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March 30, 2023

Church Family,

Doris Ann Wilson Cooley died last Friday morning at the age of 69. Doris was part of WCN. She battled cancer for nearly ten years. She battled with grace, poise, and deep faith. Pastor Janice and I visited her many times to lift her spirits. Every time we visited her, she lifted us. Join us in praying for Eranne, Kim, Jason, Lindsey, Emma, and Jace.

Timothy Warren Cobb died on Monday, March 13th. I officiated his funeral service last Saturday at Loretta Lynn's ranch. Tim was her dressmaker and personal assistant. In addition to designing and handmaking her 800+ iconic gowns, Tim was her makeup and hairstylist, personal cook, travel companion, confidante, and best friend. The Lynn family gave beautiful tribute to a life well lived.

Pastor Mary traveled to Michigan last weekend to officiate the funeral service for her brother-in-law, Paul Roland Burza. Paul died at age 46 in December after a nearly two year battle with an aggressive form of metastatic lung cancer. He leaves his wife, Deborah (Pastor Mary's sister) and three children, ages 20, 14, and 9. Thank you for your prayers and support for the Burza family.

2 newer families to WCN: Bill and Tricia Pickett and their daughters, Addison and Paisley. And Greg and Christine Collier, their son (Little) Greg Collier, and his wife Katie. The Colliers belong to Dell Hooper. As reported in my last letter, Addison Pickett just had a healthy baby, Knox. Knox's great-grandmother began crocheting a newborn cap for him when she unexpectedly died. The cap was unfinished. The baby was coming. Tricia got the cap to the church office. We reached out to Dell, who gave it to Katie. Katie completed the cap for Knox. It was a blessing to connect two newer WCN families in this special way.

WCN hosted an LTR (Long Term Recovery) Connect on March 15. A mission team from the D1 Church of the Nazarene in Decatur, Illinois spent the week doing flood recovery work in Waverly. That Wednesday night, we took time to hear about their work and their stories. We thanked them and prayed for them. Then we connected with them around firepits outside with desserts and coffee.

Saint Patrick's school performed *The Lion King* over the weekend. Jackie Tate was the stage manager. WCN young people who were involved include Benton McClanahan, Braden McClanahan, and Harlee Langford. They were outstanding!

This Saturday, our teenagers will host a car wash and bake sale at Advanced Auto on West Main St. at 9am, weather permitting. Car washes and bake sale items are donations only. No specified amount. Come support our teens as they finish their fundraising for NYC.

The current round of Wednesday night *Immerse Groups* wrapped up this week. Thanks to Pastor Kelsey, Pastor Mary, J.T. Blue, And Pastor Janice for leading groups. The new round will begin April 19. Stay tuned.

Holy Week is the week prior to Easter. Holy Week begins this Sunday with Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We will not have groups on Wednesday, April 5. Instead, we will have a Good Friday Tenebrae service at 6:30pm on April 7. In the service, the sanctuary will become increasingly dark as we commemorate the crucifixion.

Easter Sunday is April 9. Here is what you need to know:

- We need 40 people to set up on Saturday, April 8 at 1pm.
- 4 services on Easter Sunday.
- 6:30am Sunrise service at 693 Airport Rd. Bring chairs and possibly blankets. Pastor Mary will preach.
- 8am, 9:20, & 11am services on WCN's Main St. campus.
- Nursery care available for all services on Main St.
- *Discovery Kids* (age 3-6th grade) for the 9:20 and 11am services.
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 sharp on Easter Sunday. Rain or shine. Areas for children will be marked. Parents, if you attend the 9:20 service, keep your kids' easter baskets with you. 9:20 service children will be ushered outside. Parents may meet them in designated areas. Nursery age children need to be picked up from the nursery. If you attend the 11am service, you may bring your children directly to the egg hunt before attending the service.
- Thank you for donating candy and plastic eggs. We have all we need. If you already have some, bring them, but no need to purchase more.
- Please park away from our main building if you are able. Leave the nearest spots for those who need them the most. That goes for every Sunday. Not just Easter.
- The parking lot at the old elementary school will be opened for us to park on Easter Sunday. It is not available to us on occasions other than Easter. We get special permission just for Easter.
- We will receive the *Easter Offering for World Evangelism*. All giving designated as such will resource missions work around the globe.
- Seven new Resurrection Stories will be shared during the season, beginning Easter Sunday!
- We need 20 people for Easter cleanup on Monday, April 10 at 1pm.
- Invest. Invite. Pray.

Thank you for your response to the last newsletter about closing the gap. We have received \$124,300 to close the gap in addition to regular healthy giving. Thanks be to God. Let's keep this up!

It is one of my deepest pleasures to usher you through Holy Week. I look forward to sharing the days ahead with you. Let's make the most of them.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Apr 1: Teens' Car Wash & Bake Sale at Advanced Auto, 9am
- Apr 5: No groups; NYI annual meeting at 6:30pm
- Apr 7: Good Friday, Tenebrae service, 6:30
- Apr 8: Easter setup, 1pm
- Apr 9: Easter Sunday
- Apr 10: Easter breakdown, 1pm
- Apr 12: Missions Service for *Room in the Inn*, all ages, 6:30
- Apr 13-15: Teens: TNT at TNU
- Apr 23: Vision Sunday

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Worship:

8:45 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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