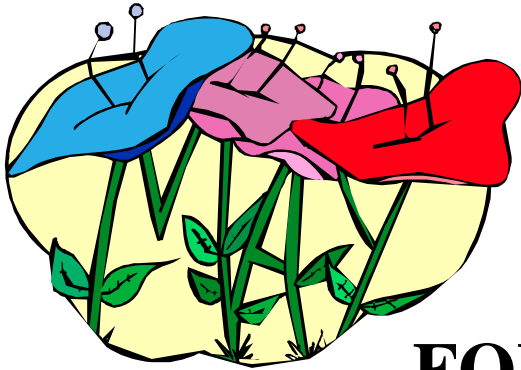


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Please keep in your prayers...

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Thank you to everyone that came and helped clean the church and those who brought food. Your hard work and generosity are a blessing.



Dear Murray Christian Church,
Thank you so very much for awarding me with your academic scholarship for this fall. This scholarship will help me so much. It was very thoughtful of you all to give me the scholarship and I am extremely grateful. Once again, thank you very much for the scholarship.
~Shannon King

Thank you so much for the words of comfort, the hugs, the cards and for attending my father's services. Thanks to Larry and Norma for doing the service. Larry always knows the right thing to say. Our church family is very special to us and everything was appreciated at this difficult time.

~Frank & Joyce Swanson & family

From the Pastor

We have talked about it for a couple of years now, and I have decided that I am going to do it! The doctor has explained all of the possible side effects, but I am going ahead anyway. I am scheduled for Botox on Monday...it's not what you think...or is it? Those first impressions, those first thoughts, those quick decisions we make about what we hear and what we think we see – decisions made in seconds that sometimes are only changed after years of additional information.

Jesus was a master when it came to first impressions. When He met the woman at the well, He knew there was more to her than to what you saw. When the young man came to Him seeking the keys to the kingdom, He knew that his words were empty and his goals misplaced. When Jesus gathered His rag tag band of believers to spread the Word, they weren't even sure what to believe.

First impressions are powerful things! I can only wonder on that first Easter morning when Jerusalem became aware of the Resurrection what people must have first thought. His is risen! He is risen indeed!

Lucky for us, we are far removed from that very first Easter morning, and we've had time to gather information, facts, data about that glorious day. And so this month I thought I would just share with you some of what we know.

Evidence that Jesus actually died and arose	Proposed Explanations for Empty Tomb	Evidence against These Explanations	References
This evidence demonstrates Jesus' uniqueness in history and proves that he is God's Son. No one else was able to predict his own resurrection and then accomplish it.	Jesus was only unconscious and later revived.	A Roman soldier told Pilate that Jesus was dead.	Mark 15:44, 45
		The Roman soldiers did not break Jesus' legs because he had already died, and one of them pierced Jesus' side with a spear.	John 19:32-34
	Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus' body and placed it in the tomb.	John 19:38-40	
	Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw Jesus placed in the tomb.	Matthew 27:59-61 Mark 15:47 Luke 23:55	
The women made a mistake and went to the wrong tomb.	Unknown thieves stole Jesus' body. The disciples stole Jesus' body. The disciples stole Jesus' body.	On Sunday morning Peter & John also went to the same tomb.	John 20:3-9
		The tomb was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers.	Matthew 27:65, 66
The religious leaders stole Jesus' body to produce it later.	The religious leaders had taken Jesus' body, they would have produced it to stop the rumors of his resurrection.	The disciples were ready to die for their faith. Stealing Jesus' body would have been admitting their faith was meaningless.	Acts 12:2
		The tomb was guarded and sealed.	Matthew 27:66
			None

The Botox treatment is to relax a muscle in my leg. Ha!!! Fooled you! I'm afraid I'll look the same.

Until next month,
Pastor Larry

The church will be participating in the Murray town wide garage sales on May 20-21. If you would like to donate any items, please feel free to bring them to church with you on Sunday, May 7 or Sunday, May 14. If you need to make special arrangements, please contact Stacey in the church office or Kathy Dempsey.



No clothes, please!

The Girl Scouts will also be holding a bake sale during the garage sales!

Sunday, May 15th will be Youth Sunday and the church will recognize graduates. If you have a graduate from kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, college or someone who earned a post-graduate degree, please notify the church office.



May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. will be the last time that Sunday school will meet until September 11th.



Please sign up as a host, hostess and/or greeter!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOOD OR MONEY FOR THE HEAD START FAMILIES FOR THE SUMMER, PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH BY MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8TH. THANK YOU!

Homemade Tick Repellant

This came from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. People who enjoy being outdoor now that it is getting warmer will appreciate this recipe which is recommended by the USDA Forest Service.

- 2 cups white vinegar
- 1 cup Avon Skin-So-Soft Bath Oil
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon eucalyptus oil

Put mixture in a spray bottle, well marked and use spray before going into wooded or grassy areas.