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March 20, 2024

Church Family,

Mackenzie Grace Holmes was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, March 17th. Mackenzie was brought forward by her parents: Jacob and Heather Holmes and was surrounded by gobs of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and loved ones. Mackenzie is the first child for Jacob and Heather. We made vows to nurture Mackenzie to know and follow Jesus. She is counting on us to point her toward him.

In the last letter, I mentioned the passing of De Vinkler. The Rolling Stones Engage Group purchased a Yoshino Cherry Tree in memory of De. Carl Brazzle, Jana Brazzle, Karl Reynen, and Logan Reynen secured and planted the tree on the right side of the main entrance of WCN's campus. De's service will be this Saturday at 1pm in WCN's Center. A meal will follow the service. Please bring food. The family wishes that everyone in attendance stay for the meal so bring plenty and plan to stay afterward.

We just finished a sermon series about WCN's discipleship process. 3 sermons. *Belong. Believe. Become.* February 25, March 3, and 10. If you missed any or all of these messages, visit us on *YouTube* or *Facebook*. These three messages are central to who we are.

In 2021, several weeks after the flood, we set aside a Sunday night called *Time to Talk*. We felt the need to process what we were going through. We shared frustrations, joys, challenges, grief, etc. It was a good opportunity to give voice to what was inside us. This Sunday marks eight weeks in our new building. We will press pause on the *Season of Emerging Preachers* and offer another *Time to Talk*. The move to a new home has been a massive change. It will be worthwhile to make time for honest conversations. Come this Sunday night at 6pm to share your joys and frustrations. Talk about how this experience has affected you. Hear from others who are navigating the same terrain. I believe this *Time to Talk* will be another good opportunity to give voice to what is inside us. The *SOEP* will resume after Easter.

Thanks for bringing candy, eggs, and tissue boxes for Waverly schools. We reached our goals for candy and eggs. If you have some, bring them. But there is no need to purchase more. Tissue boxes, on the other hand, are constantly in need. You may keep purchasing and bringing them to WCN for us to bless the schools.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We will mark Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, which sets the stage for his crucifixion. We will talk about what it means to receive Jesus as King, and what kind of King Jesus is. The rest of Holy Week is planned as follows:

Wednesday, March 27

- No groups. Instead, we will set up for Holy Week at 4pm. Come and help.

Friday, March 29

- Good Friday. Our Tenebrae service is at 6:30. We will commemorate the crucifixion, tracing the seven last words or statements from Jesus on the cross. The light in The Center will diminish throughout the service until we come to darkness. We will sense the heaviness of Jesus' death. There is nothing like this special service. It will make your Easter more meaningful.

Saturday, March 30

- We need a crew at 1pm to break down Tenebrae and set up for Easter.

Sunday, March 31:

- Sunrise service on WCN's grounds. 6:45am. Pastor Mary will preach. If weather disrupts, the service will move to The Center.
- 8:30 and 11:00 services in The Center as usual.
- Parking will be available in WCN's lot, Tennsco's front parking lot and parallel parking along Factory Court, on the far side of Tennsco. If you park in WCN's lot, please park efficiently. Because a large portion of our lot is not paved or striped, we need to be deliberate about maximizing space. Golf cart shuttles will run for those who park far from the entrance.
- No Engage Groups on Easter Sunday.
- The egg hunt (birth through 6th grade) is set for 10:15 sharp. Because we have fresh sod, Tennsco has graciously agreed for us to hunt eggs on their lawn. There will be signage and traffic control.
- Many people are serving during one service or another. We ask you to attend a service in which you are not serving. We don't want you missing Easter worship.
- Easter Sunday will kick off a new round of Resurrection Stories. Hear the stories of new life in people we know and love.
- The Easter Offering for World Evangelism. Envelopes will be made available. If you choose to give to this special offering, your gift will resouce God's work around the globe.
- Pray for the events of Holy Week, and especially Easter Sunday. Pray for people to come and be receptive. Pray for us to be faithful in sharing the message of Resurrection Life.
- Invite friends and family members. They are more receptive at Easter. Postcard invitations are at the Connection Station. Digital invitations are circulating on social media. Nothing works better than a personal contact.

Monday, April 1

- We need a crew to help with cleanup (inside and outside) at 1pm.

There are few greater pastoral privileges than walking people through the Christian Calendar. And Holy Week is the high point of the Calendar. As we move through next week, I invite you to lean in. Even in the seemingly mundane tasks of setting up and tearing down, God is at work. As we give ourselves to the story of Holy Week, may our lives be shaped in the ways of our Holy God. See you Sunday.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Mar 21: SAGE (senior adults) lunch, 11am
- Mar 24: *Time to Talk*, 6pm
- Mar 27: No groups, 4pm Tenebrae setup
- Mar 29: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 6:30
- Mar 30: Easter setup, 1pm
- Mar 31: Easter Sunday (6:45, 8:30, 11:00)
- Apr 8-9: SAGE (senior adults) Retreat. See Terry or Rhonda Moore
- Apr 20: Discovery Kids / Parents to Nashville Zoo
- Apr 21: Vision Sunday
- Apr 25-26: District Assembly

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a prayer need
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Worship:

8:30 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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