



The Bible Buzz

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A Message from Pastor Dave

It was a dark three days for the followers of Jesus, and the week had started out so gloriously. The past Sunday, they were greeted by crowds shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!' It seemed like all Jerusalem, indeed all Judea had come out to celebrate the arrival of Jesus into the city. Finally, all the hopes of a people for the promised Savior, the Messiah who would bring peace and freedom to a long-oppressed people would be fulfilled. But, all their joy had turned to sorrow; their hope to hopelessness.

In the words of two walking along the road speaking to a stranger, 'We were hoping that this prophet Jesus was the one that was sent to redeem Israel. Our leaders condemned Him to death and crucified Him.' Also, they had heard rumors that some of the women were so distraught that they foolishly claim to have seen Him risen. The stranger then opened the Scriptures to them to show that Messiah had to suffer these things to enter His glory. Finally, at dinner, He revealed Himself to be the very Jesus they had mourned and Who, indeed, had risen from the dead. (Luke 24)

These were not the only ones who could not believe Jesus would rise, though He had often told them. Years later, many of the Christians in Corinth thought it impossible that the dead should rise. As those two who met Jesus on the road earlier came back to Jerusalem, they were greeted by the apostles with the cry, 'The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!' Then Jesus Himself entered the room where they had gathered. Believe their testimony or not. Doubt the testimony of the over 500 Paul claims had seen the risen Christ (1 Corinthians 15). The fact of the matter is this, Christ is risen from the dead and, one day, the dead shall hear His voice and shall also live. Believe it or not.

Drive-thru Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 17 noon - 2:30 or until gone

\$14.00

Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, cupcake

To order ahead call: 315-942-2656 or 315-942-4530

We welcome everyone to our Easter Services:

Palm Sunday, March 24th 10 AM

Maundy Thursday with communion, March 28th 6 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31st 10 AM

Mission Raffle



1st: 2 Handcrafted
End Tables



2nd: Full/Queen Quilt



3rd: Child's Farm Throw



4th: Maple Syrup

A little background information on the 2 handcrafted end tables that are first prize in our current Mission Raffle: Last spring, St. Mary's Nativity Church purchased raffle tickets on the Reformed Church Mission Raffle. When the winners were drawn in October, St. Mary's won the second prize which was a painting. In the meantime, the Reformed Church purchased tickets on St. Mary's raffle of the 2 handcrafted end tables, and as unlikely as it seems, the Reformed Church won the tables. So now everyone who really wanted to win those tables has another chance.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00, and may be purchased by calling 315-942-4611 or 315-942-4530. The drawing will be October 6, 2024.

Christmas Activities

The Christmas tree was decorated one day after church, with many helping hands and a few observers.



Christmas Bags for 21 community friends were packed and delivered. We owe a very special thanks to Joy Nellenback and Lewis County Friends for donating so many beautiful handmade items.

The Classis of Montgomery Stated Meeting, March 2

This is one of the governing assemblies of the Reformed Church. They meet quarterly at churches in their area. March 2 was our turn to host the day long meeting for participants from Alex Bay to Currytown, Canajoharie to Owasco.

Save the date (yet to be determined) in July for our annual Trunk Sale!

