

# The Connection



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South Point Community Church  
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## A Word from Pastor Dave

*“What a beautiful sight!*

*On the mountains a messenger announces to Jerusalem,*

*“Good news! You're saved.*

*There will be peace. Your God is now King.””*

*(Isaiah 52:7, CEV)*

The notion of an invitation is an interesting one. We are sometimes hesitant to extend or accept an invitation, usually because we don't want to impose. Yet we all know the feeling when something important is going on and we didn't get an invitation. Yuck, nobody likes that feeling. So how do we weigh the Easter Story on our scale of important vs not important? If you are reading this there is a pretty good chance you would agree with me that the Easter Story is vitally important! With that in mind, we want to provide a couple of opportunities for you to “digitally” share an invitation this month with a friend, neighbour, family member and/or new stranger in your life.

This year on Thursday, April 1st (the day before Good Friday) we will have a public YouTube link to a creative and reflective Good Friday video titled, “Journey With Jesus”. We know that the video is not a Hollywood production, but we trust it is genuine and thoughtful enough to be the kind of thing you could share with someone you know. Especially for example, if you know someone who has questions about the story of Jesus, maybe someone who has gotten away from their faith over the

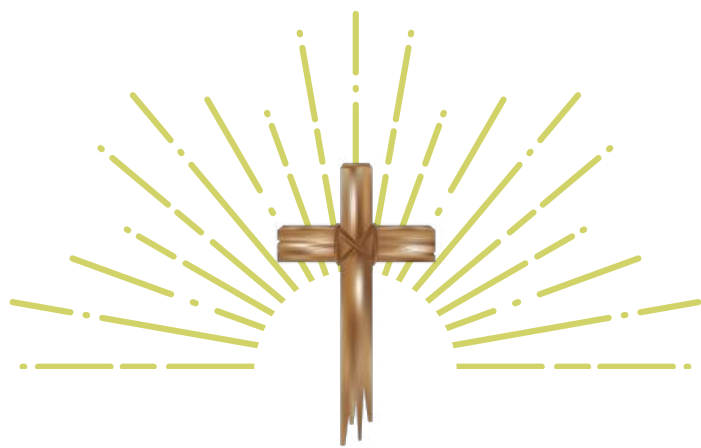
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## Note April Dates

- 2 Good Friday Online “Journey with Jesus” video
- 4 Easter Sunday Drive in Worship 10:30
- 5 Women's Bible Study 7 pm
- 7 Prayer Meeting 10:30 am
- 8 Pastoral Team Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Women's Bible Study 7 pm
- 14 Prayer Meeting 10:30 am
- 18 In House Church & Communion at 9, 11 & 1
- 19 Women's Bible Study Starting 7 pm
- 21 Prayer Meeting 10:30 am
- 25 Drive In Worship 10:30 am
- 26 Women's Bible Study 7 pm
- 28 Prayer Meeting 10:30 am

last little while and could use a chance to reconsider the place of Jesus in their day-to-day life. Or possibly someone who is already a person of faith that you just want to kindly encourage. So, on Monday, March 29th in Tracy's regular, "What's Going On At South Point" email, we will share a private YouTube link to an extended preview of that Good Friday video. Hopefully, you can take a look at the preview right away and get a feel for what it is going to be like. We sincerely want to invite you to then pray about who, on Thursday Evening, you might want to share the new link with for the full Good Friday – Journey With Jesus video experience.

Also, for Easter Sunday we will be kicking off our next round of Drive In Worship Services. A small confession – last Summer the Drive In Worship idea was pretty goofy to me until I tried it. There was such a positive energy to the whole thing! It was safe, easy to be part of and we got so much positive feedback; now I can't wait. We have prepared a small digital poster style invitation that we again would be thrilled if you might share it



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR OUR

# EASTER

DRIVE IN WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL  
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South Point  
Community Church  
475 Bevel Line  
Leamington

10:30  
AM

with someone you know. Again, the poster will be delivered to you via email and along with that email there will be all the "fine print" about how exactly a Drive In Worship Service works so that if the person you want to invite has any questions, presumably you will have all the answers provided with the email.

It is an interesting thing about all this digital content and social distancing, etc. The drawbacks may be obvious enough, but it really is not an imposition or in any way intimidating. All through this past year we have seen God working behind the scenes in surprising ways to draw people to the fundamental hope found in the person of Jesus Christ. So, let's pray that a couple of keystrokes and a few mouse clicks could be used by a God of wonders to ignite a spiritual fire in the hearts of our seeking friends, neighbours and even the person we just met the other day, because everyone needs to know that the journey can be joy filled when it's with Jesus.





## Barnabas Notes



I was really looking forward to Passover. It had been a very good year, and the people in the city of Jerusalem were making plans for their meal. My friends and I had our food and drink; we were going to be together in my little apartment. At Passover we would remember the Exodus where God freed us (Israelites) from slavery in Egypt. The tradition of Passover is prescribed in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament. We would read from the Torah. And we would eat our meal drinking four cups of wine. Then tell the story to remember what our forefathers went through and thank God for delivering us from the bondage of slavery. But this year much more was going to happen here in Jerusalem.

Jesus of Nazareth had come to town. He came into the city riding on a donkey colt. Many people lined the road into Jerusalem and hailed Him as King as he came. He had been all over the countryside performing miracles and everyone was excited, everyone except the Pharisees. He was a big threat to them. He called Himself the Son of God. They wanted him dead. And that's exactly what happened. The Pharisees got the Romans to crucify Jesus on a crude wooden cross on a hill outside of the city walls.

Jesus' disciples told me later how it all happened and how Jesus came back to life three days later. They said that Jesus had washed their

feet at Passover in an upper room and that they had eaten bread and drank wine as a symbol of His body and blood, and that we were to do this to remember Him. It was to be the beginning of what would become a new tradition.

I now celebrate this new tradition. I remember Jesus' life and what He did for all of us by taking the sins of the entire world to the cross. I remember His Words; I remember His teaching. Most of all I remember His Love for us. His body the Bread, His blood the wine sacrificed for all who will believe that He Is the Son of God. What a wonderful new tradition to celebrate, we call it EASTER.

Barnabas





# An Easter Prayer

Christ the Lord is risen

And, as all the world rejoices,

Singing of His glory

With such joyful hearts and voices,

May you find that Easter brings you

Peace and faith and hope anew,

And may these blessings fill your heart

With joy the whole year through.

Happy Easter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



2 - Tom

15 - Brennan

4 - Mary-Louise

16 - Dorothy

11-Dylan

20 - Leon

11-Isaiah

30 - Dalton

11-Tracy



## Egg-cellent Lemon Sugar Cookies

1 stick unsalted butter

½ cup sugar

¼ tsp salt

1 large egg

1 tbsp light corn syrup

1 Tbsp grated lemon zest

2 tsp vanilla

2 ¼ cup all-purpose flour

Decorating Icing

Also:

2 ½ and 3 ½" egg shaped cookie cutters, yellow gel food colour, and decorating sugar

## Directions

- Beat butter, sugar and salt in a large bowl with mixer on medium-high until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.
- Reduce speed to medium and add egg; beat until combined. Beat in corn syrup, lemon zest and vanilla. Reduce speed to low and add flour in two parts. Shape dough into two disks, wrap and refrigerate 1 hour.
- Heat oven to 350°F. Roll out 1 disk between 2 sheets of wax paper to 1/4 in. thick. Remove top layer of wax paper and cut out shapes using cookie cutters. Transfer to a baking sheet and bake for 12 minutes or until cookies are golden. Transfer cookies to wire rack and cool completely.
- Decorating Icing: In a large bowl, with mixer on low speed, beat 1 lb. confectioners' sugar and 3 Tbsp of egg whites. Add 6 Tbsp water; beat until blended. Increase mixer speed to high and beat 8 minutes or until icing is very thick and white. Makes 2 1/2 cups.
- Divide decorating icing into 2 bowls. Tint one yellow. Transfer half of each color to separate pastry bags fitted with plain writing tips. Thin the remaining icing with a few teaspoons water to the consistency of slightly whipped cream. Spread thinned icing over cookies; let dry completely. Decorate with icing in pastry bags, sprinkle with decorating sugar.

## April Question

When I think about how we did church before Covid, I miss being able to give and get hugs and I also miss working with our students preparing the food for the GST table. Even though there have been a lot of things during Covid that have been frustrating, I have really appreciated being able to gather together in small groups and dig a little deeper with the discussion questions.

**How about you? What have you missed doing over this past year and what have you really appreciated getting to do differently?**

Marilyn:

I miss the hugs, the praying with, the singing with & laughter of everyone, especially the laughter of the children. But I believe that we have a better appreciation of one another. The discussions have been deeper & we have gotten to know one another a little bit better. I appreciate the love God has shown me with good spiritual & physical health.

Paul:

Personally, I really miss the hugs and talks at the door with different people. As one recently affected directly by Covid, I can tell you, that we are doing not only church, but life differently. We are tackling issues that were never a priority, or even on the radar a year ago. However, I can also tell you, that as a church, we have met these challenges and adapted or overcome them. Will we go back to the way it was, in some aspects, probably not, and that's OK. We will move forward and grow God's Kingdom as He sees fit, in His timing. I am greatly encouraged to see how God will manifest the next chapter of the story; I hope others are too...Amen

J'Aime:

I miss live music! I miss performing and attending worship and concerts. I know it will come back in God's time and the forced downtime has truly made me appreciate those few occasions that we can worship in a small group, safely, whether it's in the church in front of a camera or outside in the freezing cold on Christmas Eve looking out at a sea of cars.

Autumn:

I don't like school, but I really miss actually being about to go to school. I miss my friends and being able to see them. I also miss helping with GST and being able to go to church. It makes the times I am able to do things more meaningful.

Lois:

A few things come to mind when I think of the things that I have missed over the past year. The first thing is getting to snuggle with the little ones and being able to play with them 💕. Not being able to watch them grow, it is like missing out on being part of their life's. And the other thing that I have missed is getting together for lunches/food. But thru all of this I have to say that I am very grateful for the modern technology that has allowed us to stay connected. It has forced me to work on my relationship with God in a new and different way. 🙏 A one on one time.



## Prayer Corner

*Thank you, God, for new life!*

*As you speak through creation and your word, we ask that you might possibly even use our lives, to announce the good news of the Easter message to a world in need of hope. That is Jesus, our only hope.*

### MAY THE GOD OF HOPE

FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM.

ROMANS 15:13

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Our Lord has  
written the  
promise of  
resurrection,  
not in books  
alone, but in  
every leaf in  
springtime.

- Martin Luther



The supplies for these colorful Easter eggs can be found in your kitchen pantry. here's what you'll need...

- hard boiled eggs or blown out eggs
- liquid food coloring
- uncooked rice, about 1/2 cup per color
- plastic baggies or containers with lids for less waste

### PREPARING TO DYE EGGS WITH RICE...

If you're using hard boiled eggs get them out of the fridge and let them return to room temperature. Sweaty eggs are much harder to color!

Fill each bag or container with a half cup of rice. This doesn't need to be exact. Let your kiddos help!

Then add 6-8 drops of liquid food coloring. Close the container and shake or squish the rice to evenly distribute the food coloring throughout the rice.

### SHAKE THOSE EASTER EGGS....

Once the food coloring has been distributed throughout the rice add one egg to the container. Gently shake, roll, or squish the egg. Everywhere the colored rice touches the egg will leave behind a colored mark resulting in a beautifully colored, textured egg.

Remove the egg from the bag and set aside to dry.

### LAYERING COLORS ON EASTER EGGS...

It can be tempting to add multiple colors of food coloring to each bag of rice to create custom colors for your egg. Instead, I suggest layering colors right on the egg!

After the first layer of color has been shaken on and has had time to dry add your egg to a second bag of colored rice and shake! This process works the best when the first color is lighter than the second color. This results in a really pretty mottled color effect.

## Ministry Highlight

This month we would like to highlight the Worship ministry here at South Point. We are so thankful for all of the people who share their musical gifts with us. This group of people have been amazing this past year as they have been willing to try new things with us as we adjusted our services due to Covid. There have been songs recorded by the lake, in people's homes, outside for Drive In Worship in the heat, cold, rain and wind. They have helped with set up, tear down, mixing instrumental pieces, overcoming fears of being recorded for Youtube... We know that worship is so much more than just singing during a church service, but it has played a big part of how we do church together and we are so blessed here at South Point and thankful to have this ministry that helps us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

## SPCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We need your help!**



HERE ARE SOME OF THE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
WE WOULD LIKE TO FILL:

- VIDEO EDITING (TRAINING PROVIDED)
- VIDEO RECORDING (TRAINING PROVIDED)
  - BACKDROP DESIGN
  - SPECIAL MUSIC
  - PHOTOGRAPHERS
- DRIVE IN WORSHIP PARKING ATTENDANTS
- PLANNING SPECIAL EVENTS
- OTHER -WHAT ARE YOU

INTERESTED IN?? DO YOU HAVE A SKILL,  
INTEREST, GIFT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE  
WITH US -LET ME KNOW.

**Want to know more?**

**Call or email Tracy at (226) 347-  
0033/tracy@southpointcc.ca**

**Or visit our website at  
www.southpointcc.ca to fill in a  
"Put Me In Coach" form**



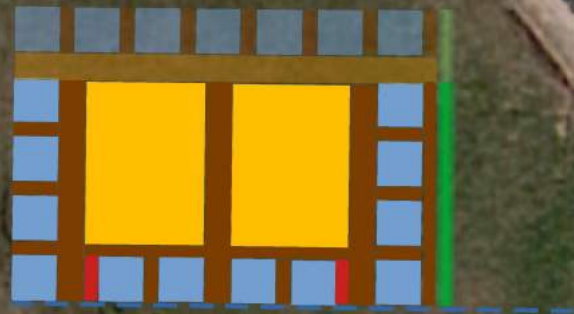
*Make a joyful noise  
to the Lord,  
all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with  
gladness!  
Come into his presence  
with singing!  
Know that the Lord,  
he is God!*





# South Point Community Garden?

- 10x10 10 foot by 10 foot personal garden plot
- 36x26 36 foot by 26 foot community garden plot
- R community rhubarb patch
- Flowers community flower bed



Over the next several **seasons** we were wondering **who might have the thyme to help grow a community garden?** Lettuce share little beet about what we had in mind. The drawing above has 12 personal plots and 2 community plots (with 7 more potential plots at the top for expansion). In **Year One** we would like to invite people from our **congregation** to help us get this started (possibly others if they approach us, but we don't want to over promise others before we get things well established).

Here are a few options for involvement: **A)** Volunteer this **Spring** to help remove the **sod** and build the **garden** space **B)** Volunteer an average of 2 or more hours per week on your personal **garden** plot and the **community garden**. **C)** Volunteer an average of 1 or more hours per week on the **community garden**.

In the **community garden** we are hoping to **plant a pumpkin** patch for the young at heart, some pickling **cukes** for a jarring day, a pile of **potatoes**

for a big fish fry with fresh cut fries, flowers for our Prayer and Care Team to deliver and a whole variety of other exciting things. **Peas**, if you don't have much **gardening** experience don't let that **squash** your enthusiasm. That is part of the benefit of doing this together.

**Interested?** **Peas**, call or text Tracy right away, as we really do need to get **spades** in the ground if this idea is going to have a chance to take **root**, (226) 347-0033.

