



Bethany Banner

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HAPPY EASTER!

I've shared this story before, but I love it and it is appropriate for Easter Sunday.

Margaret Sangster Phippen wrote that in the mid-1950s, her father, British minister W. E. Sangster, began to notice some uneasiness in his throat and a dragging in his leg. When he went to the doctor, he found that he had an incurable disease that caused progressive muscular atrophy. His muscles would gradually waste away; his voice would fail; his throat would soon become unable to swallow.

Sangster threw himself into his work in British home missions, figuring he could still write and he would have even more time for prayer. "Let me stay in the struggle, Lord," he pleaded. "I don't mind if I can no longer be a general, but give me just a regiment to lead." He wrote articles and books, and helped organize prayer cells throughout England. "I'm only in the kindergarten of suffering," he told people who pitied him.

Gradually Sangster's legs became useless. His voice went completely. But he could still hold a pen, shakily. On Easter morning, just a few weeks before he died, he wrote a letter to his daughter. In it, he said, "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice to shout, 'He is risen!' - but it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

Yes, it has been a long, miserable year on many fronts, but we still hold the greatest reason to sing, shout and celebrate. **Christ is risen! Death and sin have been conquered!**

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

COVID UPDATE

We have reinstated everything except meals on Wednesday nights and Sunday snacks at the hospitality center. We are still on the edge of this COVID mess. When we closed back before Thanksgiving, the positivity rate for COVID was around 12.7%. At the end of March, we have climbed back up from a low of 5.9% to 11.7%. Not good.

Please fight the COVID fatigue. Continue to wash hands, wear a face mask and practice social distancing. A vaccine is up to you, but we would encourage you to get one. If you need help to do that, let us know. For you who don't have internet access to make your appointment to get COVID vaccine, here are the numbers to call:

UPMC (844) 876-2822 Call Center 7am - 7pm
Wellspan (855) 851-3641 Call Center 8am - 5pm



EASTER SUNDAY – April 4th

We will celebrate Easter with three identical services: 8AM, 9:15AM, & 10: 45AM. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday. We want you to be able to bring family and friends and also be able to spread out to practice social distancing.

FOOD PANTRY

This ministry is continuing. If you can use any of the items we have, please pick them up and stretch your grocery budgets. If you know anyone who could use some extra help, please take some items to them and share.

DOVER BETHANY ELC FUNDRAISER



ELC is having a fundraiser with Joe Corby's Pizza and more. You can pick up the catalog in the welcome center. Instructions for ordering are inside the catalog. **Due date is Monday, April 12th and delivery date is Friday, April 30th.** You can give order and money directly to Paula Presswood (717) 292-0147 or the church office.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Social Hall

Beginning the Sunday after Easter, **April 11 at 9:30 am**, we will start a study titled “The Power of Jesus’ Names”. Each class will start with a 10 minute video by Tony Evans. We’ll spend two weeks on each chapter. The first week we’ll discuss things Tony talked about in the video, the second week we’ll explore the Bible discussing the video’s topic. Each week will be a complete lesson so if you miss a week or two, you won’t be lost coming back. Come join us! No one is too young or too old. If you’ve never tried Sunday School or have been away from it for a while, now is a great time to give it a try. Any question, contact Mark Burkhart.



**Check out these
great opportunities
to grow your faith!**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join the ladies of Dover Bethany UMC for a bible study, meeting every first and third Tuesday of the month at **9:00 am**. Contact Shirley Saylor for more information at (717) 424-4293.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

We have started back at 7 pm on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary. There is no meal. We have a time of prayer, song and lesson.

April 2021		4 – Easter Sunday	11	18	25
Greeters	8:00 AM	Donna Snyder Sue McCarty	Carl Krause Rich Crager	Bob & Brenda Lamparter	Dennis & Joan Wilt
	9:15 AM	Marie Lauer Jim Willour			
	10:45 AM	Steve & Carla Green	Nancy Snyder Deb Kemper	Mark & Margie Burkhart	Jeff & Lynette Stief
Nursery	8:00 AM	NO NURSERY FOR 8:00 AM SERVICE			
	9:15 AM	Steve Green			
	10:45 AM	Jeanne Spahr Tennille Burkhart	Margie Burkhart Denise Brulinski	Ginger Lehr Lynette Stief	Steve Green Becky Drawbaugh
Usher	8:00 AM	Rich Crager	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod	Bob Sarver
	9:15 AM	Rich Crager			
	10:45 AM	Carl Krause	Bob Helsel	Jeff Stief	Jeff Stief
Counters	George & Ruthie Laird				

Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar						April 2021
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 HE IS RISEN				1 7pm Maundy Thursday	2 7pm Good Friday	3 9am – 12pm Servant Evangelism
4 8am Easter Worship 9:15am Easter Worship 10:45am Easter Worship HAPPY EASTER! He is risen!	5	6 9am Ladies' Bible Study	7 7pm Wonderful Wednesday	8	9	10
11 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	12	13	14 9a Stitches of Love 7pm Wonderful Wednesday	15	16	17
18 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship FOOD BANK Sunday	19	20 9am Ladies' Bible Study	21 7pm Wonderful Wednesday	22	23	24 7am Men's Covenant
25 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	26	27	28 9a Stitches of Love 7pm Wonderful Wednesday	29	30	31

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Easter Egg Sale update

Carol Hake would like to thank everyone who helped make and purchased the Easter Eggs! The amount raised: \$2,264 will go towards the shipping of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

CHRISTMAS CHILD TOTE BAGS

Abby Runk and her sister are making tote bags for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

We are looking for donations of the following items:



- ⇒ Gently used Cloth Table Clothes
- ⇒ Gently used Cloth Place Mats
- ⇒ Cotton or Cotton Blend Fabric or Fabric Scraps at least 15" X 24"

*Please note we cannot use Plastic, Vinyl, or Silk items. We are looking for Cotton or Cotton Blends. There will be a box in the hallway outside the Sanctuary where you can place your donations. Thank you so much for helping us to be a part of this awesome ministry!

CARD SHOWER

Anyla Sweeney (Fred and Carol Hake's 2.5 year old granddaughter who is going through health issues) has an older sister, her name is Amyanell, 8 years old.

To help cheer her up so she won't feel left out, we encourage you to send each girl a card and a note every once in a while to:



Amyanell Sweeney **Anylanell Sweeney**
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