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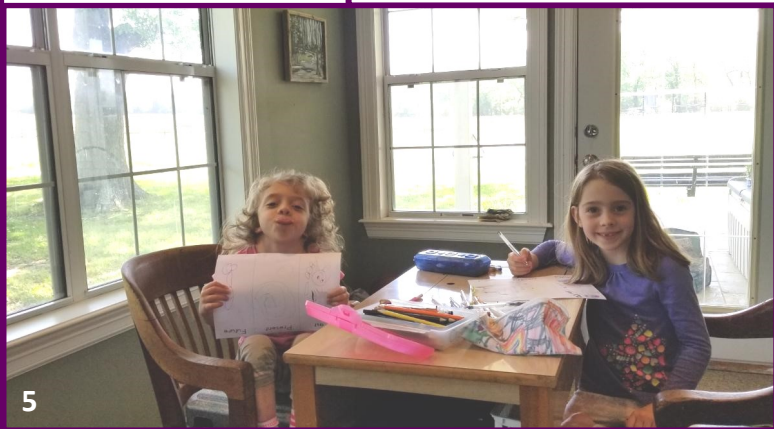
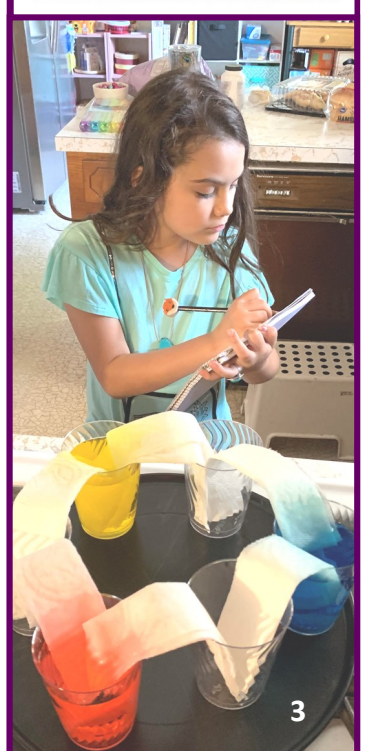
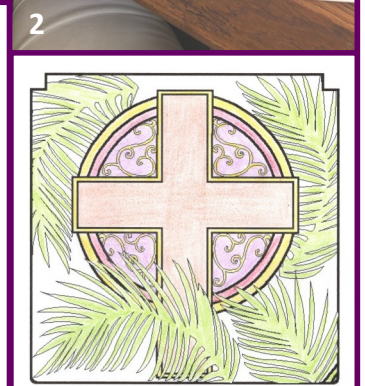


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April  2020





“Do We Believe?”

PALM SUNDAY

April 5th



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9th

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10th



EASTER VIGIL ON EASTER SATURDAY

April 11th



EASTER

April 12th

Information about our Holy Week services will be shared with the Congregation as it becomes available. Be on the lookout for emails about how we will worship as a community as we continue through this Lenten season.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” -John 14:27

Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for April is Mo-Ranch. The mission of Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing its unique living, learning, and Christian environment. Mo-Ranch has traditionally been a place where youth from SBPC and other Presbyterian churches have gone on various types of retreats and conferences. Located in Hunt, TX on the Guadalupe River, it



offers a variety of programs for youth and adults including men's, women's, pastoral and silent retreats, parent-child weekends, among many others.

March Mission Updates & Opportunities

Missions during the COVID 19 Outbreak- As you can imagine, many of the typical Missions that we participate in have been curtailed due to social distancing requirements in place to mitigate transmission of the virus. We have adapted to this and have changed the focus of our mission work to respond to needs arising from our current challenges. We have two initiatives now and are developing others.

- Sewing masks for medical staff and first responders- As you have all seen on the news, there is a critical, national shortage of personal protective equipment for medical staff and first responders. We have a dedicated group, led by Kay Craig, who have taken it upon themselves to sew masks to protect the people that take care of us. If you would like to help, please contact Kay Craig.
- Letters & Cards for medical staff and first responders- These people work a lot of hours and are under an incredible amount of stress between patient concerns, long works hours, and concerns for their own families. While we can't do a lot about these things, we can offer written encouragement to them to help keep morale up. If you would like to participate, please contact Miguel Carlin.

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The current COVID-19 restrictions have made this service opportunity possibly more important than ever. These types of services have been declared "essential services" by the county, so we have been able to continue delivering meals. The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes with about 14 people on each route, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. The Saturday for this month will be April 25.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

February 26-April 12, 2020

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Ways to Give:

- Through your congregation (by mailing contributions to the church office)
- Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts help to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People.



This Month at SBPC



Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper

April 1 — Pull in for Pulled Pork Sandwiches

April 8 — Honk for Hamburgers

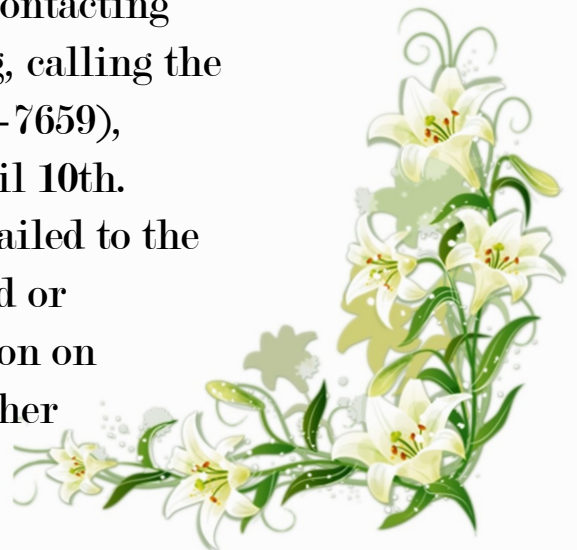
Wednesday Night Suppers are continuing with a curbside pickup for dinner. You will drive through the main entrance, past the port-cochere to where you will see Kevin loading dinners (with gloves on). You do not have to get out of your vehicle, just unlock the passenger side door or roll the window down. Kevin will be offering prayers for all who wish. Please try to arrive between 6:00-6:20pm. All sanitary precautions will be strictly observed during preparation and delivery. Watch for more information each week for the rest of April! Don't forget to place your order each week (secretary@springbranchpres.org).



Virtual Wednesday Night Supper: April 1st!

Virtual Wednesday Night Supper continues this week! We can offer a link, but we can't guarantee "your usual table." You can use your computer or a smartphone with the Zoom app. You'd probably want to use a webcam, but that is optional. Click this link (https://riceuniversity.zoom.us/j/585687844?fbclid=IwAR2OQ3-s1gqLJVLqoOYDBSsaZsEK2VLS2MZgZog29mrxPYpzaDBLu8QV_I) between 6:00-7:00pm tonight and you should be all set! Feel free to stop by the church to pick up your drive-thru Pulled Pork Sandwiches and then join us. Be on the lookout for more info about future Virtual Wednesday Night Suppers.

We will have **Easter Lilies** this year, whether we are able to gather in the Sanctuary or not! You can place your order by contacting Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org, calling the Church Office and leaving a voicemail (713-464-7659), or using this [Google Form](#) through Friday, April 10th. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning. If we are unable to gather in person, the lilies will be delivered to your house by your neighbors at SBPC.



April Birthdays

We will celebrate April birthdays this month. Look for a video greeting sent out to the whole church to honor our family and friends born this month. We'll make up for not being able to enjoy sweet treats when once again we are able to meet together.



Every week, Pastor Kevin is recording "**Chapel**" talks for our Church and Academy families in place of our usual WOW time.

Kevin is also recording **Pastoral Messages** a couple times each week. These videos are being shared via email and/or on the [Church](#) and [Academy](#) Facebook pages. You can also view them by going to the Playlists tab of the [Church YouTube](#) channel.

Cover Artwork:

- 1 & 5: Gwen (Piper) and Clara Dikeman having school at the ranch!
- 2: Thomas Lepera's artwork—Neptune, Uranus, and Saturn!
- 3 & 6: Emma Pace's science project!
- 4: The Earnest family's fence chalk art!



The Academy Board has made a decision to remain closed, following the SBISD closure, and re-opening on April 13th at the earliest. On April 6th, the Board will reconvene to discuss any updates or changes regarding COVID-19. We understand the hardship this situation is causing, and realize families may not be able to work. From March 15th -April 14th, the Academy will not charge Tuition. Teachers will send out curriculum ideas thru their homeroom app each week. We hope this will help keep some structure during this time. Thank you for your understanding! If you have any questions, please email sbpclc@swbell.net.



Spring Branch
Presbyterian Academy

Presbyterian Women this Month

PW at a Glance

The **PW BOARD MEETING** on **4/1** will be held on Zoom.

PW CIRCLE meeting on **4/8** will be held on Zoom. Watch for more details soon!

THE HORIZONS BIBLE study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday **4/20**, at 8:00 p.m.

Lesson 8: springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/love-carved-in-stone/

There will not be a **ZIP Trip** in April.

HAPPY HANDS will not meet in April.

PW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are due to Sarah Dikeman on May 1, 2020.

Bible Study Using Zoom: April 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Lesson 8 of *Love Carved in Stone* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, April 20th, at 8 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive the Zoom invitation.



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM
of Texas and Louisiana

Unfortunately, the PCHAS Luncheon on April 16th has been canceled, but they still need your donations! You can donate on their

website at the following link >> <https://giving.pchas.org/?erid=828170&trid=ace20a61-48c0-48fe-98eb-7e5181c5e30d>

Sewing Masks for Medical Staff & First Responders

If anyone is interested in sewing handmade face masks for healthcare workers, please email Kay Craig (kay@craig-heidt.com) and she will send you the information. Kay has the instructions and all of the supplies for making some medical use masks. The manager at Village Medical Center said that they would love to have these. Betty also has an outlet for these masks.



Pastors Bible Study



The Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin is moving to an online format. A Zoom invitation will be sent out each week for accessing and joining the meeting.

Sunday Morning Reflection Opportunity

Beginning the first weekend of April, Faith Development will offer an on-line opportunity for Sunday morning study; or another time of your choice. The new class of young parents and families is using beautifully produced, timely, and relevant videos each week for their discussion on Sundays. InLighten Films offers dramatic, scripture-based films which are theater quality. As stated on the InLighten Film web site, "No robe and sandal reenactments. No cartoons. No one preaching at you." Each video is supported by questions for discussion and reflection. An email with a link to each week's film and discussion questions will be sent out.



Virtual Sunday School



The Explorer's Sunday School Class has started meeting virtually using the video conferencing Platform *Zoom*. The group plans to meet at the usual 9:30 a.m. time on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate and don't normally attend the class, please contact the Crawfords to receive a Zoom Invitation.

You Are Invited to be a Pen Pal

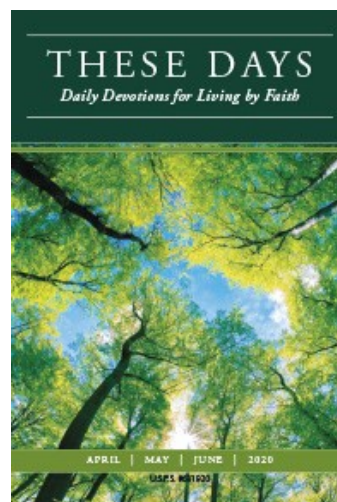
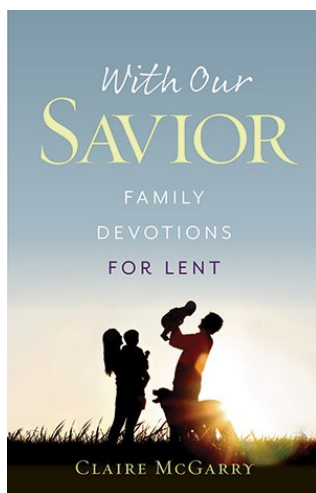
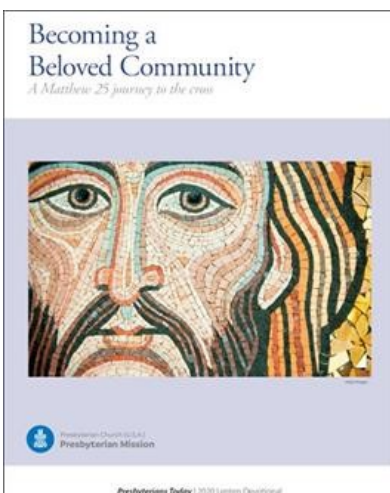


If you are an adult and would like to connect with one of the kids in our congregation as a pen pal, you're invited. If you are one of our kids (or their parents for the younger ones) who would like to also be a pen pal, you, too, are invited! Writing notes and letters to each other is a wonderful way to stay connected and deepen relationships. It is also a great way to keep and sharpen those literacy skills (don't tell the kids!!). Younger children can draw something and the parent can then write what

the child tells them. A church-wide invitation will be emailed asking for your preferences (email/snail mail/both), a few of your interests, and your preferred contact information. Kids and adults will then be partnered as pen pals. The idea is for this to be on-going and as interactive as possible. If you do not receive an email and are interested, contact Denise Wilborn at faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org.

Lenten & *These Days* Devotionals

The Worship & Faith Development Teams purchased adult and family devotionals for the season of Lent. If you would like one or both of these devotionals and didn't have the chance to pick one up before we started worshiping digitally, please contact the church office to let us know that you would like to receive them (713-464-7659 or secretary@springbranchpres.org). You can request multiple copies of both the adult and family devotionals. Once you have contacted us, the desired devotionals will be mailed to your home address. The April/May/June Edition of *These Days* has also arrived. If you would like a copy of this devotional mailed to you, please let us know that information as well.





SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the women's scholarship and Ken Crawford for the men's scholarship.

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Women's/ Men's Scholarship Application
2020-2021 Academic Year**

Name: _____ DOB _____

Permanent Address: _____

School Address: _____

Phone cell: _____ home: _____

Are you employed: FT____ PT____ Work Study____ N/A _____

Name of College, University, or Technical School: _____

Level: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____
Senior _____ Post- Grad _____

Degree Program: _____

Years Attended: _____ FT/ PT student _____

GPA: _____ Honors Program: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph form, please describe:

1. Your goals
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Community service
4. How your faith and belief in God affects your studies
5. Your membership and involvement in Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
6. Use of Scholarship money
7. Any other information you'd like to share
8. Optional Photograph

**Applications are due the 1st of May for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted at a college, university, technical school, or certification program. Scholarships will be awarded in the summer of the year applying. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0/C average. Applicant must be an active member in good standing of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. Reapplication may be made each year beginning January 1.

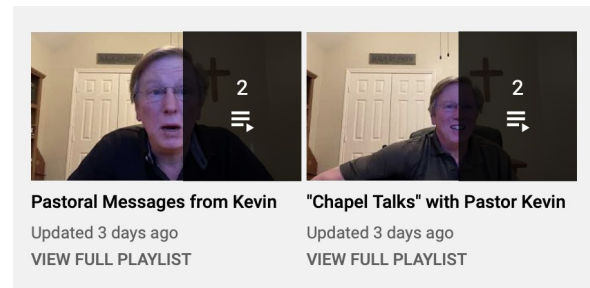
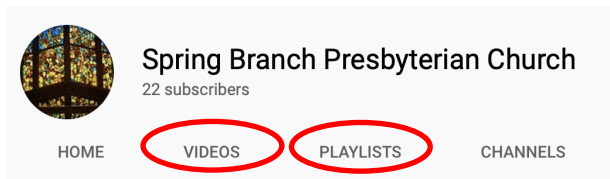
COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

How to access our *Digital Worship Services & Messages*:

1. Go to www.springbranchpres.org and select **Sermons**. This will redirect you to the Church YouTube Channel.



2. The most recent uploads will appear here under the **Video** tab. Select the **Playlists** tab to view the Pastoral Messages & “Chapel” Talks from Pastor Kevin.



3. To view the Digital Services & Announcements on the Church Website, go to www.springbranchpres.org, scroll down to recent news and click on the most recent posting.



www.facebook.com/springbranchpres
www.facebook.com/springbranchpresacademy
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www.facebook.com/SBPC.Idea.Spring

Are you a member of the SBPC Emergency Group on Facebook? If not, visit the link below and request to become a member.

www.facebook.com/groups/SpringBranchPresbyterianEmergencyManagement/



NEWS YOU CAN USE



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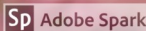
Vacation Bible School
entering prek thru 5th grade
June 8-12, 2020 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

A Beautiful Day in Our Neighborhood
Not sure what the future holds.
We will plan for in person vacation Bible school in June.
If plans changes we will let you know.

A week of exploring who our Spring Branch neighbors are and how we live out our Christian faith through service

Want to help? Volunteer opportunities coming soon.

1215 Campbell Road 77055
<http://www.springbranchpres.org/>



A Beautiful Day in Our Neighborhood *June 8-12, 2020*

Children entering pre-kindergarten through children entering fifth grade are invited to a week of exploring who are the neighbors we have around Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. Each day we will join together to sing, learn from stories of God's love for us and our neighbors, and participate in service projects to help organizations in the Spring Branch area. We will also enjoy bread making, art, and snacks! If you are a youth or an adult interested and available to volunteer contact Denise Wilborn at faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org. Continue to watch the PresPress, the church website, and worship bulletins for more information.

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the church each week in the absence of our usual *Presentation of Tithes and Offerings* time on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that the church expenses continue just the same. If at all possible, please mail in your contributions, or use the online giving option (www.springbranchpres.org/give).

Thank you for your continued commitment!



FRIDAY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements via email every Friday? Sign-up by visiting our Church website: www.springbranchpres.org –

CLICK on "sign up for our Mailing List"

Church's Prayer Chain List?

A Prayer Chain Email is sent to our "prayer warriors" when we receive word about someone in need.

Contact the Church Office or Sarah Dikeman if you'd like to be added.



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March 13, 2020

Dear Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and Academy Families,

As an educator I know how important it is to be prepared to address the concerns, misunderstandings, and possible fears of children when something scary is happening around them. The current health concerns are confusing and frightening to me, and I'm an adult!

I am hoping your schools have reached out to you with suggestions and a framework for *listening*, responding appropriately, and having a conversation with your children in age appropriate ways about COVID 19. I'm sure they have heard things at school from their peers. Some of what they may have heard may not be accurate.

If you do not currently have children or grandchildren, you may likely be around them at some point. And YOU might be one of those trusted adults in our children's lives. So they might come to you with their concerns.

Below are several resources to help you both listen and respond to your child's questions; as well as current information. And as you know as parents, grandparents, and teachers those kid questions can come out at the most random and unexpected times! Gotta love kids!

We are encouraged to practice social distancing. And we can still interact and care for each other when we might be out and about with a smile, a wave, and a thank you to those who are serving us in some capacity. Keep in touch with family members and neighbors. Right now we are all each others' neighbors because how we care for ourselves effects the health of others.

And remember these simple conversation between a mother and her son;

When I was a child and would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me,
"Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

You Are Special, Fred Rogers, 1994

Respectfully,
Denise Wilborn
Faith Development Moderator
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



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Resources for Listening and Talking to Your Children about COVID 19

Please preview each reference and glean what you think is appropriate for you and your family.

Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus

MALAKA GHARIB

NPR

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

HealthyChildren.org

American Academy of Pediatrics

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/chest-lungs/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

Kids worry more when they're kept in the dark

Rachel Ehmke

Child Mind Institute

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for parents, school staff, and others working with children

CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: Myth busters

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

SBPC'S Store at Lands' End is back up and running!

SBPC Logo shirts are a great way to represent our church in the community.

Now SBPC has its own store: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres

From there you can choose from men's and women's polos, shirts, t-shirts, pullovers, jackets, totes, caps, aprons, and much more – all with the church logo!

You can choose from a multitude of colors as well as different thread colors for the logo.



To Order:

1. Go to: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres
2. Hover over *My Account* and select *Create Account* when the window pops up.
3. Select a category to start shopping, or use the search tool (Men, Women, Promotional Products).
4. Click on the item you would like to purchase and choose the color and size of the item. **Then select *Apply Logo(s)* to continue.**
5. Select the church logo (Logo 1). It will let you preview it on the left side of your screen.
6. If you would like to change the color of the Logo, select *Change Logo Color(s)* and pick from the provided options. Note: The church logo is made up of 3 separate pieces. To change the color, please make sure that you change the color of all 3 pieces of the Logo. You can see this in realtime in the preview on the left side of your screen.
7. Select the location where you would like the logo, and **click *Apply Logo*.**
8. Push *Add to Bag* and continue shopping or checkout.
9. Once your items are ready, they will ship to the address you provided when you setup your account. If you have not setup an account, please do so now so you do not lose your items.

Contact Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org if you have any questions.



Happy
Birthday!

Kip Rouse	4/2
Rebecca Smith-Fairchild	4/5
Jani Shepard	4/6
Carla Pace	4/9
Elliot Rouse	4/9
Emma Pace	4/10
Terry Austin	4/11
Nathan Albert	4/13
Emily Mitchell	4/14
Dick Slover	4/14

Donald McDaniel	4/16
Kylie Alderson	4/17
Karen Dikeman	4/20
Alex Napuri	4/20
Arletta Lees	4/23
Carol Summers	4/25
Parker Blome	4/27
Jacob Smith	4/27
Laverne Coller	4/29

Happy Anniversary!



Christopher and Ashley Powell	4/7
Sam and Rachel Wright	4/10
Dianne and Jerry Bigelow	4/12
Dick and Dorothy Slover	4/18
Paul and Nicki Laverty	4/21
Jan and Gerald Fitts	4/26
Ken and Terry Austin	4/28





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