



*"Wow! I'm seeing everything new here!"*

- Paul (2 Cor. 5:17a, Danforth translation, with a splash of New Yorker)



With a very personal moment in his letter to the Jesus followers in Corinth, the Apostle Paul tries to express what a game changer it is to have Christ Jesus in his life.

Everything is new. He can never go back to the old ways of perceiving: people, circumstances, himself, and even God. He is living in a constant state of awe and wonder and gratitude.

Easter is all about experiencing life in a new and liberating way. The metaphors of eggs & chicks, caterpillars & butterflies only begin to give us a taste of what it means to experience the resurrection power of Christ. It's an invitation to step into a brand new adventure, one curated and guided by Love Himself.

And it's for *everyone!* Jesus moves aside all the rigorous, religious metrics we humans often require for the spiritual journey. He simply says, "Follow me.", regardless of race, gender, orientation, psychological state, economic or cultural background. "Take my hand," He beckons. So simple, even a child can do it. Right?

Happy Easter!

*Scott* ♥ ✝

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **SOUP SUPPER!** @ 6 pm, Friday, **March 8**, 6 pm at Greg & Nancy Yarmoluk house (39864 S. Cream City Point, Cell - 906-430-8254). Bring a soup to share. Spread the word!
- **EASTER (March 31)!** Sign up for a lily in memory of a loved one (\$10 donation) in the foyer or by email or phone.
  - **EASTER BREAKFAST @ 9:30.** Everyone welcome! (FYI: No potluck after service on April 7)
  - **EASTER WORSHIP @ 10:30**, in the company of friends!
- ♥ We are thankful for Chris Muter and helpers for reaching out to Jesus' little ones for a fun & creative **Children's Sunday School** experience!
- Hand made placemats are 2 for \$5, supporting the Romanian mission trip!

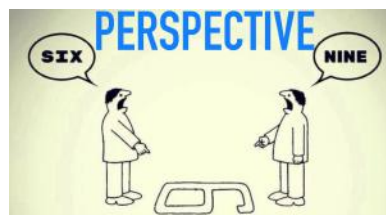


Anyone interested in going to **Romania** in October this year should **let me know by April** so we can get tickets . The price has gone down and we need to get them

purchased before they increase. I am still doing the can drive. Drop off points: Northwood Restaurant, Lighthouse Church or Chuck's. Thank you for your donations for the project - Shirley Hollister 517-425-2836 or [ahappyheart46@yahoo.com](mailto:ahappyheart46@yahoo.com)

Our 2024 **1st Quarter Missions Focus** supports [Healing Art Medical Missions](#) to Haiti and [Higher Ground](#) mission to at-risk women in Nepal. Check 'em out!! Collection will be Sundays, **Mar. 31 and Apr. 7**

***He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ. . . .***  
— **Ephesians 1:9**



Have you ever tried tobogganing and been disappointed when it didn't go smoothly? Maybe your sled didn't go far or the hill wasn't

as steep as you thought it would be. Maybe you felt like giving up. But then maybe you got a new perspective and realized there might be other options. So you changed the sled, or lightened the load, or tried a different part of the hill. And soon you were gliding swiftly downhill with snow flying in your face. What fun!

Looking at our Scripture for today, we might think it sounds heavy and plodding, or complicated, or even all-too-familiar, and we might be tempted to give up on it. But what if we just need a new perspective and realize we should try it again? Jesus wants us to know how much he cares for us, and he wants to offer us something that is far more than we can imagine.

When we begin to understand how much he loves us

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and wants us in relationship with him, our perspective changes. We realize that life with him is not just a Sunday or church experience but an everyday adventure that takes us to new places in our faith. We begin to trust differently, to listen and discern differently, and ultimately to experience a new way to live each day. We begin to experience the fullness of God in our journey of faith.

*Dear God, help us to change our perspective on how we view you, and help us to realize how much you love us. Fill us with your joy today, and may we be strengthened in how we live out our faith story. Amen.*

- Beth Fellingner

(From: <https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/perspective#:~:text=We%20begin%20to%20trust%20differently,how%20much%20you%20love%20us>)

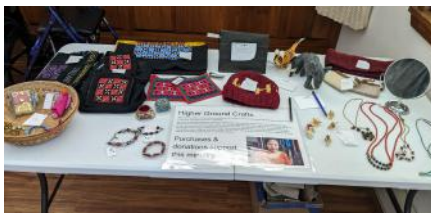
### March Birthdays

- 7. Chris Muter
- 10. Connie Buxton
- 27. John Grefer

### March Anniversaries

- 4. Chuck & Colleen Barko

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)



We have handmade crafts by Nepalese women on sale in our foyer. And below are the beautiful

placemats from Sandy Pumphrey. Check 'em out!



### Pearls Of Wisdom

### "Who I Am In Christ"

*I am chosen.*

See: 1 Thessalonians 1:4

- Ruth Wise

*A poem by Jasmine Flowers (to Lynn Flannigan, when she was feeling low):*

I am  
I will  
I have  
I allow myself to be  
healthy,  
wealthy,  
wise,  
while helping others to do the same.

*(Scott's reflection: Sometimes the most difficult thing is allowing God to bless us with the outrageous generosity that pours extravagantly and unceasingly from the riches of God's Love)*

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MAR. 26th (Email, if possible.)**



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