

April Link

A light at the end of the tunnel

Wow, April. The pandemic winter is over, at least the first one, and we're headed into spring. Last year at this time, we had high hopes of the coming warmer weather, hopes that it would squish the Coronavirus like the bug it is, and hopes that this thing we were all in would be over and done with. Last spring, we saw the light at the end of the tunnel, but sadly, that light was a train!

I see a light every day of my life, that light is Jesus. Even when it feels as if we're walking in the dark down a long, dreary tunnel, we can always lift our heads up and peer into the distance and see that light that is never a train, we can see the light of Jesus shining the way. Keep that little feather in your hat. Jesus is nearby always. Always shining His light in our lives and this coming Easter is no different. We will be celebrating Good Friday at 7PM with a quiet, worshipful Tenebrae, as we remember the suffering that Jesus endured on the cross, only to die for our sins.

Then up from the grave He arose!!!! We gather once again with worship, song, joy and excitement, as we celebrate His triumphant defeat of death, as we proclaim and celebrate Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Life, Jesus is Alive, Jesus is **ours** and we are **His**!!

Even though the pandemic rages on, worship services at PVUMC are still in person, as more and more people are showing up to spend time with Jesus on Sunday Mornings. (though we still need to maintain safe distances and wear our masks when we congregate). Services are still online and will continue to be for the foreseeable future in a hybrid format that (hopefully) keeps both online and in person connected. So come, join us on Sundays at 10AM, drive to the sanctuary, or log on to our Facebook or YouTube page from <http://pv-worship.com>

If you see a light at the end of the tunnel these days, fear not, it's not a train, it's Jesus, riding on his stallions with a quiver full of syringes filled with coronavirus vaccine! If you've not gotten your vaccine yet, I urge you to consider it sooner rather than later, sign up online, make a phone call, or even talk to a friend for help if you need, it's what we all need to do to stay safe, healthy and most importantly, able to pray and worship Jesus the Lord our God.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Blessings Always
Pastor Mike and Karen Antici

I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today

I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today - Unknown

I heard your voice in the wind today
and I turned to see your face;
The warmth of the wind caressed me
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today
as its warmth filled the sky;
I closed my eyes for your embrace
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane
as I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today
it made me feel complete;
You may have died...but you are not gone
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...
the wind blows...
the rain falls...
You will live on inside of me forever
for that is all my heart knows.

Scriptures for April

April 4: "It's time for a reboot!": Psalm 114, Mark 16:1-8*
 April 11: "Simple vs Easy": Luke 13:22-30
 April 18: "Love at first sight": 1 John 4:13-21
 April 25: "Oh Screwtape": James 1:2-18

April Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Mike at mike@antici.com.**


April 4 April 11 April 18 April 25	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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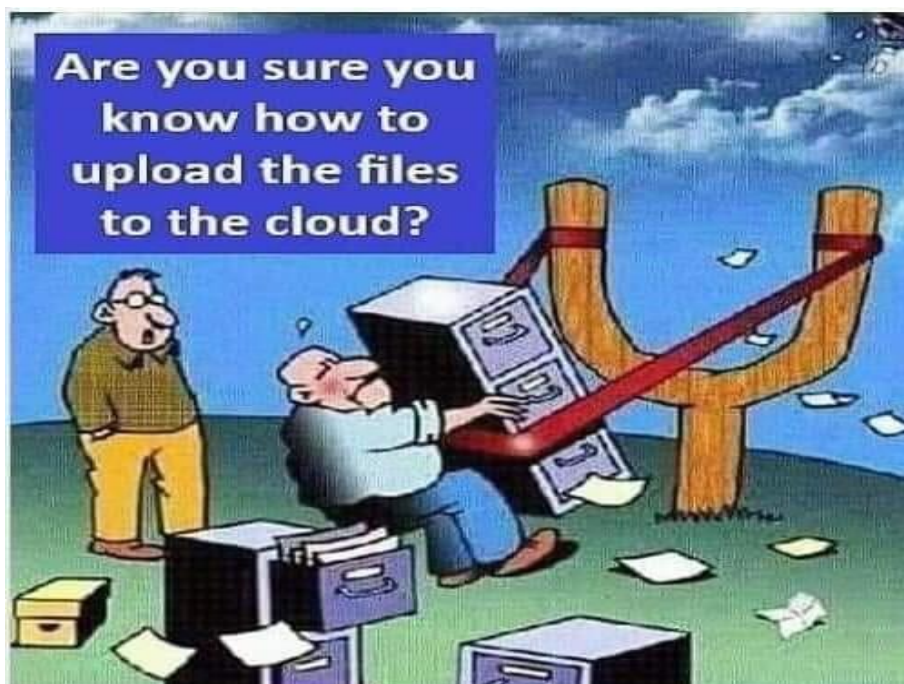
Happy Easter!

****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA 	2 Good Friday 	3
4 10:00AM EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service with Holy Communion 	5	6 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	7	8 6:45PM AA	9	10
11 10:00AM Worship Service	12 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	13 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	14	15 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	16	17
18 10:00AM Worship Service	19	20 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	21	22 6:45PM AA	23	24
25 10:00AM Worship Service	26 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	27 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	28	29 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank	30	

Church Humor:



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An angel was feeling rather blue with the uniform sameness of heaven and went to see St. Peter. "All I do," the angel said, "is play the harp endlessly, and I'm getting bored."

St. Peter asked, "What would you rather do?"

The angel answered, "I like to dance."

"We don't allow dancing here in heaven," St. Peter said, "but I can see you need a change so I will allow you to take advantage of a once-in-an-eternal-lifetime offer. I will allow you 24 hours leave to return to earth and dance."

"I'm gone," the angel said and in a trice the angel was in California and quickly found a dance hall run by Samuel Frank. Checking the harp and wings, the angel boogied and danced and had a great time until just seconds remained of the leave.

The angel grabbed up the wings and immediately was in heaven again. Returning to St. Peter, the angel said, "I'm back and I am so happy. I'll never feel bored again."

St. Peter said, "That's wonderful, but where is your musical instrument?" "Oh, no," the angel said, "I left my harp in Sam Frank's Disco."

Bubba's boss was getting tired of Bubba proclaiming that he "knew everybody" in the world.

"Okay, Bubba," his boss said one day, "Prove to me that you know everybody in the world. Do you know Tom Cruise?"

"Oh, me and Tom go way back," said Bubba.

So the boss bought airline tickets to Hollywood, and pretty soon Bubba was knocking at Tom Cruise's door, and was shortly admitted by the butler. Tom rushed to greet Bubba and invited him for lunch, and they had a good time discussing movies and things.

"Well, I'm impressed," said the boss when they left. "But I bet you don't know President Bush."

"Aw, sure I do," said Bubba, and with that they were off to Washington, and pretty soon, the White House guard was escorting the two men into the Oval Office.

"Hiya, Bubba!" said the President, warmly embracing him.

After a nice visit and a chat with the Cabinet secretaries, they left. The boss was suitably impressed, but not giving up.

"Okay, Bubba, I'm going to ask you if you know the ultimate celebrity -- the Pope."

"Why, for sure I do!" said Bubba, and pretty soon they were on an airplane to Vatican City.

They found themselves in St. Peter's Square in a crowd of thousands, and Bubba said, "Heck, I can't see nothin' from here," and so he went right up to the Swiss Guards and the doors opened to him.

The boss waited outside in the square. Pretty soon the door to the upstairs balcony opened, and out comes John Paul II and Bubba. They began to smile and wave at the crowd, with their arms around each other. Shortly thereafter Bubba decided to return to the Square. When he got there, an ambulance was loading his Boss into the back.

Bubba rushed up and said, "What happened, Boss?" The boss says, "I was doing fine until you came out on the balcony and the guy next to me says, 'Who is that guy on the balcony with Bubba?'"

April Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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