

STUMPTOWN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April, 2020

Week 1 .

Apr 8 Online Prayer 7 pm

Zoom meeting

Join at:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/639874919?pwd=blkxY2ZhUGNOL1hvM3lYeHMwc2pLQT09>

Meeting ID: 639 874 919

Password: PTL

(Due to what is being called Zoombombing, we are going to use the waiting room feature. When you sign in, you will go into a "waiting room" and the host will need to admit you. This is a way of preventing hackers from joining the meeting.)

APR 12 EASTER SUNDAY 10 am CHRIST IS RISEN!!

Online services:

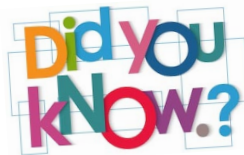
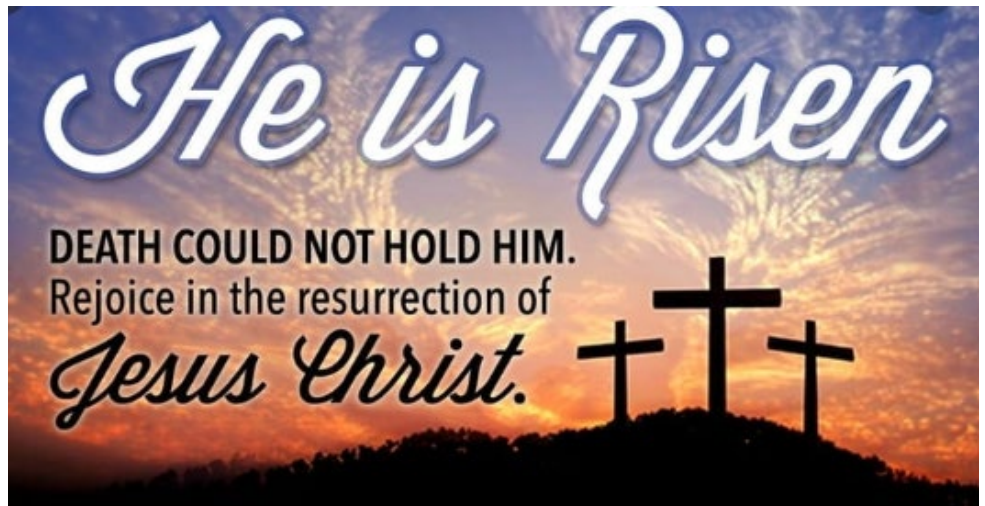
stumptown.online.church

Although we often do NOT have classes on Easter, THIS YEAR John Eby will lead a short online class.

OFFERING OPTIONS

Continue worship through giving of offerings through these options:

- 1) Online:
stumptown.church/give-online
- 2) Text: 717-510-1832
- 3) US Mail:
Stumptown Mennonite
2813 Stumptown Road
Bird in Hand, PA 17505



LITTLE-KNOWN-FACTS ABOUT SMC:

- WE HAVE 10+ COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT SMC!
- OUR WEBSITE WWW.STUMPTOWN.CHURCH INCLUDES RECENT ONLINE SERVICES & MUCH MORE!
- SMC STAFF IS WORKING FROM HOME, BUT CAN BE REACHED AT REGULAR EMAILS/PHONE #S---IF YOU NEED ANYTHING: CONTACT US!



Are you ready for some BIG news?

Experience the greatest rescue story of all time in this special worldwide debut Sight n Sound's performance of JESUS FREE on TBN on Easter weekend 4/10-12
Watch at: <https://watch.tbn.org/sight-sound-theatres-presents-jesus>

This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.
2. No gath-ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban-ners lead the way.
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd-ed room
4. In all the grief and suf-fering, may we re-mem-ber well:
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

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New words to an old tune for how to celebrate Easter in singing at this time of the coronavirus.

HEY KIDS:
Have your parents print out this page so you can color the Easter greeting below:



Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings and social distance hugs from Costa Rica! We've been praying God's grace and peace for each of you in this unexpected time of quarantine. We join you in anticipation as we await the return of 'normal'. We truly appreciate each of you and want to give a brief update on life from our side of the ocean.

Our situation is similar to that in the States: curfews are in place, gatherings canceled, and social distancing is recommended. Items on store shelves are less, but still available. The streets are quieter than normal as we're encouraged to stay home, avoid nonessential jobs and follow curfews. Flights in and out of Costa Rica are canceled until May, or further notice. We are thankful to have submitted our residency paperwork on March 6th and will not need to leave the country for visa purposes. We've been told that residency will be rescinded for any expat who leaves the country during this period ... we're here for the long haul now! Costa Rica has joined the rest of Central America, except Nicaragua, in closing our borders to take preventative measures against this pandemic.

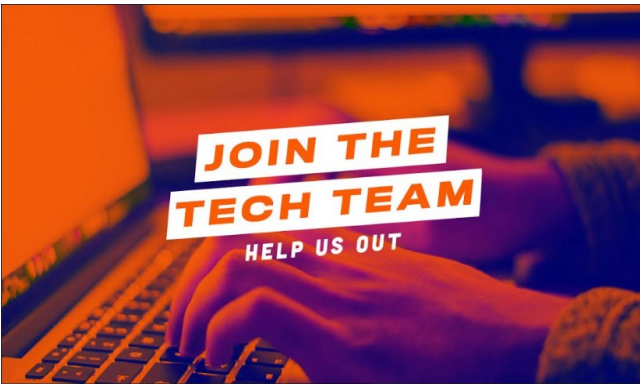
Daryl is going to the base daily, Jen is "assisting the education" of Jedidiah and Adam at home (sixth and first grades), and Micah and Joseph continue their computer based education in 11th and 9th grades. Just like each of you, we are in each other's space a lot! :) We have 10 staff living at Casa VidaNet who we are responsible for. Although they are self-sufficient, we find joy in checking in with them daily and sharing Sunday morning fellowship with them. Our six Vida220 teams who are on outreach throughout Central America are safe and quarantined as well in their respective countries. They were given the opportunity to return home if they so desired, most have chosen to stay. Our leadership team of eight is in three different countries, stationed strategically by God's grace, not by our plans.

We truly appreciate your prayers and faithful support on our behalf. Although oceans apart, we don't feel alone. We are nestled under the wings of The Almighty, surrounded by neighbors, friends, a church and ministry who care about us and feel connected with each of you by Father's sweet spirit!

Encircled by the Corona de Vida,

The Hoovers: Daryl, Jen, Micah, Joseph, Jedidiah and Adam

Stay connected by following our blog at: dnjhoover.blogspot.com



Video/Production Assistants Needed:

Our current situation has provided for us a wonderful opportunity to reach more people with the Gospel.

WE NEED YOU!

There are opportunities to serve in video & production.

Contact Keith for info or to volunteer.

Special Online Good Friday Service with Nick Hall, Ravi Zacharias, Edgar Sandoval Sr, Samuel Rodriguez, Francis Chan. Worship by: Michael W Smith, Lauren Daigle, Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes
See: <https://goodfriday.com>

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

TODAY WE REMEMBER THE DARKEST DAY IN HISTORY – THAT IS EMPOWERING OUR BRIGHTEST FUTURE.

During this unprecedented moment in modern history we look to God. On this Good Friday we are reminded that through seeming tragedy suffering and loss, great redemption is at work behind the scenes. This is a kairos moment in history where the message of Jesus' death burial and resurrection resounds powerfully on the global stage.