

ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS
APRIL 2023

Salem Church of Rough & Ready
11 Church Road
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Church/Children's Church: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY BY THE 15TH.

BIBLE STUDY - Please join us every Sunday at 6 PM and every Thursday at 1 PM as we learn about Abraham a Man of Faith. The same material is covered at both sessions so that you have two opportunities to participate in this Bible Study. This is an enlightening weekly study so be sure to bring your Bible, notebook, and pen.

Saturday, March 25th – Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8 AM. It will be a time of informal fellowship, food, and a devotional. Please plan on attending, and feel free to invite other men to come with you.

Saturday, April 1st – Church Grounds & Cemetery Cleanup at 9 AM

Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday. Egg Hunt at 2 PM at the home of Louise Rothermel

Tuesday, April 4th – Consistory Meeting at 7 PM

Wednesday, April 5th – We will be filling baskets for the shut ins at 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 6th – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7 PM

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday Service at 7 PM

Sunday, April 9th – Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord. Holy Communion will be served at both services at 7:30 AM and 9 AM. There will be no Sunday School today.

Sunday, April 16th – Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 22nd – Ladies Day at Zion E.C. Church Pitman, PA. 8:30 AM Coffee & Catching Up. 9:00 AM Opening. 12:00 PM Closing. 12:15 PM - Free Meal Served. Guest Speaker is Tawn Battiste who will be speaking on Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow.

Sunday, April 23rd – Third Sunday of Easter. Blue & Gold Banquet at 4 PM

Saturday, April 29th – Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8 AM

Sunday, April 30th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday, May 2nd – Consistory Meeting at 7 PM

Sunday, May 7th – Fifth Sunday of Easer

Janitor for April is Harold Lenker

Salem Church of Rough & Ready Consistory Meeting

3/7/23

Present: Pastor Mantz, Mike Masser, Dan Scheib, Randy Wehry, Louise Rothermel, Arlin Weikel, Andy Kuczala, Matt Lucas, Dorothy Brown, Brock Klinger

Opening Devotional:

From Ecclesiastes: A cord of three strands can't easily be broken. Two are better than one. Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs for that reason. It's Pastor Mantz's opinion that we're well along in the end times. Things will become tougher. We must band together and seek God's guidance and help.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current	\$290,372.99
Benevolence	\$6,715.22
Building	\$7,972.46

Old Business:

- Men's breakfast
 - First breakfast was a great success. 24 attended. 12 from Amazing Grace and 12 from Salem.
 - Next will be the 26th. That's the first day of fishing season which may impact attendance.
 - Contributions from participants more than covered the costs. There are leftover egg beaters in the fridge.
- Entrance Ramp and Railing
 - Just waiting on warm weather to complete the project.
- Wifi
 - Brock followed up with TDS on the speed of the internet. 25 mbps speed doesn't seem to be fast enough to reliably stream services. Running additional cable may be an option to speed it up.
- Lenten Services
 - Will continue on Wednesday evenings until Easter as scheduled.
- Bible Study
 - Thursday meetings at 1pm as scheduled.
- Online Giving
 - As expected, the church's bylaws would need to be amended, but no substantial edits would be required. While a congregational meeting and vote followed by an amendment would be one path forward, it was agreed that creating a separate foundation would be the better, simpler route. Brock will proceed with forming the separate foundation. The governing body will be separate from the consistory, similar to how the cemetery committee operates.

New Business:

- AV Equipment
 - Equipment is now here. It's been working well to stream Sunday bible studies. We'll install the camera/TV in a more permanent way.
- Evangelical Association Dues
 - The 2023 EA membership renewal form arrived. The renewal form suggests a \$1,000 optional donation. We normally give the suggested amount. Last year we gave \$2,500 out of benevolence. We'll make the suggested donation out of benevolence.
- LM Nets
 - Mike received a letter. The organization is packing 100+ bags of food for the needy within the Line Mountain school district. They're requesting shelf-stable food donations from the church. Louise will correspond with the organization to get more specifics. We'll likely need volunteers to transport any donations to their locations.
- Donation Envelopes
 - Jean found an envelope with four boxes on the front. More boxes on the envelope means donors can more easily direct their donations to different funds. We'll ask Carol for her opinion on whether it would be a good idea.
- Our Daily Bread
 - Mike received a letter requesting a \$400 donation. Will fund it out of missions.
- Love Offering
 - Andy Schreffler will start this Sunday.
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Hunt is on April 2nd. Louise will ask the regular boys to help hide the eggs.
 - Children's Church/Sunday School classes are waning. If we don't have enough kids to stuff eggs, the adults may need to supplement.
- Baby Bottle Lifeline Start
 - Jim Gessner will be recruited to pick up the bottle.
- Communion
 - Folks are taking the new plates back and forth to keep them from being stolen. We need a secure place to keep them at the church. A locking metal cabinet would be safest.

Pastor Mantz provided a detailed activity report for the month of February.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed with all present reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brock Klinger

Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FROM FEBRUARY

Current Fund Income: \$9,515.00
 Current Fund Expenses: \$13,633.89
 End of Month Balance: \$290,372.99

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Church Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
April 2 nd	Tricia Morrison	Sarah Schaible
April 9 th	Laura Smith	Tyler Heim
April 16 th	Tina Novinger	Gavin Scheib
April 23 rd	Maddy Klinger	Ethan Lenker
April 30 th	Carol Kerstetter	Marian Heim

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 2 nd	In Honor of Marilyn & Gene Headdings Wedding Anniversary
April 9 th	In Memory of Mike Straub
April 16 th	In Memory of Lester Rothermel presented by Louise Rothermel
April 23 rd	In Honor of Randy & Janey's Wedding Anniversary
April 30 th	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3	Janette Leshner	14	Erin Rothermel
4	Sophia Ritter		Amanda Lenker
5	John Galloway	15	Jean Wehry
	Mindi Weikel		Garet Laudenslager
6	Bryant Rebuck		Ella Snyder
	Haley Strohecker	17	Brian Fetterolf
	Danica Frederick	19	Kody Brown
11	Stephanie Coyle	21	Tyler Lenker
	Shannon Dietrich	23	Kenneth Rothermel
12	Charlie Fetterolf	24	Kandi Rothermel
		27	Ruby Reitz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

5	Gene & Marilyn Headdings
6	Kris & Rita Mattern
13	John & Heidi Wehry
14	Ronald & Christine Weaver
25	Randy & Janey Wehry

NEWSLETTER FROM MISSIONARY

I'm still quite a Midori-Horn

A few weeks ago, I started to feed the stray cat that comes around to my house. I now see her every day as she comes and stares at me through my window. She's actually laying outside my window as I write this. She's also recently started to politely meow every time I give her food. I wanted to give her a name that was in Japanese. With my limited Japanese, I decided to name her after the color of her eyes: Midori (Green). Several weeks later, I was studying Japanese when I saw my neighbor gardening. We started talking when Midori came around. I introduced Midori to him and he looked very surprised and confused until finally he smiled. "My wife's name is Midori!", he laughed. Surprised I said, "What?! No way." "It's the truth," he said, and he told me to ask her when she came home. Sure enough, he wasn't lying! For context, It's not common to call people by their first names here. So even though I've talked to my neighbors many times, I had no idea what their first names were. And it just still seems unbelievable that with how little Japanese I know that I somehow named my cat the same name as my neighbor! The odds of that happening have to be close to impossible, but here we are. My neighbors and I are always talking about and making jokes about Midori. And I'm pretty convinced that God somehow planned this out, and found a way to make my relationship with my neighbors stronger and more personal! And he did it all using a mangy stray cat.

Update:

Things have been going well here in Miyakonojo. My Japanese studying has been difficult, but fruitful. I can feel myself progressing and understanding more every day. I enjoy working at the school and am

getting to know the teachers better. I'm even going to go to karaoke with one tomorrow. Her name is Yukari Sensei, so please pray that things go well and we grow closer. She only speaks Japanese, so it's going to be difficult for sure, but I'm looking forward to it. I've also begun learning Christian Japanese Vocab along side my normal course this week.



Prayers:

- Pray for the Senseis at the school I work at. I've been able to have some deeper discussions with some of them, but those kinds of discussions seem quite frowned upon. Here are some specific names.
 - Maurice Sensei
 - Hamada Sensei
 - Yukari Sensei
 - Kamizawa Sensei (TJ for short)
 - Inoua Sensei.
- Pray that I'm disciplined in my language studies and can continue to learn more and more.
- Pray for me in handling the cultural differences around me.

PASTOR'S PAGE



April Love

There are many times, when I plan to write my monthly Rumbings article, that I must deal with writer's block. This malady comes to everyone who is tasked with producing mental content either in printed, or in spoken form. Writers, teachers, public speakers, preachers and others, deal with this many times in

their career. This month, my task is to write an article for the April issue of our newsletter. My problem is, what to write about, and how to make it relevant and hopefully inspirational.

One thing that goes through my mind every year about this time is the song “April Love.” Sung by Pat Boone way back in 1957, “April Love” is a delight to listen to. Folks used to say that in the spring time, a boy’s fancy turns to love, a quote loosely taken from one of Tennyson’s poems. Sometimes when his thoughts turn to love, the young man ends-up with an embarrassing situation. I read of a young fellow who was able to get a date with a fine young lady, and as young men are



wont to do, he wanted to give her a good night kiss. He leaned with his hand against the wall on the front porch and said “Darling, will you give me a kiss?” Horrified, she replied, “Are you mad? My parents will see us!.” “Oh, come on, who’s gonna see us at this hour?” “No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?” “Oh, come on, there’s nobody around, they’re all asleep” “No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can’t.” “Pleeeeeeese?...” Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl’s sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says, “Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or, if need be, he’ll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud, tell him to take his hand off the intercom button.” I smile as I read this, because I had a similar experience on a date in high school! ‘Nuff said about that!

As I think about “April Love”, my thoughts turn to a love story that never grows old, and never gets stale from telling it or when hearing it. It’s a story of unrequited love, of a lover who gets repeatedly rejected, and yet still loves, and still wants the object of the love to accept the proffered love. In its briefest iteration the story goes like this: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life,” (John 3:16 KJV). Throughout the ages, God has extended his offer of love to humanity. For those who have accepted his offer, and received Jesus into their heart, there is a bond of love and fellowship with our Heavenly Father, and his son Jesus Christ. This bond of love is sealed by the Holy Spirit, who comes to live within every true follower of Jesus. The greatest display of this love was when Jesus Christ willingly went to the cross of Calvary to suffer for my sins, and yours. In Isaiah 53, we are told that it was the Father’s will to have Jesus suffer in our stead, so that we might be forgiven and saved. In John’s gospel, Jesus said, “Greater love hath not man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” Paul, writing to the Romans, said that, “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

A final thought as I think about these things, is the miracle of Easter. On April 9, we celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord. Because He lives, never to die again, we have a sure hope of our resurrection one day soon, unless we meet him in the air when he comes back. What a blessed hope!



Happy Easter, and God’s best to you, dear reader!

Pastor Mark

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