

# The Vision

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“For the VISION is for the days yet to come.” *Daniel 10:14*

April 2022

## Is Seeing Believing? By Pastor Larry

Do you remember the story of “The Emperor’s New Clothes,” by Hans Christian Andersen? Two conniving tailors took advantage of the emperor’s arrogance and desire for new clothes. They told him that they had made a very special cloth for his garment, but only people of high and noble character could see the fabric. The problem was that the emperor knew he was not noble, and therefore pretended to see the clothing. The time finally came and the emperor modeled the “special” clothing for his subjects.

To his amazement, the people gave accolades as to the beauty and quality of the garment. All appeared well until a small child’s voice startled the crowd, “The emperor has no clothes! The emperor has no clothes!” In this fable, the rather shortsighted tailors had sent the emperor into the kingdom in his underwear. The tailors had convinced the emperor and almost everyone else, to assert a *belief in something that was not real, in a garment that did not exist!*

Celebration aside, there are a good number of folks who will ask, in this season of Easter, is the resurrection real? Or have we accepted an early church’s rendition of what we might call the “emperor’s new clothes?” Are we pretending to see what we have been told, rather than what really happened?

None of us likes to be tricked or fooled into believing something that is not real. Our reaction to that is disappointment, and often anger. Yet, determining what is real and what is not real can be a

difficult pursuit. We don’t want to be like the emperor, parading before the world in our “briefs” - or should we say, our “beliefs” - exposed, self-deceived, and ignorant. We want to “know” the essentials even if we don’t know it all, or even understand it all!



Illustration of “The Emperor’s New Clothes” by Vilhelm Pedersen

People understand the physical and spiritual worlds in vastly different ways. Although not a Christian, Albert Einstein acknowledged the connection between the spiritual and material worlds and spoke well of Jesus. He said, “The most beautiful and the most profound experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the sower of all true science.” (Citation: *The Merging of Science and*

*Spirit*). In an interview with the great scientist, G.S. Viereck asked Einstein, “Do you accept the historical existence of Jesus?” He replied, “Unquestionably! No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life” (Citation: “What Life Means to Einstein,” *Saturday Evening Post*, 26 October 1929).

On the other hand, take Carl Sagan, the renowned astronomer and educator. Jerry Adler wrote this insightful reflection in *Newsweek* about Sagan. He was “fascinated by the phenomenon that educated adults, with the wonders of science manifest all around them, could cling to beliefs based on the unverifiable testimony of observers dead for 2000 years. “You’re so smart, why do you believe in God?” he once exclaimed to [cleric Joan Brown] Campbell. She found

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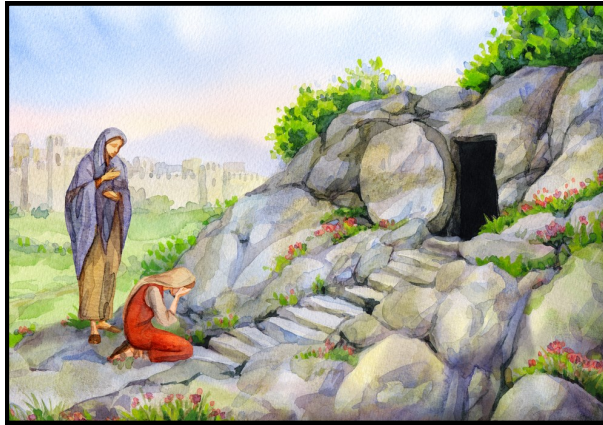
## Is Seeing Believing? continued

this a surprising question from someone who had no trouble accepting the existence of black holes, which no one has ever observed. "You're so smart, *why* don't you believe in God?" she answered . . ."

Sagan never wavered in his agnosticism. "There was no deathbed conversion," [his wife Ann] Druyan says. "No appeals to God, no hope for an afterlife, no pretending that he and I, who had been inseparable for twenty years, were not saying goodbye forever." Didn't he want to believe? she was asked. "Carl never wanted to believe," she replied fiercely. "He wanted to *know*." (Source: Jerry Adler, *Newsweek*, March 31, 1997) One might say that the methodology of "science" was the god of Carl Sagan.

We can look at life through many lenses. What about Jesus? For Jesus, the world of spirit was just as real as the physical world. He never wavered in his confidence in a God who could be trusted. However, this would be a challenging assumption for Jesus' followers on Easter morning. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb of her Lord with her heart pounding in grief. She comes in the midst of grief and death. It is hard for faith to gain a foothold when all one sees is the reality of the tomb.

Remember that in John's Gospel, the themes of belief and unbelief, of seeing and knowing, are all masterfully woven into the narrative. All through John's presentation of Jesus, people are told to look around and pay attention to what they "see" so that they might believe in Jesus. For John, the answer to "What is real?" is to look closely at what Jesus "does." No "emperor's new clothes" on this Galilean! Recall that when Jesus recruited his disciples, he said to them, "Come and see" (John 1:39). Once people see Jesus doing "signs" they come to "know" him. Seeing and believing are vitally linked.



Mary comes alone to the graveyard to see what is happening. We quickly become aware that she cannot let go of Jesus. She is not ready to let go of what she thinks she "knows" about life and death. She assumes that Jesus is dead! Her view of what she believes is real and does not allow her to take in the mystery soon to be revealed before her very eyes. She responds to the situation, but only within the limits of her expectations. She sees that the stone has been rolled away. The tomb is open but she does not go inside.

She runs back and gets Peter and John. Peter goes in first, then John, and we are told that John "saw and believed" (John 20:8b). Mary had remained outside the tomb. In uncertainty, she kneels down and looks into the death chamber. All that she can think about is the body. There are two angels sitting where Jesus had lain. "Woman," they say, "why are you weeping?" Mary, even in the confusion of grief, is emphatic, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him" (John 20:13). Still focused on the *body*! Yet then she turns and sees who she believes is the caretaker. He says the same words, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Who are you looking for? . . . Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away" (John 20:15). *Still* focused on the body! Sometimes it is hard to let go of our belief in DEATH.

Then Jesus calls her by name: 'Mary.' And that's what it takes for Mary to turn around, away from an empty tomb, and away from seeing and believing in death to seeing and believing in LIFE. Being called by name! 'Mary.' She sees him in that moment and, finally, believes" (Marci Auld Glass). Now we are making progress. Mary has just graduated from a "lost body" to a "found Jesus." It may be one of the

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# April's Services and Meditations

## **April 3: COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**In-person & Online at 9:30 AM**

*Don't Waste It, It's Very Expensive!*

Psalm 126; John 12:1-8  
Pastor Daniel

## **April 10: PALM SUNDAY**

**In-person & Online at 9:30 AM**

*Did We Miss the Meeting?*

Luke 19:28-40  
Pastor Larry

## **April 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Service of Tenebrae**

**In-person & Online at 4:00 PM**

*You Want to Do What?*

John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Pastor Larry

## **April 15: GOOD FRIDAY**

**In-person & Online at 6:00 PM**

*Are You... The King?*

Psalm 22; John 18  
Pastor Daniel

## **April 17: EASTER VIGIL**

**First Service of Easter—  
Douglass Chapel  
In-person Only at 6:00 AM**

*The Power of Being Raised  
with Christ*

Luke 22:1-12  
Pastor Larry

## **April 17: EASTER WORSHIP**

**In-person & Online at 9:30 AM**

*From Darkness into Light!*

John 20:1-18  
Pastor Larry

## **April 24**

**In-person & Online at 9:30 AM**

*Still Behind Locked Doors?*

Psalm 150; John 20:19-31  
Pastor Daniel

## **April 6 at 10:00 AM**

*What Is the Mind of Christ?*

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastors Larry and Daniel

## **April 13 at 10:00 AM**

*The Last Enemy!*

First Corinthians 15:19-26

Pastors Larry and Daniel

WEDNESDAY  
ONLINE  
SERVICES

## **April 20 at 10:00 AM**

*We Are Witnesses to These Things*

Psalms 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32

Pastors Daniel and Larry

## **April 27 at 10:00 AM**

*Using the Unusable!*

Acts 9:1-6

Pastors Larry and Daniel

# General Conference Postponed Until 2024



The United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies typically have held a General Conference at least every four years since 1792. With the 2020 General Conference now delayed to when the next one was supposed to take place, it remains unclear whether new delegates will need to be elected. The Rev. Gary Graves, General Conference secretary, said the commission would look to the Judicial Council, the denomination's top court, for clarity for what needs to be done should this be seen as a postponed General Conference instead of a new assembly.

Nonetheless, key points that remain to be addressed are:

1. Organizers say General Conference must be postponed because of visa wait times of up to two years.
2. With the announcement, leaders of a planned breakaway denomination have moved up the new church's launch date.
3. It is unclear whether new delegates will need to be elected for a General Conference, postponed to the next date.

Citing long wait times for visas, General Conference organizers announced that The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly — long postponed by pandemic — must wait until 2024. *"We engaged in a fair, thorough, integrity-filled discussion of the alternatives,"* said Kim Simpson, chairperson of the Commission on the General Conference.

*"The visa issue is a reality that is simply outside our control as we seek to achieve a reasonable threshold of delegate presence and participation. Ultimately our decision reflects the hope that 2024 will afford greater opportunity for global travel and a higher degree of protection for the health and safety of delegates and attendees."*

General Conference was scheduled to be in Minneapolis this year. In the press statement, the commission said a new already-secured venue would be announced at a later date as soon as logistical planning is complete. Bishops do not have a vote on the commission. After the commission's announcement, Council of Bishops President Cynthia Fierro Harvey said that she and her fellow bishops would begin *"to explore various pathways for sustaining the worldwide mission and witness of The United Methodist Church, given the announcement of this further and understandable delay."*

Meanwhile, leaders of a planned new theologically conservative denomination announced that they are moving up the launch date without waiting for General Conference to act. This marks the third delay of what many have expected to be a pivotal global gathering. After decades of intensifying debate and defiance of church bans on same-sex weddings and "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy, the coming General Conference faces multiple proposals for denominational separation. (continued on page 5)

## General Conference Postponed... continued

The most endorsed of these is the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation which if adopted, would allow churches and conferences that support bans on gay weddings and ordination to leave with church property and \$25 million in United Methodist funds to form a new “traditionalist” denomination. That new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, had plans to launch in conjunction with General Conference later this year. However, the new denomination’s Transitional Leadership Team announced plans to move the launch date up to May 1, 2022.

The decision to postpone again was not an easy one, said Simpson, the commission chair. *“The commission appreciates that many people are disappointed about the circumstances of the 2020 General Conference and shares in the disappointment that it has not been able to be held,”* she said in the press statement. *“COVID-19 has tested the collective patience, understanding, compassion, resolve, and even faith of the world.”*

Commission members remain hopeful and pray that the world’s circumstances improve to help make the next General Conference not only possible, but a reminder of the witness of The United Methodist Church as a global representation of the body of Christ.

*Hahn is assistant news editor for UM News.*

## Helping Hands UMW

**Silvia Dorrance**

Did you know....

Helping Hands UMW of Central UMC was started by Silvia Dorrance about three years ago in her home. Helping Hands makes heart pillows and port pillows for breast cancer survivors, which are then donated to St. Joseph’s Hospital, Abrazo Hospital, and Children’s Hospital of Arizona in the metro area of Phoenix. Helping Hands also has an international Mission, in Mexico, which helps the poor, orphans, elderly, and widows.

In addition to creating pillows, Helping Hands of UMW crafts fidget blankets for people living with Dementia and Alzheimer’s. These blankets are donated to Emblem Healthcare Hospice and Huger Marcy Living Center.

If you are interested in learning more about expanding this mission to the hospitals of Mesa, Gilbert, and Chandler we welcome your participation, together we can bless more people.

For more information, please contact Silvia Dorrance by phone or email.

*in loving  
memory*

Anthony Columbo 3/2022

Michael Montgomery 3/20/2022

# United Women in Faith



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## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PROGRAMING FOR MARCH & APRIL

As usual our Unit and

Circle meetings prepare us to give to mission work by having speakers, devotions, and opportunities for direct service to others.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Unit Meeting “Women 4 Women” Service by Packing Hygiene Bags 1:00 p.m. in Moore Hall.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Joint Circle meeting “Prayer & Self Denial” 1:00 p.m. in Moore Hall.

March 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Board meeting “UMOM” 1:00 p.m. in Martin Hall.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting “Officer Dawn Blake on Scams” Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. in Moore Hall.

April 21<sup>st</sup> Seasonal Party “Naomi and Esther Circles meet separately” Contact your circle Chairperson: Kathy Kolbo or K Roemmich for information.

All women are invited to any UMiF activity. Masks and social distancing are suggested. Bring refillable drink cups.

### **UWiF READING PROGRAM 2022 review by Billie Larime**

*A Road Called Down on Both Sides: Growing Up in Ethiopia and America* by Caroline Kurtz (2019). Sometimes it is hard to stop reading a book. I was so interested in the true story of an American missionary child raised in Ethiopia, I could not put down the book. I enjoyed learning about another culture and seeing life from a child’s perspective. There was so much love in this book, as well as faith, hardship and tragedy. This book is available in our Fitch Church Library. Look at the United Methodist Women Shelves on the West Wall (Education for Mission Section).

### **RESPONSE (the magazine of women in mission) by Billie Larime**

January/February 2022 Issue page 44. A CALL TO

PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL “As children of God, we are blessed so much including the opportunity for eternal life and genuine freedom in Jesus Christ. For more than 150 years, United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) has worked to turn faith, hope & love into action on behalf of women children and youth in every corner of the world. As women with a purpose, giving is a natural way we seek to help, for we understand we are called to share our blessings with others in the name of Jesus. When we gather for a (Call to Prayer & Self-Denial) we get the opportunity to reflect on important needs and embrace personal sacrifice.”

### **MISSION U AT RED MOUNTAIN UMC (JUNE 24 & 25)**

Don’t miss out on this opportunity for an in-person Mission u so close to us. Two days of study on Luke: Chapter 13 “Who Can We Be Together?”. Men, Women and Youth are all invited to attend. Cost is only \$70.00 for three meals, music, worship, study, and fellowship on a Friday and Saturday. Scholarships are available. Registration begins in March. For questions ask Billie Larime, Mission u Assistant Dean.

If you prefer a Virtual Experience from your own home, the cost is only \$20.00 for a two-day experience on July 22nd & 23rd. Shorter hours, but the same great study and instructors. The two study leaders are well known to Velda Rose. Both have served as Associate Pastors here at Velda Rose recently. Rev. Rula Colvin currently serving part-time at Red Mountain UMC and Rev. Pamela Wagner recently retired from Velda Rose.

### **ASSEMBLY 2022 “TURN IT UP” MAY 20-22**

IF YOU Would LIKE TO TRAVEL TO ORLANDO FLORIDA, go in person to the Orlando Convention Center. Join thousands of United Women in Faith to worship, learn and celebrate. Community gatherings, keynote speakers, bookstore, a fair-trade market and social action will all be available.

Can’t join us in Orlando? Join us from your living room! Register for virtual attendance at just

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# Church News

## Environmental Concerns Committee

### HAPPY EARTH DAY MONTH!!!



April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day, celebrating 52 years. Let's help the Earth Day celebrate another 52 years. Here are just a few of the hundreds of ways you can help.

First remember to light your green lightbulb on your front porch so everyone will know it is earth month.

Use green transportation. Does your city or town have public transportation? Find places where you can walk to or ride a bicycle. Make a commitment and plan to improve your transit carbon footprint.

Track your use of paper and disposable products. This month keep track and watch how often you use paper plates, disposable utensils and straws. See which of these you can replace with reusables that you can take with you. You can store them in your car, purse, or backpack to use at a moment's notice.

Try cooking one-pot meals, by using just one pot to cook your meal, you can save on electricity, gas and water, which reduces your footprint and may even give you leftovers for the week!

Earth Day celebration for April 24 has been cancelled. It will now be held in the fall of 2022.

## Lessons from the Library

"If you see someone without a smile... give them one of yours."



"It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do."

"Believe in your ability to create change."

## Monthly Prayer for Churches



Central UMC, Phoenix  
Arizona Korean UMF,  
Phoenix

Aldersgate UMC, Phoenix

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## United Women in Faith (continued)



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\$200.00. Scholarships available from the Velda Rose UWIF Unit. For questions about registration or scholarships call Billie Larime, Unit President.

**"CHANGE IS INEVITABLE" by Maria Hase, social action coordinator**

**"When people retire, it is it is time for new beginnings..... it is time to:**

**Make new friends but keep the old.**

**One is silver, and the other gold."**

# United Methodist Men



Our January Chili Cook-Off was a big success. Thanks to all who came to enjoy all the different flavors of Chili.

We were active at the Rummage Sale selling donuts and Sloppy Jo sandwiches for the three days. Everyone seemed to like what we served.

We are continuously working on the Memorial Bricks in the fountain area, refurbishing them when required. The pump in the fountain needs to be replaced and we have ordered one. The fountain should be working again soon.

Thanks to the continuous support for our Fund Raisers, we are able to contribute to some of the needs of our Church and our surrounding Community.

We have received a Thank You letter from a social

working group called "Save the Family" for our donation of \$1,000.00. Save The Family equips families to address poverty, overcome homelessness, and achieve self-sufficiency.

We will be serving a pancake breakfast, in Moore Hall, on Easter Sunday starting at 7:00 AM.

Our next fund raiser is planned to be an ice cream social sometime in May.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM in Moore Hall on the Church campus. A light lunch is served. At our next meeting, a representative from "Lura Turner Homes" will be there to talk to us. All men are welcome to attend our meetings. Come join us for some fellowship.

Respectfully submitted;  
Bruce D. Williams, President UMM

## Is Seeing Believing? continued



greatest lost and found stories in the Bible!

Yet, she still wants to stay in

control. Jesus says, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father."

We all know that for many reasons we cannot always "believe" what we "see." Our limitations, expectations, and ignorance cloud our vision. Yet at a spiritual level, John is clarifying our vision. He says, "Seeing in believing!" Mary begins to believe when she sees Jesus' face and hears his voice. She may have seen Lazarus called out of the tomb; seen the man born blind regain his sight; seen the water turned into fine wine, and seen the great crowds

being fed on barely nothing. She saw Jesus fight with the leaders, who were blinded by their pride and expectations. Finally, Jesus told them: "If you can't believe that God sent me to be your Messiah, then *at the very least* recognize that God is revealing himself through my works."

In the midst of a world of cutting-edge science and stunning technology, of surprising goodness and unbridled and entrenched evil, of the mystery of creation and the beauty of life - in all of this - *that is where Jesus calls each of you by your name to respond in faith by the power of his Spirit.*

It is in the tombs of our lives that we find the living Christ. Remember, it was outside of the tomb where Jesus speaks to Mary. Jesus frees us of our self-imprisoned tombs. Like Mary, Jesus stands before you, and calls your name, and says, "Believe in me! I am Resurrection and Life!"

See you in church!



## THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC OF THE LENTEN SEASON

We sing many beautiful hymns during Lent. The words bring us hope, comfort and peace. I have chosen three to write about this month. Learning the background of the hymns makes them even more personal to me.

### THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD African-American Spiritual

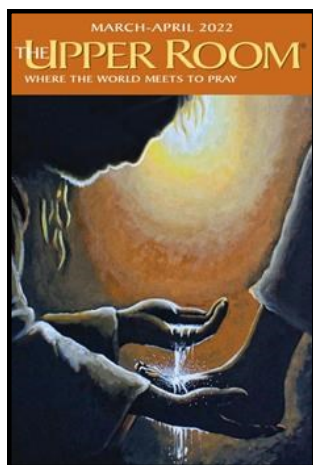
In the Old Testament, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an ointment made from the gum of a tree particular to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression. He reminds them that He is ultimately in control, and only He can relieve their suffering. In the New Testament, God answers the suffering of His people by sending His own son to take our place. Jesus becomes our "balm in Gilead." It is Him we are called to turn to in our times of trial for healing and comfort. We sing this

song with that assurance: no matter our hardships or supposed shortcomings, Jesus loves us enough to take our suffering upon Himself.

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US  
Words - attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1836)  
Music - Bradbury (tune name)

Many versifications of Psalm 23 act as hymns of assurance and confessions of trust. We know the text well – "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." This text, attributed to Dorothy Thrupp, differs from those texts. Rather than an assertion of our faith, it is a prayer that stems from our faith. It goes, if you will, a step further than the psalm's declaration. We know that God is our Shepherd. We know why we trust. And because we have that trust, we ask that God be faithful. We acknowledge our dependency and our emptiness, and ask that God would provide. We ask not in doubt, but in faith. Every verse of this hymn contains a promise we have from God, and a prayer we make because of that promise. This is how we are called to live our lives as followers of Christ – in prayer, because of faith. Thrupp's text is a beautiful example of how we might live out that calling.

## March-April Upper Room



The March-April 2022 Upper Rooms are available in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or in the office during office hours.

*If you are homebound and would like to receive the Upper Room by mail, please contact the office to be put on the mailing list.*

## VRUMC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at Velda Rose UMC provides non-perishable food to those who come seeking assistance. If you can donate some of the following items, we would greatly appreciate it:

- \* Small Jars of Jam/Jelly
- \* 4/6 pk. Pudding Cups
- \* Cans of Vienna Sausage
- \* Knorr Packets of Rice or Noodles
- \* Boxes of Cereal
- \* Mashed Potatoes
- \* 4/6 pk. Fruit Cups

Donations can be brought to the church office, or put in the Food Pantry Baskets in front of the Sanctuary.

## Spring Music Events



### **RESONANCE: EASTER CONCERT** **Saturday, April 9th at 7:00 PM**

In many parts of the world, people eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring, as they have been through a long winter, perhaps full of dreary days and low temperatures. In addition to that, in some denominations, people have participated in the tradition of Lent, where they give up something dear to them to induce a bit of self-discipline. Both winter and Lent culminate in the joyful celebration of Easter, where daffodils spring up, the coat goes back in the closet, and one can eat a juicy steak again.

However, in Arizona, by the time Easter rolls around, we are bemoaning the thermometer's return to days in the 80s. Our glorious spring days are mostly behind us. With this in mind, Resonance Vocal Ensemble is bringing the whole catharsis of Winter, Lent, Easter, and Spring in an hour-long choral concert that will allow you to more fully celebrate the passion of the Lord.

With Antonio Lotti's ancient motet *Crucifixus for Eight Voices* and Lynn Lund's *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs* we remember the bitterness of the Lord's suffering and crucifixion. With hymns like Alexander Kopylow's *Heavenly Light* and Antonin Dvorak's *Goin' Home* we ponder the three days in the tomb and the separation of death. But with joyful anthems like Victor Johnson's *The Stone is Rolled Away*, William Bradbury's *Jesus Loves Me* and Steve Dunn's *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* we celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Join us in this Easter celebration that will help you remember more poignantly the gift of the Savior's passion and fill you with a more present joy in Him.

Concert begins at 7:00 and will last an hour. Ticket prices are \$7 per person or \$25 per family and \$5 for seniors. [Resonanceve.com](http://Resonanceve.com)



### **ORPHEUS: WATER IN THE DESERT** **Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 PM**

Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix presents *Water in the Desert* Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30pm at Velda Rose United Methodist Church. The concert will feature songs with a water theme, including sea shanties, rivers, weeping and baptism.

Admission to *Water in the Desert* is \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students for tickets purchased in advance at [www.orpheus.org](http://www.orpheus.org). Tickets purchased in advance are being sold online only. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors and students, for tickets purchased at the door. For more information, contact the Orpheus Box Office at (602) 698-7890.

Concerts are open to children ages 6 and over when accompanied by an adult. All children, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter the concert. Children ages 6-12 are admitted free.



## Birthdays



Dorothy Kuspis	4/1	Doris McMahon	4/16
Eileen Bergquist	4/3	Richard Poyer	4/16
Keith Simons	4/3	Sherrie Bludorn	4/19
Karen Butler	4/5	Eli Gómez	4/20
Maggie Foster	4/6	Bev Gibbons	4/22
Frank Yoder	4/6	Alan Burke	4/24
Jo Lynn White	4/7	Maurice Meschke	4/24
Barbara Irving	4/9	Steve Oldham	4/25
Jim Oisten	4/10	Barbara Clayburn	4/26
Donn Larson	4/11	Roy Knight	4/28
Sheila Arnold	4/12	Billie Larime	4/28
Shirley Linder	4/16		



## Anniversaries



### 50+ Years

Steve & Lois Benson 4/2

### Also Celebrating

Tom & Angie Daggy 4/1

Scott & Maggie Foster 4/21

Tom & Dana Chaney 4/30



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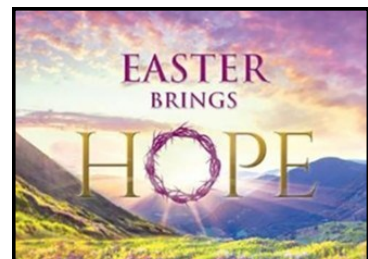
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us online for our midweek devotion  
each Wednesday at 10:00 AM,  
and 9:30 AM Sunday morning services in-person  
*and* online at  
[facebook.com/veldaroseumc/](https://facebook.com/veldaroseumc/)  
or on the church website:  
[veldarose.org/connect/watch/](http://veldarose.org/connect/watch/)



## NEXT ISSUE

Items considered for the  
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must be submitted by  
[Tuesday, April 12, 2022.](https://www.facebook.com/veldaroseumc/)

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