

Bartlett Church News

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A Note from your Pastor Susan "Andy" Jepson

Dear Friends,

According to the Wikipedia article about the film [Koyaanisqatsi](#), in the Hopi language, the word *koyaanisqatsi* means "crazy life, life in turmoil, life out of balance, life disintegrating, a state of life that calls for another way of living".

Though the Hopi word owes its origins to another age and context than ours, that's as good a definition of our age as I've seen. I don't imagine that there's any age that's been free from confusing choices and conflicting possibilities and desires, and the news tells us every day that our age is fraught with imbalance and turmoil.

Jesus came with Good News to a *koyaanisqatsi* world, one with institutions and governments seeking control and power by means indifferent to consequences. Jesus said that God isn't controlled by institutions or governments, that all people can come to God and be cherished and nurtured, that the power of the world can never defeat the power of God, that nothing could separate us from God or each other unless we gave ourselves over to it - to *koyaanisqatsi*.

The Good News is that we don't have to be captive to craziness. Though we may have to put up with it, we don't have to give ourselves to it. What happens to our bodies, property and freedoms may be beyond us. What's in our spirits and souls is between each of us and God. To let a *koyaanisqatsi* world have spiritual power over us would, in fact, be idolatry - letting something become more important to us than God.

God's intentions and guidance are the way to finding balance and "another way of living" - direction and purpose in the midst of chaos. Easter is the celebration of God's invitation to each of us to choose love, grace and faith to guide us. Jesus brought us the good news that we're all beloved of God and all worthy of the best God has to give. No more *koyaanisqatsi* - Good News indeed.

Love, *Andy*

Happy Birthday

April 01 Jim Miller
April 23 Belvin Barnes

April seems to be a quiet month for Birthdays and no anniversaries. If you haven't seen your name listed, Please let your editor know so she can add you to the list of dates.

Happy Easter



Happy Easter to all our members and friends of the Bartlett Union Congregational Church.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

With the exception of Search Committee and Pastor-Parish Relations meetings, all meetings are open. You may or may not have the privilege of speaking, as decided by the group or chair. If you have business to bring to a board or committee, please contact the chair, as listed below, to be put on the meeting agenda.

Deacons:	First Sunday	Contact Lee Coffield – 367-8696
Council:	Second Sunday	Contact Rob Owen – 986-0235
Trustees:	Third Sunday	Contact Ben Howard – 374-2343
Search:	As needed	Contact Judi Coffield – 447-4427

All meetings are usually in the classroom, after worship and coffee hour.

Youth Group: First and Third Sundays @ 4 pm

All sessions include Confirmation or age-appropriate Faith Formation activities, supper and a group activity for all ages.

Music Department

Ellen Hayes



Choir practice is back on Friday afternoons at 3:00. Please Come and join us.

Visioning Process

The Third Visioning Process Session will be **Growth and Development** to be held on April 11 Following the worship service.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMONS

April 4 Easter

Isaiah 65:17-25 God will create a new world of joy and peace for all.

***John 20:1-18** Mary Magdalene meets Jesus at the empty tomb.

***Luke 24:1-12** Three women find the tomb empty and hear the good news.

Sermon Good News!

April 11 Second Sunday of Easter

***Acts 5:27-32** The disciples defy the high priest to minister in Jesus' name.

Revelation 1:4-8 John describes his vision of the living Christ.

***John 20:19-31** Jesus appears to his disciples.

Sermon Doubters, Deniers and Defiers

April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

***Acts 9:1-20** Saul is called from persecution of Jesus to discipleship.

Revelation 5:11-14 All manner of beings worship the Lamb of God.

John 21:1-19 Jesus calls Peter to lead the faithful in Jesus' name.

Sermon Transformation

April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

***Acts 9:36-43** Peter calls Tabitha from death to life.

Revelation 7:9-17 The faithful gather at the throne to praise God.

John 10:22-30 Jesus refers to his actions to verify his identity.

Sermon Reborn

Happy Easter Wishes go out to all

Our friends at the Merriman House

John Medeiros and Joan Menard

And at Mineral Springs Center

Phyllis Monahan, Ruth Pettengill, Dot Webster, Jean Wilcox

Anita Patch and Jun and Ralph Wiggin

And to our fellow in the Military

Cpt. Lance Pelletier and Adam Haley

BUCC Finances

Bert George, Treasurer

INCOME	Jan-10	10-Feb	Yr to date
	Actual	Actual	
Pledges	\$6,000.00	\$1,711.00	\$7,711.00
Other Contribution Inc	\$856.00	\$1,759.00	\$2,615.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,856.00	\$3,470	\$10,326.00
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Staff	\$2,520	\$1,980.00	\$4,500.00
Administrative			
*	\$792.31	\$301.00	\$1,093.31
Building & Grnds	\$777.19	\$1,689.00	\$2,466.19
Missions	750	\$123.00	\$873.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			
*	\$4,839.51	\$4,093.00	\$8,932.51
EXCESS INCOME/LOSS	\$2,016.49	(\$623.00)	\$1,393.49
Average monthly operating income to date	\$6,856.00	\$5,163.00	
Average monthly income needed	\$3,510.00		

Kids say the Cutest things....

(1) by a 3 year old....

"Our Father, who does art in heaven,
Harold is his name. Amen.

(2) little boy praying.....

Lord, if you can't make me a better
Boy, don't worry about it. I'm having
a real good time like I am.

(3) After a christening of his baby brother
in church, Jason sobbed all the way
home in the car. His father asked him
what was wrong. Finally the boy said,
"That preacher said he wanted us

brought up in a Christian home, and
I want to stay with you guys.

(4) A Sunday school teacher asked her
Children on the way to the service, Why
Is it necessary to be quiet in church?

One bright little girl replied
"Beacue people are sleeping.

(5) A mother was preparing pancakes for her
Sons 5 and 3. The boys began to argue
Over who would get the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for
A moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would
Say "Let my brother have the first
Pancake, I can wait. Kevin turned to
Ryan and said "Ryan can be Jesus!"

Dates to remember~~~

- Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am

- Sunday, April 11th - Third Visioning Meeting
"Areas of Growth and Development"