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*"We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to His purpose." **Romans 8:28.***

I like to think I know a lot about some things sometimes. I imagine God laughs like Sarah about that at times like these! These are days when I and others have worried beyond our capacity for it. I am not much of a worry wort but I have found myself in unfamiliar territory, the churches in our communities and nation are no longer within anyone's control, it seems, as we are closed down for a month and maybe for a longer time. My fellow clergy are concerned also. And I am discovering of late, I am concerned in ways I have not been in the past. What do I even know anymore? This verse from

**Romans** reminded me this week that there is one thing I know that I have always known. It is the thing that kept me faithfully beside family members and church members when we want God to take away pain and bad things that are taking place, like COVID-19. It is the one thing I knew when the world caved in on me when I was younger, even though the church had stood by me. It was the one thing I knew whenever life was rocky

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## *While I'm On My Feet!*

and everyone around me worried, cried, and downright freaked out. Somehow, though, I recently forgot for a moment, caught up in the worry and gossip of upset friends and fact-less articles from magazines and newspapers that are anything but objective. How could I let that take away the one thing I know?

Then I read **Romans 8** which has always been my favorite chapter in times of struggle. I read again verse 28 and immediately knew why I was so worried about our church and community. I had forgotten the only thing I really knew. *"We know that God works all things together for good."* I have been troubled because our way of working things together has imploded. It's OK though, because God works all things together for good. Everything God works on is done for good. If I trust that God is acting in our church and community and state and nation, I must trust that God is working for good, even if we have problems, even if we fall short. God is at work and what God makes is good. And God made us.

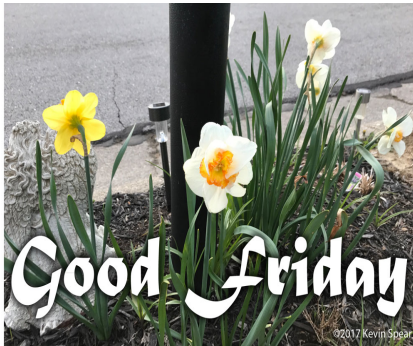
If you find yourself lost, like you have forgotten everything you thought you once knew, remember this: God is working in the world and in each of us for good. When we let go of our own stubbornness and worry, what remains is God's goodness working. May God work a good thing and may I be open enough to God's way to let go of my own.

**-Pastor Cliff**

*Suggested Scriptures for the month are...* April 5<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11**, April 12<sup>th</sup> (Resurrection of the Lord) **Acts 10:34-43, Jeremiah 31:1-6, John 20:1-18, Matthew 28:1-10**, April 19<sup>th</sup> **Acts 2:14, 22-32, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31**, April 26<sup>th</sup> **Acts 2:14, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35.**



## CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS...



### ADAPTATION

Rev. J. Richardson

We are living in a time we only imagined in science fiction stories. Worldwide about half the population is under movement restrictions, schools are closed, retail shops shut down, travel in any form limited. Over half a million people have contracted COVID-19, and the number grows exponentially. Convention centers are being transformed into hospitals as traditional medical care facilities are overflowing. In the U.S. as I write this Thursday afternoon, the numbers are growing rapidly. Churches are closed and it will get worse over the next few weeks, depending upon our response.

A colleague was thinking how churches might maintain their ministries during the health crisis, he then wondered how can regional churches change in new and different ways than ever before, post COVID-19. A few days later, reflecting on the adaptation pastors & congregations are now making, adaptation is not an easy process, it means finding new resources, making new partnerships, new leaders, and new ideas

and often involves fighting among those who love each other. It is warned that "congregations that do not choose adaptation are by default choosing to die," according to a book by Nancy Ammerman. Changing the way we do things is hard, we know how to do church as it has been done for several centuries. We even think the way we do church is a scriptural design that must be followed. This thinking is rather arrogant, followers of Jesus Christ have been church together in a vast variety of ways over the past 20 centuries!

It's not the way to which we are accustomed, but if you have internet access, a smart phone, and a free Facebook account, all you need to do is spend about \$25 or less, to get a tripod with a phone attachment and you can livestream your worship service via Facebook Live. It can be intimidating at first, but it is not super-expensive. Today being a church means taking care of each other. It means taking the initiative to check on our neighbors, especially the vulnerable. It means a profound hope that we are followers of a God who loves us. The Washington Post described the closing moments of New York governor Andrew Cuomo's recent daily briefing, "As he wrapped up Tuesday morning, his throat seemed to tighten as he expressed love for New York and said 'At the end of the day, my friends, even if it is a long day...love wins, always, and it will win again through this virus.'" May it be so.

### DON'T FORGET THAT GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

**Please keep supporting your church during this health crisis.** The ministry of the church continues (and even expands) during this time when none of us are using the buildings. Please don't let your absence from the building result in a lack of financial support. There are many ways to give, including on-line ([www.carlislechristianchurch.com](http://www.carlislechristianchurch.com)).

### IN SYMPATHY

Dave Walker passed away March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Debbie and the family in your prayers.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the snacks & treats! My roommates & I really enjoyed them! Thank you for your thoughts & prayers – Love, Abigail ☺

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the gift basket! I appreciate it!  
Love, Mykaela



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

*Night of The Last Supper*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



*"But the stone was rolled away..."*

*Birthdays continued...*

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Marirose Weaver

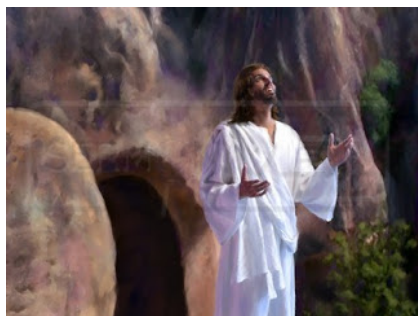
April 30<sup>th</sup>

John Graham

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mike & Linda Robinson

April 10<sup>th</sup>



*"He has gone to sit at the right hand of God"*

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Kathy Betzer

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jenny Lee

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Judy Watkins

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Mike Hamm

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Steve Thompson

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Abbie Molina

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Jenna Thompson

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Berenice Chastain

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Phyllis Mann

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Sherril Owen

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Margaret Cummings

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Jason Ekstrom

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tom Hall

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Megan Anderson

April 25<sup>th</sup>

AJ Killen

*In the military*

Greg Wilbur

Justin Miller

Niklas Polson

Joshua Wesner

Tara Wesner

Please keep in your prayers

Pat Brehse

Pastor Cliff Haider

Ben Lawrence

Nancy

Adeline Rhoten

Kay Tilton

Max Warren

Les Dorsey

Butch Hayes

Lacresa Lee

Charlotte Pugh

Wilma Rothfus

Dave Walker Family

Dee Wilbur

Tom Hall & Family

Joe Lang

Jerry Mayes

Pat Reynolds & Family

Bill Sloan

Ruby Warren

William

DEACONS

**Team 1:** Gerry Baker, Jim Watkins, Marilyn Hayes, Judy Watkins. **Team 2:** Marci Palar, Laura Rothfus, Rodger Rothfus, Heather Dayton. **Team 3:** Bob Stuyvesant, Mark Prall, Steve Thompson, Becky Rickabaugh. **Team 4:** Shirley Patterson, Louanna Pezzetti, Sherril Owens, Patsy Overton. **Team 5:** Cindy Berg, Craig Price, Diana Prall, Kayla Price. **Alternates:** Ethan Overton, Pat Reynolds (989-3846), or Mike Killen (480-6082).

April 5<sup>th</sup> : Team 2

April 12<sup>th</sup> : Team 3

April 19<sup>th</sup> : Team 4

April 26<sup>th</sup> : Team 5

ELDERS

April 5<sup>th</sup> :

Justin Chastain & TBA

April 12<sup>th</sup> :

Dan Crum & Kathy Betzer

April 19<sup>th</sup> :

Sharon Bittner & Gloria Graham

April 26<sup>th</sup> :

TBA & Justin Chastain

(1<sup>st</sup> person listed is Communion Elder)

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**PASTOR CLIFF TO  
DELIVER SERMON  
ONLINE FOR PALM  
SUNDAY & EASTER**

**This Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
is Palm Sunday.  
Pastor Cliff will deliver  
his sermon on-line. If  
you have a computer or  
a smart-phone, you can  
listen by going to  
Youtube Channel:  
CarlisleChristianChurch,  
assuming all goes**

**well, we will use this  
Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for  
Easter as well. IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO  
TAKE COMMUNION,  
PASTOR CLIFF WILL  
BLESS THE  
ELEMENTS AT THE  
END OF THE SERMON  
AND YOU CAN HAVE  
YOUR OWN BREAD &  
GRAPE JUICE READY  
AT HOME.**

**SEARCH FOR  
REGIONAL MINISTER  
FOR THE D.O.C.**

**As you may know, our  
long-time Regional  
Minister Bill Spangler-  
Dunning moved and  
we have Pastor John  
Richardson as our  
interim R.M. 10 letters**

**of interest were received,  
those interested are now  
preparing their candidate  
profiles. When they are  
completed they will be  
sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party  
screener to evaluate and  
rank them based upon  
what we are looking for. It  
is hoped that we will start  
interviews in May,  
although that is up in the  
air right now due to  
COVID-19. Thankfully the  
process is far enough  
along that in-person  
meetings are no longer  
required, so things can  
continue on track without  
too much delay. Your  
prayers are appreciated!**

***The Prayer Vigil will  
take place 4/9-4/10.  
Simply pray at home  
during your time slot.***

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