

## A Word From The Pastor

One of my most favorite paintings is called “The Road to Emmaus” (*Gang nach Emmaus*) painted by Robert Zünd, in 1877 (see below). The painting depicts the events of Luke 24:13-16 as two disciples of Jesus walked the dusty road from Jerusalem to the small village of Emmaus and were joined on their trip by Jesus Himself, although the two disciples were kept from recognizing Him. One man has said that “the Emmaus story is one of Luke’s ‘most exquisite literary achievements’ ” to which I would say “Amen!”



It has always seemed to me that those hours of walking with Jesus must have been precious indeed! Can you image it? Walking and talking with the risen Christ on the day of His resurrection! Jesus Himself was explaining the Old Testament Scriptures concerning His own suffering, death, and resurrection. The very idea thrills my soul!

It was the day of His resurrection. These two men were emotionally, spiritually, and physically worn out by the events of the past three days. After a perplexing day in Jerusalem of hearing the news of the stone being rolled away, a vision of angels who said Jesus was alive, an empty tomb, and the body of Jesus missing, they had to be exhausted in every way imaginable. And yet, the idyllic setting of the painting seems to envision *peace* for this troubling situation.

And true peace could come to these men, for this story includes some of the most profound and dramatic spiritual realities deemed by humanity. First, there is the certainty of the resurrection of Jesus. These two met the resurrected Lord for themselves and there was no doubt in their minds as to this fact. Second, they fellowshiped with the resurrected Savior. Who among us does not desire to do the same? To share in a conversation with Him? Or to sit at the table and fellowship with Jesus? And then later after Jesus vanished from the table fellowship, they would say, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32) O! To feel our hearts aflame with love for the One who died for us, and yet, now stands in our very presence!

This story in Luke is “used to perceive Christian spiritual growth, this narrative is considered as a model for a Christian’s own journey to a deeper faith and as an instrument to help others do the same journey.” Allow me to invite you to walk and talk with the risen Christ this week as we prepare to celebrate His resurrection next Sunday. And may our hearts burn within us as we journey with Jesus!

In His Name,

Dr. James L. Fleming

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**OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

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**OUR SUNDAY SERVICES**

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesdays**

No Small Group  
until further notice

**Wednesdays**

No Evening Bible Study  
until further notice

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**Last Sunday - April 25**

Food Drive Collection for  
Interfaith Emergency Services

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00/4:00 p.m.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 4.

**VIDEO**

Pastor Fleming would like to compile a video featuring your testimonies of hope! If you would like to participate, contact Pastor Fleming for more info.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER KITS**

The children's Easter activity videos can be viewed at any time on our church Facebook page. They include fun challenges, crafts, and Bible stories. Supply kits are available in the narthex. Please sign the sheet & take one for each child or grandchild. Contact Vanessa Small for more info.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Women's Ministry is collecting gifts for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our suggested items for April are hygiene items such as individually wrapped toothbrushes, combs, brushes, bar soap, washcloths, or stick deodorant. NO liquids or pastes. Collection box is in the narthex.

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

The Women's Ministry will host a Community Yard Sale in our church's front parking lot on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The community is welcome to rent a table to sell crafts, baked goods, or other items. Fee to rent a table is \$10. All are invited to come and shop. Lunch will be available for purchase. For questions, please see Dee Thompson or email [community3140@yahoo.com](mailto:community3140@yahoo.com). If you are willing to help set up for the sale, please meet on Friday, April 9, at 11:00 a.m.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

We are in need of a volunteer to keep the message on the church sign updated. If interested, please see Pastor Fleming.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our adult Sunday School class has begun meeting weekly at 10:00 a.m. with safety precautions in place, including the wearing of masks and 6-foot socially distant seating.

**Happy Birthday!**

- 02 - Joshua Mitchell
- 10 - Jonathan Solvalu
- 12 - Barbara Bristol-Perez
- 14 - Olive Clemmings
- 17 - Ciara I. Torres
- 21 - Cheryl Small
- 27 - Nielah Parton

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 03 - John & Rose Gardner
- 30 - Vince & Debbie Small

*If you would like your birthday  
or anniversary added to this list,  
please contact the church office.*

**He is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!**