



Dear Friends,

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period, often called Eastertide. It begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation. As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit, and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

I look forward to being back in worship with you this Sunday. Please read Luke 24:36-48 in preparation.

Blessings,

Julie

Things to remember

Make plans to attend the New Disciple Luncheon this Sunday after church in the Family Life Center and welcome our 23 new disciples. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. The Missions Committee will also be sponsoring a Mission Fair with representatives from the missions that we currently support available with information.

Ladies who lunch are invited to meet at McAllister's Deli, Friday, April 13 at 11:45. All are welcome!

This is our Saturday to work at The Carpenter's Table from 9-1.

The Friendship Club will meet next Wed. the 18th at 11:45. Bring a friend and a dish to share.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Jean Glass' friend, Dennis (Smiley) Howell
- Paul and Jane Harrington
- Stephen and Liz Frey in the loss of the granddaughter, Elizabeth
- Dean Hughes mother, Sarah



Congratulations to Angela and Carter Smith on the birth of their fourth grandchild, Eliza Bradwell White.

The Mission of Nazareth Presbyterian Church is to worship and glorify God and to make disciples for Christ.

