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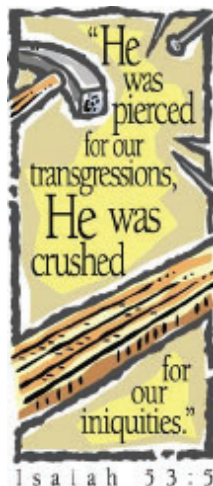
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## Pastor's Page

### We Will Be Healed!

*"He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)*

This winter was colder than any other year, and there was more snow and many natural disasters. Not only in the U.S., but also all over the world suffered from many disasters due to global warming and strange climate. In the southern part of Texas, snowstorms and cold waves have left more than 3 million people suffering from cold weather due to electricity and water shortages in the first 100 years. Not only people but also animals in the sea are on the verge of freezing to death due to the cold weather.



It snowed in the Sahara Desert for the first time in history, and glaciers melted in the Himalayas, killing and hurting many people. The cause of many of these natural disasters is human greed and selfishness that destroyed nature. We are being compensated for the sins we have committed.

The best-to-live in U.S., called 'Promised Land' due to pedanticism, has more than 500,000 deaths. It is surpassing the number of dead in the past World War I, World War II, and Vietnam war. As time goes by, we should add the number of dead in the Korean War. The difficulty of this century disease is the judgment of nature on human arrogance and greed.

In his book Homo Deus, Jewish historian Yuval Harari argues that humans evolve from the 'Homo Sapiens' (human being of intelligence) species of the past to the 'Homo Deus' (Human-God) species. In the past, humans were vulnerable beings who were ruled by disease, death, famine and war, but in the 21st century, they evolved into divine beings who solved almost the problems of disease, death, famine, and war, which were the domain of God in the past. But not long after his book was published, humans are still

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lethargic in the face of disease and death due to Covid-19 and suffer from economic difficulties and suffering from Covid-19. The man and his civilization, who were rushing to the Tower of Babel, stopped in front of the plague of Covid-19.

Covid-19 reminds us of the events in the past when God brought down infectious diseases and death disasters to condemn King Pharaoh and his people's arrogance and distrust. It makes us realize that the biblical history of the past is not false, but that God is still the Master and the Ruler of this universe. The way to recover and heal from all these hardships and disasters must go back to God and return to the Passover event where the Israelites caught the lamb, applied it to the doorposts and were saved from death.

On this Lent, I hope that the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be applied to our doorposts and that his flesh and blood will be saved and healed from our sins and suffering.

I pray that you will join our Lord, Jesus Christ, in his suffering and death through praying, fasting, self-control and giving, and enjoy the glory and joy of his resurrection.

On the threshold of Lent in 2021,  
*Pastor Yongyeun Lee*

## Middle Ages



### Relay for Life

Due to the ongoing issues with Covid the June 5th date for the Annual Relay for Life will be postponed to a later date. The organizers are trying to secure the date of Saturday, August 28th, at Norton Park. This is just a tentative update as the event coordinators are trying to follow guidelines. We don't have much information right now but we do know the event will be streamlined to walking laps only and the fundraising that would happen during the event may not be permitted. As soon as I have an update I will let everyone know.

In the meantime, please consider donating in memory or in honor of someone you love. If you would like to make a donation, contact Luisa Gladu at [TheGladus@comcast.net](mailto:TheGladus@comcast.net) or make a check payable to the American Cancer Society and in the memo section put down Bristol Relay for Life and drop it in the collection plate Attn: Luisa Gladu. It will be placed in my folder and I will make sure it gets to where it needs to go.

We will be selling embroidered face masks with either Caregiver or Survivor embroidered on them for \$15 each. The masks, made by Gary Gladu, will be on black 100% cotton fabric and you can choose the color of your ribbon, pink, blue, purple, teal etc. The mask is machine washable and very comfortable in the design. To order masks, please send an email to Luisa at [TheGladus@comcast.net](mailto:TheGladus@comcast.net) and in the subject put Face Mask —Relay for Life. To purchase a mask, please make checks payable to Gary or Luisa Gladu. Proceeds, after the purchase of material, thread, etc. will go towards The American Cancer Society.

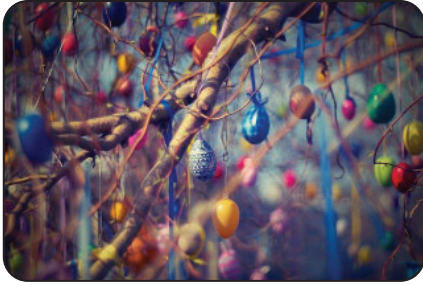
As always, thank you for your support!

Luisa Gladu,  
Team Captain and Cancer Survivor 7 Years & Counting!

## History Corner

By Kathy Dube

### Easter Egg Trees



We primarily know of Louis C. Tiffany as the stained glass artist, but a 2019 article for *Atlas Obscura* by Anne Ewbank on the History of the Easter Egg Tree, reveals his connection to another instance of artistry:

“In the spring of 1895 Louis C. Tiffany, of stained-glass and jewelry fame, held a lavish ‘Mayflower Festival’ to benefit a local hospital. ‘Among the evening’s entertainments,’ writes culinary historian Cathy K. Kaufman, ‘was an Easter egg tree, dazzling with different colored eggs.’

“This wasn’t unusual at the time. In the era before plastic eggs, many Americans carefully emptied whole eggs of their contents and colored them brightly for Easter, occasionally hanging them on tree branches with scraps of ribbon or thread. In 1890s New York, it was even something of a craze. But despite brief bursts of popularity, Kaufman writes, today ‘egg trees are a dismal failure when compared to Christmas trees, found only in a few public fora and very scattered homes.’

“Much like the Christmas tree, the custom likely came to the United States

with German immigrants, entrenching itself among the Pennsylvania Dutch. (Although the Easter egg tree is typically a bare-branched tree hung with eggs, rather than an evergreen.) Across parts of Pennsylvania and Appalachia, Kaufman writes, women considered egg trees a type of good-luck charm, especially when it came to fertility.”

## Notes of Interest

### ■ Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who’d helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning “In each other’s shadows the people live.”

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

## PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Easter Basket Donations

*Requested for*

## Covenant to Care for Children



Please fill a basket (*or 2, or 3...*) with candy, coloring books, crayons, crafts\*, books, toys\*, socks, stuffed animals, snacks, etc.

*Please don't forget the older children. Basket ideas: gift card, basketball, football, books, makeup, jewelry, etc.*

*\* Please avoid toys with small parts.*

Please bring Easter  
Baskets to Church by  
**March 28, 2021**

**Questions?** Contact:  
June Schilling @ 860.989.4529

*Thank  
You!*



## Education Corner

By Christa Zaldivar, Education Director

### ■ Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday School Students are proud to announce that our "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection yielded \$256.06! We are so very grateful for our congregation's generosity. Thank you all so much!

As planned, we will be sending our donations to Agape House Homeless Outreach Ministry. Thank you again for your support!

### ■ Pretzel Party

All are invited to  
"Make Your Own Pretzel Party!"

**When:** Sunday, March 21st, 1 p.m.

**Where:** The comfort of your own home kitchen!

**Sponsor:** PUMC Education Team

We will gather on "Zoom"...please check your e-mail and/or our PUMC Facebook page for the Zoom link during the week leading up to the event!

\*Individually Packaged Pretzel Dough and salt will be provided during church on March 21st... Please pick up the dough after the 10 a.m. worship service or contact Christa Zaldivar (cjw02@hotmail.com or 917-386-8599) if special arrangements are needed!\*

### ■ Calling all Kids!

For Prospect United Methodist Church's Easter Egg Hunt  
(following COVID-19 guidelines!)

Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021  
Outside on our church grounds  
Following 10 am Worship

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."



Please bring your own basket. We will have separate sections for different ages.



# BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*



VIDEO

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

\_\_\_ \_ \_ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (Isaiah 40:31)



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\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

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“Are not five \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ sold for  
two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten  
by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth  
more than many \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows

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