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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Spring has arrived in the mountains, and new life is all around us. Praise God for His creation and for bringing new life to all believers through the Holy Spirit! We were dead in sin, but now we are alive in Christ!

WEATHER: Snow and ice may be behind us in season, but dangerous weather may still occur in April. Remember the tornado last April 12th? When bad weather strikes, church events may be cancelled. You can find out if events will go on as planned or cancelled by checking your e-mail or the church website before you leave home. Your safety is our first concern!

CHANGES TO COVID PROTOCOLS: Finally! With COVID infection rates declining and more people receiving vaccines, Cornerstone has relaxed its COVID protocols. Beginning April 4th, the wearing of masks is now optional, both in the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing has been reduced from six feet to three feet. Ventilation of the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall will continue. While you may choose not to wear a mask, please be respectful of others who still prefer to wear them. We look forward to the day when all special protocols will be unnecessary!

WORSHIP will continue at 11:00 am on Sundays. In-person worship will be held in the sanctuary and video transmission of the service will still be available in the Fellowship Hall for those who prefer more space. Worship services will return to one hour length beginning April 4th. Beginning April 4th, Dr. Silman's sermons will be recorded and made available the following week by computer and on WSQL radio at 8:00 am each Sunday instead of pre-recording them to be available the same day they are preached.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 4th. Holy Communion will be observed at worship. As we celebrate the Risen Christ, let us also celebrate the new life given to each of us by Grace through faith. What a gift! NOTE: We may expect a number of family and guests to worship with us that day, so please take time to extend a warm welcome to each of them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will resume April 4th. Rev. Tom Osterhaus's class continues its survey of the Bible at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, but the Ladies' Class will not meet in April. Sunday School for all children ages 4-12 will resume in Room 3 at 9:45 am. If you have not attended Sunday School at Cornerstone in a while, this might be a good time to "reboot" your Sunday mornings by attending Sunday School with fellow Christians. It will enrich your life!

WE NEED CHILDREN'S TEACHERS: It has been a year since our Sunday School classes met, and life changes have caused several of our children's teachers to withdraw from their roles. If you have teaching and/or child management skills, we need you! Teachers in the children's classes rotate assignments, so it is not necessary to teach every Sunday. If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please call Joanna Martin at (910)585-2261 before May 1st. Our children are our future; let's bring them up in the faith!

BIBLE STUDIES will continue virtually by video. In-person Bible studies will resume in late summer or early fall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearsal will resume in the Choir Room at 9:30 am before Sunday School.

MISSIONS: Our missionaries are coping with the COVID pandemic in places that offer far less medical help than we enjoy in Brevard. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES: The Session has learned that one of the missions we have supported for years has changed its policies to allow adoption of children by same-sex couples. This is a sad commentary on the non-Biblical influence on otherwise good institutions. Contributions formerly directed to Bethany Christian Services have been suspended and the remaining 2021 grant money has been added to the donation to The Center For Women here in Brevard.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF: The staff and counselors from Camp Ridge Haven will again be invited to worship with us beginning in late May. Because of COVID restrictions, they were unable to join us last year. We will also invite the staff and students from the Brevard Music Center to join us when their season opens. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our young Christian friends from places afar.

PRESBYTERY MEETING: The next meeting of the Highlands Presbytery will be on Tuesday, May 4th, at 9:00 am at Ridge Haven Camp, Conference and Retreat Center.

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet next on Saturday, May 8th, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

BUILDING REPAIRS: New drains have been installed on the north side of the main church building to channel rainwater away from the building at a cost of \$12,500. The buildup of underground water had caused mold to form inside, a condition which hopefully has now been addressed. Grateful thanks go out to donors who last year provided the funds for this project!

HELMUT AND DOROTHY SHULTZ, long-time members of Cornerstone, have moved to Kansas to be near their family. Their new address is 5500 West 123rd Street, Apt. 3011, Overland Park, Kansas, 66209 if you would like to contact them.

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL: Bill Hertzog (1st); Augie Fogaca deCarvalho (2nd); Charlie Beck (2nd); Chris Thomason (3rd); Charles Cobb (5th); Ginny Kolozvari (5th); Andy Silman (7th); Kathleen George (7th); Francey Tschepl (8th); Lillian White (12th); Madelyn Meyer (16th). Take time to wish each of them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!'" (Mark 16:5-6)