

New Life at Living Hope

Easter, April 1 – Pentecost, May 20, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 1 “I have seen the Lord!” John 20:18 ALLELUIA!!	2 Give 10¢ for each church in which you have ever celebrated Easter.	3 Give 10¢ for every guest you took to Easter worship. Give \$1 if you took no one.	4 Keep 10 minutes of your day empty (like the tomb) and be joyful in the stillness.	5 Find 10 reasons to say, “Alleluia! Praise the Lord!”	6 Give 1¢ for every day you kept a Lenten discipline. Give \$1 if you didn’t have a discipline.	7 Give 1¢ for every word you remember of a favorite Easter hymn. Give 25¢ if you think of none.
8 Holy Humor Sunday “The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness...” —1 Cor. 1:18	9 Give 10¢ for every time you laugh today!	10 Give 25¢ for each occasion you bring laughter to someone else today.	11 Give 5¢ for every time today you realize you’re taking life too seriously.	12 Give 50¢ because the Easter season is also called “The Great Fifty Days.”	13 Make a list of things that have brought you joy this week. Give 1¢ for each of them.	14 Do something silly! If no one else sees you, give 75¢.
15 “...knock, and the door will be opened for you.” —Matt. 7:7	16 Give 5¢ for every door in your house.	17 Give 10¢ for each time someone opens a door for you today.	18 Give 25¢ each time you open a door for someone else. Give \$1 if you don’t do so.	19 Give 10¢ for each time you enter and exit your home today.	20 Give 10¢ for each door on vehicles you own.	21 Give thanks to God for people who have opened doors of opportunity for you.
22 “...the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked...Jesus came and stood among them...” —John 20:19	23 Give 10¢ for every key you have that gives you access to a building.	24 Give 25¢ for every lock that protects your home. Then give thanks for your security.	25 Give 5¢ for every time you locked yourself out. Give \$1 if you never have or if you’ve lost count.	26 Give \$1 if you remember a time when you didn’t need to lock your car or home.	27 Give \$1 if no one has ever broken into your car or home.	28 Give thanks for those people you entrust with your extra house keys.
29 Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me...” —Matt. 10:40	30 KUMC welcomed guests to use our building 30 times in April. Give \$3 and give thanks for the opportunities!	May 1 Three recovery groups meet at KUMC every week. Pray for all who are in recovery.	2 KUMC hosts Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, & Girl Scouts. Give \$1 if you benefitted from scouting.	3 Methodist Counseling Ctr. a KUMC office. Give \$1 if you ever benefitted from counseling.	4 KUMC has been a vital part of Kuna for 110 years. Give \$1.10 and give thanks to God!	5 Think of who first welcomed you to KUMC. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for them.
6 Jesus said, “...the Son of Man has now here to lay his head.” —Luke 9:58	7 The food bank at KUMC serves those in need. Give thanks for this ministry of mercy.	8 Give 5¢ for each time the food bank helped you. Give \$2 if you haven’t needed their help.	9 KUMC is your church home! Give 25¢ for every place you call “home.”	10 Give 25¢ for every bed in your home and 10¢ for any other place you lay your head to nap.	11 Give 10¢ for every overnight guest you have welcome into your home in 2018.	12 Give 5¢ for every time you have moved to a new home over your lifetime.
13 Jesus said, “...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” —Acts 1:5	14 Give 70¢ for the 7 persons who asked about being baptized in the first quarter of this year!	15 Give 5¢ for each year since you were baptized.	16 Give 5¢ for every baptism you can remember seeing or taking part in.	17 We baptize in the name of the Trinity. Give \$3, which is a good Trinitarian amount!	18 We’ll praise God in many languages on Pentecost. Give \$1 for every language you speak.	19 Give thanks for the Holy Spirit among us! Add whatever amount the Spirit leads you to give.

Wear red and bring this special offering to worship on Pentecost, May 20.

New Life!

Do you know all of the ways that Kuna United Methodist Church brings Living Hope and new life into the lives of people in our community? Probably not! I'm not sure anyone could accurately count just how many lives are touched and changed for the better by this congregation, the ministries we offer, the community groups we welcome, and the love we extend to all of God's children.

This congregation has been offering help, hope, and hospitality in Kuna for 110 years! We have welcomed people into this building for 102 years! We have housed the Kuna Community Food Bank for nearly 40 years!

Obviously, none of us has been a part of this congregation from the start. I hope that God continues using this family of faith for generations beyond even our tiniest young disciples who are among us now! In order to continue welcoming disciples and the community alike into our building for many years to come, we need to invest in some maintenance and improvements that exceed our standard operating budget. To begin this effort, I'm inviting you to participate in a special offering throughout this Easter season (April 1—May 20).

In the recent past, our special offerings at Lent and Advent have benefitted ministries beyond this church, like the Weekend Backpack Program. We're still supporting that and many other outreach efforts within and beyond the church—and that's not going to change! At the same time, the Leadership Team recognizes and wishes to address some needs around our property so that we can continue to offer hospitality in a safe, welcoming environment. It's also important that the vitality within this congregation be reflected in building a that is well cared for. We're very much alive! We want people to see this even if they only walk or drive by.

Among the building needs of concern to the Leadership Team are these:

- Replacing our main doors at the parking lot entrance, especially after they were damaged this winter.
- Maintaining the beauty of our landscaping, including replacing trees that did not survive the winter.
- Potentially replacing the front doors that face 4th Street.
- Adding a fresh coat of paint to the building exterior.
- Replacing rotting wood on the building exterior.
- And more as the building continues to age and needs become apparent.

If you have questions about any of these maintenance needs, talk with any member of the Leadership Team or Gary Woods in particular. These projects are only possible with your generosity, and I know this to be an exceedingly generous congregation!

The calendar on the opposite side of this page has suggested giving amounts for most days of the Easter season with a theme for each week. We begin by focusing on the resurrection miracle we celebrate on Easter (April 1). Then we get a little silly the week of Holy Humor Sunday (April 8). The next three weeks consider doors and welcoming since replacing our doors needs some immediate attention and has much to do with our ministries of hospitality. The next week (May 6) asks us to be grateful that we have a building, a home, a place at all. Finally, we spend the last week of the Easter season (May 13) preparing for Pentecost (May 20). The giving amounts each day are intended primarily to raise our awareness of our blessings and to guide us in giving above and beyond our usual Sunday morning offerings. As you'll see by May 19, giving generously as the Spirit leads is far more important than counting precisely or getting the math just right.

You're asked to bring your New Life offering to worship with you on Pentecost Sunday, May 20—and wear red, too! As we journey through this Easter season, I hope you'll consider all of the ways this church adds joy and meaning to your life, as well as the new life and living hope we offer to others! Thank you!

Peace and gratitude,

Rev. Karen



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