



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 03/31/22

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,101.00
Paid/set aside		- 3,317.00
BALANCE DUE	\$	4,784.00
Starting Balance	\$	18,616.00
Income March	+	20,089.00
Expense March	-	30,589.00
Ending balance	\$	8,116.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 10 – Compassion Sunday

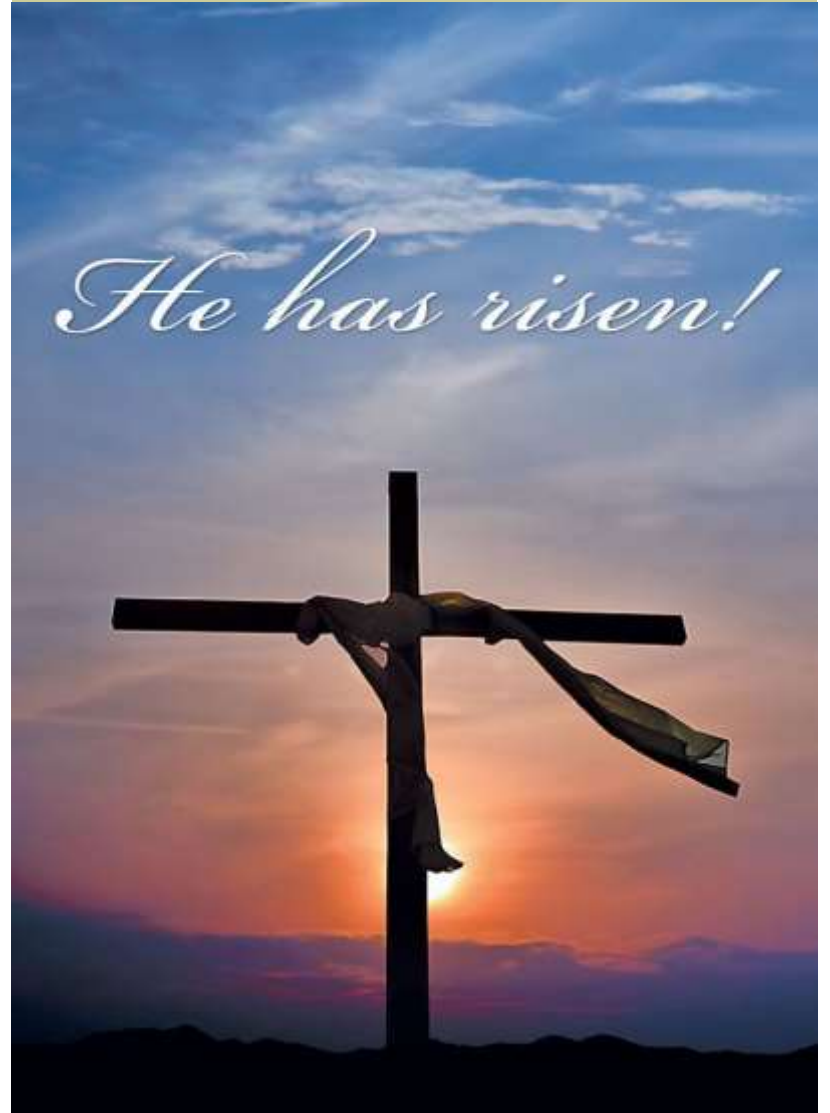
April 14 – Maundy Thursday

April 15 – Good Friday

April 17 – Easter Sunday

April 22 – Earth Day

What's Happening



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OUR MISSION



Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. 1 Corinthians 15:22-23

What a glorious spring we are having this year. The temps are not too hot and after each rain things are turning greener and greener. New life is springing up all around us and serves as a reminder of our new life in Christ.

As we close in our Lenten Journey to the cross and empty tomb, I hope that you have felt the inspiration and conviction of the Holy Spirit to grow deeper in Christ so as to be more mature in the faith. This is the call to all believers — to mature in the faith to the point we live and function as the church of Christ.

While we still have aspects of Adam in us (death is one) we are not defined or limited by them. Death will come but death no longer has the last word. Rather because of Jesus, life is the last word. Resurrection is the last word. Restored relationship is the last word. What a loving God we serve that saves us from Adam's last word with Jesus as the final Word.

As we draw in on Holy Week, we pray that you will persevere faithfully through and participate in all that will be offered. Holy Week provides us the opportunities to repent and nail to the cross our realized and owned sinfulness hindering our maturity. It provides us the grace in remembering what Christ did for us. It reminds us that we are set free and new creations resurrected from our past childish ways into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Then may we continue to hold each other accountable going forward ever growing deeper as we reach out wider. Praise God for the resurrected Savior. Praise Christ for his atoning blood. Praise the Holy Spirit for the empowerment to live, love and serve more faithfully as we mature in our walks.

Happy Easter everyone.



Starting fresh and more mature with you,
Pastor Shirley

We have had a great response signing up for the May through March Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus. Let's continue the great work we have begun.





Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

Spiritual Growth

Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.



Teamwork

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.

We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Dr. Randall & Karen Morgan, Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney, Jim & Harriet Newcomb, Chip & Betty Newberger, Lonnie & Karen Pinchback

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, facing left, against a background of a mountain range under a cloudy sky.

The prayer focus for March will be:

- **Continued maturity and discipleship**
- **Healthy bodies, minds and souls**
- **Celebrate God successes by being thankful**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm.

Thank You!



Birthdays in April

April 1	Marcia Mulvaney Richard Gabriel Harvey Howze
April 2	Nancy Winding
April 3	Vicki Babiarz
April 9	Rob Carrico
April 29	Patti Fortin



Anniversaries in April

April 8	Wes & Toni Swails
April 12	Jim & Harriet Newcomb



**** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.**

Thank You!



2022 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Rose & Bill Johnson (A – D)

Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)

Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)

Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)

Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)

Nancy Winding (O – Z)

Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

- ...Kathy and Mike Barbour and Sara Fleming for packing things in preparation for the move
- ...The Shepherds for hosting a wonderful Shepherd's Luncheon
- ...Karen Kehrli and Judy Snodgrass keeping the bulletin boards up to date each month
- ...Chip & Betty Newberger for the beautiful flowers by the sign and the new flag

2022 Leadership Team

Trustees Dave Strait, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

Finance Judy Shannon, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

SPRT Judy Snodgrass, Cyndi Andrasi, Gene Blamble, Pat Dixon

Lay Leader Chip Newberger

Nurture Team Co-Leaders Pat Dixon & Marcia Mulvaney

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Chip Newberger



Did you know...?

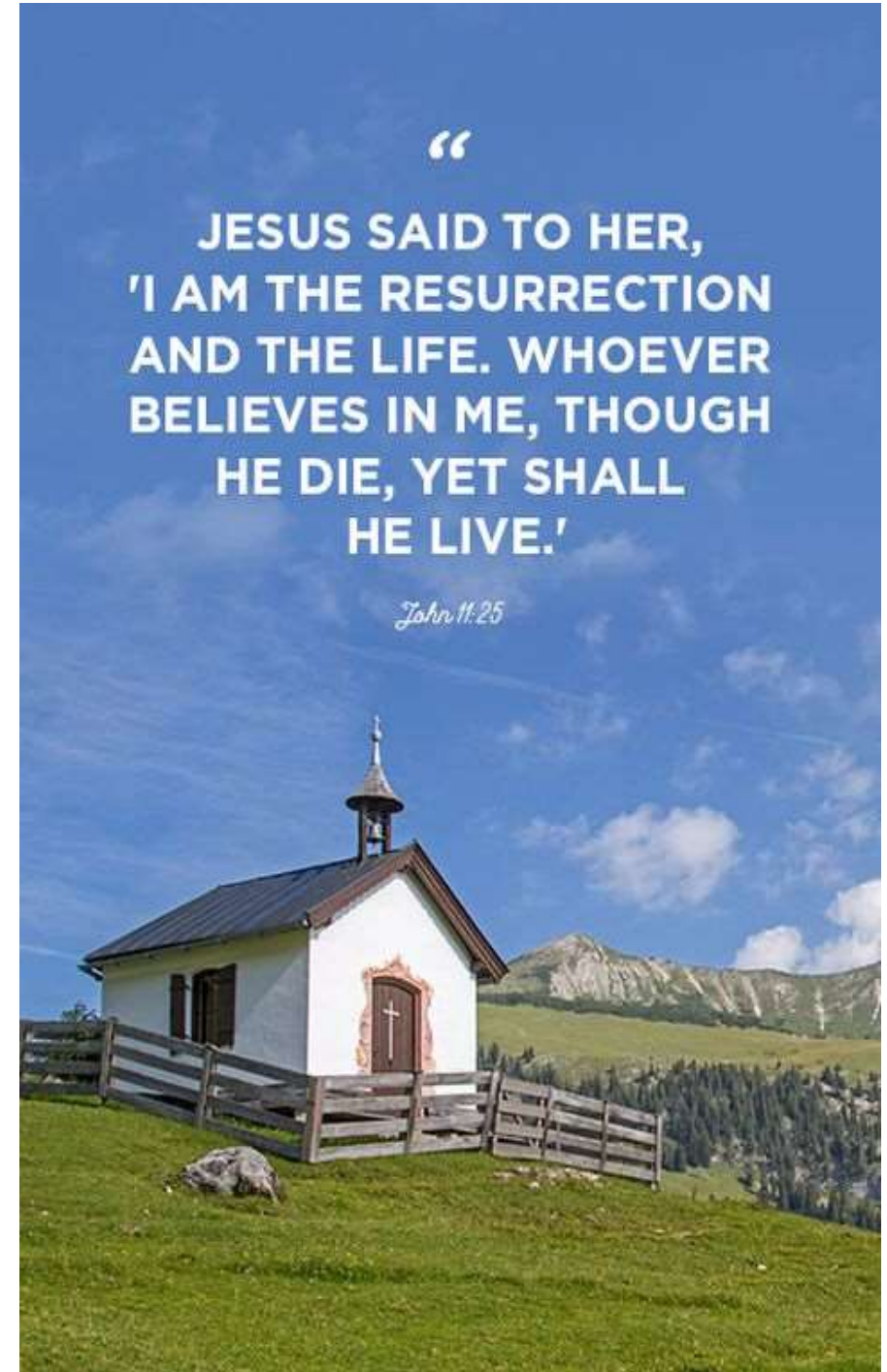
- + Because of your generosity we sent \$470 to UMCOR to help the people of Ukraine.
- + Because of your generosity we have paid/set aside 18.3% of our apportionments for 2022.
- + Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- + God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-6th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.



The students in Haley Schaeffer's class, send thanks those who supported them by purchasing popcorn from their recent fundraiser. They were able to sell \$902.00 in just four days. Fifty percent of each dollar they sold benefits the school!





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP (live & live streaming)	10:00 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP (in the fellowship hall, not a meal)	6:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY-SERVICE OF SHADOWS (live & live streaming)	7:00 PM
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (live only)	7:00 AM
EASTER BRUNCH	8:00 AM
TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE (live & live streaming)	10:00 AM

DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or in person. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

- Women's Group** Wednesday at 10:00 am facilitator – Marcia Mulvaney
marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu
- Women's group** Wednesday at 12:00 noon facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)
Join us as we center on Jesus.

Shepherd's Luncheon



Easter Story

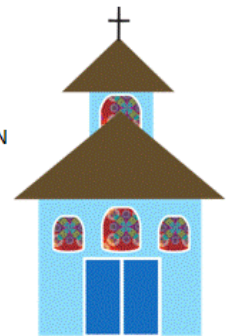
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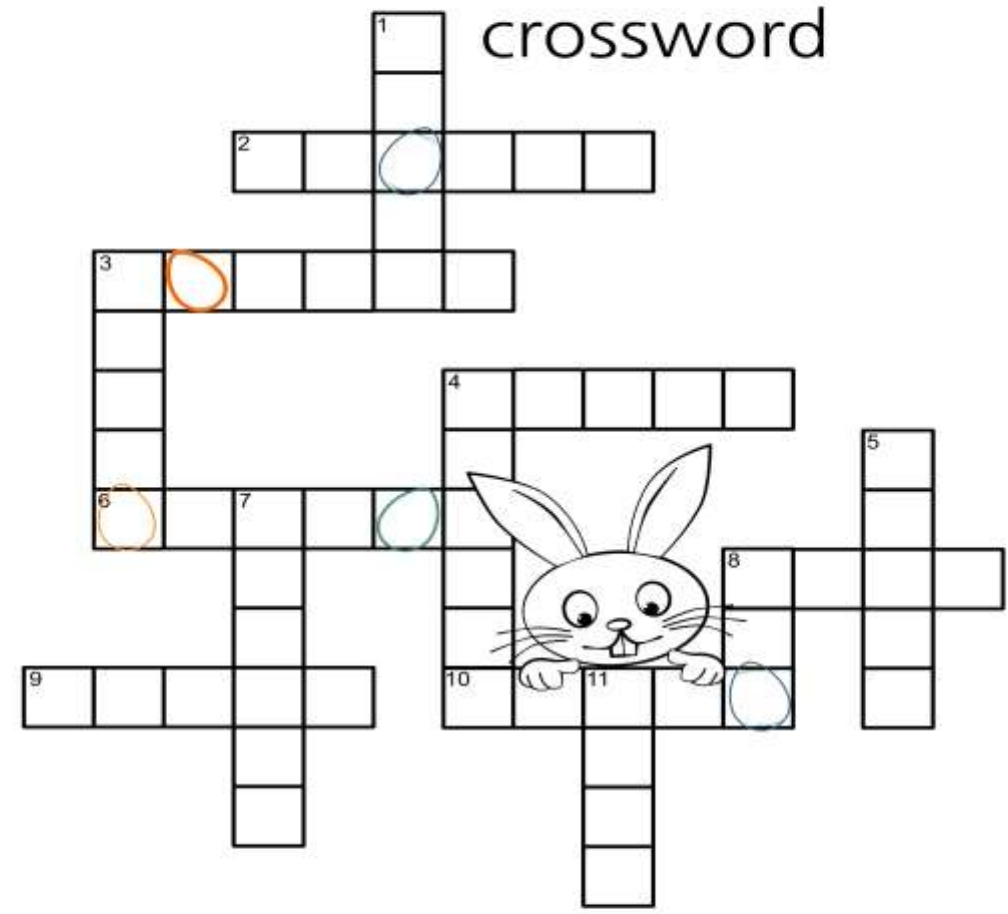


HAVE A Prayer Request

Please remember to notify the church office 941-377-6180, or Pastor Shirley 941-356-2184 if the office is closed, if you are going to or already are in the hospital, have a surgery planned or in need of prayer. Please be sure we are notified as we don't want to overlook anyone because the church wasn't aware. Thank you!

EASTER

crossword



- Down**
1. Jesus has _____.
 3. They rolled away the _____.
 4. What a rabbit likes to eat
 5. A baby rabbit
 8. A Bunny may not walk but he can _____.
 7. The day of the week we celebrate Easter
 11. A baby sheep
- Across**
2. What you carry to gather eggs
 3. The season we celebrate Easter
 4. A newly hatched bird
 6. The day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
 8. An Easter Egg _____.
 9. A tasty treat you may find in Easter eggs
 10. A flower that grows from a bulb



The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
Isaiah 35:1

Shepherd's Luncheon



THANK YOU



March 14, 2022

Saint James United Methodist Church
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Dear Friends:

Spring is coming, and you can feel it! As the days begin to get warmer and longer, new beginnings can be seen everywhere. Those new beginnings of spring and the approaching Easter holiday remind me of the love that our Father showed us through His son, Jesus Christ. It also reminds me of the new beginnings our children have because of your generosity.

William is a young man who came to the Children's Home a couple of years ago hoping to find a new beginning. When he first arrived here from an abusive home environment he was anxious, unable to sit still, apologized constantly, and had trouble making friends. He had internalized much of the trauma he had experienced and needed help coping.

His therapist, along with his houseparents and teachers here at the Children's Home, all worked together to help him through a specialized care plan. He has been getting progressively better and has learned to cope with his anxieties. Now he is frequently seen relaxing in a rocker on the front porch of his cottage, enjoying the wonderful spring weather. William is making friends and building relationships with staff and other residents, hoping one day to find his forever home.

New beginnings for children like William and the hope of a forever home are only possible through your loving gifts, which translate into providing the children with therapy, education, clothing and daily living necessities to reach their potential. The Lord tells us in the book of Job, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." And you are certainly making great things happen here at the Children's Home.

We greatly appreciate your congregation's recent gift of \$652.00. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children.

From our children and staff, thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Gadd, MNM, CFRE
Chief Development Officer








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April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office closed	2 2:00 Chip Newberger Funeral
3 10:00 Worship Service	4 6:30 GCCC 6:30 Meadows Chorus 7:00 Prayer Gathering	5 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	6 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	7 Office closed Ruth Dorman Memorial Service 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	8 Office closed 2: 00 Meadows Chorus Concert	9
10  10:00 Worship Service	11 7:00 Prayer Gathering	12 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	13 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 7:00 GA	14  Office closed 5:30 Village Oaks HOA 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service in Fellowship Hall	15  Office closed 7:00 Good Friday- Service of Shadows	16
17  7:00 Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 Easter Brunch 10:00 Easter Traditional Worship Service	18 9:00 GFWC Woman's Club 6:30 GCCC 7:00 Prayer Gathering	19 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	20 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	21 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	22  Office closed	23
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2022

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
April 3 rd 5 th Sunday of Lent Purple	Judy Snodgrass	Rose Johnson		Karen Kehrli	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Rose & Bill Johnson Judy Snodgrass Marcia Mulvaney	4/6 Pastor Shirley		Rose & Bill Johnson	4/2
April 10 th Palm Sunday Purple	Kathy Barbour	Rod Groom		Cyndi Andrasi	Bill & Bernice Highberger	Fred Fowler		4/13 NO SERVICE		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	4/9 Dave Strait PS
April 14 th Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm In Fellowship Hall	Pastor Shirley	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrli	N/A	N/A		N/A		Pastor Shirley	
April 15 th Good Friday Black 7:00 pm Sanctuary - Black	6 readers needed	Corporate Prayer		Rod Groom		N/A		N/A		Rod Groom	
April 17 th Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Front Lawn	Rod Groom	Corporate Prayer		N/A	Judy Snodgrass Katie Michalski	N/A	Kathy & Mike Barbour	N/A		N/A	4/16

April 17th Easter Celebration Service White	Dave Strait	Corporate Prayer		Cyndi Andrasi	The Sontchi's & Beatriz Lowry	N/A	Cyndi Andrasi Beatriz Lowery Bonnie Kitzmiller Sennie Lansdowne	4/20 Pat Dixon		Pastor Shirley & Rod	
April 24th 1 Sunday of Easter White	Marlene Sontchi	Pastor Shirley		Karen Kehrli	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Bernice Highberger	N/A	4/27 Dave Strait		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	4/23 Dave Strait Rod Groom