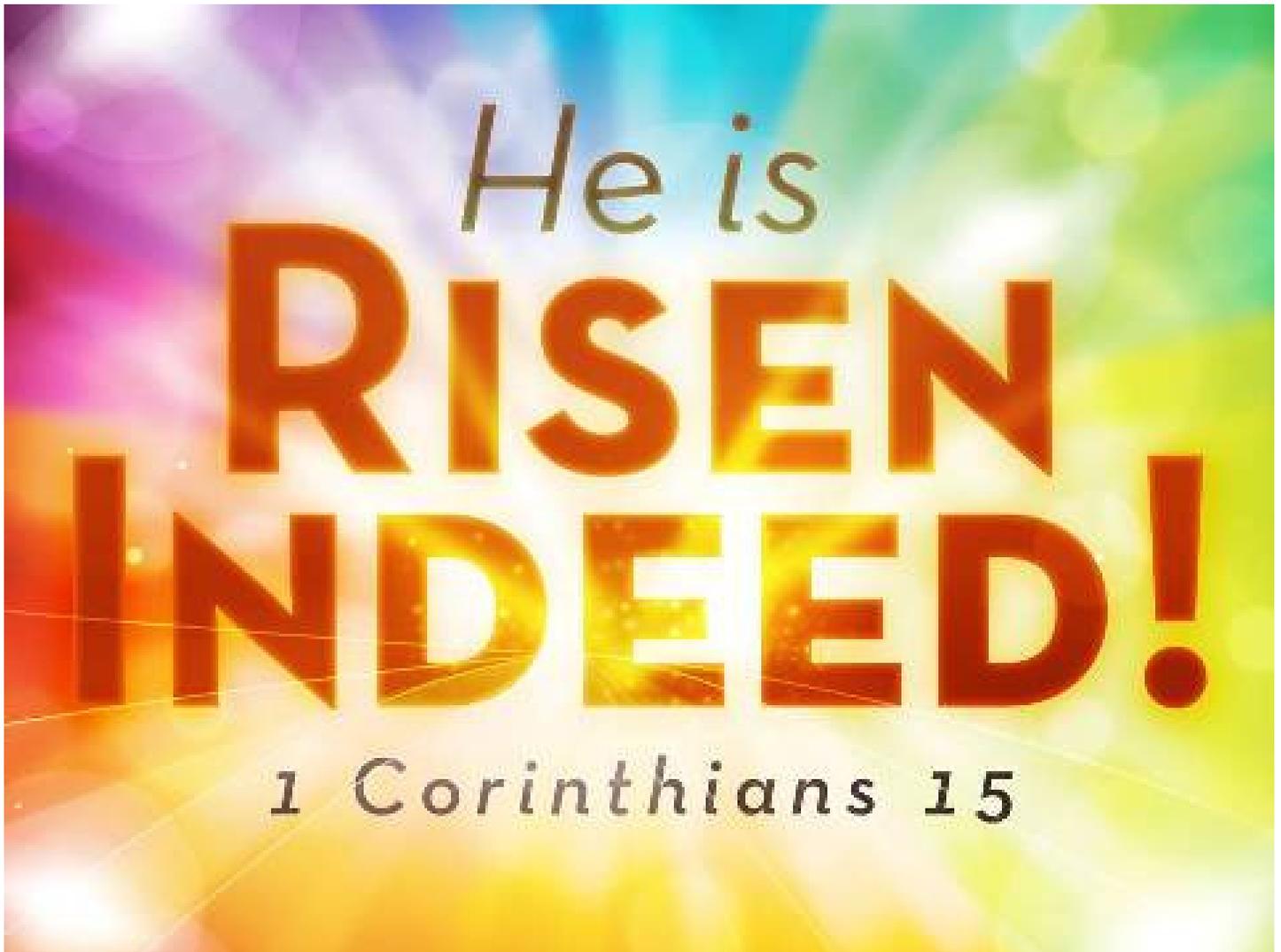


# The Beacon

DUNDEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April*



## Bulletin Board



### BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday, March 7 is the next community breakfast, sponsored by the Dundee Area Senior Center, from 7 to 9 a.m. Want a great breakfast at an “extremely reasonable” price, like \$4? Head on over to the Senior Center and enjoy and great breakfast and fellowship with others in the community.

### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Jill Bradley has graciously volunteered to assume the position of Beacon Editor. Please contact her with any information you wish to have included in the monthly newsletter.

Thank You  
Mary Sandefur

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- 04/01 Happy Easter!
- 04/08
- 04/15 The Adams
- 04/22
- 04/29 Sandefur/Kruse



### Coffee Hour – Please help!

Looking for hosts/hostesses host a coffee hour. We are seeking persons to serve as coffee hour hosts. There is a sign-up sheet on the “Opportunities” board in the hallway. Please sign up and share your smile in this ministry.

Learn about Amish culture, Christian fiction and faith with New York Times and USA Today best selling author,

## Shelley Shepard Gray

Currently, she pens inspirational Amish romances for Avon Inspire and historical romances for Harper Collins Christian Publishing. In addition to her writing as Shelley Shepard Gray, she has written a dozen novels for Harlequin Romance under the pseudonym Shelley Galloway. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

This special author event is sponsored by the Friends of Tecumseh District Library

**Tuesday  
April 17  
7-8pm**  
Tecumseh United  
Methodist Church  
605 Bishop Reed Dr  
Tecumseh

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Christian Bellaire	April 4	Evie Brandys	April 11	Betty Labert	April 21
Darrell Powell	April 5	Deanna Parkinson	April 13	Peg Addy	April 22
Trace Secor	April 5	Timothy Proctor	April 13	Diana Brown	April 22
Sandy Forrest	April 6	Sierra Churchill	April 16	Matthew Ringbloom	April 24
Mary Sandefur	April 6	Steven Forrest	April 16	Mason Ringbloom	April 24
Mary Anne Powell	April 7	Jessica Massingill	April 19	Theresa Goodridge	April 26
Sandra Sargent	April 7	William Plumb	April 19	Mary Harwick	April 28
Allen Haller	April 8	Robert Steffen	April 19	Claire Jennings	April 28
Diane Steinman	April 8	Marjorie Dennison	April 20	Jacob Williams	April 28
Cindy Tessmer	April 8	JoAnn Wilfong	April 20	Corey Plumb	April 29
Bryan Crist	April 9			Denise Ziesmer	April 29
Andrew Spoering	April 9			Cindy White	April 30

# Church Safety Training

God made this a perfect world, but we know that ever since Eden, this is not the way things have been. All we have to do is turn the evening news on to see how broken our world has become. Innocent people being shot by someone they may, or may not, know because the shooter is angry at someone else, bullied, has a mental illness or a multitude of other reasons.

Due to the recent shootings in schools, churches, malls, etc., the First United Methodist Church at 312 Harrison Street in Monroe will be hosting a Church Safety Training on Monday, April 23, from 6 to 8 pm. Training will be conducted by Michigan State Trooper Tressa Duffin. She is the Community Service Trooper for the Monroe area. Subjects covered will be how to make your church secure and actions to take if there were to be an active shooter. After the presentation, there will be a “brainstorming” time for everyone’s input to assist each church in putting together a Security Manual if you don’t already have one.

If you’d like to attend this training, please call Joan Wittkop at 734-219-2233 by Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

	<p align="center"><b>Riverside Retreat Happenings!*</b></p> <p align="center">850 E Lloyd Rd, Dundee MI 48131 April, 2018 Mike and Susie Clemmer 850 Lloyd Road, Dundee MI 48131 For information or to schedule an event call: (734) 529-3213</p>	
<p><b>Easter Sunday, 3:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>Easter dinner will be at 3:00 p.m. this year hosted by Rene and Lora Crombez. We are happy to provide a place for anyone to share a meal on the holidays.</p>	
<p><b>Mondays, weekly: 10:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Creative Mondays.</b> Join us as we play with paints or bring your own project to work on, or a book to read in the peaceful river room. This is a fun time of fellowship. There is a selection of creative supplies available for your use at Riverside.</p>	
<p><b>Quilts for Kids April 21st 10:00 – 2:00</b></p>	<p><b>Quilts for Kids</b> meets the third Sat of the month. Come and learn with this group of women in ministry creating quilts for Mott Children’s Hospital. If you have any questions about joining the group, please contact Joan Wittkop at <a href="tel:734-219-2233">734-219-2233</a> or email her at <a href="mailto:joanxquilt@gmail.com">joanxquilt@gmail.com</a>. Beginners are welcome.</p>	
<p><b>Dundee UMC Retreat April 27 – 28</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation Retreat.</b> The students in the confirmation class will be attending a retreat at Riverside. Please pray for our confirmands as they continue their studies prior to being welcomed into the church on May 6th.</p>	
<p><b>Fridays evenings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fri 5:30/6:30</b></p>	<p><b>Study Group:</b> Studying with Pastor Andy Stanley via DVD. Discussion follows the video. We share food and fellowship at 5:30 and the study at 6:30.</p>	
<p><b>Book Club</b></p>	<p><b>Passport 2 Purpose</b> book club. Let us know if you would like to join this book club. See overview of book at <a href="http://passport-2-purpose.org">http://passport-2-purpose.org</a>. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Jeannine (<a href="mailto:ilasovage@icloud.com">ilasovage@icloud.com</a>) or Susie (<a href="mailto:sclemmer@umich.edu">sclemmer@umich.edu</a>). Books are available at Riverside or on line.</p>	
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the mon. 10:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Spirituality and Simplicity.</b> Conversation facilitated by Mike Clemmer. This study is open to all.</p>	
<p><b>Elephant Eaters Email group</b></p>	<p><b>Elephant Eaters</b> (support group) Everyone in these modern stressful times needs three things to face “the elephants” in our lives: “exhortation, edification, and comfort.” This group is now meeting via email. All are welcome. For more information, questions, or to be part of this group contact Lora at <a href="mailto:lora.crombez@gmail.com">lora.crombez@gmail.com</a>.</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Riverside...a safe, comfortable place for spiritual, emotional, and intellectual healing and growth; a place for nurturing creativity, change (metanoia) and oneness with God. “...with God, all things are possible.” Matt. 19:26</i></p> <p align="center">*Unless otherwise indicated, there is no charge for any of the activities at Riverside</p>		

# Pastor's Notes

Dear Members and Friends;

April 2018

The stone is rolled away. The dawn has come. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Jesus is risen. He is alive. Hallelujah! Easter has come! This is what we celebrate on the first day of April this year.

Harry E. Fosdick spoke of eternal life in a rather hypothetical story. He told of a conversation that took place between twins who were in the womb of their mother. One twin turns to the other and says, "How long have we been here?" The other replies, "I believe it's been eight and a half months."

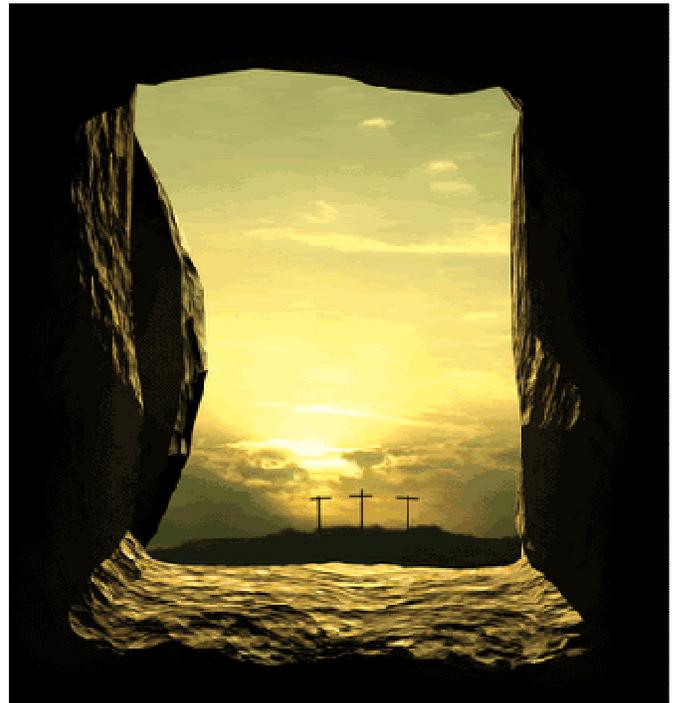
The first twin replies that he is concerned that they won't be there much longer. How great it has been to have all of their needs taken care of, being warm, well fed and without a worry. He then states that he's afraid that when they leave the womb it will be all over. The second twin speaks up and says, "Whether there is life beyond the womb I do not know and I can't prove it, but I believe--because I have faith--that there is more to come. Where we are going and the life we will know then will be far better than anything we've experienced to date."

How true this is for us. What eternal life will be like... I do not know; but we have faith that there is more to come, and it will be better than what we've experienced here on earth. This is why Easter is a glorious day. I offer you that message and that hope praying that you will accept it as the basis of your faith in Jesus Christ, who conquered death on the first Easter morning!

**HAPPY EASTER & BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD!**

All of you in my prayers,

Pastor Andy



## **KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED**

Are you a subscriber to the weekly "Pastor's Page Update" which is sent out each Monday? If not and you would like to receive this weekly update on church activities and announcements directly to your email in-box, please contact Ron Breitner to be added to the list.

