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# THE HOPE OF EASTER

As I write this column, I am so ready for Easter and spring. The last year has been one of the most challenging of our lives. We have lost people we've loved and endured isolation on the one hand and more time with those under our roof than we've previously experienced.

I'm ready for hope. I'm excited that purple crocuses have finally pushed through the blanket of leaves and the firm dirt in front of our house. They seem to enthusiastically open themselves wide to the warming sun in the morning in a way that makes me smile. I hope I never lose my amazement at the fact that all winter under snow and the frozen ground, the crocuses are, in a sense, just waiting for their season to come.



Looking at the ground in January or February, one would never know that such determination and beauty lie dormant waiting to push their way upward through the obstacles that lie overhead to reveal themselves to the world in all their glory. The crocuses are part of how spring gets my attention and I admire how they persistently push their way into view for all the world to see.

In a sermon about Easter, Peter Gomes, shared about the resurrection of Jesus and how it gets our attention. "The resurrection is God's way of getting

our attention. It is God's way of making us listen up, God's way of getting us to look, to listen, and to live. The first thing to remember, once God gets our attention, is that there is nothing subtle about Easter, nothing vague or ambiguous or vain or clever or cute about it at all. To make that point, God does not begin Easter Day as the slow, gradual triumph of the dawn over the darkness; rather he takes a leaf from the notebook of Cecil B. DeMille himself, and God begins Easter with an earthquake."

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of

him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid." (*Matthew 28:2-5a*)

"God knows how to get our attention. The Christian faith begins not with a whimper or an argument but with a bang. The women are placed at the tomb so that they can be confronted by this phenomenon. There they are, like you and like me, preoccupied with their own thoughts. Their private griefs, their personal agendas, their memories, their expectations, and indeed their fears when they're interrupted by God in a mighty way," not by an earthquake which is impressive

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## The Office will be closed on April 5 and on April 19 for Patriot's Day

### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 28 at 8:30 & 10:00 am**  
"What Will You Offer the Lord"  
*Mark 11:1-11*

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 1 at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday**  
**April 2 at Noon**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 4**  
**Sunrise Service at 6:00 am**  
**at Nauset Beach**  
**8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am**  
**at BBC**  
"What Will You Do When You  
Leave"  
*Mark 16:1-8*



**April 11**  
"The Life Jesus Wants You to Have"  
*John 20:19-31*

**April 18**  
"What Defines You?"  
*Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:1-4,*  
*Ephesians 2:10*

**April 25**  
"Loving and Valuing Creation  
as God Does"  
*Psalms 104:10-34*

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Lead Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Doug Scalise
Executive Pastor:	Rev. David Pranga
Pastor:	Rev. Barbara Burrill
	Rev. Joe Greemore
Music Director:	Chris Morris
Administration:	Sharon Kautz
	Mary Ormon
Facilities Manager:	Tom Swaida
Sextons:	Lisa Freeman
	Chuck Hilton
	Geoff Larkin

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enough but by a bold and powerful angel with a sense of humor who has not only rolled away the stone blocking the entrance of Jesus' tomb, but who is sitting on it, like a child proud of his or her own strength, making the statement, "See what I did. How's that? And if you think that is a great act, wait till you see what's next!"

The earthquake and the angel serve God's purpose to get our attention and to convey a life changing message. "He is not here; he is risen as he said; he goes before you; spread the good news; do not be afraid. You have nothing to fear." That is the first, and that is the only message of Easter: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and is not to be found where the dead are. He told us this, and it is so. He is out there ahead of us, and our job is to spread the good news that he lives; and, by the way. Relax, stop worrying, stop thinking that it all depends on you. It has been accomplished. It has been done.

Life begins when God gets our attention, whether that is through crocuses or earthquakes or through tragedy or triumph, and life truly begins when we can hear what God has to say and we can act upon it and live upon it.

I pray that this Easter, God will get your attention in a life changing way so that the Good News that Jesus lives will fill you with hope, determination, and persistence to press onward and upward in faith.

Because He Lives,  
Pastor Doug Scalise





We extend a heart-felt thank you to Katherine Cram, who has been our lead office administrative assistant since March 2017. Katherine has decided to conclude her time working at BBC and we wish her the best and extend our appreciation for her service to BBC.

We are grateful for Katherine's time with us at BBC. She was instrumental in creating so many of the procedures, practices, and templates for our office operations, as well as assisting in the writing of grants, creating our safety and security manual, producing our monthly Beacon, recruiting and training volunteers to assist in the office with mailings and other tasks and so many other administrative duties. In this past year, we are especially thankful for her efforts in creating the telephone chain that we have used to reach out to our most senior members and working creatively to create procedures and seating charts in order maximize the number of people we could accommodate in the sanctuary given the COVID-19 guidelines.

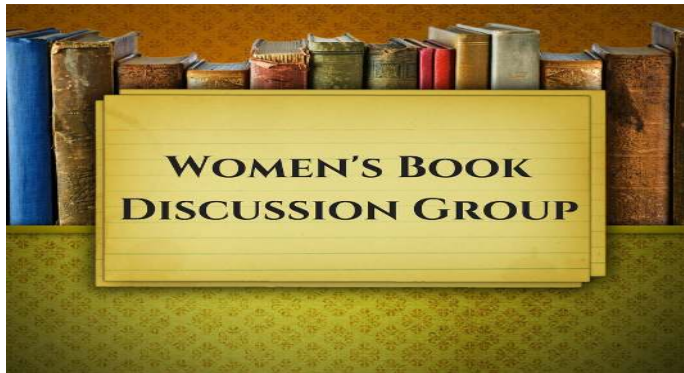


We appreciate your patience in the interim time with all that needs to be done for Holy Week and the Annual Meeting. Pastor David and the Human Resource Team will be working on updating the job description for the position and will be seeking to hire someone as soon as possible. We will advertise the position in the church first to see if there are any interested candidates. For the immediate short term, Mary Ormon will be working additional days in the office. Pat Lindquist will also be working a few days a week in the office per diem, as well.



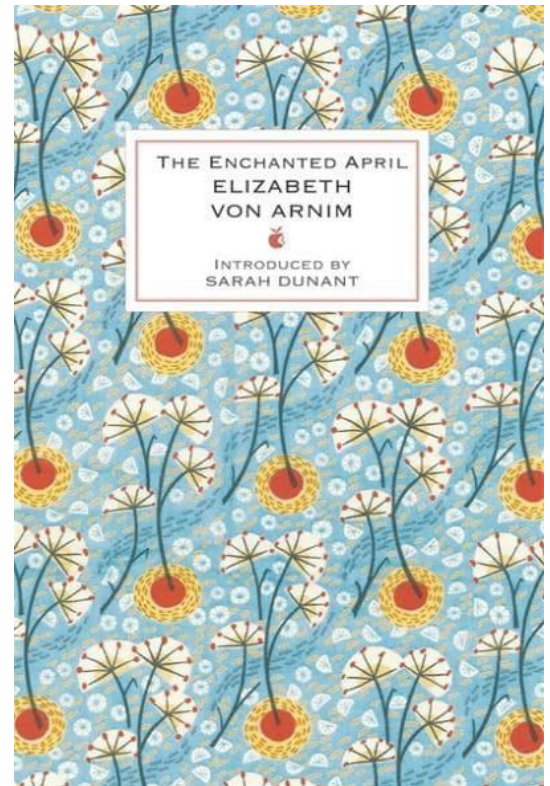
Brewster Baptist Church  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday, April 11, 2021  
11:15am in the Sanctuary

Annual Reports are available at the Information Center



Thursday,  
April 22 at 1pm  
On ZOOM

The Enchanted April  
by Elizabeth Von Arnim



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteers needed at Faith Family Kitchen

Cape Cod Council of Churches is looking for a few additional volunteers to serve at Faith Family Kitchen. Faith Family Kitchen continues to serve hot meals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6–7pm. If you self-identify as someone who is less likely to have a severe negative reaction to COVID-19 and are willing to follow all safety guidelines, please contact Jeni at [jenimwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:jenimwheeler@gmail.com) or 781-248-5753.

## TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### Help Us on the Tech Team!

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/261/responses/new>

Being part of the Tech Team by operating sound, slides, camera, and/or lights is a FUN way to challenge yourself (how many stations can you master?) and a great way to use your own skills and passion for service.

We hope you will pray about our need for additional members of the Tech Team as we prepare for three services on Easter Sunday and in the future. We are grateful for the joy we share!

Do you regularly attend here at BBC? Would you consider joining our team and helping to greet, check people in or usher them to their seats on Sunday mornings?

We would love to have you join us as a Worship Welcomer... your friendly, warm greeting and smile makes a big difference on Sunday mornings!

Please contact Team Leader  
Nancy Whitehurst:  
[nancywhitehurst@realtyexecutives.com](mailto:nancywhitehurst@realtyexecutives.com)



EXTEND A Warm Welcome

**JOIN THE  
WELCOME TEAM**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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We will continue to offer Children's Worship at the 10:00 am service. Children will sit with their parents in worship for the beginning part of the service and then be dismissed to the Chapel for Large Group Worship and Bible Story using *The Gospel Project*.

Unfortunately, we are still currently unable to offer childcare in the nursery. Parents are welcome to use the Nursery room as long as your children are supervised.

The Children's Bible Story can also be found online at the BBC Website.

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.org/kids-students/> Password: 3usethispassword3

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Tim & Sharon Kautz, Student Ministry Team  
508-577-5361 C ✉ Sharon@brewsterbaptistchurch.org

### Student Ministry on Sunday Mornings—10:00 a.m. service

#### Middle School Sunday School

Christy Pranga is leading the Middle School Sunday School class using the *Gospel Project* in the Student Ministry Area.

#### High School Sunday School

Jill Scalise is leading the High School Sunday School class using each week's sermon meeting in the Conference Room.

### Student Ministry Evening Groups in April

Due to Easter and April School vacation, we are switching the timing of Student Ministry evenings for the month of April:

Middle School will be on Friday April 9 & 23, 6:30-8:00pm

High School will be on Sunday April 11 & 25, 6:30-8:00pm

We are also planning some fun daytime activities during vacation week and we will share more in the coming weeks.



# Family Fun Time!

**When:** Saturday, April 17

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Where:** BBC

**What:** We will have some crafts and fun things to do with your kids during the start of the April School Vacation! Paint river rocks, step into giant bubbles, painting and more! Please feel free to bring a bag lunch if you want to stay and eat together at 11:30.

**Safety:** We will have plenty of hand sanitizer and wipes available for your use. We ask that everyone over age 5 to please wear a mask except if you are eating.

**RSVP:** To have enough materials, we ask that you RSVP to Pastor Barbara. You can sign up online, call the office or email Pastor Barbara directly at:

[bburrill@brewsterbaptistchurch.org](mailto:bburrill@brewsterbaptistchurch.org)  
<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/268/responses/new>

**If it rains that day, then this event will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Save the Dates**  
**Monday, August 16 — Friday, August 20**  
**Registration Opens: Thursday, April 1**



Preschool      Ages 3 & 4 (Must be Potty Trained)  
Elementary    Grades K–5  
Teen Helpers   Grades 6–12

Join us with our friends from Northside United Methodist Church and Grace Church of East Dennis for a great week! Children from Preschool through Grade 5 will have lots of fun experiencing five different stations:

Bible Stories, Worship, Games, Experiments and Snacks!

9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day

Cost: \$5 per person with maximum of \$20 per family

Scholarships available – speak with Pastor Barbara Burrill.

# CARING NURSE MINISTRY

Lisa Freeman, RNC BSN FCN  
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## Caring Nurses are Available to Assist with Scheduling COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

If you are having trouble scheduling that elusive COVID vaccination, BBC's Caring Nurse Ministry has a team of trained RN's ready to help!

As of this publication, those that are eligible for the vaccine include the following:

- Health care workers.
- Anyone living in congregate housing or group housing.
- Anyone aged 65 and older.
- People of ANY age with qualifying health conditions such as heart disease, HTN, diabetes, cancer, COPD, obesity, pregnancy, or immune compromised.
- Teachers

Please know that the vaccine is still available in a very limited supply .

If you are willing to drive or ride in a ***Carpool*** with other BBC members to a Massachusetts vaccination site like Gillette Stadium, let us know.

If you are homebound and can't get out to get a vaccination, call the Brewster Council on Aging (COA) at 508-896-2737—you will be added to a waiting list and a nurse will come out to your home.

If you have questions or concerns and need help in signing up, please contact Lisa Freeman at 508-896-3299 or [Lfree125@comcast.net](mailto:Lfree125@comcast.net).

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## Anniversaries

- 1 Tom & Sharon Ferguson
- 8 Don & Roberta Jamieson
- 10 Dick & Sandy Blaha
- 15 Jack & Lillian Costa
- 16 Greg & Mary Catherine O'Brien
- 19 Neil & Sabrina Gibree
- 24 Andy & Joyce Hossfeld
- 29 Rob & Barbara Quinn
- 30 Ron & Evie Rencurrel



## Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Freeman  
Marjorie Oliver  
Xavier Hilbig
- 2 Delane Ferrucci
- 3 Charles Oliver  
Jim Birks
- 6 Charles Hilton
- 7 George Metzgar  
Samuel Coddington  
Lawren Cowen
- 8 Jane Brietzke  
Emma Wrobel  
Nancy Renn  
Karen Johanson
- 11 Brycen Mello
- 12 Tammy Thiesing
- 13 Barbara Losordo
- 15 Arthur Esswein
- 16 Muffy Freeman  
Emily Sumner  
Carol Chase
- 17 Dorothy Valinski  
Morgan McWilliams
- 18 Susan Verge
- 20 Brenda Halliday  
Cynthia Mathison
- 21 Lynne Blaisdell  
Ann-Louise Northrop  
Kathleen Murray  
Justin Labinski  
Debbie Mayhew
- 22 June Bohannon  
Peter Goode  
Anna Harper
- 23 Jennifer Byrne  
Stephen Logsdon  
Heather Campbell
- 24 Stephaine Meads  
Sharon Ferguson  
Karen Faria
- 26 Roy Freeman  
John Mayer
- 28 Carol Penfield  
Russell Clinton  
Lynn Latham
- 29 Les Erikson  
Dianne Jenkins  
David Nunnally
- 30 Sal Pearson  
Lily Piebes  
Michaiah Andino

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The Adventure of a Lifetime  
Begins Here



Jesus said,  
"Come, follow me..."  
*Mark 1:17*