



**April 2024**



### Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Dan R., Mike M., Lee Anne, Maria, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Scott, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Eliza, Linda and Donna: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron, and the 983<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

### A Message From Pastor Beverly:

James, one of the sons of Zebedee, is the third disciple to be called by Jesus. He was nicknamed by Jesus, along with his brother John, "The Sons of Thunder," because they both could be rash and unthinking. When a Samaritan village rejected Jesus, he and John wanted to call down fire from heaven upon the place. Over time he became one of Jesus' closest followers, along with Peter and John, and he often witnessed events no one else saw; such as the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead, the transfiguration and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. James was the first apostles to be martyred. He was ordered killed by King Herod Agrippa I of Judea, around 44 A.D. It was a time when the believers of Christ were being persecuted. There are two other men named James in the New Testament: James, the son of Alphaeus, another of Christ's chosen apostles; and James, the brother of Jesus a leader in the Jerusalem church and author of the book of James.

### Prayer For Peace In The World

Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and Bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly



### Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Knitting Ministry:** Tuesdays, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm.
- **Operation Food on the Table:** Bag packing on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.
- **Community Meal:** April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- **Ladies Luncheon:** Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at The Garrison in Fremont 12:00pm.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton.
- **New Service Time:** Sunday service time will revert back to 9:00am on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### March 2024 Vestry Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Contributions are up compared to budget due to a large donation.

**Pastor's Report:** A new sign was ordered to replace the old one by Wendy's. Pastor Beverly said she will be attending education courses in Chicago.

**Food Pantry Report:** The Lion's Club provided 7 days of data from February about the recipients of the food bags and it's contents.

**Other:** A new summary sheet of quotes was distributed for upgrades to the offices, conference room and ramp.

**Old Business:** Grants for Food On The Table are in progress.

**New Business:** Rules for Hall rental were distributed and will be posted.



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**Join us every Sunday at 10am for service or**

**livestream is available at [Episcopalportclinton.org](http://Episcopalportclinton.org)**



## Around The World In April



One of the most well-known dates of the month is April Fools' Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. No one is sure where this originated from, but some believe it to be inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer's story in "Canterbury Tales" called "Nun's Priest's Tale."

William Shakespeare was born April 1564 (specific date unknown), and died April 23, 1616, aged, 52.

After a 1,500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1896, in Athens.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1452, Leonardo da Vinci was born in Anchiano, Italy.

For all the car enthusiasts out there, Ford unveiled their first Mustang on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1964, costing \$2,368. "The Shot Heard Round The World" The first battle of the Revolutionary War, Lexington, and Concord, broke out on April 19, 1775.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the late Queen Elizabeth II was born in Bruton Street, London.

The explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine occurred on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1986, which forced everyone within a 300-mile radius to be evacuated.

George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1789.



## April Birthdays

Cindy Bolte – 2nd



Don't forget to wish her Happy Birthday

## April Anniversaries

David & Debby Barnes - 1<sup>st</sup>

John & Gerri Bolte - 4<sup>th</sup>



## Bread Pudding With Vanilla Cream Sauce

*enjoy life  
it's delicious*



### Ingredients:

-6 Croissants, cut into 1" cubes -2c. milk -4 large eggs  
-3/4c. granulated sugar -2tsp vanilla extract -1/4tsp salt  
-1c. berries FOR VANILLA BUTTER SAUCE: -1/2c. butter  
-2/4c. granulated sugar -1/2 c. heavy cream -2tsp vanilla extract

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, spray a 2.5 quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Layer half of the cubed croissants into baking dish. Sprinkle half of the berries before topping with rest of croissants.
3. In a large bowl, whisk milk, eggs, sugar, vanilla, and salt. Pour mixture over croissants and with back of spoon, gently press croissants into the custard.
4. Top with remaining berries and let stand 15 minutes before baking or cover and refrigerate until ready to bake.
5. Bake 45-55 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove from oven, let rest for 15 minutes before serving with vanilla sauce or dusted with powdered sugar (or both!)
6. For the Vanilla Sauce: Combine the butter, sugar and heavy cream in a sauce pan. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla.



## The Month Of April



In the early Roman calendar, April was the second month of the year, named after the goddess Aphrodite. However, in 70 BC, King Numa Pompilius added two more months, making April the fourth month instead. The Roman calendar underwent reforms over the years, but the name "April" remained the same. April also only had 29 days, but a 30<sup>th</sup> day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar. Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. Their birth flower is either a Daisy or a Sweet Pea. The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom. The smaller animals that hibernate for the winter in the Northern Hemisphere usually start coming out of their burrows and the birds migrate north and settle down for the summer to mate in this month. April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21<sup>st</sup>.

