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Easter Faith in a Good Friday World

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
- Mark 16:8

HAPPY EASTER! As Christians, we've been celebrating the miracle of Easter for two millennia. It is the most important and "holy" day of all our Christian "holidays." I hope that you have found a way to reflect and to celebrate the miracle of Easter with your church family.

Easter celebrates life as more powerful than death, love as more powerful than fear, and sacrifice as more powerful than coercion. Easter is a testament to the ultimate victory of God's love, but we need to remember that it is indeed God's love that is victorious – not us or our own will. We're not in control.

We face many troubling realities in our public life: conflict, abuse, distrust, and even apathy. It can be quite discouraging to be seeking the benefit of the "least of these" when they become the targets of ill will. We're living in a very "Good Friday" period when the suffering of God's children almost seems to be a goal or "the point." Coercion, fear, and death seem to prevail. It is easy to get discouraged.

But Christians have an Easter faith in a Good Friday world. There are no guarantees that whatever we're doing will succeed. However, our faith reveals hope when things seem hopeless.

Important Dates	**Office Hours**	**Important Dates**
Save the Date! ABCWI Annual Gathering **Oct 9-10** **Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church, Greenfield!**	Regional Office TBD – Call the office to leave a msg. **We are looking for a part-time admin!**	Camp Tamarack **Earth Day at Camp!** **Sat April 18, 10-4pm** Cost: $15 camptamarack.org

***The Leadership Training Academy will hold Baptist History & Polity Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 7, 14, 20 & May 5, 12, 26. https://www.abcofwi.org/lta/

***ABCWI is hiring a new Regional Office Administrator. Please visit www.abcofwi.org/ministryjobs for the job description.

***ABCWI has a Community Resources page for resources on housing, food assistance, senior services, immigration resources and more: https://www.abcofwi.org/church-resources/community-resources/ We will update these resources as they become available.

Mountain and Prairies Youth Conference

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Fellowship!
Fun!

Scholarships Available at www.abcofwi.org/education-opportunities

DEPOSIT DUE MAY 1 !!!

Camp Tamarack https://camptamarack.org/2026-abcwi-camps/

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