

# The Valley Voice

Our Mission:  
to Make Disciples of Jesus

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## Holy Week Crucifies Guilt And Consecrates Grace

Holy Week is the final week of the Lenten journey. We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday, continue toward his crucifixion on Good Friday, and complete the pilgrimage with his resurrection on Easter Sunday. It may be a familiar story, but it continues to impact lives forever.



**(Sun.) April 13th, 11 am**

Palm Sunday celebrates the day Jesus publically declared himself as the coming King upon his entry into Jerusalem. People waved palm leaves as a symbol of joy and triumph to honor their King. Join us as we celebrate our King on this day.




### Good Friday Service

**April 18, 7 pm at Quicksburg UMC**

Come to the foot of the cross and experience the emotion of Jesus crucified as he paid the ultimate price for our sins. Embrace God's radical love as he demonstrates how far he is willing to go for YOU.

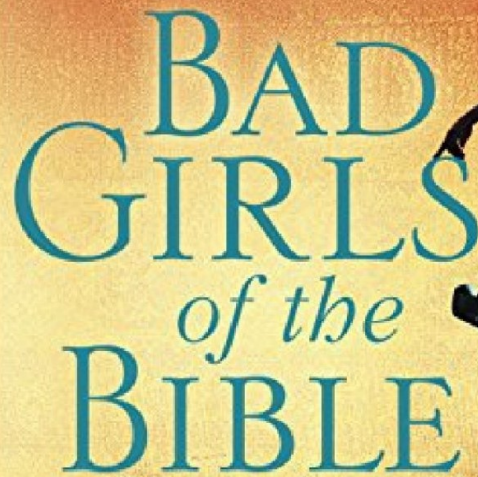
**Resurrection  
Sunday**

**April 20  
11 am**



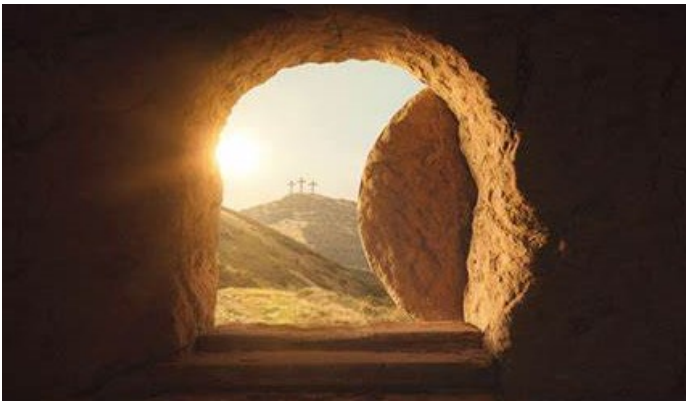
Easter, is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. As he stepped out of the tomb, all who believe in him are able to step out of our own spiritual death to new life in Christ. Invite someone to join the celebration.

Starting April 23...



**BAD  
GIRLS  
of the  
BIBLE**

Join us for this exciting *Bad Girls of the Bible* study by Liz Curtis Higgs. It's all about ten of the Bible's infamous Bad Girls — Eve, Jezebel, Delilah, Lot's Wife, and more. And it points to a God who majors in mercy. This study will be held on Wednesdays, April 23 through May 14 at 6 pm. The last class will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 12:15 pm. We will meet in the Social Hall. See Michelle Koontz for details. Books are \$10.



## From the Pastor...

The week of Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday was a troubling time. It began with praise as Jesus entered into Jerusalem. It turned to persecution as a crowd shouted “Crucify him!” Jesus is betrayed, arrested, beaten, and then crucified. The disciples were confused and afraid as the dead body of their Savior was placed in a tomb. The disciples literally put their lives on the line by following Jesus. “Now what?”

We know how the story ends, but put yourself in their sandals just before they hear the news that the tomb was empty. You know how that feels. You have been there. It happens when you reach the frayed ends of your faith. You were expecting things to go one way, but then it all goes wrong. You are left confused and afraid. It feels like it is your faith that is being put in a tomb.

That’s the time to put yourself in the sandals of those first disciples. That’s the time you wait... For Good News is coming. Your faith will awaken and step out of that tomb. Because God is still in the resurrection business! When you find yourself standing at the cross on Good Friday, remember there is more to the story. Sunday’s coming!

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- 04/05 Good, Bonnie
- 04/09 Hassler, Cherryll
- 04/12 Koontz, Chrissy
- 04/15 Burkowitz, Eva
- 04/17 Coffelt, Kathy
- 04/25 Jett, Barbara



## March Ladies Night Out

Last month, the women gathered at Pizza Bella’s Restaurant in Woodstock for *Ladies Night Out*. It was a delightful time to eat and talk with friends. Watch for upcoming activities and join the fun.



**(Sun.) April 27th**

The name of the Mt. Jackson Charge’s new pastor will be announced on April 27th. The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will make the announcement at the worship services.