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THE SHINING LIGHT

Epiphany—January 6



Ash Wednesday
February 13



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TOP TEN SIGNS YOU MAY NOT BE READING YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH:

10. You really *can't* remember if it was Moses or Noah that took the animals on the ark.
9. You fall for the old preacher's joke, "*Turn in your bibles to the book of Hezekiah,*" when there really is no book of Hezekiah.
8. You think the old saying "*cleanliness is next to godliness*" is actually a verse in the Bible.
7. The preacher announces the sermon is from Genesis and you have to check the table of contents.
6. You think Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego are 3 of the 31 ice cream flavors at Baskin Robins.
5. You're just sure that "*Do not dance*" and "*Do not gamble*" are two of the ten commandments.
4. You notice that your Bible that you've had for the past twenty years still feels and smells new.
3. You think Hercules was an Old Testament judge.
2. You believe absolutely everything that the newspaper and television says, but you question the truthfulness and reliability of the Bible.
1. You say, "*So that's where it's been,*" when you discover your Bible in the same box as your old high school year books

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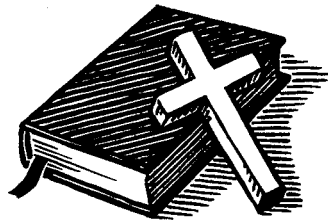
God has provided us with the instruction manual for life—the Bible. Time spent reading the Bible and in prayer, in addition to attending worship service and listening to the sermon, are all important to our individual spiritual health. Our individual spiritual health affects the health of our church. Just as we all need food and water on a daily basis, we also need nourishment from the Living Bread on a daily basis too.

Are you reading the Bible enough?

May we all have a God-centered attitude in everything we do. Happy New Year and may God bless you.

Dawn

SCRIPTURE READERS



January 6, 2013 [White] Dawn Wood

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

January 13, 2013 [White] Mary Adams

Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20, 2013 [Green] Bonnie Wood

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

(Human Relations Day)

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 27, 2013 [Green] Pam Marsteiner

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

February 3, 2013 [Green] Nancy Anderson

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

February 10, 2013 [White] Marc Carrier

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 (UMH 819)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 13, 2013 [Purple]

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 17, 2013 [Purple] Paul Anderson

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)

Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

February 24, 2013 [Purple] Dawn Wood

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27 (UMH 758)

Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Scripture Readers

March 3, 2013	Mary Adams
March 10, 2013	Bonnie Wood
March 17, 2013	Pam Marsteiner
March 24, 2013	Nancy Anderson
March 31, 2013	Marc Carrier
April 7, 2013	Paul Anderson
April 14, 2013	Dawn Wood
April 21, 2013	Mary Adams
April 28, 2013	Bonnie Wood

GREETERS

January—Paul and Nancy Anderson

February—Dave and Bev Dayton

March—Marc Carrier and Sandy Henline

April—Paul and Nancy Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

January Paul Anderson

February Dawn Wood

March Pam Marsteiner

April Paul Anderson



PLEASE NOTE:

*If you are unable to greet, read
or serve communion,
please call Dawn 315-331-5621.*

Fill us with passion for Your Good News shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ. We pray this in His name.
Amen

NCNYC of the UMC—Faith in Action

The PRAYER List

- ◆ Mabel Appleman
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Every person who feels alone
- ◆ All families who are struggling
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ All Service Men and women serving our country home or abroad
- ◆ Our Country's Leaders
- ◆ World Leaders



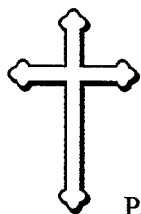
Our sympathies to the family of

Franzle LeRoy

PRAYERS

To start the *Prayer Chain*

Please call Pastor Pat first, at the Parsonage, 315-331-2837, so that she is aware of the prayer request. Then call the next person on the list to begin the Prayer Chain.



Esther Deys	597-9710
Jean Hammond	597-2193
Bertha Matteson	597-1469
Maria Carrier	597-6493
Bonnie Wood	585-393-4915
Dawn Wood	331-5621
Mary Adams	573-8364
Paul and Nancy Anderson	597-2269

Remember, if you get an answering machine, please leave a message, then call the next person on the list.

To add your name to the *Prayer Chain*
Please contact Esther Deys
315-597-9710

To place concerns in Sunday bulletin
Please contact Dawn Wood 315-331-5621
jwood1@rochester.rr.com

Where have YOU seen
God today?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Please notify the Editors if a date is incorrect)

January

- 01 Cora and Ken Graham (A)
- 02 Polly T. Williams
- 05 Bill Guest
- 08 Sarah Deys
- 09 Herman Shippers
Dawn Boechmann
- 10 Sally Wright
- 15 Linda and Bill Guest (A)
- 18 Holly Moynihan
- 19 Albert Goellner
- 21 Gloria and Herman Shippers (A)
- 24 Barbara Bush
Kim Lathrop
- 30 Bill and Doris Bush (A)
- 31 Ken Marsteiner



February

- 02 Eileen R. Adams
- 06 Tricia Bush
Dana Bush
- 07 Kayla Rands
- 08 Larry Farnsworth
Crystal Lathrop
- 09 Bev and Dave Dayton (A)
- 11 Andrew Boechmann
- 12 William Bush, Sr
- 16 Bonnie Wood
- 17 Donna Gaston
- 19 Amber Pawlick
- 20 James Randy Yost
- 24 John Wood, Jr
- 25 Janet Crooks



**I arise today through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to
guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear
to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's
hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me.**

St. Patrick

We did not have an Administrative Council meeting in November and only a short meeting in December to discuss end-of-year finances.

December 2012

Mary called the meeting to order.

There are two items on the agenda. Our treasurer advises we have some extra money in our account now. A motion was made and seconded to pay \$1500 to our Shared Ministries. (Note: we have not been paying the Shared Ministries portion on a regular basis because of budget constraints.) Passed. A motion was made to tithe \$200 of our profit of the Turkey Supper. \$100 donation to the Port Gibson Fire Dept and \$100 donation to UMCOR to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting January 15, 2013 at 6:00pm

Turkey supper report

We sold **240 dinners** this year.

The **net profit** was **\$1444.00**

Motion was made at the Administrative Council meeting to tithe on the gross profit like we did last year. This year, our tithe will go to the Port Gibson Fire Department (\$100) and UMCOR (\$100).

Thank you to everyone who helped with the turkey supper, made a donation and purchased a dinner. Your support is greatly appreciated. We cannot do this vital fund raiser without your help.

As anyone who has worked at the Turkey Supper will tell you: the planning is endless, the day is long, the work is tiring, **but the fellowship is PRICELESS.**

Thank you and may God bless you!

the Turkey Supper Committee

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Stocking, Shared Ministry, Youth and Poinsettia funds with their Christmas Offering. It shows the true spirit of Christmas that we as a church care about our community and our connectional church through Shared Ministry.

Please continue to pray for our church's finances so we can keep the "Shining Light" in our community.

Port Gibson UMC

Advent Festival

The Advent Festival was December 2, 2012, and was held at the Palmyra Presbyterian Church. The Port Gibson choir joined with the Palmyra and Manchester choirs to sing *The Son Is Coming Soon* directed by Barb Vanderlinde and accompanied by Eric Pratt. It was a wonderful afternoon of listening to area church choirs sing beautiful songs. At the end of the service, all choirs joined together to sing Handel's *Messiah*.



TALENT SUNDAY

December 30, 2012

There was organ music, saxophone music, duets, sing-a-longs, solos, poems, and story time (yes-a mini sermon!!!) We also had a new addition to the "talent" this year. We welcomed Dave Babcock to our line up of shared gifts. After the service, we had fellowship and refreshments. A wonderful end to the year and a great way to begin the next year.

Thank you to Mary Adams for everything she does to make this service so special. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared your gift.

"Your talent is God's gift to you; what you do with that is your gift to God."

Leo Buscaglia

Pile it High Sunday January 27, 2013

What is *Pile It High Sunday*?

We ask that you bring canned goods or non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is always in need of food and paper goods for its patrons, especially this time of year.

Let's see how high we can make our pile! Last year we had a large pile—over 50 pounds delivered to the food pantry. Our goal is more than last year!!!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Yes— we mean “souper” bowl.

On February 3, 2013, Super Bowl Sunday for football fans, we will take a special collection during the service for the Food Pantry.

www.portgibsonumc.com

Check out the web site.

It includes a brief history of Port Gibson UMC, map, calendar, community news, newsletters, youth activities and photos. If there is something you would like to see on our web site, please let us know. You can email us at theshininglight@gmail.com.

You can also find us on facebook.
Be sure to “like” us.

Port Gibson United Methodist Church Turkey & Biscuit Dinner Saturday, February 2, 2012

At the Port Gibson
United Methodist Church
Greig Street, Port Gibson

Serving starts at 4:00 pm

Adults - \$7.50

Senior Citizens - \$7.00

Children - \$4.00

Children 5 and under - Free

For tickets or more information:
Contact: Dawn at 315-331-5621 or
Nancy at 597-2269

What is:

Epiphany: The 12th day after Christmas (January 6) and celebrates the visits of the three kings or wise men (magi) to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles.

Baptism of the Lord: It is the day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. (January 13th)

Transfiguration Sunday: The Sunday before Lent begins (February 10th). It signifies an account in the Gospels when Jesus is transfigured—his face begins to shine, and the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and He speaks to them. A voice from the cloud (God) says “this is my Son, my Chosen. Listen to Him. (Luke 9:35) It supports the “identity of Jesus as the Son of God, as well as the messenger” of God. (from About.com).

Ash Wednesday: It is the first day of Lent, and 46 days before Easter. It gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the forehead as a sign of repentance.

Lent: The period of 40 weekdays that is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence, before Easter. “The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.” (from about.com).

92-year old preacher

While watching a little TV one day instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials.

The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort was this verse..... . . .

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
We are weak but He is strong.....
Yes, Jesus loves me....
The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his foot steps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Senior Version of Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS
LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE
BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
(CHORUS)

If you think this is neat, please pass it on to your friends. If you do not pass it on, nothing bad will happen, but you will have missed an opportunity to "reach out and touch" a friend or a loved one.

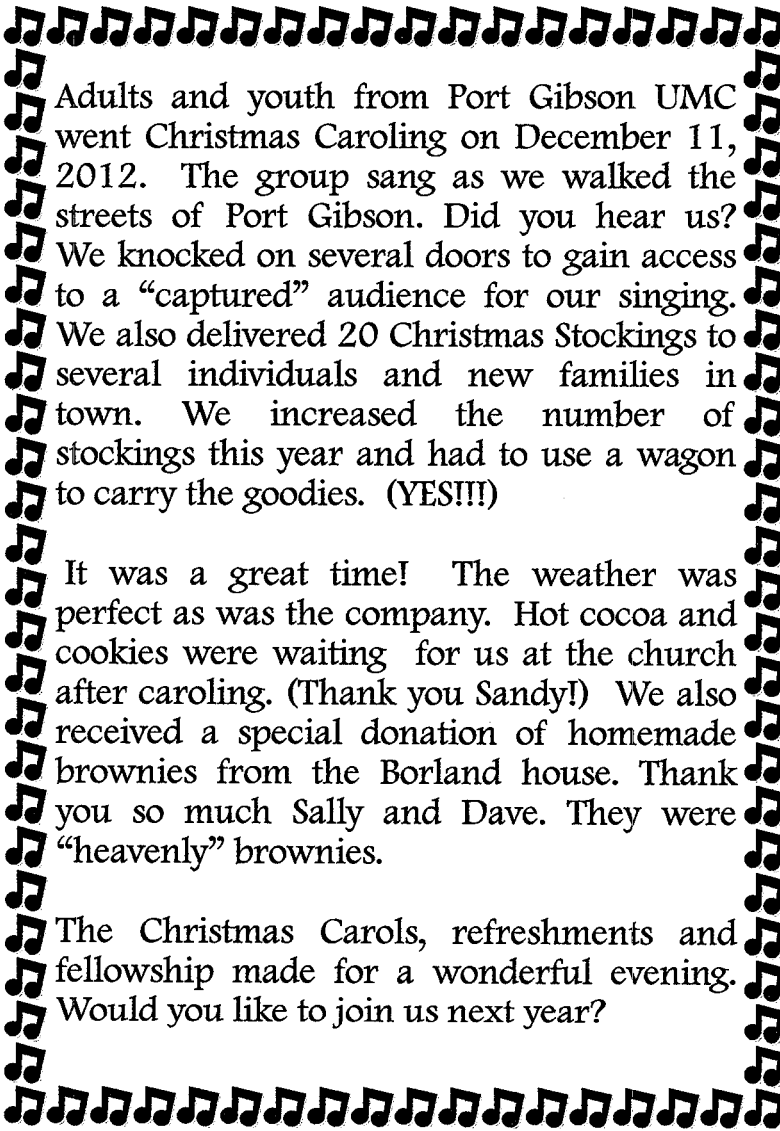
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Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your love. May I be a shining example of that love to others.

Amen.

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youth



Adults and youth from Port Gibson UMC went Christmas Caroling on December 11, 2012. The group sang as we walked the streets of Port Gibson. Did you hear us? We knocked on several doors to gain access to a “captured” audience for our singing. We also delivered 20 Christmas Stockings to several individuals and new families in town. We increased the number of stockings this year and had to use a wagon to carry the goodies. (YES!!!)

It was a great time! The weather was perfect as was the company. Hot cocoa and cookies were waiting for us at the church after caroling. (Thank you Sandy!) We also received a special donation of homemade brownies from the Borland house. Thank you so much Sally and Dave. They were “heavenly” brownies.

The Christmas Carols, refreshments and fellowship made for a wonderful evening. Would you like to join us next year?

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

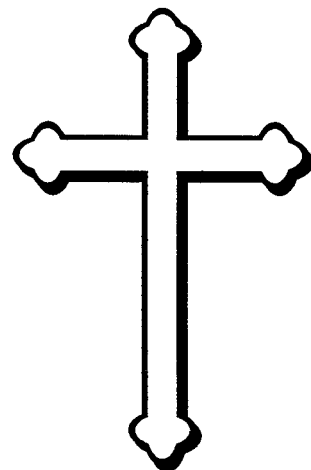
John 14:6

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★ **Youth Group** ★
★ **Praise & Worship** ★
★ **Service** ★
★
★ **Fridays** ★
★ **6:00-8:00 pm** ★
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★ **All Youth are Welcome!!** ★
★ **Adults too!!** ★
★

GOD LOVES YOU!

You already belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.
1 John 4:4

Father, Even at times when it doesn't seem obvious to us, help us to believe that Your Spirit is greater than the spirit of the world. Amen.
(from Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell)



PORT GIBSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2013

Administrative Council

Chair..... Mary Adams
Lay Leader
S/PPRC Dawn Wood
Trustees Paul Anderson
Treasurer Nancy Anderson
Financial Secretary..... Sandy Henline
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....
Recording Secretary..... Dawn Wood
Christian Education..... Sandy Henline
Worship..... Mary Adams
Pastor..... Pastor Mary Rublee

Membership

Chair..... Sandy Henline

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair..... Pastor Mary Rublee
Mary Adams (2013)
Bonnie Wood (2013)
Nancy Anderson (2015)
Paul Anderson (2014)
Marc Carrier (2014)
Sandy Henline (2014)

Worship and Music

Choir Director Mary Adams
Musicians Mary Adams, Esther Deys
Bulletins/Flowers Dawn Wood
Communion Steward..... Bertha Matteson
Liturgist Coordinator..... Dawn Wood
Acolyte/Communion Server Coordinator Dawn Wood
Usher/Greeter Coordinator..... Maria Carrier
Paraments Mary Adams
All Choir Members

Trustees

Chair..... Paul Anderson (2014)
Vice Chair
Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Anderson (2013)
Esther Deys (2015)
Marc Carrier (2015)
David Dayton (2015)

Local Church Lay Speakers

Paul Anderson

Finance Committee

Financial Secretary..... Sandy Henline
Lay Leader
Treasurer Nancy Anderson
S/PPRC Chair..... Dawn Wood
Trustees Chair Paul Anderson
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....

Auditor

Elizabeth Combs

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Chair..... Dawn Wood (2013)
Marc Carrier (2015)
Nancy Anderson (2014)
Jean Hammond (2014)
Dave Dayton (2014)
Sandy Henline (2014)

Church Historian

Liz Combs

Education

Chair/Teacher..... Sandy Henline
Sub-Teacher Dawn Wood
Sub Teacher..... Maria Carrier

Nurture and Outreach

Newsletter Dawn Wood
..... Nancy Anderson

Memorial Committee

Bonnie Wood (Treasurer)

Kitchen Committee

Maria Carrier
Dawn Wood
Nancy Anderson

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Happy New Year 1	2 6 pm: Choir 7 pm: Men's Study Group @ Newark	3	4 7 pm: Youth Group Praise & Worship @ Port UMC	5
6 9:30 am: Worship Communion	7 7 pm: Fireman's Meeting	8	9 6 pm: Choir 7 pm: Men's Study Group @ Newark	10	11 7 pm: Youth Group Praise & Worship @ Port UMC	12 9 am-Noon: Breakfast at the Parsonage
13 9:30 am: Worship	14 7 pm: Fireman's Meeting or Training	15 6 pm: Ad Council 7 pm: Trustees	16 6 pm: Choir 7 pm: Men's Study Group @ Newark	17	18 7 pm: Youth Group Praise & Worship @ Port UMC	19
20 9:30 am: Worship	Martin Luther King Day 21 7 pm: Fireman's Meeting or	22	23 6 pm: Choir 7 pm: Men's Study Group @ Newark	24	25 7 pm: Youth Group Praise & Worship @ Port UMC	26
Pile It High Sunday 27 9:30 am: Worship	28 7 pm: Fireman's Meeting or Training	29	30 6 pm: Choir 7 pm: Men's Study Group @ Newark	31		

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 pm: Youth Group Praise & Worship @ Port UMC	2 Turkey Biscuit Dinner @ Port Gibson UMC Serving: 4 - 6 pm
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EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

The Easter Garden will be set up in the sanctuary with the plants being placed in the Garden "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one. Plants may be ordered through the church at a cost of \$12.00 each, or may be purchased from a source of your own choice.

Please indicate below, the choice of plant(s), and quantity, you would like to have the Church order for you. Settler's Post is offering the following plants.

_____ Daffodil _____ Tulip _____ Mums
 _____ Kalanchoe

(indicate number in space for type of plant and enclose with payment)

**Total money enclosed \$ _____ for _____ plants
 OR**

Please check below if you will be bringing plants to the church.

_____ I plan on bringing _____ plants to the church by 11:00am,
 Saturday, March 30, 2013.

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Mary is extremely allergic to lilies, lilacs and mums. Please DO NOT bring lilies, lilacs or hyacinths to the church. Thank you in advance for understanding.

Please mail money and forms to P.O. Box 234, Port Gibson, NY 14537,
 or give the form and money to Sandy.

Deadline to order plants through the church is March 17, 2013

The plants are to be in memory or in honor as indicated below.

 (Name of loved one) _____ In Memory _____
 _____ In Honor _____
 Relationship to print in Easter Bulletin _____

 (Name of loved one) _____ In Memory _____
 _____ In Honor _____
 Relationship to print in Easter Bulletin _____

Ordered _____
by _____

 (Name of loved one) _____ In Memory _____
 _____ In Honor _____
 Relationship to print in Easter Bulletin _____

 (Name of loved one) _____ In Memory _____
 _____ In Honor _____
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