

# Queens Creek United Methodist Church

## April 2017 Newsletter

Rev. Gary Gandy

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### Pondering With the Pastor

The weather has warmed up, the flowers are blooming, and our world is turning green again. God's timing of all things including the seasons, the weather, and in our lives is always exact. Here we are at Easter, the season of re-birth; new life. Just as the seeds of a living plant come back to life at this season, so did our Savior come back to life and lead the way for us at this time of year.

We are about to celebrate Easter with eggs. The egg is a symbol of Easter because it is the symbol of rebirth. It is born, laid from the chicken, and then is born again when it hatches. As we see all of God's wonders of new life around us, let us remember that our creator made them all as reminders for us of our re-birth as his disciples. So Easter is a time of the celebration of our everlasting life with Christ.



May God bless,  
Pastor Gary



### Jesus Has Risen

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Luke 24: 1-12

### Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

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## Church News and Happenings

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All children up to age 12 are welcome to participate. There will be prizes available and hot dogs and chips will be served. Admission is free!

### Good Friday Service

Good Friday service will be held at the church on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Queens Creek UMC cemetery on Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

### April Movie and Luncheon

The April Movie and Luncheon has been cancelled. If you have any ideas for movies for May and upcoming months, please contact Terrie Birney.

### Senior Ministry Luncheon

We hope to see you at our next luncheon on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Music will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

### Spring Yard Sale

The spring yard sale will be held May 6, 2016 (with a rain date of May 20, 2016). Please think about what you will be able to donate and how you will be able to help. Donations will go to help the church first and then to help with our missions.

### Happy Anniversary to:

Linda & Gary Parker 4/6/1996

### Happy Birthday to:

Patrick Dorgan 4/3

Ottis Howard 4/4

Crystal Horne 4/8

April Matthias 4/11

Sue Loughry 4/19

Caleb 4/23

## Queens Creek United Methodist Church Schedule

- 🌸 Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us.
- 🌸 Worship Service is Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Nursery is provided. Please come and join us.
- 🌸 Girls Scouts meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.
- 🌸 AA Meeting is every Monday at 8:00 p.m.
- 🌸 Boys Scouts meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- 🌸 Cub Scouts meet every Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
- 🌸 The Council meeting is the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- 🌸 The U.M. Men's Meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All men are invited. Please come and join us.
- 🌸 Trustees meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- 🌸 Senior Ministry Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- 🌸 Senior Ministry Lunches are on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.
- 🌸 The U.M. Women's Meeting is the fourth Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. All women are invited. Please come and join us.
- 🌸 Soup & Salad is the second Sunday of the month after services. All are welcome.
- 🌸 Luncheon, Movie & Discussion afternoon is on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

## Prayer List

Gary & Thud Gandy  
 John & Louise Horne  
 Debi & Bob Peterson  
 George & Connie Taylor  
 Alice Mack  
 Debbie Barnes  
 Sandy New  
 The New Family  
 Katherine & Alan Hall  
 Andy & Sandy Lasko  
 Steven Snow (job)  
 Deborah Dillon  
 Martha Pittman  
 Jackie Manning  
 Maxine Lucas  
 Ms. Libby  
 Darrell & Sue Ramsey  
 Joe Hartsoe  
 Charles & Dora Lee Morton  
 The Howard Family  
 Robin DeMurry  
 The Rosage Family  
 Ottis Howard  
 Our Church  
 All Unspoken  
 Leaders of our country & the world



## Senior Ministry News

The luncheon on March 21<sup>st</sup> was a hit! There were 41 in attendance that enjoyed the corned beef and cabbage menu and the musical talents of Curtis Williamson. The fellowship was wonderful and the Senior Ministry team wishes to thank all who came out to be with us. We provided 20 meals to our shut-ins who could not be there. Thanks to all who delivered meals or helped with cooking, serving, or cleaning up.

Please save your aluminum cans for us. Jackie and Ray Manning collect and recycle them and the money is used to help with expenses. Please take the tabs off and save those for the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill. The money for reducing the cost of staying at the house while their children.

### Corn Muffins

- 1 box Jiffy Mix
- ½ can creamed corn
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 2 eggs

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix all ingredients well and bake in a muffin tin for 15 to 20 minutes.

Jackie Manning

If anyone has a recipe that they would like to share in the newsletter, please send it to [june.p.morton@gmail.com](mailto:june.p.morton@gmail.com).



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 ROBE  
 LAMB

SON OF GOD  
 TOMB  
 APOSTLES  
 CALVARY  
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 NAILS

MARY  
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