

# Pastor Anne's Message, May 2021

Dear Friends and Family of Collbran Congregational Church,

Spring has arrived in all her glory! I pray that you are enjoying this season of fresh growth and beauty!

To our JOY and DELIGHT, we held our Easter Sunday Worship in person with all the fanfare and "Alleluias" we could muster! While our worship has been in-person since June 7, 2020, we were not able to celebrate Easter in-person last year, 2020. This made our Easter Worship Service especially exciting and celebratory this year, 2021! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

Our church sanctuary was decorated with Easter lilies and floral bouquets created by the FFA at Plateau Valley High School and given in memory of loved ones. Becky Cornett created a gorgeous and inspired altar floral arrangement which adds so much beauty to the church.

Marshal and Hazel Jennings were our acolytes for the service, bringing the Light of Christ into the service and taking the Light of Christ out into the world during the postlude.

A favorite of the congregation is the "Little Bag of Jellybeans" which represent by color, the following: "Red is for the blood He gave; Green is for the grass He made; Yellow is for His Son so bright; Orange is for the edge of night; Black is for the sins we made; White is for the grace He gave; Purple is for His hours of sorrow; Pink is for our new tomorrow!" Succinctly and sweetly! Thank you, Jean Kees, for preparing this special treat.

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Holy Communion which meant that on April 4, we celebrated Easter and Holy Communion! We enjoyed fine music provided by three musicians: Suzanne Bellotti ~ piano, Charli Gaddy ~ flute, and Kayte Allred ~ violin.

We were blessed with 45 present, 13 children who shared in the Children's Message, "An Empty Tomb!" Each child received a butterfly shaped box which held a gift. When the kids opened their box, they discovered that "Like the

*"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus  
from the dead, lives in you."  
(Romans 8:11)*

Tomb, the Box was Empty!" The gift of the resurrection is that "Jesus is Alive." My message to the congregation this day was "Easter is Not the End of the Story; It is the Beginning!"

I hope and pray that you are able to live the resurrection and live in the joy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless you in your daily lives in the weeks ahead! Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Collbran Congregational, United Church of Christ Church! Please feel welcome and accept our invitation. We hope to see you soon!

Love and peace ~

Pastor Anne

# Trustees' Report

Bids for the remodel of the bathrooms and the overflow room will be submitted by contractors through Blyth Group. These bids are due May 3, and we will open them here at the church on May 4, 2021, at 2:00 PM by the Trustees. A contractor will be chosen, and the selection presented to the Church Council at the May 10 meeting.



A presentation will be made at church the following Sunday in an effort to keep those in attendance aware of progress on the coming remodel.

Cindy Price continues to maintain the church sign out front.

Mike Loftus continues to perform small repairs, helping to maintain the building. A big THANK YOU to Mike. It is wonderful to have him helping keep the to-do list under control.

Delbert Koehn will not be able to continue as the groundskeeper this summer. Robert Salamanca has been taking care of the snow removal since January and has agreed to mow the lawns. Sue will talk to the town about turning the water on to the sprinklers early in May. This may be the year to review changes and upgrades to the sprinkler system. It is showing its age.

The piano from the overflow room was donated to the Molina Center. It was removed to prepare for the remodel in that room.

Respectfully, from your Trustees,

Sue Bellotti, Cindy Price, Berenice Yanez, and Julia Cox

## Music Report

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday music filled the church. Charli and Kayte brought a new level of joy to the majestic music of the season.

Sue Belotti needed to take two Sundays off, so Charli on flute and Kayte on violin covered for her. Their instruments are a wonderful addition to the church music. I want these women to know how much I appreciate them joining in the music for our church. THANK YOU!



Kayte expects to be moving very soon into a new home with her daughter. I have enjoyed knowing Kayte and playing duets and accompanying her on the violin. Best of luck in the future, Kayte. We will miss you.

Beverly Loftus has shared her vocal talent with the church by singing favorite hymns before church on some Sundays. We all enjoy having her share with us. Anyone want to make it a duo or trio?

Music Director – Sue Bellotti



## Worship Time Change

Beginning June 6, 2021,  
worship starts at 10:00 am.

### Moderator's Report

We've been talking about church safety updates for several months and will add a Standing Safety Committee to the church bylaws. This committee will make suggestions to Council that intend to address safety issues and education for fire prevention, building evacuation, and Shelter in Place to keep the congregation safe. Committee members and congregation will be invited to participate in training and education/participation in "practice runs" as appropriate.

Farmers Market will continue to be available in Mothers Park on Saturday mornings starting May 22 through the garden months. Watch for updates on your favorite social media and physical signs about town.

We are happy to let you know that we are participating in the local Branch Library Summer programs by offering Mothers Park to support these "In the Park" programs through May and June.

**DO ART, FEEL BETTER** (Collaboration with the Art Center Museum)

The library has been passing out silk ribbons for community members to paint and write uplifting things done to help get through the pandemic; their staff will tie these ribbons to the tree in Mothers' Park throughout all of May, remove from the tree at end of May and make them into banners to be displayed throughout the community in the fall.

"LIBRARY ON THE LAWN" – Friday Story Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16

2nd SATURDAY EVENTS:

June 12, 2-4pm, July 10, 2-4pm

We look forward to seeing you at these events this summer! WELCOME!!

Respectively Submitted,

Cindy Price, Moderator



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## **Vacation Bible School**

**The Rocky Railway is coming to town to show that  
Jesus' power pulls us through.**



**Coming  
June 23, 24, 25, 2021**

**All children are invited to ride the  
train to fun and fellowship.**

**Contact Sue Bellotti for more  
information  
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