



# APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

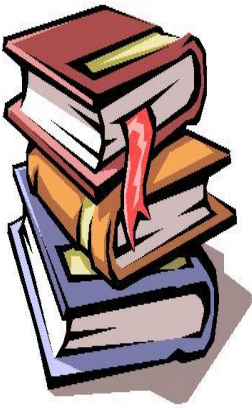
It was certainly wonderful to see so many people in worship on Easter morning. Last year we couldn't have any celebrations at all. I have missed seeing our church family for so long. Maybe next Easter we can see actual smiles on people's faces instead of masks.

Awhile back I received a little book from the UCC Still Speaking authors. It is called "Emerge – Blessings and Rituals for Unsheltering." Even though we have been "open" for worship since the beginning of March, I'd like to share with you the first prayer in the booklet. It's called "Prayer for the First Time Leaving Shelter." It was written by Quinn G. Caldwell.

Now I walk me out my door.  
I pray thee, Lord, protect from spores.  
Bless, dear Lord, the care I take  
Not to worsen this outbreak.  
Guide me safely through the day  
And bring me home, masked and OK.  
Amen.

I hope this little prayer put a smile on your face. Take care. Be safe. You are loved by God and me.  
Pastor Rosemary Captain





## BIBLE/BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM

Our Bible/Book Study is returning on the first Tuesday of June at 7 pm. We will be reading “The Call – the Life and Message of the Apostle Paul” by Adam Hamilton, available through Amazon, Cokesbury, and other fine book stores. Let me know if you have trouble finding the book.

Even if you are not a “computer person”, you can join in via your phone. When we first meet, we will discuss if Tuesday evenings are convenient for most people.”

I have really been enjoying our time together to read, discuss, and learn from each other during these studies. I certainly don’t know everything there is to know. That’s why I enjoy these times together to go deeper into our sacred writings and more recent books about our faith. I can always learn more. Please join us. More information will be coming soon.

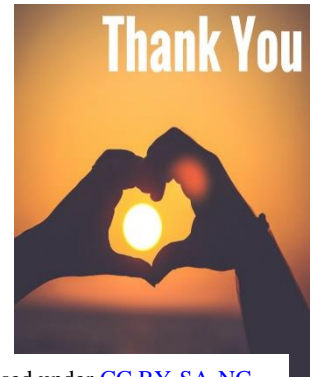
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## NOTES & THANK YOU’S

We would like to thank our church family who called, sent cards and prayers for Urban during his chemo treatments.

It was all much appreciated. So far there is hope.

Urban & Mary Lou



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## AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



### April Birthdays:

- 4/1 Trisann Underwood
- 4/2 Brenna Cohlmeier
- 4/11 Madison Brown
- 4/18 Tom Miller
- 4/24 Stacie Pickens
- 4/27 Becky Riess

## April Anniversaries:

4/26 Tiffani & Brad Eisenhauer # 18



**PRAYER LIST:** We pray for the health and well-being of all affected by the pandemic and we especially pray for: Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, Becky Ballard, P.J. Bennett, Nelson Libell, Joe Knapp, Danny Ballard.



## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

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Belleville, IL 62221

Darlene Bax

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Highland, IL 62249

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Jeanette Brown

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**Next EVENING CIRCLE meeting will be in April – date to be announced.**

# April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm  AA Meeting	2	3
4 Happy Easter Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	5	6	7	8 AA Meeting	9	10 L-Room in use from 9 am to 3 pm by quilters
11 Worship at 10 am	12	13	14 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	15 AA Meeting	16	17
18 Worship at 10 am	19	20	21	22 AA Meeting	23	24
25 Worship at 10 am	26	27	28	29 AA Meeting	30	