

# *SONRISE EDITION*

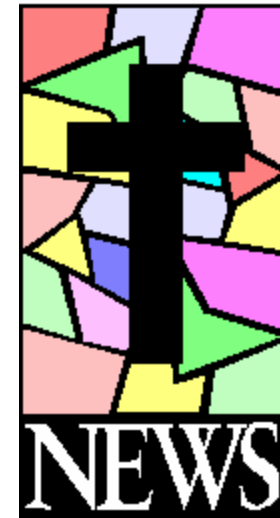
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Your church newsletter

**April 2004**



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*"Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised to life three days later." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

*Mark, ends his Gospel with the empty tomb and the message "He is not here - he has been raised!" That is the ultimate Good news. St. Paul proclaims Christ's resurrection in 1 Corinthians Chapter 15. Because of the resurrection of Jesus we are new people... we are Easter People!*

*Death on the cross on Good Friday could not stop or destroy the Word of God in Jesus Christ. The Easter message is "He lives" and his message of salvation and love lives in our hearts.*

*Come and join your church family in proclaiming the Easter message in worship.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Rev. John  
Reverend John*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### RANSOMVILLE

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 – Tim Truesdell    | 13 – Amanda Mayer          |
| -- Connie Diez       | 15 – Jeanette Brooks       |
| 5 – Tom Masters      | -- James Denio             |
| -- Joel Masters      | 18 -- Michael Harris       |
| 6 – Sarah Denny      | 19 – Erva Graf             |
| -- Linda Steck       | -- Sharon Strasburg        |
| 7 – Jessica Horvath  | 22 – Sheila Truesdell      |
| -- Philo Brooks      | -- Matt Grace Sr.          |
| 11 – Charlotte Mayer | 23 – Jayne Spring          |
| -- Lydia Bodner      | 26 – Julie Finn            |
|                      | -- Christian Van Den Bosch |

### FILLMORE CHAPEL

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 6 -- Hap Skellen     | 19 -- Stephen Diez   |
| 8 – Lindsay Andrasik | 21 – Jeremy Andrasik |
| 14 – Carrie Skellen  | 23 – Corinne Schlyer |
|                      | 29 -- Norman Daniels |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### RANSOMVILLE

- 1 – Frenchy & Millie Hillman

### FILLMORE CHAPEL

- 5 – Chuck & Cathy Wills  
6 – Malcolm & Brenda Johannes  
12 – John & Patty Susice Jr.  
13 – Henry & Maureen Koroschetz

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

### RANSOMVILLE

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 -- Lou Caleb            | 13 -- Carrie Truesdell      |
| 2 -- Jane Steiner         | -- Christine Palmatier      |
| -- Richard Dillon         | 14 -- Gregory Steck         |
| -- John Dillon            | 15 -- Brian Mayer           |
| -- Tim Harris             | 16 -- Emily Jeffery         |
| 3 -- Desiree Denny        | 19 -- Erica Horvath         |
| 4 -- Mary Ellen Belschner | 20 -- Mary Lucille Andalora |
| 7 -- Marvin Spring        |                             |
| 8 -- Beverly Jeffery      | 25 -- Dan Denny             |
| -- Kim Grace              | 26 -- Mary Ruth Blanchard   |
| 11 -- Douglas Schroeder   | 28 -- Eleanor Bayne         |

### FILLMORE CHAPEL

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 -- John Susice           | 23 -- Randy Skellen    |
|                            | 18 -- Kayla Wilkinson  |
| 12 -- Chester Sulinski, Jr | 19 -- Melissa Andrasik |
| 13 -- Theodora Olsowski    | 20 -- Rachel Senek     |
| 15 -- Bernard Peters       | 25 -- Henry Koroschetz |
| 17 -- Betty Lederhouse     | 26 -- Michael Jordan   |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### RANSOMVILLE

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 -- Louis & Sharon York       | 13 -- Dean & Shirley Schroeder |
| 3 -- Albert & Sharon Strasburg | 16 -- Philo & Jeanette Brooks  |
| 11 -- Douglas & Connie Diez    |                                |

## EASTER SCHEDULE:

**Maundy Thursday Community Communion Service,**  
April 8<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM at Warrens Corners United Methodist Church.

**Good Friday Cross Walk,** April 9<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM. Starts at Ransomville Free Methodist Church and finishes at Ransomville United Methodist Church. If you are not going to walk, please be in the church by 7:30 PM. The walkers will carry the cross into the sanctuary and we will remember Christ's passion through a service of Tenebrae.

**Easter Sunrise Service** at 8:00 AM in the Ransomville Sanctuary. Breakfast to follow at 8:30 AM.

**Easter Worship:** 9:30 AM Ransomville Church  
11:00 AM Fillmore Chapel

**April 11<sup>th</sup> - Easter Party during Junior Church at Fillmore Chapel.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM - Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse Game.**  
Tickets are \$15, (possibly less if enough people go).  
Everyone invited! Please contact Hap before Thurs., April 1<sup>st</sup> if interested.

On **April 21<sup>st</sup>** we will get together to **discuss the movie *The Passion of the Christ*** at Fillmore Chapel at 7:00 PM. Bring a snack/cookies to share and come and enjoy the discussion even if you haven't seen the movie.

## Activities & Meetings

**Ransomville Administrative Council** - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Ransomville. April meeting will be rescheduled due to Maundy Thursday. Watch bulletin for new date.

**Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council** - This year meetings will be held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month immediately following worship from noon to 12:30 PM. Next meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Bible Study** - Join us every Monday evening at 7:00 PM at Fillmore Chapel for Bible study. We are reading 1 & 2 Corinthians. Past studies were the Gospel of Mark and Romans. Bible study has been discontinued on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM at Ransomville Church.

**Ladies Prayer and Support Group** - Meets each Tuesday at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

**Choir Rehearsal** - Held each Tuesday at 7:00 PM at Ransomville. All are welcome.

**Youth Group** - Meets each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Ransomville.

**United Methodist Women** - Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Next meeting will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Healing Service** - Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Next service is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Ransomville Church. A time of prayer, hope, and comfort for those seeking spiritual, relational, physical and emotional healing.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** - Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

## Ransomville Sunday School News

The Sunday School is trying to get a very early start on our 2004 Christmas mission project for Heritage Manor. Hugh Nevins, a resident of Heritage Manor and faithful RUMC church attendee, has suggested that the residents always need personal hygiene items. Rather than socks, hats and gloves, we are going to begin collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, soap, combs, etc. We hope that by Christmas we will have a package for all 140 residents. We need your help!

If you would like to help us with this project, the "dollar" stores, D&K stores, etc. are good places to find inexpensive items. Sample sized items are fine. Also, buy one, get one free specials are great.

If you have items to donate, please send them in on Sundays and give them to any Sunday school student or teacher. Teachers include Ellen Truesdell, Pam Jacobs, Jenny Spring, Amy Olsen or Doug Diez.

Thanks for your help!  
The Sunday School Teachers

The Sunday School worked hard to make homemade Valentines for our shut-ins and all of the residents at Heritage Manor. The Valentines were reminders that "God Is Love" and "God Loves You". Thank you to Hugh Nevins for delivering our Valentines!

In the absence of Doug Diez, we've been praying for some extra help in our Sunday school. God answered our prayers! Thank you Jenny Spring and Ellen Truesdell for joining our Sunday school staff!

## Confirmation Class

During the month of March the confirmation class helped with the Chicken & Biscuit dinner on March 7<sup>th</sup>. On March 28<sup>th</sup> the class took a trip to Immaculate Conception RC Church.

### Future Classes:

April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Future Events:

- April 25<sup>th</sup> Ransomville students worship at Fillmore Chapel, Fillmore Chapel students worship at Ransomville. Need 2 drivers.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Worship at Ransomville Baptist Church.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday at both churches.

We will also have a confirmation retreat this spring.

Students in the class: Chris Andrasik, Jennifer Jordan, Kaitlyn Koroschetz, Nicole York, Kristin Olsen, Eric Olsen, Jessica Spring, Heather Moore, Shayne Diez, Earl Robins.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fillmore Chapel Sunday School Fund Raiser** - Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Home Interiors candles and candlelight accessories will be sold to fund the Sunday School curriculum, Arts & Crafts projects and vacation Bible School. Please support the Sunday School.

**Fundraising** - We would like to set up a mailing list of people who regularly attend our fundraisers (chowder sales, dinners, carnival, etc.) If you know of people who have enjoyed our events in the past and would like to be notified of upcoming events please give the name and address to Rev. John, Doug or Hap.

The Fillmore Chapel/Ransomville Vacation Bible School will be at Ransomville United Methodist this summer. If you would like to help or want your children to attend, contact Kim Sembert at 791-9904 or Doug Diez at 791-4791.

Reverend John's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Due to emergencies and unexpected interruptions he may not always be in the office so you might find it more convenient to call before visiting. Church office is 791-4978. Friday is his day off but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.

**Parking at Ransomville Church:** Please do not park in the parking lot during post office business hours.

Reverend Wetherwax's sermons are available in the back of each church. Please help yourself to a copy. The sermons are also available on-line at the church website [www.RansomvilleUMC.org](http://www.RansomvilleUMC.org).

Please submit any information for the May Newsletter to Joan by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Births:

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Kaitlin Pearl Mullen was born to Melissa & Chris Mullen. Kaitlin is the granddaughter of Steven & Susan Hillman, and the great granddaughter of Bob & Millie Hillman. Kaitlin is also the granddaughter of Linda & Patrick Mullen.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 - 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #821 will be holding a Pasta Dinner & Chinese Auction at the Ransomville Firehall.

The Niagara County Head Start Program is now taking applications for the 2004 - 2005 school year. Head Start is a preschool program for three and four year olds who meet Federal Income Guidelines. The program services children from low-income families, children with disabilities and children with special needs. For further information please see the church bulletin board.

Ransomville Baptist Church is holding a Rummage and Baked Goods Sale Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM until 4 PM, and Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM until 1 PM.

## Remember in Prayer

Evelyn Peters, Grace Howells, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Rich Wade, Sylva Emerson, Vicky Taylor, Susan & Harold Barnes, Marbeth Minnie, Rev. Kit Snyder, Chris & Kim Sembert & Family, Doug Diez, Pat Gillsillan, Grace Baker, Patty Kuriscak, Becky Slipko, Ruby Rinker, Marj Jeffords, Ruth Schultz, and Betty Lederhouse.

**Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.**

### A Water Funny

A mother was watching her four year-old son playing outside in a small plastic pool half-filled with water. He was happily walking back and forth across the pool, making big splashes.

Suddenly, the little boy stopped, stepped out of the pool, and began to scoop water out of the pool with a pail.

"Why are you pouring the water out, dear?" asked the mother.

"Because my teacher said Jesus walked on water, and this water doesn't work," he replied.



# April



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> RAMA Meeting Noon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Boy Scouts Pasta Dinner & Chinese Auction 4-7 PM Firehall
<b>4</b> <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b> Conf. Class Penny Collection Food Collection	<b>5</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>6</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>7</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	<b>8</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  Service at Warren's Corners UMC 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  Cross Walk 7:00 PM  Service 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Easter</b>  Ransomville Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM	<b>12</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>13</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>14</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	<b>15</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM  Healing Service 7 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  Conf. Class	<b>19</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>20</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>21</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM  Fillmore Chapel 7 PM Discussion of Movie <i>The Passion of the Christ</i>	<b>22</b> UMW Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Conf. Class Event FC Admin. Council Meeting noon - 12:30 PM	<b>26</b> Boy Scouts 6 PM  Bible Study 7 PM	<b>27</b> Choir Rehearsal 7 PM  Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	<b>28</b> Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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