

April 2021

# Pleasant Manor Post

Heritage Place Newsletter

## Celebrating April

**Habitat Awareness Month**

**Jazz Appreciation Month**

**Card and Letter Writing  
Month**

**April Fools' Day**  
*April 1*

**Easter**  
*April 4*

**Draw a Bird Day**  
*April 8*

**Ramadan Begins**  
*April 12*

**Scrabble Day**  
*April 13*

**World Amateur Radio Day**  
*April 18*

**Earth Day**  
*April 22*

**Kiss of Hope Day**  
*April 24*

**International Dance Day**  
*April 29*

## April Birthdays

- George Wichert- April 9, 1927
- George Reimer- April 13, 1945

## We Welcome

- George Wichert
- Annie Findlay
- Betty Friesen

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Tim Siemens  
CEO

## A New Heart- Preachers Ponderings

Years ago, when I needed to drive to work, my car wouldn't start. No amount of effort on my part could bring the car back to life. The reason was clear, the battery was dead. I needed a new battery! Without a new battery, that car, or any car, will not run!

The Bible tells us that the same condition is true for each one of us. Our hearts are the driving force of our lives. They represent our inner self. And the heart and soul of every human being has been deadened by our sinful rebellion against God. (Jeremiah 17:9) Because all of us have sinned, we will always fall short of God's righteous requirements for our lives and His glory (Romans 3:10). And the result is a spiritually dead heart and soul! (Ezekiel 18:20)

The diagnosis is clear, our hearts are 'dead in trespasses and sins'. And no amount of effort on our part can 'jump start' our spiritual and eternal lives! We need a new heart! And only Jesus Christ can 'restart' our dead hearts! (Eph. 2:1,8,9)

And that is the Good News of the Easter Story. It tells us that Jesus came into this world to pay the price to bring a new heart and life to those who repent of their sin and believe in Him as Savior and Lord. (2 Cor. 5:17) His death on Calvary's Cross paid the price, and His resurrection from the dead proved that He had the power to bring a new and eternal life to all who respond to His love and grace by repenting of their sin and believing in Him alone for their salvation. (Acts 16:31)

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life, and "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live". (John 5:24; 11:25)

Only Jesus Christ can bring new life to a dead heart and life. He said, 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10: 14:6).

Ask Jesus to give you a new heart and life this Easter Season! And if He already has, celebrate this Easter Season with renewed thankfulness and joy for His great sacrificial love for you! Happy Easter! ~Pastor Jim

## Every Day Is Earth Day



Earth Day was celebrated for the first time, in the United States, on April 22, 1970. Today, more than a billion people in 193 countries now participate in Earth Day

activities each year. Over the years, Earth Day has become the world's largest environmental movement that raises awareness of air and water pollution. Millions of people, regardless of political affiliation, race, or creed, banded together to support protecting the environment. By the end of 1970, President Nixon had created the Environmental Protection Agency, and shortly thereafter Congress passed the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. It's been over 50 years since that first Earth Day, and environmental action has never seemed more urgent. While it is up to major corporations to reduce their carbon footprints, individuals can still do their part by eating more plant-based foods, buying less, composting, and supporting local businesses.

## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



A few tenants provided an Irish Sign along over Zoom!



## Montessori Activities

We are proud to be a Montessori home. Montessori uses activities as tools that create meaning and purpose, and positively contributes to the quality of life for persons living here in Heritage Place.



## April Celebrity Birthdays

Marvin Gaye (singer) – April 2, 1939

Eddie Murphy (comedian) – April 3, 1961

Sterling K. Brown (actor) – April 5, 1976

Jackie Chan (actor) – April 7, 1954

Al Green (singer) – April 13, 1946

Charlotte Brontë (writer) – April 21, 1816

Barbra Streisand (entertainer) – April 24,

1942  
Ella Fitzgerald (singer) – April 25, 1917

Willie Nelson (musician) – April 29, 1933

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## Happy Easter!

Easter reminds us of God's never-ending love for us. Let us all together praise and worship God for his endless blessings. Have a blessed Easter.

### Making and Eating Traditional Paska



## Paska

Paska is an Easter bread tradition and particularly spread in countries with predominant Eastern Orthodox religious or cultural connections to the ancient Byzantine Empire. Paska is made with milk, butter, eggs, flour, and sugar. Some recipes also call for lemon and orange in the mixture. Some people like icing on top of their bread with colored sprinkles!



### Getting Ready for Easter!



**ZOOM  
Activities**

**If you  
would like  
to be added  
to the  
zoom list  
for  
activities  
such as  
devotional  
services  
and  
exercise  
email:  
  
chelseab@  
radiantcare  
.net**

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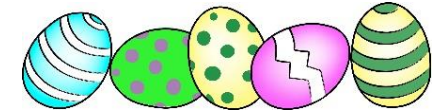
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## Happy April Birthday to....

Charlotte Klassen- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Irene Penner- 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bernice Ciupa- 7<sup>th</sup>  
Walter Isaac- 8<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Van Capelle- 10<sup>th</sup>  
Katherine Reimland- 14<sup>th</sup>  
John Willms- 15<sup>th</sup>  
Helen Neufeld- 16<sup>th</sup>  
Maggie Ryan- 19<sup>th</sup>

Adina Braul- 20<sup>th</sup>  
Katarina Gottler 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Anneliese Pankratz- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Elmer Neufeld- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Katharina Klassen- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Alfred Warkentin- 24<sup>th</sup>  
Cornie Neufeld- 26<sup>th</sup>

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