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Mark 16:1-4: "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away."

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Mark 16:5-6: "As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.'"

				Happy Birthday Luahn P-F Maundy Service at 7:00 PM	2	3				
HAPPY EASTER Worship 10:30 am	4	5	Happy Birthday Lisa T.	6	7	8	9	10		
Worship 10:30 am	11	Remembering AnnaMarie Townsend on her birthday	12	13	14	Happy Birthday Bunny D.	15	Happy Birthday Betsey C.	16	17
Worship 10:30 am	18	19	Happy Birthday Adam G.	20	21	22	23	24		
Worship 10:30 am	25	26	27	Remembering Dr. Mark P. on his birthday	28	29	Happy Birthday Jasmine S.	30	Christ is Risen!	

Easter Services



Palm Sunday: March 28th, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday at our regular 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, both in person at the church and on ZOOM. If anyone has any palm tree plants that you are willing to bring to help decorate the church, please call Anita Upright at 413-625-6481.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday evening, April 1st, we will have a Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 P.M. upstairs in the Sanctuary of the church, so folks can attend in person or on ZOOM. There will be readings, music, extinguishing of candles, and observance of the Last Supper. Have your bread and grape juice ready, and those of you at home may want to light a candle to extinguish.

Easter Sunday: April 4th (No Sunrise Service this year) Regular 10:30 Worship Service, both in person at the church and on ZOOM.

Flowers for Worship

April Vi S.

May Marilyn B.

June Barbara S.

Flowers for Easter:

We would love to have your plants and flowers to decorate the church for Easter. You will have to take responsibility for purchasing your own plants, getting them to the church between 1:00 and 3:00 Saturday afternoon, April 3rd, and picking them up after the Worship Service on Sunday, April 4th. Please be sure your plant(s) are labeled with your name. If your plant is in memory of a loved one whose name you'd like included in the Easter Sunday Worship bulletin, please be sure to contact Anita Upright with the details no later than Thursday, April 1st. CandAupright@hotmail.com 413-625-6481



Food Pantry Collections

April: Pasta & Sauce

May: Canned fruits & veggies

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Food Pantry Pickup days:

Tues. 4/6 & 4/20 from 3 pm to 6 pm at Ashfield Congo Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield.

If you want to donate food, call 413-625-0020 and arrange either a pick up at your home or meet time at the church in Ashfield.

Should you wish to send a financial donation directly, mail to: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main St. Rt. 116 P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, Ma. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

Monday Nighters

Monday Nighters are staying active and connected by working on our next quilt in the comfort of our own homes. We have often had members who live a distance away who sewed on our quilts so we know how to make it work in this manner. Some of us will be fully vaccinated soon so we can get together in person safely! More on that later.

This year we are working on a version of the Dresden Plate. Let Luahn know if you are interested in sewing a square or you have questions. Call 413.634.5451 or email luahn.page@gmail.com



Worship offered in the church building and via Zoom online

Since August 2020 worship has been offered in the church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom.

We are following all state and local guidelines which dictate the number of people allowed, social distancing, cleaning requirements, etc.

If you have questions about attending in-person worship, please email us at info@marylyonchurch.org or call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee member Anita at 413-625-6481 for more info.

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Zoom & Technology updates

Your technology committee is grateful to all donations for making our Comcast Wifi and other technology possible. During this pandemic and into the future it will keep us connected to our friends and members who live near and far. Recent purchases were made that include a laptop computer for the church which we hope will provide consistent settings week to week and for the future. A new camera, better suited to the visuals across the room, was also acquired. For those of you in the church building, **thank you** for allowing the distraction of additional microphones and wires. ALL feedback on how this is going is appreciated and sought! Your Technology Committee is Carl, Annie, Judy and Tina. Reach us by calling any of us directly, leaving a message on church phone or by email: info@marylyonchurch.org

Volunteers Wanted for In Church Computer

We are looking for additional volunteers to facilitate the Zoom Service in church Sunday mornings. We'd love to have at least three or four individuals who could share this responsibility. Instructions and training will be provided. If you are able to help out, please contact Annie Stephany or Judy Willis.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent to our church collector, Vi S. whose address is in our directory or mail to the church to Vi's attention at Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, pastor salary, etc. You can also specify you would like all or part of your donation to go to the Missions of the church.

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Updated Church Directory Will publish this month!

The Church Directory will be distributed later this month. Copies will be available at church, can be delivered locally, and will be mailed upon request. The Directory includes our church members' and friends' addresses, phone, and email contact info as well as a monthly birthday list (no year). This is a handy tool to stay connected to one another, especially during the pandemic. **Please check in with Jill no later than Sunday 4/11th** Call 413-625-8109 or email info@marylyonchurch.org.

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Buckland Union Cemetery Association Spring Clean Up Saturday April 24th at 1:00 pm. Meet in front of the church with rakes, gloves, tarps, leaf blowers. Call Laurie for more info 413-658-5419

Crafts for 2021 Bazaar

Several of our church family and friends have been working hard on making craft items for the November Silver Bell Bazaar. Thank you so much for all you have done. If you have an item that you are crafting, please let Cyndie 413-339-4231 know. We are also looking ahead to the silent auction and bag raffle, so if you have anything you wish to donate for either, it will be greatly appreciated. Folks have already supplied us with a few items but we would like more.

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Window Capital Campaign

From Campaign Chair Cyndie Stetson:



The Mary Lyon church family is so grateful to everyone who has put us so close to our \$90,000 goal for the stained-glass window restoration fund. We have just a little more to go. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule the concerts that were postponed last year due to Covid and have a couple other fundraisers to bring us over our goal. At some point in the future, we will have a dedication for our beautiful windows as well. Thanks to so many who helped make this possible. I knew we could do it!! Send to the church with "windows" on the memo line. We are almost there!



**AUGUST
CALENDAR
RAFFLE**

Sue Annear and Cyndie Stetson are putting together a Calendar Fundraiser for the month of August 2021, it is well on its way of completion. Only a few more items are needed to fill in days. If you would like to donate a gift certificate or item for the calendar, please inform Sue 413-768-2592 or Cyndie 413-339-4231. Those of you who have donated already, thank you so much for your support. To purchase a calendar it will cost only \$5.00 and if you win on a given day, your name goes back so you may be able to win again. **There are 31 chances to win!**

Additional information will be forthcoming letting you know some of the fabulous prizes you will be able to win and when calendars will be available.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE
Journey To Easter

This Sunday, March 28th we will begin our entrance into Holy Week with the Palm Sunday service. This will be the second year in a row that our Holy Week will be curtailed somewhat by the Covid restrictions. Yet I know that our being together, some in church and some through zoom will enable us to experience our connection with this

holy time and with one another.

I'm really grateful to all of you for the caring and perseverance of the members and friends of the MLC for your faithfulness, and for all those who have made our "hybrid" service possible and meaningful for so many of us.

And now we head toward Easter- the Resurrection, the new life in Christ that arose out of

deadly circumstances. And, my sisters and brothers, I trust that we too will arise out of the truncated versions and limitations of our lives that Covid 19 has imposed upon us. And it will be glorious when our invisible lines of connection, through love and prayer will become much more visible and real, and we will appreciate one another in a new and renewed way.

I look forward to that time even as I look forward to Easter Sunday service. We will find a way to make the flowering of the cross still meaningful, even if it's not exactly the same as we are used to. It can still touch our hearts vividly. Some of us who will be at church in person will be able to put flowers on the cross for those on zoom who want it.

And when the time comes and it is safe again and we can all be together again we will make it more beautiful than ever in our Church with our thankfulness and love for one another.

Blessings and Love, Rich

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Book Nook

Holy Fire, the Process of Soul Awakening



by Tom Yeoman

In a recent Sunday worship, Pastor Rich spoke of local author Tom Yeoman and this book.

The author writes, "This book is about human beauty, the deep beauty of the soul as it emerges and shines more fully within us. It is about the process by which this emergence comes into being, and the vicissitudes of the journey that we take in order to be fulfilled in this way. It is a report from the 50 years or so of what I have experienced and learned from working with others to support and nourish this soul birth and journey within their lives, and it is also a reflection on my own experience of this birth and journey and the experiences along the way that have led to understanding this process more clearly and deeply."

[from amazon.com]



