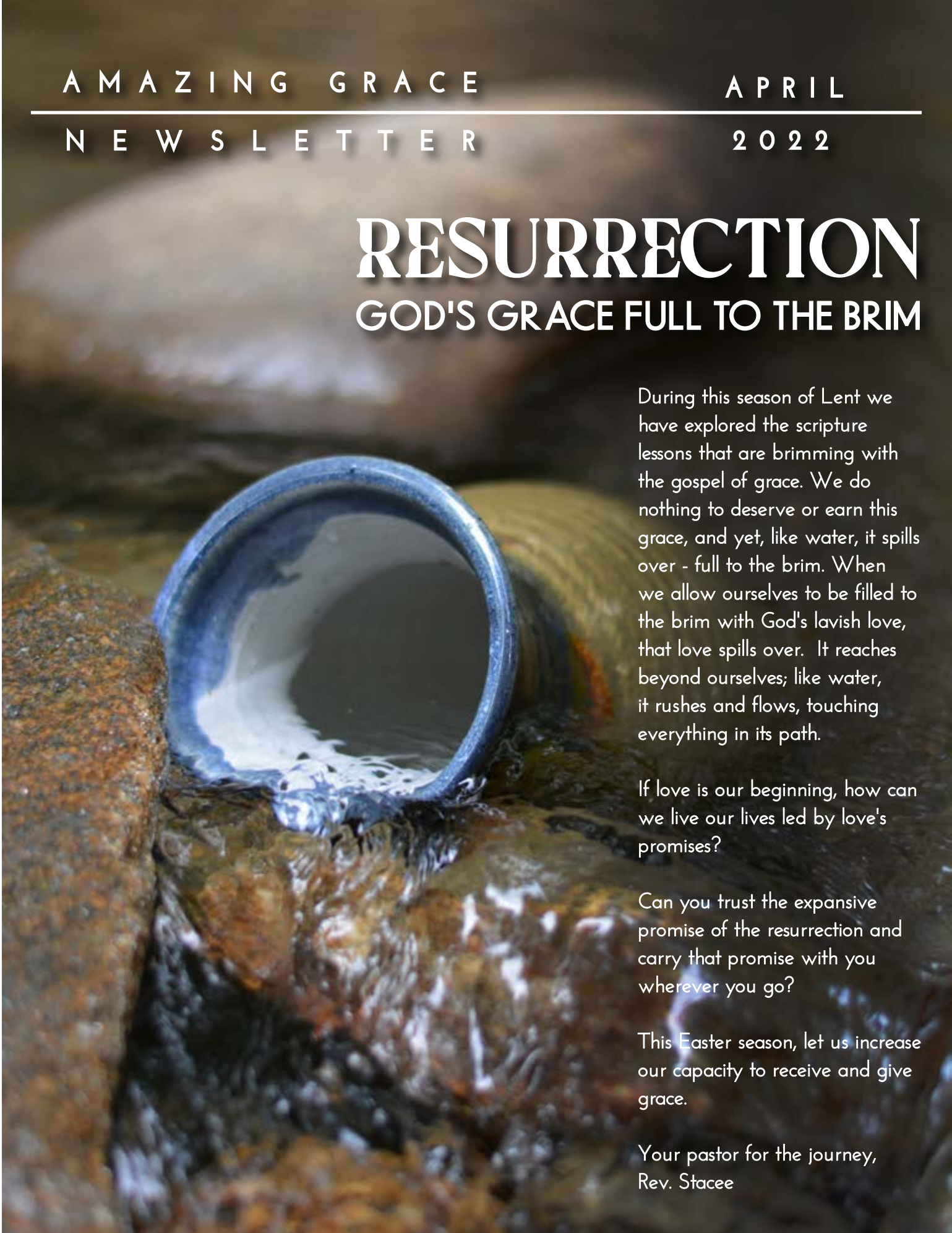


# RESURRECTION

## GOD'S GRACE FULL TO THE BRIM



During this season of Lent we have explored the scripture lessons that are brimming with the gospel of grace. We do nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over - full to the brim. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises?

Can you trust the expansive promise of the resurrection and carry that promise with you wherever you go?

This Easter season, let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace.

Your pastor for the journey,  
Rev. Stacey

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# HOLY WEEK

## WORSHIP OFFERINGS

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### **PALM SUNDAY**

APRIL 10 @ 9AM & 10:30AM

Service from Palms to Passion through Word and Song

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

APRIL 14 @ 7PM | GRACE UMC

Ecumenical Communion Service

*The following churches will be joining together for this meaningful service:  
First Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's UCC, Zion UCC, Coalbush UMC,  
and Kern Road Mennonite Church.*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 15

12PM | GRACE UMC | Time of Silence and Prayer

7PM | First Presbyterian Church | "Life of Christ in Spirituals"

*with George Shirley, the first African American tenor to sing at the Met*

### **EASTER EGG FELLOWSHIP**

APRIL 16 @ 1PM

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 17 @ 9AM & 10:30AM

Service of New Life and Resurrection

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## APRIL WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday Services at 9AM (Livestream & In-person) and 10:30AM (In-person)

### APRIL 3 | 5th Sunday in Lent

THEME | Full to the Brim { Brazen acts of beauty

SCRIPTURE | John 12:1-18; Isaiah 43:16-21

PREACHER | Trisha Cousino

### APRIL 10 | Palm / Passion Sunday

PROCESSION OF PALMS

THEME | "The Passion Story in Word and Song"

### APRIL 14 | Maundy Thursday | 7PM at Grace UMC

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### APRIL 17 | Easter Sunday

THEME: Full to the Brim { An expansive life

SCRIPTURE | Luke 24: 1-12

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

### APRIL 24 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

THEME | Resurrection Revisited: Thomas

SCRIPTURE | John 20: 19-31

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

### MAY 1 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

THEME | Resurrection Revisited: Simon Peter

SCRIPTURE | John 21:1-19

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

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# NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



## EASTER EGG FELLOWSHIP

Our Easter Egg Fellowship will be Saturday, April 16 at 1PM. Rain or shine, we will be wrapping up the Lenten season and exploring the true miracle of Easter. Oh ya, there will be eggs to find, too! Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to this fun family fellowship!

Visit our Full to the Brim table located outside the Great Hall for Lent Resources. Pay attention to the Art Work and Poem that will change every week.



## SPRING EQUINOX FUN

On March 20 at 11:33AM the Youth celebrated the Spring Equinox by participating in an activity in which they placed eggs on the ground and watched as the eggs stood upright on their own!

**SPRING BREAK IN SB  
APRIL 7 from 6-9PM**

We are going to Generations Adventureplex for laser tag and bowling. Students can bring \$20 for unlimited games of laser tag or \$10 for bowling. We will return to the church around 9PM.

Friends are welcome!!  
Please contact Trisha at [discipleship@gracemethodist.org](mailto:discipleship@gracemethodist.org) if you have questions or need a permission slip for the church van.

**TREATS WITH TRISH  
APRIL 30 @ 10:30AM**

This is a time to gather at a local coffee shop and chat, work on homework, play a card game or whatever you want to do at Cloud Walking Coffee in South Bend.

# YOUTH EVENTS

**SPRING CHALLENGE** Now through Graduation Sunday, we are challenging our youth to memorize the Lord's Prayer, the books of the Bible, and the Apostle's Creed. We will be working on these during Sunday School and in Youth Group, but we will be challenging students to use these tools in their everyday faith practice. When they successfully complete each step, they will receive a reward:

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Snack of their choice brought to Sunday School or Youth Group*

**BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:**

*\$5 Gift Card (to the place of their choice)*

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**ALL THREE PLUS THE APOSTLE'S CREED:**

*A new Bible or a book of their choice*

**EASTER EGG FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Youth Group will be volunteering at the Grace UMC Easter Egg Fellowship on Saturday, April 16 beginning at 11:30AM. The youth will come together to hide the eggs around church campus and help Melodie with whatever else needs to be done that morning.

## APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM in Room 103 SERVICE & A MOVIE 8:45 am-3 pm	4	5	6	7 SPRING BREAK IN SB Laser Tag & Bowling at Generations Adventureplex 6pm-9pm	8	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Room 103	11	12	13	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT GRACE UMC @ 7 PM	15 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 7 PM	16 EASTER EGG HUNT Hiding Eggs starts at 11:30 am at Grace UMC
17 EASTER SUNDAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & NO YOUTH GROUP	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Room 103	25	26	27	28	29	30 TREATS WITH TRISH 10:30 AM @ Cloudwalking Coffee





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 13-17 from 9AM -12PM

Mark your calendars now and prayfully consider where you can volunteer! This is one of our biggest community outreaches. We need everyone's help in making the week an amazing opportunity to share God's Love.



Raggedy Ann Preschool is now taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions, or would like a registration form, please call the church office at 574-288-4789 or email [raggedyann@gracemethodist.org](mailto:raggedyann@gracemethodist.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Grace UMC serves breakfast on Monday mornings multiple times a year at Broadway Christian Parish. Broadway provides many services for the underserved in the area. On Sunday mornings, a small team cooks the meal at Grace and then delivers it to Broadway Christian Parish on Monday morning. This last month, the Yocums and the Ankroms prepared the meal. Want to be a part of this community outreach of the church? Contact the office at 574-288-4789 to join the team!

## SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Michelle (Hunter) and Daniel Campbell on the baptism of their son, Conor.

To the Whitaker family on the birth of Gemma Lynn Smith, born to Kalyn (Whitaker) and Chad Smith on March 17.

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF:**

Ann Hofsommer  
Mary Kidder  
Fred Hayden

**THANK YOU**

A simple "thank you" is not enough for all of the prayers, cards and help given to me by my church family. My cancer is in remission and I'm doing well. May God bless all of you.

Judy Marquardt

Thank you to my Grace family for your love, prayers, help, gifts and donations to the Organ Repair Fund. I appreciate you more than words can express. I'm sure Wayne is smiling knowing that I have such a great "support system".

With love and gratitude,  
Jean Smith

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**SUNDAYS**

9AM | Virtual & In-Person  
Worship Service  
10:30AM | In-Person Worship Service  
10:30AM | Sunday School for all ages

**MONDAYS**

1PM | Pilgrimage Healing Appointments  
7PM | A.A.

**WEDNESDAYS**

7:30AM | Bible Study

**THURSDAYS**

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities  
7PM | Choir Reheasal

**FRIDAYS**

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities  
7:30PM | A.A.

**APRIL 3**

11:45AM | Youth Group

**APRIL 7**

6PM | Spring Break in South Bend

**APRIL 9**

10AM-12PM | Paper Pantry

**APRIL 12**

6PM | UMW Graceful Friends Circle

**APRIL 14**

1:30PM | Merry Missions UMW Circle  
7PM | Maundy Thursday Service

**APRIL 15**

12PM | Good Friday Prayer Vigil  
7PM | Good Friday  
"Life of Christ in Spirituals"  
(at First Presbyterian Church)

**APRIL 16**

1PM | Easter Egg Fellowship

**APRIL 18**

6PM | Board of Trustees Meeting

**APRIL 19**

7PM | Staff Parish Meeting

**APRIL 24**

10AM-1PM | Blood Drive

**APRIL 30**

10:30AM | Treats With Trish

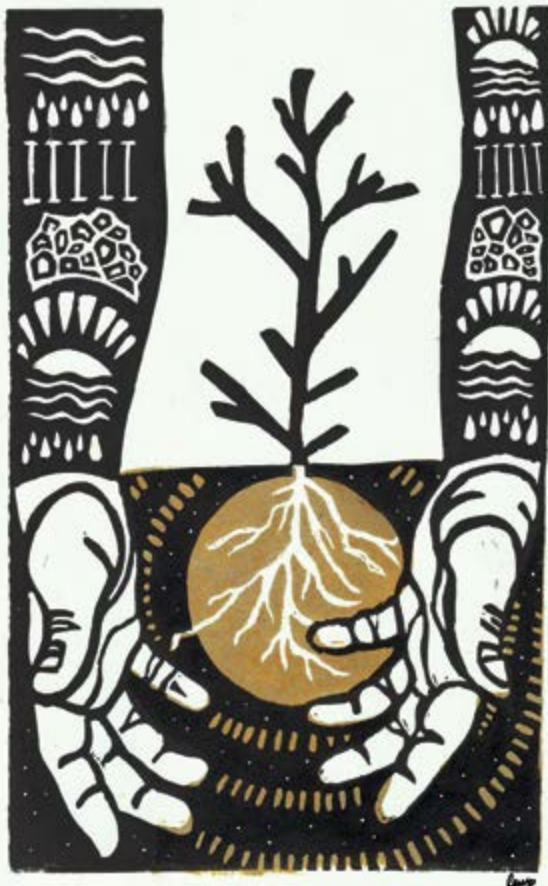
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## "NEW LIFE IS RIGHT HERE"

Maybe the resurrection was not just about God's body,  
but is about our body.  
Maybe this new life reaches all the way to the edges.  
Maybe we are free to live in a new way  
where love is the currency  
and we are enough.  
Maybe that's what this is all about -  
Not a relentless pursuit of more  
But God's relentless pursuit of me.  
New life is right here.  
Like the women - say it out loud.  
Like Peter - run that way.  
New life is right here.

-Rev. Sarah Speed | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

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