

MINDFUL MONDAY APRIL 1ST

He is Risen!

We celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus and so now after the Lenten season and the buildup and anticipation of this special day we are left to wonder, now what? As we read the Easter story from Mark we are left with an open-ended version of the story.

“⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” Mark 16:8

Jesus had foretold his future, yet his followers still did not completely understand. Even with obvious clues of his return, they are left afraid and not sure what to do. Jesus defied expectations. He did the unexpected. Because he lived differently and did not conform, the crowds turned on him and reached the predetermined conclusion of his death and resurrection.

So now what? The story of the impossible was just the beginning. The story of resurrection is true, just as he said and proves that life is not over. We cannot keep silent. We cannot be afraid. Out of death, comes life and we are to live it to the fullest. We can share God's news with others. The story from Mark may have been left open-ended so that we could understand that there is so much left to do. May we go love others, may we pray without ceasing, may we rejoice in all that is provided. May we live a life that honors God. Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

We pray and give thanks for our Easter services as we celebrated with members and guests and had fellowship over breakfast together.

We pray for new life as Steve and Tammi's daughter, Shelby welcomes a new baby.

We give prayers of thanks today. We are thankful for Kay Barnes for coming to clean up the front of the church making sure it was beautiful for Easter. We are thankful for the successful Coins for Lucy Campaign that raised over \$625 for the Walker family. We also give thanks for a wonderful year of WOW and all the children we were able to welcome into our church. We are thankful for the adults that help make WOW successful and meaningful for the youth that attend.

We pray for the members on our prayer list Candy, Jerry & Bea, Craig, Floyd & Dona, Lorraine, Judy, Joanne, and Virginia.

We pray for the congregations, pastors, and ministries of our Region on this week's prayer calendar.

Wakonda Christian Church, Des Moines, IA, Robyn Bles, Bruce Gowen, Kristen Alstott

First Christian Church, Packwood, IA, Gabe Claussen

Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, IA, Craig Robertson

Amanda Sorenson

Tammy Rottschaefter

Corrine Welsch

Christian Church in Ohio