

A New Creature

In April 1953, a tragedy engulfed my family. My uncle, who suffered from bipolar disorder, killed his wife, their two children, and then himself. This heartbreaking event seemed to have little initial effect on me as a six-year-old child. But, as an adult, for years I became depressed each April. It took decades for me to realize this pattern, and more time to make a connection with that early childhood trauma. Three years ago, I decided to face the sorrow that had been begging for my attention.

From under the bed in a spare bedroom, I pulled out a box that held what remained of their lives and deaths. In that box were numerous newspaper accounts, items from the funeral, and notes and cards of condolence. Even the Easter cards my grandmother had sent my cousins that year were there. It was bittersweet to see my uncle and aunt's wedding picture, the numerous family snapshots, and the smiling childhood portraits of my cousins. After looking through everything, I chose my favorite picture of each, and then one by one held their precious faces before me. I spoke out loud to them, remembered what had been, and questioned, cried, and grieved for all that could never be.

Sixty years after that dreadful April day, I provided altar flowers for the worship service at my home congregation in memory of this family. On "their Sunday," in addition to the flowers, I was asked if I wanted a special hymn sung. I did—Marty Haugen's hymn with these transformative words:

*"Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow."*

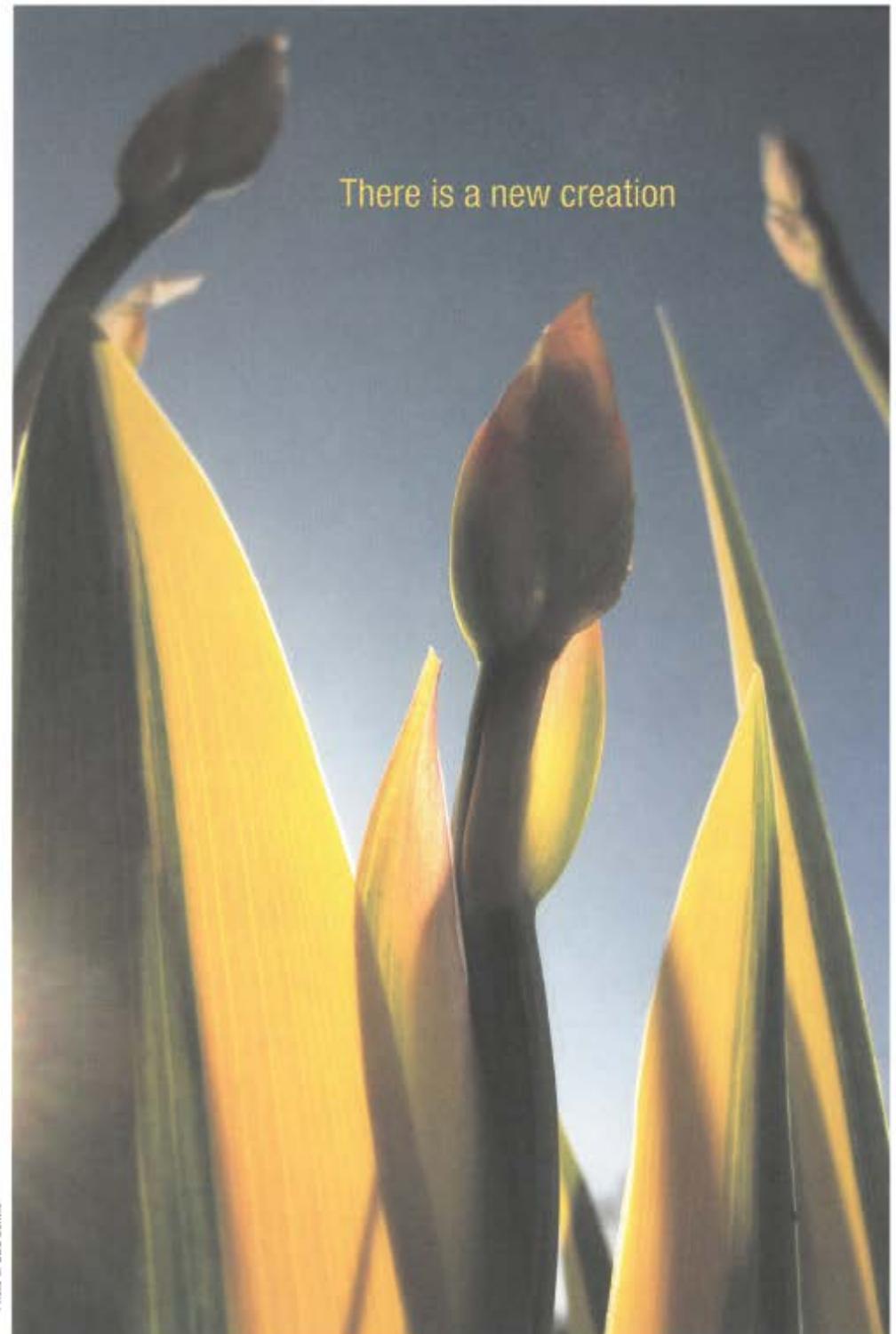
For the past three years, I have not been depressed in April.

—Prue Engle Yelinek
Waynesboro Church of the Brethren
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Text for today: "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, **there is a new creation**: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5:16-17, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship July 9, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Trumpet Rondeau in D *David Lasky*
Voluntary Op. 6 No. 5 *John Stanley*
Trumpet Rondeau in G *David Lasky*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshiping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

THE NORFOLK CHIME Congregational Church, Norfolk, CT

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *Regina Shands Stoltzfus, adapted*

One: Strangers, friends, sisters, brothers, siblings;
you who seek the living God, welcome!

All: See Christ's hands, see Christ's feet, not whole but holy.

One: And so come; come aching and weary, longing for signs and wonders, fearing the world beyond the door.

All: Come giddy with the whimsy of summer when long winter is past and the earth is awash in green.

One: Come as skeptics or true believers or somewhere in between.

**All: Stranger, friends, brothers, sisters, siblings;
in the words of Jesus- Peace be with you.**

*HYMN # 491 *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling* THOMPSON

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Acadia & Tanner Bowen & Dianne Murray
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Andantino *Adolph Friedrich Hesse*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSV

*HYMN # 493 *I heard the voice of Jesus say* KINGSFOLD

SERMON "Yokes Over Easy" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

SOLO (11:00) In This Very Room *Ron & Carol Harris*
Phyllis Wine, *soloist*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Rebekah Houff, adapted*

*HYMN # 541 *How clear is our vocation, Lord* REPTON

*DEPARTING BLESSING *Zandra Wagoner, adapted*

One: We who are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace,
whether together or alone, in old routines and ventures new...

All: Are blessed by the wisdom born of our community.

One: Let us go with the blessing of authenticity and honesty,

**All: A source of wisdom that helps all of us to be more real,
more true, and more human.**

One: Let us go with the blessing that love is the lifeblood for
living and thriving,

All: A source of wisdom that inspires even greater acts of love.

One: Let us go with the blessing of resilience, tenacity and courage,

**All: A source of strength that helps us to be steady and
determined.**

One: We who are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace,
whether together or alone, in old routines and ventures new...

**All: May the work of our community, the wisdom of the Spirit,
and the love of God be our blessing and our delight!**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Toccata in C *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

July 9-15, 2017 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	4:00	Memorial Service for Dorris Wampler	Sanctuary
	7:00	VBMHC Vespers @ CrossRoads Amphitheater	Tide Spring, bluegrass & gospel music
Mon.	5:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
	7:00	B. C. Alumni Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:00	Finance Commission	Open Door Room
Tues.	1:00	Gifts Discernment Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Foundation Board	Lounge
Wed.	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge

NEXT SUNDAY– July 16, 2017 – *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “Stew”

Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Office Reception Area

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 07/02/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 148 Sunday School: 82

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$7,350.00
Loose Offering	381.25
Church User Fees	60.00
Food Pantry	20.00
Partial Insurance Settlement for Van	4,501.60
Dorris Wampler Memorial Fund	50.00

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

Katie Smith – Summer Ministry Intern

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Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

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SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Pianist (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

Head Usher – Kevin Keplinger

Decorators – Deb Mitchell & Lev Norford

Deacon Caregivers – Andrea & Curtis Nolley

Van Driver – Rick Wampler

THE ROSE celebrates the birth of Lincoln Reed Michael, son of Beth & David Michael, on Thursday, July 6. Big sister is Ellie; grandparents include Dwyann & Tony Stovall.

MEALS WITH KATIE SMITH

Check the sign-up sheet in the greeting hall for opportunities to share a meal with Katie Smith, our summer ministry intern. Sheets for July are available. If the listed times do not suit your schedule, feel free to ask Katie about a different date / time. Preference is for only one meal (lunch OR supper) per day.

ATTENDING CAMP THIS WEEK

(Brethren Woods unless otherwise noted)

July 9-14

Holly Bragg [granddaughter of Sonya & Wendell Eller]

Emma Eller [granddaughter of Sonya & Wendell Eller]

Joe Horn

Olivia Horn

Francis Kasten

Shylah Zepp (Swatara)

Matthew 11:16-19 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”^[a]

Matthew 11:25-30 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus Thanks His Father

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”