



# STEEPLE NOTES

April 2022

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### **Session Members**

(Next meeting Wednesday April 13th @ 7 p.m.)

Pastor Sara Hodsden...Marcia Arthur—Clerk of Session....Doug Quinn—Building & Ground Maintenance .... Chuck Kaman— Christian Education, Chair.....Francesca Lendrum— Stewardship, G&P .... Susan Martter Finance Co-Chair, Jack Arthur Finance Co-Chair..... Cynthia Brown Mathews— Worship, Sarah Blakeman—N&M, nominating Chair ... Ellen Drumm —N&M .....Marcie Muntz—PW, Christian Education

# A Message From Your Pastor: “He Descended Into Hell”

By: Rev. Sara Hodsdon, Pastor, FPC Huron

For me, the most challenging part of Scripture to read is also essential in understanding the work of Christ. To read about Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, trial, torture, and crucifixion is excruciating. I can only imagine the sights and sounds that the apostles and followers of Jesus saw and heard over the week. With each crack of the whip, each glimpse of their Lord with the crown of thorns twisting into his skull, I suspect they were wondering how this all came to be. Jesus had portrayed himself as the Messiah, as God’s chosen. Now it appeared that he walked alone, with no intervention from God, as he suffered humiliation and physical abuse.

Finally, the Romans nailed Jesus to the cross. He was not the only one crucified that day. The Romans used crucifixion in mass executions. We know he had a thief to his left and a thief to his right. Each of these crucified ones had suffered the same torture—the whipping and the abuse. It was a shameful way to die, and that was the point. It was to humiliate the criminal and shame their family.

Then, Jesus breathes his last, crying out, “My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?” He stops breathing and slumps, his life taken from him. His lifeless body is removed from the cross and placed in a tomb.

When we recite the Apostle’s Creed in worship, it includes this phrase: “He descended into hell.” Most mainline churches, the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, include this phrase in the Apostles’ Creed. If you have a United Methodist background, this phrase may

have shocked you the first time you used it in worship at FPC Huron. What does it mean that Jesus descended into hell?

When we think of hell, we might imagine a lake of fire that smells like sulfur. We might imagine demons with pitchforks, poking and prodding the damned. Hell, to us, represents a place of punishment

The concept of hell as a place of punishment was not one that Jews were familiar with at the time of Christ. In the Old Testament, the word for hell is Sheol. In the New Testament, the word for hell is hades. In that context, hell is where the dead go while they await the final judgment.

When we say that Jesus “descended into hell,” we are not saying that the devil got him with a pitchfork. We are saying that from the time of his death until the time of his resurrection, he was in Sheol, hades, or the place where all the dead, righteous and unrighteous, go. Jesus was under the power of death. He wasn’t merely sleeping; he was dead. Truly dead. He descended from life to the place where the dead wait. He wasn’t in the place of final judgment, but where the dead await judgment.

Paul writes in Romans 6:9, “Since Christ was raised from the dead, death no longer has mastery over him.” At the resurrection was God breaking through that place where death has mastery and raising Christ from it. The good news is that through Christ, death has no mastery over us, either. Christ has already endured our descent into hell.

It is hard to read about Jesus’ suffering and death. It is hard to choke out “He descended into hell.” But when I read the story and say the words, I am



# Prayer

*It is easy for us to draw inward and focus on our own troubles and desires. However, Paul tells Timothy to pray for “all people -for kings and all those in authority.” (1 Tim. 2:1-3) How do we pray for all people? By praying for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and including the leaders of Ukraine and Russia. How hard is it for us to pray for those we perceive as evil? God knows we have limitations. But he wants us to have a wide view and a big heart to pray for all kinds of people because in this way we reflect Him (v. 3) and God is good. He wants all people to be saved (v.4) not just those whom we think are right, or good, or Godly. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.” (Is 55:8). So let us pray for both these nations and all nations in conflict, regardless of whose side you are on. We are on God’s side, and God delights to hear our prayers. It brings Him glory and it is a means to bless the thousands on both sides caught in conflict.*

*\*\*\* Prayer Group meets April 4 and April 18.*

*All are invited to join us either in person  
or at home privately as some of us are now doing.*

*Just let us know by calling*

*Dawn or Susan Martter and we will welcome you,  
and send you our current prayer list.*



# Holy Week

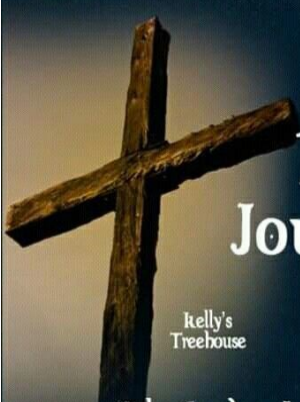
"Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 10th. Join us as we celebrate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, and hear the Passion Story. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m., with a coffee hour at 11:00 a.m."

## Maundy Thursday April 14th

This is the day we observe the institution of the Lord's Supper. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, commanded them to love one another, and shared with them the bread and the cup. We will gather in the sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** to share the Lord's Supper, pray, and worship.

## Good Friday April 15th

Jesus was crucified on Good Friday. The community worship service will be at **noon** at St. Peter's Catholic Church.



## Holy Week Journey To The Cross.

Kelly's  
Treehouse

**Palm Sunday-** Jesus entered as king; God prepared his sacrifice.  
**Monday-** Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree; God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice.  
**Tuesday-** Jesus teaches in the temple for the last time; God sends the invitation to come enjoy His sacrifice.  
**Wednesday-** Judas betrays; Mary perfumes; God waits for the responses to the invitation.  
**Thursday-** Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper; God offers His sacrifice.  
**Friday-** Jesus dies on the cross; God accepts His sacrifice. (A sweet smelling aroma)  
**Saturday-** Jesus takes the saints from Hades to Paradise; God receives His saint's to him.  
**Sunday-** Jesus is risen; God gives us eternal life in Jesus. The purest treasure.

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# Easter Sunday

Join us to celebrate the resurrection! Breakfast is at 9:00, and worship is at 10:00.



# What's Happening

## Caregiver's Lunch

As an outreach to our preschool families, we are having a caregiver's lunch on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have activities and a mission project for kids. Please get in touch with Dawn

## Retired Teachers

The Erie County Retired Teachers luncheon is scheduled for April 8th from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## Easter Bunny

- The City of Huron will have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday April 9th 7 a.m.—12 p.m. Sponsored by the Elks

## Scouts

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby tradition continues on Sunday, April 10th in Fellowship Hall.

## Poetry

The Nurture and Mission Committee is sponsoring the Annual Poetry Month Reading on April 24th from 3-5 p.m. in the parlor. Contact Ron Ruble if you'd like to share your poetry.

# Looking Ahead

## Rummage Sale



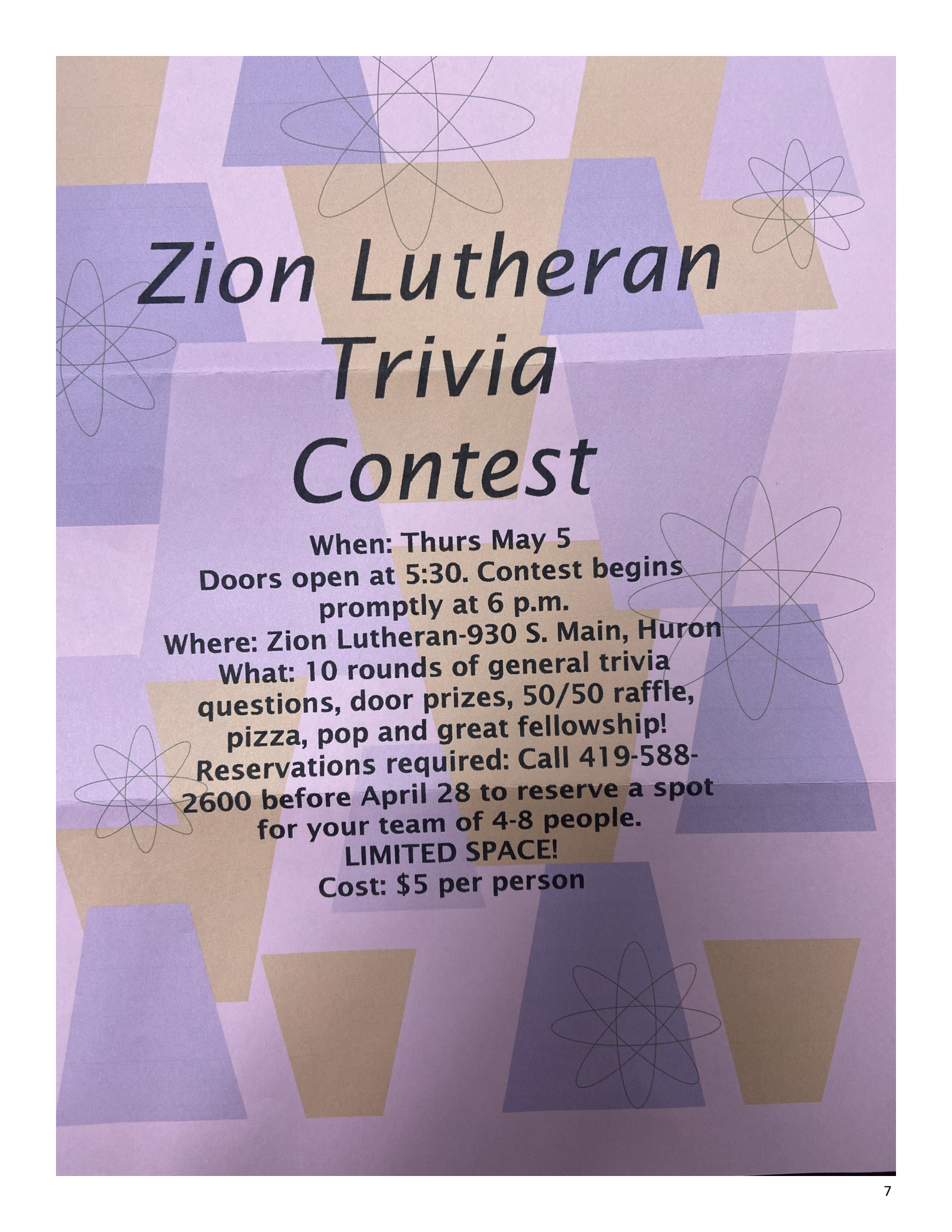
**Saturday May 7th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Donations for the rummage sale, can be placed in the Fellowship Hall after 2 p.m.

Rummage sale volunteers are needed to set up on May 6th 9 a.m.—12 p.m., During the sale 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m and after the sale to clean up 1 p.m.—2 p.m.

Our church is hosting the May 17th Presbytery Meeting. Over 100 presbyters from Maumee Valley will be visiting us that day. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!"





# *Zion Lutheran Trivia Contest*

**When: Thurs May 5**

**Doors open at 5:30. Contest begins promptly at 6 p.m.**

**Where: Zion Lutheran-930 S. Main, Huron**

**What: 10 rounds of general trivia questions, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, pizza, pop and great fellowship!**

**Reservations required: Call 419-588-2600 before April 28 to reserve a spot for your team of 4-8 people.**

**LIMITED SPACE!**

**Cost: \$5 per person**



# Camp Good Grief 2022

## For Children 5-13 Who Have Experienced Loss

**2022 Provisions for Pandemic:** Camps participation is limited for each camp, so register early to avoid being put on a waiting list, first come first serve registrations. First timers to camp will be given priority. Cancellations of camps may occur if the pandemic is unstable at that time, notifications will be given. Masks required at camp drop-off/ pick-up, and possibly at other times during the camp day. Social distancing encouraged.



**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**OSBORN PARK**  
**3910 E. PERKINS AVE.**  
**HURON, OH 44839**

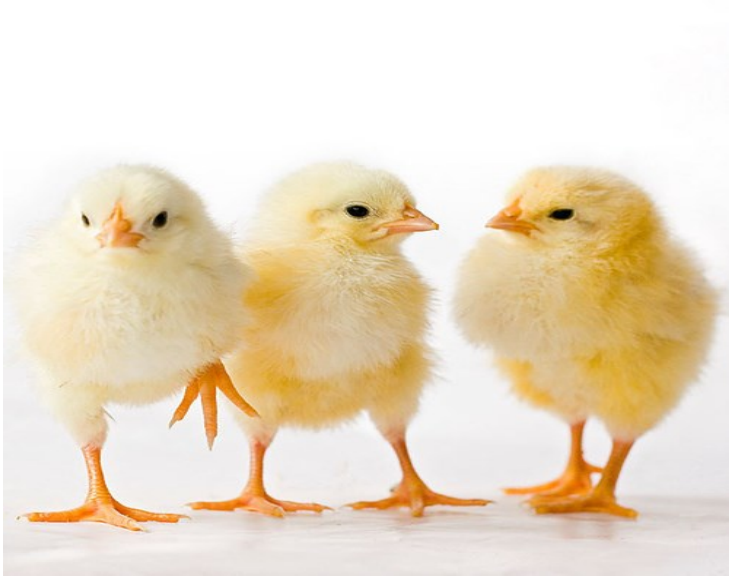
**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**LAKEVIEW PARK**  
(NEXT TO MICKEY MART-  
1308 E. PERRY ST.)  
**PORT CLINTON, OH**  
**43452**

**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**  
**LAKE PARK**  
**205 SOUTH OLD STATE ROAD**  
**NORWALK, OH 44857**

To register, please visit [www.steinhospice.org](http://www.steinhospice.org) or submit enclosed registration form to Stein Hospice, Attn: Kathy Failor, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870. For more information, contact Kathy at [kfailor@steinhospice.org](mailto:kfailor@steinhospice.org) or 419-625-5269.



# Little Wonders Preschool



The Little Wonders baby chicks should be hatching from their eggs soon; they have enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of chicks.



They will enjoy an Easter party on April 13th.

***No School Monday April 18th***

**Volunteers Needed for Ushering and coffee hour, please contact the Church office to sign up OR sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall.**

4/3 —Liturgist —Carolyn Culbertson

4/10—Liturgist—Phillip Hopkins

4/17—Liturgist—Chuck Kaman

4/24—Karen Brown



## **Prayer Calendar**

4/3—Christ Episcopal Church—  
Pastor Michael Floyd

4/10—Salvation Army

4/17—St. Peters Catholic  
Church—Father Jeff McBeth

4/24—Huron United Methodist  
Church—Pastor Pamela Sayre



## **Flowers**

**4/17**

**Pat & Mark Koch**



# Birthdays

**4/5—Nancy Luke**

**4/6—Judi Perry**

**4/10—Guinevere Bihun**

**4/13—Paul Todd**

**4/15—Bom Kimberly Ryu**

**4/19—Beverly Johnson, Victor Nikolajevs**

**4/21—Sarah Prout**

**4/24—Clark Culbertson**

**4/26—Ethan Ransom**

**4/29—Jann Glann, Missy Sprankel**



## God Bless You

I pray that our Heavenly Father blesses you, wraps His mighty arms of protection around you, and continues to shower you with happiness, good health, and peace of mind on this extra special day and forever.

May you prosper and shine everywhere you go.



<https://bibilium.com/birthday-prayers-birthday-blessings/>

# Staff Birthdays

**4/29—Jann Glann**

**4/30—Amber Rager**



# April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Caretakers Luncheon 1130-1	2
3 10 Worship Communion 11 Coffee hour 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony	4 12 Lunch  6 Scouts	5 1030 & 230 Kids Chapel  6 Lenten Study 7AA	6 6 Gf & God	7 9 Quilting Group  7 AA	8 12-2 Retired Teachers	9 7-12 Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
10 – Palm Sunday 10 Worship 11 Coffee hour 2 Scouts Pinewood Derby	11 12 Lunch  6 Scouts	12 1030 & 230 Kids Chapel  6 Lenten Study 7 AA	13 5 Community meal  7 Session	14	15	16
17 10 Worship 11 Coffee hour	18 OFFICE CLOSED 12 Lunch	19 1030 & 230 Kids Chapel 7 AA	20 6 GF & God	21	22	23
24 10 Worship 11 Coffee hour 3 Poetry Readings	25 12 Lunch  6 Scouts	26 1030 & 230 Kids Chapel 7 AA	27 5 Community Meal	28	29	30