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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.

ABCWI News

****The Leadership Training Academy will hold Baptist History & Polity Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 7, 14, 20 & May 5, 12, 26. This class is open to everyone: pastors and laity! Join us to learn. https://www.abcofwi.org/lta/*

****We are 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.

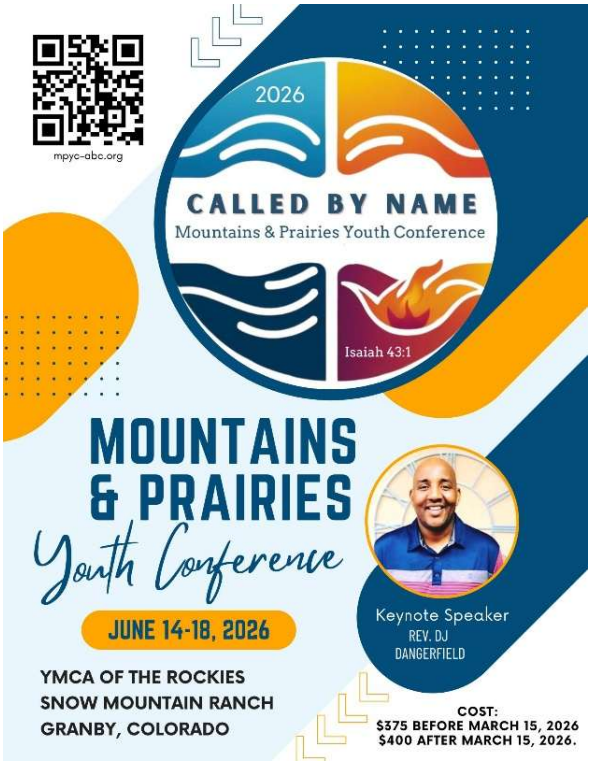
Important Dates
SAVE THE DATE!

ABCWI Annual Gathering
October 9-10
Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church, Greenfield

NEW Office Hours
Regional Office
TBD – we are in a transition time
Please call 262-782-3140 to leave a message
WE ARE SEEKING A PART-TIME OFFICE ADMIN!
https://www.abcofwi.org/ministryjobs/

Important Dates
Camp Tamarack

Earth Day at Camp!
Sat April 18, 10-4pm
Cost: $15
camptamarack.org



Mountain and Prairies Youth Conference
NEW KEYNOTE SPEAKER!
Grades 9-12 June 14-18, 2026
Cost: $400
$100 Deposit Due May 1, Balance Due June 1
Youth & Youth Leaders register together (one leader of the same gender needed per 8 participants or fewer). We can combine churches together to help meet the needs.
Scholarships available up to $300 per person!
Visit https://www.abcofwi.org/education-opportunities/

This is a fantastic opportunity for Sr. High youth in grades 9-12 for 2025-2026 to gather for worship, learning, and fellowship with youth from around the country!

Camp Tamarack Dates:
Senior High (grades 9-12) June 21-25
Junior & Jr High (grades 5-8) June 21-25
Primary/Middler (grades 1-4) June 28-July2
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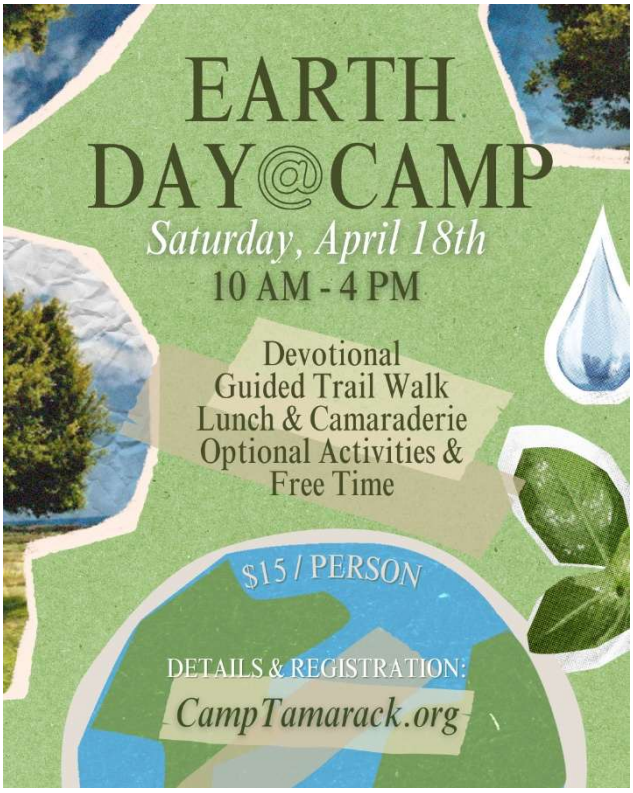
Camp Tamarack Camps & Retreats 2026 https://camptamarack.org/2026-abcwi-camps/