petr 2:19-25 John 10:1-10



Lay Speakers

April	5	Sandy Shaffer
	12	Martha Vincent
	19	Sandy Shaffer
	26	Martha Vincent

Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Sweet Pea or Daisy



April



Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 1 Frank Weeks
- 5 Taunya McCombs
- 6 Adrian Davis, Matt Goldman
- 7 Margaret Simpson
- 10 Tyler Coker
- 11 Jim Buist
- 12 Phillip Byrd, Vincent Thomas Wu
- 14 Luke Coster, Debra Langley
- 15 Jennifer Byrd, Ann Daniel, Travis McCombs
- 16 Lois Durham Eustace, Rob Sumner
- 17 Judy Davis, Elizabeth Bolton, Kelsey Dunn Smith
- 19 Addison Langley Lyons, Anna Dorn Doolittle
- 20 Benjy Moore
- 21 Jean Byrd
- 26 Mark Duvall
- 27 Dru Strickland

- 5 Danny and Deanna Willis
- 7 Matt and Ginger Coster
- 17 Brad and Angela Davenport
- 24 Charles, Jr. and Mary Ruth Buist



Happy Anniversary

Spring awakens the world with light, color, and the promise of new beginnings.

Happy Birthday



The frost has melted, the sun climbs high,
 Buds unfurl beneath the brightening sky.
 Birdsong drifts on a gentle breeze,
 Whispering secrets through the waking trees.
 Green carpets spread across the hills,
 Rivers dance and sparkle with thrills.
 Daffodils nod in cheerful array,
 Welcoming the warmth of a longer day.
 The earth exhales a fragrant sigh,
 As life returns where winter did lie.
 Hope blooms in every tender leaf,
 A season of joy, renewal, and brief relief.
 Soft rains patter, coaxing seeds to rise,
 Painting the world with vibrant dyes.
 Each moment hums with a subtle cheer,
 Spring's gentle magic is finally here.

SOUP, SANDWICH, and DESSERT LUNCHEON



A soup, sandwich, and dessert luncheon was held immediately following worship service on Sunday, March 29th.

Favorite soups, sandwiches and desserts were enjoyed by all not to mention the fellowship! Soups and tea was provided!

Always Willing and Helpful

Thank you to the many men and women at Tranquil who ‘step up’ to the task and get things done in the church! You are appreciated more than you know!

Where there is love, nothing is too much trouble and there is always time.

“Your Hand is An Extension of Your Heart!” Taken from LovetoKnow quotes.



The Jean Corley family would like you to know how much your love and kindness meant to us during our time of loss.

Thank you for the food, visits, phone calls, cards and especially your prayers and sharing your memories of Mama with us.

It meant the world to us to see so many who loved her.

Mama loved you all.

Susan and Sandra Davenport

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ashley | Jean Corley Family |
| Ashton | Jeanne Purvis |
| Becky Steifle | Jerrel Goldman |
| Benzie Witt | Jim and Judy Davis |
| Billy and Brenda Fuller | Jim Hagan |
| Bob Coman | Jim Rainey |
| Bonnie | Lawrence Daniel |
| Carolyn Durham | Linda Sanders |
| Carson | Lois |
| Cody | Marcia |
| Channing | Margaret Simpson |
| Dave Brinkerhoff | Matt |
| Debbie | Patty Flynn |
| Dianne | Phyllis |
| Dolly | Quam Family |
| Eddie Porter | Richard |
| Emma | Richard Coker |
| Gaines | Ronnie and Twiler |
| Gracen | Susan Burton |
| Harper-Reese | Sonny Meadows |
| Helen | Sonny Tharpe |
| Ian | The Murph family |
| Israel | Tranquil |
| Jack Cauley | Trixie |
| Jane Stroud | Unspoken |
| James Poore | |

Lord, we lift up these names to You. Please surround them with Your peace, strengthen them in their challenges, and fill their heart with hope. Amen.



Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864 223-5333, tranquilumc@wctel.net or by accessing the church website at www.thetranquillife.org.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Community Lenten Pilgrimage:

April 1 – Morris Chapel

Some Reminders:

- 12:00 P.M.—First Seating for Lunch
Service at 12:30 PM
- 1:00 PM– Second Seating for Lunch

Offering will be taken and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministries. A \$2.00 donation is asked to help cover the cost of lunch.

The Significance and Meaning of Palms

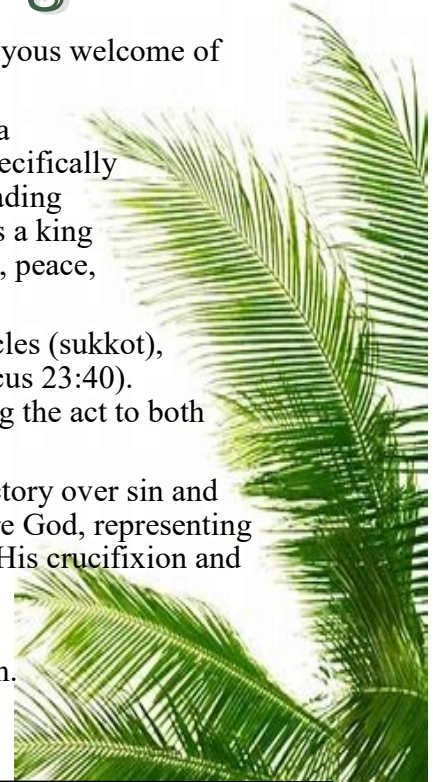
Palms are used on Palm Sunday to symbolize victory, triumph, and the joyous welcome of Jesus as the Messiah during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Palm branches were laid before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem, fulfilling a tradition of honoring kings and victorious leaders. The Gospel of John specifically mentions the use of palms, while other Gospels describe the crowds spreading cloaks and branches in His path, shouting “Hosanna!” to welcome Him as a king (John 12:12-13). In Jewish and Roman culture, palms represented victory, peace, and celebration, often used to honor conquerors or during festivals.

In Jewish religious celebrations, particularly during the Feast of Tabernacles (sukkot), branches of palm and other trees were used to rejoice before God (Leviticus 23:40). This made palms a natural symbol for welcoming the Messiah, connecting the act to both religious tradition and prophecy.

Beyond historical and cultural significance, palms symbolize spiritual victory over sin and death. Revelation 7:9-10 depicts a multitude holding palm branches before God, representing salvation and triumph, which aligns with Jesus’ ultimate victory through His crucifixion and resurrection.

Today, palms may be distributed to congregants, who may wave them in processions or take them home as a reminder of faith and Christ’s triumph. The practice serves as a visual and participatory way to commemorate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.



The Easter Lily



The Easter lily symbolizes purity, hope, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, making it a prominent flower during the Easter season.

The Easter lily (*Lilium longiflorum*) is deeply associated with the Christian celebration of Easter. Its white petals represent the purity and sinlessness of Jesus Christ, serving as a reminder of his resurrection and the hope it brings to believers. The trumpet shape of the flower symbolizes the trumpets that announced Christ’s resurrection, echoing themes of new life and spiritual re-birth.

The Easter lily is an enduring symbol of the Easter celebration.

Meetings, Practices & Special Services



CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

A brief Charge Conference to approve the adjusted pastoral compensation will be held immediately following worship on [Sunday, April 12](#). Rev. Lollis will worship with us that day and will conduct the Charge Conference at the conclusion of the service.

BE PRESENT

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday—April 2nd
6:00 p.m.

BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays—10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Pauline Botts Circle

Monday, April 20, 2026
Noon—Montague's—Hostesses: tba

Tranquility Circle

Monday, April 20, 2026
Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday—April 3rd
6:00 p.m.



John 12:26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Epworth

Serving Children & Families

You are invited once again to share your love for the Epworth Children's Home. The Tranquility Circle is sponsoring a drive of hygiene products for the children there beginning mid April (15th) through mid May (15th). Below is a list of products that are needed:

Dove body wash and soap

Axe body wash and spray

Suave body wash, shampoo and conditioner

Dial body wash

Cantu shampoo and conditioner

Crest and/or Colgate toothpaste

A table is located in the hallway near the church office for your donations.



Native American Ministries Sunday



A special Sunday in the United Methodist Church honors the

ministry, culture, and influence of Native Americans. On Sunday, April 19th, we recognize the influence that the Native American's have had and seek to acknowledge the impact their ways and cultures have so greatly influenced a special way of life. We also come together to honor and support indigenous peoples and communities. It's a day to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church. Why it matters is due to lack of understanding of the Native Americans way of life and spirituality. The key aspects of their daily lives include:

Hunting and gathering, clothing and fashion, marriage and family, religion and spirituality, education and skills, craftsmanship and technology, and social structure. We support

the Native America ministry by cultural reconciliation; clarifying what values Jesus truly stood for; fostering reconciliation and healing within Native communities. Ministries work to ensure that the Good News is heard in their own languages and cultures. Ministries honor Indigenous leadership and encourage congregations to engage with local tribe nations to foster relationships and support Indigenous-led ministries. Ministries can provide essential resources and support to struggling faith communities.

Apt to laugh!



1. My boss told me to enjoy April while it lasts...So I took the whole month off.
2. I told my friend I was born in April. He said, "That explains why you're always fooling around."
3. How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income.
4. Why didn't Noah go fishing? Because he only had two worms.
5. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible? In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Laughter is a gift from God.

God wants us to be happy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and what better way is there to express joy but through laughter?

Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor

In honor of Cecil Talley

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

In honor of Ann Coker

By the following:

Jerrel and Linda Goldman

In Memory

In memory of Jean Corley

By the following:

Patsy Anderson

Elizabeth Armstrong

Josephine Bartley

Brockwell SS Class

Nancy Buchanan

Charles and Elaine Buist

Nick and Marsha Cioffi

Karl and Gail Clegg

Thomas and Anne Clegg

Lucille Cody

Richard and Ann Coker

Linda McGinnis Cooner

Harriet Creswell

Bubba and Cindy Davis

L B. and Bartha Dukes

Carolyn Ferry

David and Brenda Frady

John and Joanne Goldsborough

Mable Hallum

Norma Hammond

David and Yvonne Hill

Joe and Carol Langley

Peggy Langley

Melba Lewis

In memory of Jean Corley cont'd

By the Following:

Robert and Ann May

Clyde and Leslie McKaba

Claudette McKinney

Charles and Alice-Ann Moates

Robert "Bobby" Moore

Gene and Helen Ouzts

Pauline Botts Circle

Jo Ann Purkerson and Family

Janet and Bruce Robinson

Sandy Shaffer

JoAnn B. Stevenson

Julia and Arthur Sutherland

Bill and Elaine Turner

John and Martha Vincent

Helen Watson

Anne Willingham

In memory of Lee Murph

By the following:

Josephine Bartley

Richard and Ann Coker

Bubba and Cindy Davis

Carolyn Ferry

Norma Hammond

David and Yvonne Hill

Robert "Bobby" Moore

Jo Ann Purkerson and Family

Helen Watson

In memory of Rut Hammond

By the following:

Leta Tribble

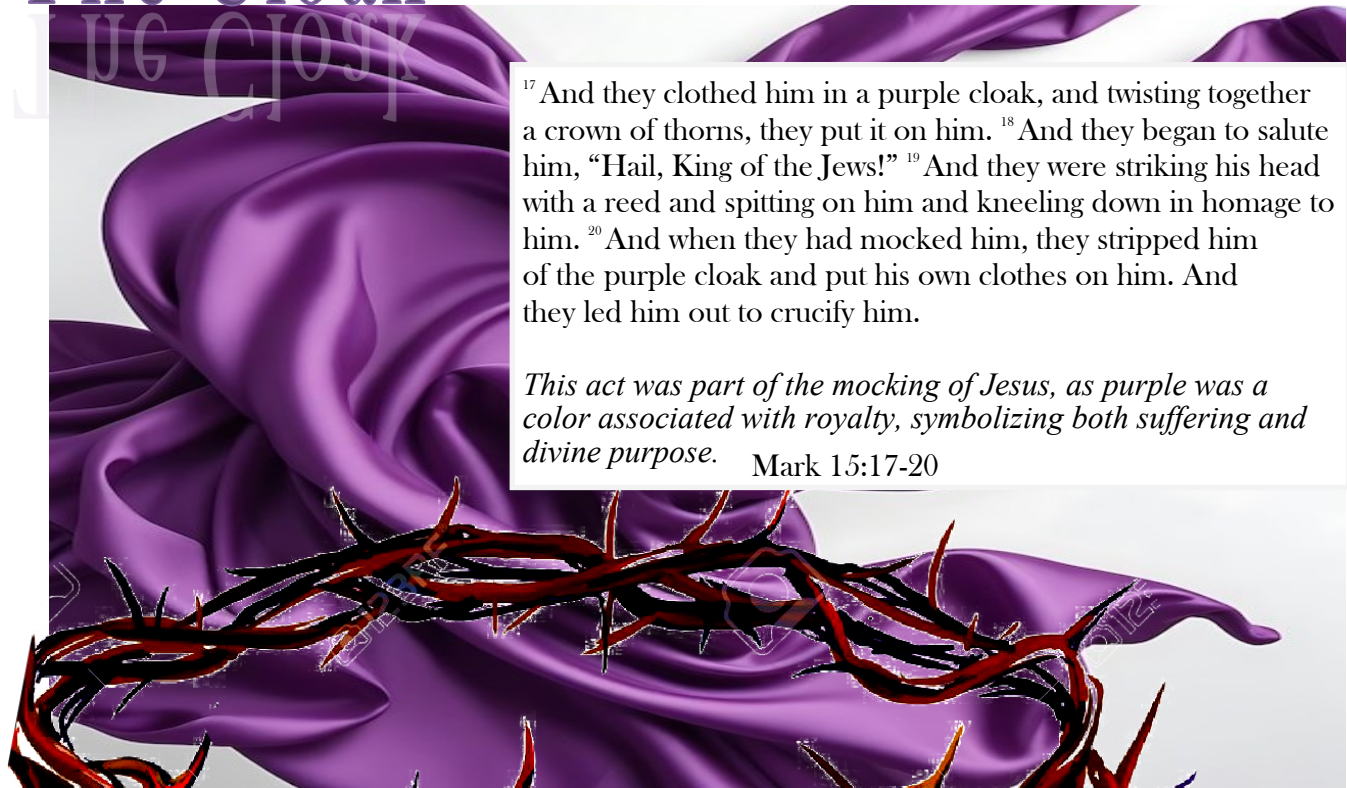
In memory of Steve Mikeal

By the following:

Nancy Buchanan

Tranquil gratefully appreciates the gifts that have been made in honor and in memory.

The Cloak



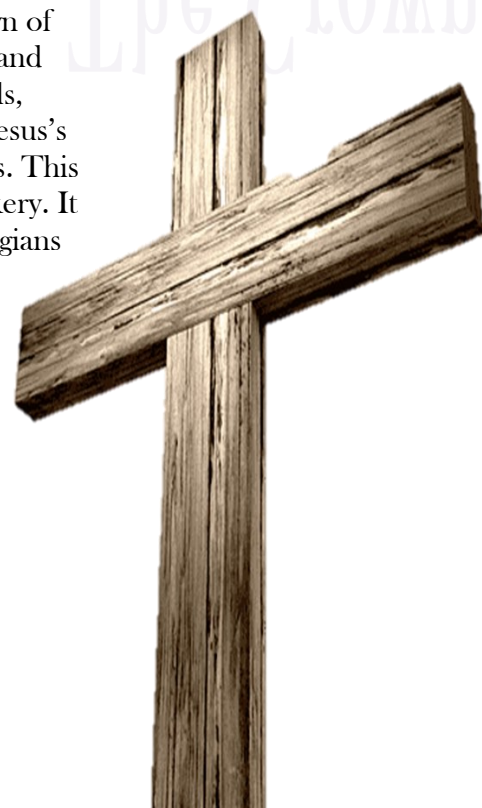
¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

This act was part of the mocking of Jesus, as purple was a color associated with royalty, symbolizing both suffering and divine purpose. Mark 15:17-20



The thorns placed on Jesus's head were likely from the Ziziphus spina-Christi tree, commonly known as Christ's thorn jujube. The crown of thorns is a significant symbol in Christianity, representing the suffering and mockery Jesus endured before his crucifixion. According to the Gospels, Roman soldiers wove a crown from thorny branches and placed it on Jesus's head as a form of ridicule, mocking his claim to be the King of the Jews. This act was not only a physical torment but also a symbolic gesture of mockery. It represented the humiliation he faced and is often interpreted by theologians as a representation of the curse of sin that he bore for humanity.

The Crown



The Cross

Crucifixion was a brutal method of execution used by the Romans, where the condemned was nailed or tied to a large wood cross and left to die. This form of punishment was reserved for serious crimes and was intended to serve as a public deterrent. The crucifixion of Jesus is the most significant example in history, transforming the cross from a symbol of shame into one of salvation and hope for Christians.



April



Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube and our Website www.the.tranquillife.org.

FH = Fellowship Hall

B/C SS Class = Brockwell/Clark SS Class

KIT=Kitchen

ON MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make an announcement(s) in the newsletter please do so two weeks in advance, if possible, to provide adequate time for publishing.

DEADLINE to submit information is by the 23rd of each month unless otherwise noted.




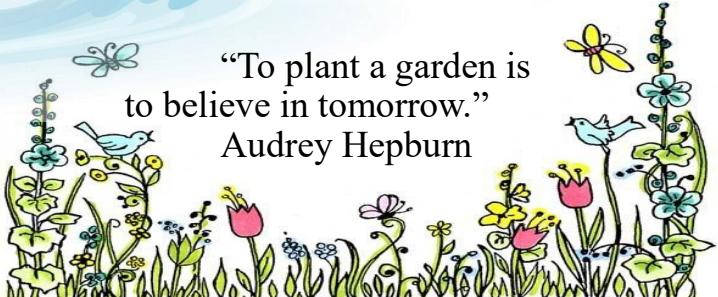
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<p>5 EASTER</p> <p> Worship—10:00 a.m.</p> <p> No Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study Will NOT MEET today!</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>12 Stillwell Class Bkfst. 7:30-10:45 a.m.</p> <p> Worship — 11:00 a.m.</p> <p> Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>19 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY</p> <p> Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p> Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>20 Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall</p> <p> Pauline Botts Circle Noon—Montague’s</p> <p> Tranquility Circle Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>26 Worship—11:00 a.m.</p> <p> Choir Practice 2-3 p.m.— Brockwell Classroom</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bobbie Wiley Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

April stands for...
 A—A new month.
 P—Pushing harder.
 R—Rejuvenating yourself.
 I—Inspiring others.

“Let April’s light guide you toward a season of hope and fulfillment.”
 Ralph Waldo Emerson



<p>Wednesday of Holy Week</p> <p>APRIL FOOL’S DAY</p>	<p>2 Holy Thursday</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE</p> <p>6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</p> <p>6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday</p> <p>Easter Eve</p>
	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
	<p>30</p>	<p>“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Audrey Hepburn</p> 	

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 – “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Spring reminds us of God’s perfect timing in our lives. Just as the earth experiences seasons, so do we, and spring brings hope for fresh starts.

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