



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fremont, Ohio

Eagle's Wings

April 2021

Loving Worshipping Learning Serving,
In the name of Christ.

Resurrection happened. Resurrection is happening. Resurrection will happen.

Every Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some say it is the most important celebration in the Christian year. The apostle Paul tells us that without the resurrection our faith is in vain, one translation says our faith is useless without resurrection. This Easter I want to look at resurrection in three tenses; past present and future.

When we say resurrection happened, we are really saying something much more profound. The resurrection of Jesus affirms that God was not afraid to risk everything for relationship with humanity. So he gave up heavenly thrones and took on human form, dirty mangers, bedrails by friends, disease and all the other things that come with our world. And he did it because he loves the world. Then the world turned on Jesus, lied about him, mocked him, and killed him. It seemed this would be the end of the love experiment, but God's love proved bigger than death. The apostle Paul also says that, "nothing can separate us from the love of God." We know this because resurrection happened.

Resurrection is not just a past tense event; its echoes and waves continue to ripple over time and space. This means we experience resurrection throughout our lives. When reflecting on resurrection Nadia Bolz Weber says,

"New looks like recovering alcoholics. New looks like reconciliation between two family members – neither of which actually deserve

it. New looks like every time I

manage to admit I was wrong and every time I manage to not mention when I'm right. New looks like every fresh start and every act of forgiveness and every moment of letting go of what we thought we couldn't live without and then somehow living without it anyway. New is the thing you never saw coming ... never even hoped for, but ends up being what you needed all along and it happens to all of us. Because God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and pulling us out of the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions. And God keeps loving us back to life over and over." (Nadia Bolz Weber, *Pastrix; The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*)

As we walk this Easter season together I hope we become more and more aware of the present resurrections that are happening inside of us, and all around us. God's love continues to ripple through time and space becoming tangible every time we decide to invite the God of resurrection into new places of our lives.

Finally we live with the hope that resurrection will happen. Death is not just conquered for Jesus, but Jesus



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conquered death for all. In his first letter to the church in Corinth Paul says, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." If Jesus is the first fruits, then we know there is a harvest coming. Death could not separate Jesus from followers, and death cannot separate his followers from him. God's love in tenacious.

May you know that God loves you and would go to death and back to be with you. May you be changed day by day by God's tenacious love. And may you walk in the hope of the promise of resurrection. Happy Eastertide! Matt+

What's Happening

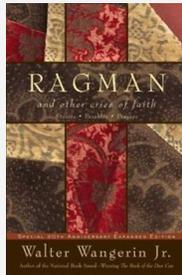
April 1 Maundy Thursday

7pm virtual service

April 2 Good Friday

12pm Stations of the Cross, virtual

7pm Good Friday Service, virtual.

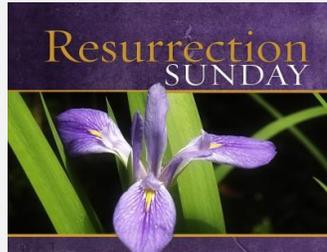


April 3 Holy Saturday

10am virtual service

April 4 Easter Sunday

10am Service of Holy Eucharist, virtual.



Wednesdays, April 7-28

6:15pm Women's Study

April 11

10am Service of Holy Eucharist, virtual.

April 18

10am Service of Holy Eucharist

11:30am Vestry Meeting via Zoom



April 20 Newsletter deadline

April 25

10am Service of Holy Eucharist, virtual.

5pm Community Meal



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meals

Let us know if you would like to host a future meal, make dessert, serve. Signup link is also available on Facebook and our website.

Donate to Community Meal

Ready to Volunteer?

Please contact the Bev Hart at 419-603-5005.

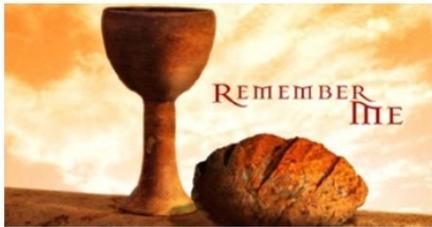
April Ministry Schedule

	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Celebrant	The Rev. Wahlgren	The Rev. Wahlgren	The Rev. Wahlgren	The Rev. Wahlgren
Acolyte & Lector	Randy Speer	Randy Speer	Randy Speer	Randy Speer
Intercessor & Musician	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer
Altar	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart



HOLY WEEK

Continues



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1

7:00pm virtual service



GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

noon, virtual stations of the Cross
7:00pm virtual Good Friday Service



HOLY SATURDAY

April 3

10:00am virtual service



EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!! ALLELUIA!

April 4

10:00am virtual service

Wartime memories

Local 100-year-old remembers time on a WWII hospital ship

Vicki Johnson vjohnson@advertiser-tribune.com Feb 12, 2021 5:30 PM



As a young Naval nurse in World War II, Alice Miller saw more than her share of suffering in the 1940s. But the 100-year-old rural Old Fort resident looks back fondly on some good times too.

Alice celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 20.

Although COVID prevented a full-out birthday party, she received lots of phone calls from family, friends and neighbors, and her dining room table was filled with flowers.

"There were six bouquets and lots of notes and lots of phone calls," she said. "And the choir from St. Paul's in Fremont came out and sang on the deck. Ten of them.

"The special guest priest in Fremont has three little girls," she said. "They came and sang happy birthday to me. They were cute as they could be."

Her friends and church in Tuscon, Arizona, also wished her well.

"Everyone's been very kind," she said.

For many years Alice and her sister, Betty, 98, lived in Ohio in the summer and Tuscon in the winter. But last spring they sold their condo in Tuscon and came back to Ohio to stay.

"I tell them jokingly that the cemetery is closer here," Alice said.

Tuscon is where she ended her nursing career as associate director of nursing at the University Hospital there.

"I helped to set up the university hospital in 1970," she said.

But Alice's early years as a nurse also are vivid in her memory.

"I was Navy," she said. "I was assigned for a year to a hospital ship."

After graduating as a nurse from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in June 1941, WWII broke out in December of that year. She was working as a nurse when she saw posters about the need for nurses, and she felt the call to answer.

On her 22nd birthday, January 20, 1943, she was on her way to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, to



become an ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps. She said 16 classmates — half of her nursing class — joined either the Army or Navy.

Alice said she was one of the first nurses who entered the Navy as an officer because it was the first time nurses were given rank.

"One of these classmates was my good friend Alene Deurk, who later became the first woman admiral in the Navy," Alice said in the written version of a speech she gave in 2012. Deurk was from Holgate, Ohio.

"She was my friend and I kept in touch with her until she died," she said.

In boot camp, Alice said she learned the "Navy Way" of hospital protocol along with military rules and regulations.

"We exercised, marched and learned to salute from a salty first mate who said, 'Don't look as though you are shading your eyes.'"

Nine months later, she was assigned to a Naval air base in Jacksonville, Florida, and worked in a sick bay near the airfield, about a mile from the main hospital.

"It was exciting to be near the airfield and take care of the pilots and sailors who worked on planes," she said in the speech. "We also had our meals with the airmen, so we got to know these daring young men. Lots of laughs. They would tell us how they had flown low and buzzed chickens that would scatter. I'm sure the farmer wasn't too happy."

She said the men often would visit the nurses with minor cuts and scrapes just to break up the routine.

She next worked in the surgical unit at a Naval hospital in Oakland, California.

"Overwhelming," she said. "The surgeons were repairing or reconstructing battle wounds."

In February 1945, Alice was assigned to the U.S. Navy hospital ship, the USS Solace.

But first, Alice and three other nurses were sent for training in a swimming pool.

"We learned life-saving skills," she said. "We jumped from the high diving board and learned to swim and get into a lifeboat without falling in the water or tipping the raft over."

When they were ready, the four women flew to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, (her first flight) and joined then on to a three-day flight in a C-54 cargo plane to meet the ship in the South Pacific, fueling

at small islands along the way.

The four nurses caught up with the USS Solace in Guam when it arrived with its first load of wounded from Okinawa.

"At last I saw this great white ship with a huge red cross on either side and learned it was lighted every night for identification and safety," she said. "I was in awe - my home for the next year."

As a floating emergency and trauma unit, Alice said the Solace had room for 416 patients. There were two surgeries and six units. She worked in the burn unit with room for 60 patients in upper and lower bunks with less less-wounded on top.

All 13 nurses aboard — one a chief nurse — shared six sleeping rooms and a general living area.

They, along with 20 doctors, 200 corpsmen and two chaplains, cared for the wounded, while the ship's crew took care of the sailing, cleaning, laundry and food preparation.

Alice said she remembers the wonderful people she worked with.

Many of the corpsmen were pre-med students, she said, and were "super guys."

Her first trip to Okinawa was April-June 1945.

"We were in the Battle of Okinawa, the largest, bloodiest battle of the war - 12,500 American killed and 37,000 wounded," she said. "These were some of our patients."

She said some troops described the battles they had been part of.

"We had these kids that were shot to hell and back," she said. "They were young and healthy so many were able to make it through it."

"One 18-year-old described this scene as he landed on the battlefield for the first time," Alice said. "Imagine trying to fight the enemy and stay alive while walking in mud up to your knees with Japanese hiding in caves and shooting at you - a catastrophic situation. And on the sea kamikaze planes diving into our ships causing explosions, fires and oil spills; sailors jumping onto the burning water, and of course, being burned; bombs flying everywhere."

While working in the burn unit, Alice saw many victims of kamikaze warfare.

She said the Solace would anchor near the battleground, take on patients, sail to base hospitals on Guam, unload patients and then sail back to the battle area.

"We all turned to working both day and night," she said. "Our goal was to save lives, prevent infection, ease the pain, comfort and wash them. It didn't take long to fill all the beds."

"We got the wounded off the battlefield and give them first aid, and sailed them back to Guam," she said. "That was about a five-day trip."

"When you see what happened to those boys," she said. "We did everything we had to do."

She said hospital ships were protected under the terms of the Geneva Convention, but they found out the Japanese were no longer honoring that understanding when a bomb was dropped near the Solace.

"I saw it with my own eyes," she said. "We took cover."

Later that night, she said a kamikaze dove into another hospital ship and killed medical personnel. After that, hospital ships remained with the military fleets and were escorted by destroyers.

"One night we were attacked. Scary to say the least," she said. "We doctors, nurses and corpsmen sat on deck in our units with our patients. Total darkness. Ports closed. Dead silence. And bombs flying around. No hits. Lucky again."



While the work was intense, Alice said there was time for fun too.

She related one memorable event when the nurses were invited to a party the Third Marine Division had for war correspondents. During the party, she and a friend met Ernie Pyle, "the GI's favorite war correspondent."

They asked for his autograph. He said he had to use "the head" and had been unable to break away, so they escorted him to the bathroom.

"By the way, he was a Hoosier and we were Buckeyes, so that made it special," she said. "We were only too willing and he signed our dollar bills. A delightful man. He was killed two weeks later on the battlefield."

After her Navy service ended in August 1947, Alice worked at the university hospital in Chicago until she went to Tuscon in 1970 to help set up the university hospital there. She worked in Tuscon until she retired in the early 1980s, and then continue to live in Tuscon and Ohio for 30-some years.

Happy 100th birthday, Alice!





- Hannah Wahlgren 4/4
- Shon Lawless 4/8
- Diana Goodhand 4/9
- Mark Hollingsworth 4/9
- Keith Kuzma 4/9
- Eliana Rutski 4/10
- Eleanor Gibbs 4/11
- Pat Myers 4/12
- Ashley Lawless 4/15
- Sebastian Koenig 4/16
- Garfield Haugh 4/17
- Melanie Wahlgren 4/17
- Justin Rife 4/18
- Shawn Dickerson 4/20
- Chyleen Scott 4/27



- ♥ Larry & Christine Polter 4/16
- ♥ Rob & Samantha Burgess 4/20
- ♥ Bill & Shelly Young 4/23



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You are invited to listen,
 meditate, contemplate and
 pray as we engage with God
 and each other.

lectio divina

wednesdays, april 7 - april 28
 6:15pm - 7:30pm

please wear a mask

questions?

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Ladies! Please join us for a new Bible study and discussion group. This 4-week session includes a time to connect with one another, space to devour God's word in a meaningful way, and discussion as we grow closer to God and each other.

We give thanks to God for the following people and we give thanks to them as well.

Thanks to Carolyn and Randy Speer for coordinating the March Community meals and those who helped *distribute the meals.*

Thank you to all involved in completing our **Parochial Report.**

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In the Diocese of Ohio

April 4, 2021

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.

St. Christopher's by the River Church, Gates Mills; The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector, The Rev. Lydia K. Bailey, Regional Deacon

St. Hubert's Church, Kirtland Hills; The Rev. Daniel H. Schoonmaker, Rector, The Rev. John H. Hayden, Priest Assistant

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; The Rev. Stephen N. Ashby, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Anne M. Pillot, Regional Deacon

St. Bartholomew's Church, Mayfield Village; The Rev. Stephen C. Secaur, Priest-in-Charge

April 11, 2021

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.

St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Mentor; The Rev. Lisa O'Rear, Rector

St. James' Church, Painesville; The Rev. Vanessa E. B. Clark, Rector

Grace Church, Willoughby; The Rev. Rose Anne W. Lonsway, Rector

April 18, 2021

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.

St. Paul's Church, Bellevue

St. Andrew's Church, Elyria; The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Rector, The Rev. Gregory D. Stark, Curate

St. Paul's Church, Fremont; The Rev. Matthew Wahlgren, Priest-in-Charge

Christ Church, Huron; The Rev. Michael S. Floyd, Rector

April 25, 2021

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the North Central Mission Area.

Church of the Redeemer, Lorain; The Rev. Alexander D. Barton, Priest-in-Charge

St. Paul's Church, Norwalk

Christ Church, Oberlin; The Rev. Sarah J. Shofstall, Interim Rector, The Rev. Gregory D. Stark, Curate

St. Thomas' Church, Port Clinton, the Rev. Dr. Beverly A. Collinsworth, Priest-in-Charge

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