

Weekly Announcements April 14, 2021

Excerpt from *What makes you believe?* By Jay Sidebotham

The stories of Easter offer all kinds of reasons why people came to believe. There were many ways that their eyes and hearts were opened....

How did that happen for you? What made you a believer, to whatever extent you consider yourself a believer? What compels you, or at least prompts you to identify with faith, even if that faith is small as a mustard seed, even if it wavers?

A lot of it has to do with the way we look at things....Many people come to faith out of a sense of their own brokenness, their need for help from a power greater than themselves. They've tried everything else....Many people come to faith because of the witness of someone else, making the point that faith is more often caught than taught.

And then we have to admit that growth in faith is a mystery.....Jesus said that it's as mysterious as the wind blowing where it wills, not knowing where it came from or where it's headed.

The gospels tell the Easter story. As we read these stories over 50 days, we see again and again that the first disciples doubted and feared and wondered. They are us.

[For the complete article go to <u>https://renewalworks.org/news/</u>)

MINISTRY FUND

Through your generosity, St. James was able to assist 14 families for a total of \$2393.29 during the month of March. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. (Deuteronomy 15:10)

APRIL 18th THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

In-person Eucharist @ 10:30AM

Childcare is provided!

Readings for the Eucharist can be found <u>by clicking here</u>.



APRIL 18th THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER Online Evening Prayer

@ 5:00 PM

The order of service & readings can be found by clicking here on our church website.

Join us via this ZOOM link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86348984077?pwd=Zmg5RjVMVUt6Q3dhaU0zbUxMZ1p0Zz09

Or call: 1.312.626.6799 and enter Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077 Passcode: 1620

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021.

Will be open on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

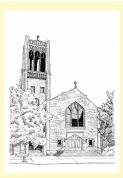
Tim Heflin, C. A. Zachary, Laura Johnson, Laura Waring, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Charlie Charrier, Johnnie Hart, Jerry Neal, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Jess Cook, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Bill and Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Charlie, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Sarah, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Samuel Hayes, Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in April (day):

Tucker McLure (01), John Downs (02), Patty Daniel (03), Babson Fresh (05), Foster Walker (05), George Flournoy (07), Riley Brown (08), Jim Deegan (09), Laura Johnson (09), Jeff Matthews (10), Robert Agee (13), Michael Jurgensen (16), Rita Klock (17), Clay Ray (21), Vivian Cabrera (22), Linda Hargrove (23), Julia Ann Twilley (23), Steve Dubois (25), Jennifer Higginbotham (25), Bruce Bordelon (28), Fred Alexius (28), and Katherine Kingsley (30).





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