



**MAY 2019**

# SCOTCH CHURCH



## *PARSON- -TO- PERSON*

"<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid, yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Matthew 28:8-10)

The women "hurried on their way," and ran smack into Jesus. The two Marys hit the brakes — and they may have started screaming or been struck dumb with fear. Remember, they'd been to a tomb. Think of your reaction to visiting a cemetery only to discover the headstone of your loved one overturned, someone whom you had watched suffer and die, and then, as you're running away confused and frightened, you bump into the deceased, who now does not appear to be deceased!

You can imagine the flood of emotions that must have washed over these women, causing their bodies to shudder from head to foot. The fact that they take hold of his feet shows us that he's a real person, not a ghost or a spirit. He is someone they can see, hear, touch, hold and connect with, like anyone else they would meet as they wander down the road.

If you're driving down the street and come across a boulder in the street, you'll need to change directions or have a collision. That's what the resurrection does: It forces us to slow down and change directions. All too often, we keep trying to plow our way past the resurrection by proceeding as though there's nothing there at all.

"I'm going to carry this burden myself," we say. "It's mine to bear."

"I'm going to stay with this guilt a while longer — getting used to it now."

"I'm not about to forgive her, no matter what she does. She done me wrong."

"If there was a God, then my suffering would not have happened."

And so it goes, as we slam into the resurrection rock getting nowhere at all.

This is not a call to slow down or simplify our lifestyle. It's not about stopping to smell the roses, or the coffee or a ham dinner. It's about slowing down to reflect on the events of Easter. Like Mary and Mary, we are invited to come to Jesus, take hold of his feet and worship him. To the two Marys, he says, "Go and tell." There are a multitude of missions to be carried out in the name of Jesus, and the challenge for us, as it was for the two Marys on that very first Easter, is to listen — listen to what Jesus is challenging us to do.

- Maybe Jesus is calling you to offer some help to the frail and faltering widow who lives alone, or to reach out with healing and hope to a misunderstood teenager who feels angry and isolated.

- Perhaps Christ is calling you to fix a friendship that has been broken by a cruel or thoughtless act on your part, or to forgive a relative who hurt you very badly and strained your relationship to the breaking point.

Listen for what is being said to you. Listen for what you are being asked to do. After all, we're supposed to be on a "walk with Jesus," aren't we? No one ever talks about their "run with Jesus."

Peace, my friends.

*Pastor Rich*



**MAY  
CELEBRATIONS**  
We celebrate your special day !

**HAPPY "May" BIRTHDAY to...**

7... Doris Carr  
10... Douglas Fisher  
10.... Chelsea Hargrave  
11 ... Douglas McKnight  
11 ... Melody Willard  
17... Herc Quintavalle  
22... Jerry Fisher  
23... Preston Dominy  
24.... Courtney McKnight  
24....Jesse Billings  
27....Anna Shippee

**HAPPY "May" ANNIVERSARY**

8... Debbie & Roland Lauther  
26 ... Scott & Marcie Barney

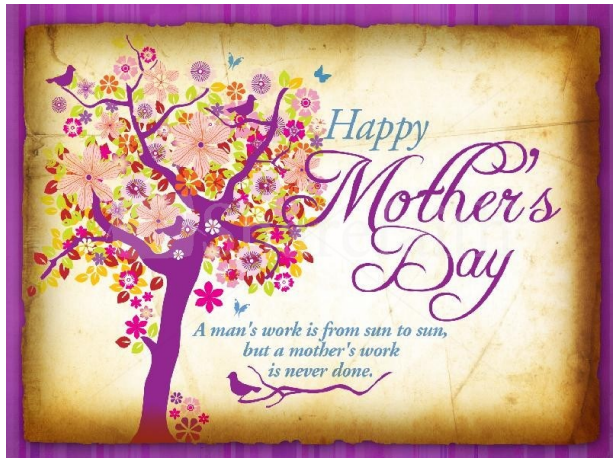
Email or phone your dates to me to be added to the calendar so that we can recognize your family's special days.

~ Mindy Fisher  
[melindaf70@gmail.com](mailto:melindaf70@gmail.com)

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**Proverbs 31:25**

**"She is strong and respected and not afraid of the future."**



**PASTOR RICH'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Rich has regular office hours. You are welcome to stop by for a visit or call to make an appointment:

**(315-742-7561)**

**Hours are: Monday – Thursday  
1:00 to 4:00 pm**

*(There are times when I am called away in the afternoon, so it is always best to call ahead of time).*

Dear Scotch Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for the Easter wishes and the gift. There is a Subway right across the street from my dorm, so that will definitely come in handy.  
Wishing you all a happy Easter and an amazing Spring!

Sincerely,  
Stephen Maransky



**Sharing  
Is  
Caring**

**One Great Hour of Sharing  
\$700.00**

**Noisy Offering  
\$137.96**

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society.

Thanks to the generosity of Scotch Presbyterian Church, our One Great Hour of Sharing contribution for 2019 is **\$700.00**. In addition, **\$137.96** was collected on Easter Sunday during the Noisy Can Offering. FANTASTIC everybody!! Thank you.



# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 3rd Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion -Bicentennial Committee meets	6	7 Happy Birthday Doris Carr	8 Happy Anniversary Deb & Roland Lauther	9 PW will meet at 10:30 am in Upper Room.	10 Happy Birthday Douglas Fisher and Chelsea Hargrave	11 Happy Birthday Doug McKnight and Melody Willard
12 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Herc Quintavalle	18
19 5th Sunday of Easter Session Meeting	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Jerry Fisher	23 Happy Birthday Preston Domy	24 Happy Birthday Courtney McKnight and Jesse Billings	25
26 6th Sunday of Easter Happy Anniversary Marcie & Scott Barney	27 Memorial Day Happy Birthday Anna Shippee	28	29 Please submit information for the June newsletter to Mindy.	30 Ascension of the Lord	31	

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETINGS RESUME  
MAY 9TH AT 10:30 A.M.**

The women's **P.W.** group has re-emerged after winter's hibernation, with Carolyn Hinkle leading a study on "**God's Promise: I will be with you.**" Please join our women's PW group on Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room!

Presented to our group was a request from two Watertown Presbyterian Church members traveling to Malawi in July for prayers for the success of their efforts in supporting the Sustainable Sewing Project; and for financial support, for anyone so moved, as their current project is sewing sanitary garments for young girls, enabling them to attend school with no monthly interruptions. A worthy effort indeed, boosting the independence and advancement of women of all ages.

Your donation may be mailed to Women of Grace, First Presbyterian Church, 403 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

**CURRENT MEMBERS OF SESSION.....**

<b>Alison Appleby</b>	<b>315-405-7353</b>
<b>Diana Fisher</b>	<b>315-322-5610</b>
<b>Trudy Fisher</b>	<b>315-322-4288</b>
<b>Grace Hargrave</b>	<b>315-322-4429</b>
<b>Melanie Morgan</b>	<b>315-212-3107</b>
<b>Rick Taylor</b>	<b>585-281-4750</b>
<b>Roger Thompson</b>	<b>315-322-8923</b>

**Melinda Fisher, Clerk**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**July 21, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m.**



## **BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR SCOTCH CHURCH**

The Scotch Presbyterian Church will celebrate the **200th Anniversary** of its founding in 1819 at a special church service on Sunday, **July 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM**. A reception will follow the service. We hope that many family and former members who have moved away will return to join in our celebration!

**Mark your calendars for the July 21, 2019 date!**



## **ROADSIDE CLEANUP** **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 8:30 a.m.**

**Roadside cleanup of Route 345 from the High School to the edge of Madrid, is scheduled for next Saturday, May 4th, with a rain date of May 11th. Meeting time of 8:30am in the MW school parking lot.**

**The more hands we have, the faster it goes!**  
**Get a little exercise and fresh air while cleaning up the environment.**

