

TOLONO PRES NEWS

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PTYG RENT A TEEN!

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CALENDAR 3

The Philo Tolono Youth Group is ready to help you out! They are looking to raise money for their mission trip this summer. Please call Bonnie Woolard at 485-5882 or Mary Simon at 684-9914 to set up a time and date. Let the Youth help you with that dreaded Spring Cleaning and yard work. The donations go to a great cause!



TOP STORIES

- **Easter and Spring**
by Pastor Kerry
- **A Double Baptism**
on April 18!

KNOW YOUR SESSION MEMBERS!

Chris Schweighart- Clerk
485-5195

Delores Lucas- Memorial
485-5197

Jeannette Hulick- Mission
485-5678

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Personnel
485-5358

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485-5730

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485-8120

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Easter and Spring

And so they have finally arrived! Easter is here! Spring is here! Great celebrations are in order. After a long, cold winter and after six weeks of Lenten waiting, we can finally cast off our winter coats and somber countenances. Let songs of joy commence! Let the sun shine and see that the Son has risen!

It is interesting to me that as I get older, the arrival of spring and the arrival of Easter morning seem to mean more and more. I know that I have never embraced winter, really. Oh, maybe a little cross country skiing here, a little sledding there, but for the most part I outlast the winter by staying indoors and quietly cursing the cold. So when the days begin to turn warmer at this time of year and the bushes bloom and the trees burst forth their leaves, I am a very happy camper indeed. As for Easter, I think my increasing joy has to do with a deeper appreciation of what Christ's atonement and resurrection really means for us. It's as if the Word I proclaim with each successive Easter morning becomes deeper and more tangible. Now, no doubt the fact that I've fully entered into the second half of my life also impacts upon this. When it really begins to dawn on you that this life is *finite*, then the promise of *eternal* life more fully captures your attention.

But a common mistake that many Christians make is to think of Jesus' resurrection *only* in terms of our eternal lives. Easter also means that we are free to live our lives here on earth full of hope and promise. Think what that means to a world so weary with conflict and anger and despair. It was Jesus himself who declared that he was the light of the world and that we who follow him can be like cities set on a hill. Too often we think of living the Christian life as a burdensome thing- as a difficult exercise in morality. What if instead we embrace it like we embrace the coming of spring, with joy and enthusiasm? What if we really saw Easter as a chance to spread hope and joy like bees buzzing through the flowers? That sounds a lot more fun, doesn't it?

I think it does!

I wish for you the happiest of Easter seasons- and a warm and beautiful Spring, too.

So- bee hopeful and get busy spreading the joy.

Peace,

Kerry

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Easter! Worship 10:30am | 5 | 6 | 7 WYN 5:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Worship 10:30am | 12 | 13 Session 7pm | 14 WYN 5:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Worship 10:30am | 19 Friends Lunch | 20 | 21 WYN 5:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship 10:30am | 26 | 27 | 28 WYN 5:30pm | 29 | 30 | |

Birthdays!

4/2 Matthew Reifsteck
4/3 Autumnne Fisher
4/8 Emily Fisher
4/12 Ruth Stevens
4/15 Margaret Maxwell
4/17 Wilma Lee Woolard
4/22 Dean Bonnell
4/27 Maddy Wilson
4/28 Chris Schweighart
4/30 Jackson Hawn

***** Adult Sunday School @ 9:15am**

Lay Leaders

April 4- Cary Woolard
April 11- Bonnie Woolard
April 18- Jeff Fisher
April 25- Susie Fisher
May 2- Jeannette Hulick

The parents of Aidan Joshua Hawn and Joseph Brooks Kamradt invite you to share in the Baptisms of their sons on Sunday April 18 during Worship. It should be a very exciting and meaningful experience!

Church Website-

<http://www.tolonopresbyterian.org>

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Worship is every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am and Children Sunday School is at 9:30am.

The Quilting Group meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the church basement. All are welcome!

The Friends of the Church meet for lunch of the third Monday of each month at 11:30am at the Hometown Buffet on North Prospect in Champaign. Everyone is welcome to join!

Please visit our new website for more information! www.tolonopresbyterian.org