



Kid's Page

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To: The church's young people and their families

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Here are the plans for March 23:



Babies – 3's will have story time and sharing time, snack, and play time.

Pre-K – Senior High will attend the church family Easter service. It will include a story about eggs, music by the children's choir, and chocolate eggs at the end. You can also pick up **coloring pages** when you get your order of service.

Children's Choir REMINDER: Pre-K – 5th grade students will rehearse their songs for the service **at 9:15, in the Chapel.**

CHILDREN AS TEACHERS OF PEACE

"Peace is caring for those around you.
Peace is all Nations joining hands.
Peace is not destroying God's creation.
Peace is knowing the meaning of Love.
Peace will only happen if everyone works together."

Sirena, age 10



From Children as Teachers of Peace edited by Gerald Jampolsky

POETRY CORNER

Easter Day

Thirty days hath September,
Every person can remember;
But to know when Easter'll come
Puzzles even scholars, some.



When March the twenty-first
is past
Just watch the silvery moon,
And when you see it full and
round,
Know Easter'll be here soon.

After the moon has reached its full,
Then Easter will be here,
On the very Sunday after
In each and every year.

And if it hap on Sunday
The moon should reach its height,
The Sunday following this event
Will be the Easter bright.

Anonymous

JUST FOR FUN

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Abby.
Abby who?
Abby Easter to you!



An Easter Riddle:

Why are bunnies the luckiest animals in the world?

[See back page for answer.]

COLLEEN's COLUMN



What is Easter? Here's an explanation by **Lynn Ungar**: "The Christian Easter story tells of the last days of Jesus, who had been traveling...with his friends and students (known as the apostles), teaching and telling stories... Jesus emphasized the equality of all people, and focused on love rather than following the long list of rules that were so important to the leaders of the time. These people worried that Jesus was going to lead a rebellion against the government...

"The story goes that one of Jesus' apostles turned him in to the government, and Jesus was killed...because the government thought he was a traitor. Of course, Jesus' friends were torn up inside at the loss of their beloved teacher. After his body was taken down from the wooden cross where he was killed, they placed it in a cave, and rolled a huge stone across the front. Three days later, women who had been companions of Jesus came to wash the body and prepare it for final burial. But, the story goes, when they got to the cave, the stone was rolled away and the body was gone. Later that day, as two of the apostles were walking and talking about everything that had happened, they met up with a man who walked with them and ate with them...when they ate together, they decided... that the stranger they were talking with was actually Jesus! ..

"Most Unitarian Universalists don't believe that Jesus actually came back to life and went walking around in his body that had been dead. However, the idea that something that feels dead and gone can come back to life in a new way is important to people everywhere. When you remember the words of someone you loved who has died, and you keep learning from what they taught you, then, in a way, they are still alive within you. When a task, like a hard math problem or learning to ride a skateboard, seems too hard and you give up, then it can feel like something has died inside of you. But then, when something clicks and all of a sudden you get it, it feels like that part of you has come alive again... [After] the winter, comes spring; the plants that looked dead come back to life again...

"Are there friendships that are springing to new life for you? Skills that you've learned that you thought would never come alive? Sad memories that you've come to look at in a new way?... [Signs of spring, outdoors?] This Easter, celebrate all the ways that life carries on and grows and changes."

PARENTS CORNER

"Perfectionists... are made, not born, commonly at an early age... Perfectionism is increasing. One reason: Pressure on children to achieve is rampant... And, by itself, pressure to achieve is perceived by kids as criticism for mistakes; criticism turns out to be implicit in it...

"If ever there were a blueprint for breeding psychological distress, that's it. Perfectionism seeps into the psyche and creates a pervasive personality style."

(to be continued)

Hara Estroff Marano, Psychology Today, March/April 2008

AN EASTER RIDDLE (the answer)

Because each one has 4 rabbit's foots.

BOOK CORNER

"Koala bears, lion cubs, pandas, rabbits—these animals are cute and popular. But there are other creatures that are ugly or have such bad reputations that people don't like them." Find out more about these animals that people love to hate by reading [The Unhuggables; the truth about snakes, slugs, spiders, and other animals that are hard to love](#) by the National Wildlife Federation (new in the Kid's Corner of our church library).

