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## KEEP ON CELEBRATING EASTER!

**Just opened my desk calendar to April and am blown away by the stuff that's awaiting me: two doctor's appointments, an increase in my monthly health insurance premium, a Work & Witness week at the Nazarene Indian School in Arizona (I'm not going, but it's a prayer reminder), and two Senior Adult Friendship Gatherings.**

In other years Easter would be a red letter day on my April calendar page, but now it's old news. Well, not really *old* news—it's still the good and gripping news it's always been. But by now, the sanctuary lilies have been redistributed and the 2000 church-yard Easter eggs have been found (though, when Chuck next mows he'll probably discover a couple or three still in hiding).

In one of these post-Easter moments, I find myself wondering how long the average Sunday church attender retains the magnificent truth behind, "He is risen!" Maybe we have so theologized the Resurrection event, that the glory is missed. Have you read the Road to Emmaus story lately? It's in Luke's gospel, chapter 24. Read it—soon! It's the story of two men who knew of Jesus' Crucifixion, but not His Resurrection. It's a From Despair to Rejoicing moment.

And us? We OHNazers? Have our post-Easter Sunday responsibilities and entertain-ments overpowered the glory of Jesus' Resurrection? After the fancy eggs and chocolate bunnies are consumed (ears first), does your family realize that every Sunday, when we meet together at church, we are celebrating Easter? "On the first day of the week . . ." they came and

found Jesus empty tomb. Liturgical churches celebrate Easter for two more Sundays, it's that big of a deal.

Tell your kids and remind each other, "Easter is a 52 Sundays a year event at OHNaz!" PMM



### Overheard in the Foyer

"Did you remember the BREEZES survey?"

"Sure, I answered the two questions."

"Which were . . .?"

"1. Do you read the BREEZES newsletter?"

"And . . .?"

"2. How do you see it—by mail, the foyer, or on line?"

"Wonder who responded?"

"The editor told me ten people did: Sarah Hills, Rosalie Nunn, the Hildreths, the Beckers, the Lathrops, Pat McC., Katelyn Phillips, Claudia Talmadge, and Jacque Fye."

"And their prizes?"

"As promised for the above mentioned, a Pmm book prize can pick up in the church office."

# PB's

## Current



**With Spring comes HOPE for a brighter day.  
Of course it all depends on your perspective  
& attitude!**

It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you.

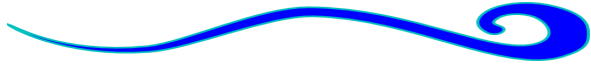
1. Don't change horses.....until they stop running.
2. Strike while the.....bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before.....Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of .....termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but ..... how?
6. Don't bite the hand that .....looks dirty.
7. No news is.....impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a .....Mr.
9. You can't teach an old dog new ..... math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll .....stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust ..... me.
12. The pen is mightier than the .....pigs.
13. An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's .....pollution.
15. Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is.....not much
17. Two's company, three's ..... the Musketeers
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what ..... you put on to go to bed.

19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and ..... you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as ..... Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen & not .....spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed ..... get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you ..... see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind . get out of the way.

### Reflections For Mature Folks

1. I think I forgot what this one was.
2. Nothing is worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the world are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You know sometimes there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after BluRay? I don't want to have to restart my collection again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

# JUST BLEW IN . . .



## News from the pews

**The Day After Easter Sunday.** Well, substitute custodian **Karise Richardson** has begun the process of getting the interior of our OHNaz church plant back to normality. **Charlie Janssen** has already returned the extra sanctuary chairs to their normal locations, after masterminding their setup; only hope that **Jerry Liggett** and his offertory instrumentalists are aware of how the congregation's appreciated their rendition of "El Shaddai"; And wasn't the choral group's contribution, including soloists **Holly Farrell** and **Chris Harasti**—outstanding! As was the pre-service brunch planned and prepared by **Stephanie** and **Bryan Johnson**. Thank you all!

**Won't Soon Forget.** It was especially good to have **Merrie Pickens'** movement group back, performing an interpretation of the Resurrection set to music, with their baton sticks and some new personnel. But perhaps at the top of the remembrance list was the baptism service, in which Pastor Ben performed the sacrament for six believers: **Madeline Hattaway, Christian Hattaway, Summer Hattaway, Camelia Jensen, Israel Buchholz, and Serenity Fernandez.** Oh yes, and don't forget to join Miss Lisa in thanking the many who filled more than 2000 plastic Easter eggs, so our kids could have a remarkable hunt.

**On deployment.** **J.D. Richter** took off for his overseas assignment on Monday morning, March 21. As always, OHNaz stands behind our military personnel, and their loved ones. In this case, Kendra, Joey, Raigen and mom Becky. Let J.D. know you're part of his "cloud of witnesses."

joseph.richter@me.navy.mil "Cloud of witnesses"?  
Check Hebrews 12:1.

**Home again, home again.** Fresh back from his deployment, we welcome home **Eric Samek**. Please note the smiles on Carrie's, Peyton's, Lainey's, Hudson's, and Cooper's faces.

**The wrestler among us.** That bright-eyed fourteen-year old who is often seen toting music stuff for his grandfather Jerry Liggett is none other than **Joe Williamson** a 8th grader at North Whidbey Middle School. At the wrestling finals, held at Sedro Woolly, Joe was able to pin his opponent in the first round, earning him a third place position in the finals. When asked for a statement, the young wrestler rather sheepishly responded, "The guy I pinned was my best friend. Still is!" Congratulations, Joe. And thanks for being a faithful OHNazer.

**Congrats to another young OHNazer.** "Thank you, P.B. for writing the letter of recommendation for my granddaughter, **Breona Eisner** to volunteer as a counsellor for special needs campers at Warm Beach this summer. For years she's wanted to be a nurse, this experience should encourage that goal." Carrie Harris.

**It's happened again.** Some fresh-face newbie observes, "But OHNaz doesn't have pews," to which this fresh-face editor replies, "Yeah, we know, but 'News from the folding chairs' just doesn't cut it."



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# OHNaz Seniors

## Friendship Gatherings for April

**Friday the 15th** Another game night. This time we're at Charlie & Deena Janssens, 475 Fairhaven Dr. 675-8197. Please bring munchies. You out did yourselves last month.

**Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>** Chuck & Jacque's Mystery Lunch. Gathering time to be announced. Be sure to RSVP the Fyes. Last month's restaurant was a tasty surprise to all.

We had a terrific turnout for our St. Pat's Day game night at Kay Patterson's. There were 18 of us there Flinching", Scrabbling", chewing and savoring, talking and acquainting ourselves. A new feature this at this month's game night: "A Few of My Favorite Things." Come and find out.

### For Your Calendar

Not too early to start thinking about the month of October. Our own JoAnne Sherrod will conduct a hands-on worship: Making Your Own Christmas Cards. The date is Friday, October 7, in the church Fireside Room. There may be a minimal charge for materials that you'll use for making cards at home. Details forth coming (eventually).



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15. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

16. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with brew than Kay.

17. I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.

18. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.

19. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?

20. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!

21. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty, & you can wear them forever.

22. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.

23. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time!

Read Philippians 4:4-7 for a daily pick-me-up, and lighten up for a change. Not every moment in this life has to be drama-filled. Remember, you are loved. See you soon, Lord willing...

*Pastor Ben*

