

Christ is risen

Last year on Easter Sunday, my wife and I were in New Zealand. Years ago, I learned places in the southern hemisphere experience the seasons in the opposite order of what I think of as normal. When it is spring here, it is fall in New Zealand. Our view of Easter brings to mind spring, flowers, and new birth. What would it be like for Easter to occur at the beginning of fall instead? I was eager to find out.

For the most part, I was disappointed. Everything was familiar. I expected to hear a reminder of the risen Christ, but was surprised there was no mention of the transition into fall. I mentioned my surprise to a few locals and everyone seemed surprised by my being surprised.

New Zealand is a secular country and finding a church is a challenge. Curiously, Easter weekend is a national holiday and few businesses were open from Good Friday through Easter Monday. Perhaps most surprising was the presence of the Easter Bunny, another symbol easily associated with springtime. New Zealand, like Australia, has a negative history with rabbits, and it seemed odd to us that anyone would make a favorable link to such a creature.

The pastor of the church we attended seemed surprised by our confusion and happily explained that no one compares the Easter Bunny to wild rabbits. After all, the Bunny is cute and cuddly and, if I don't say so myself, trivial.

Thus, the message of Easter resonates everywhere the Son of God touches. No matter the symbols, the season, or the current events. Christ is risen. Let us not be distracted by topics that trivialize the vigor of what this means for all of us. Here or there. Near or far. Christ is risen and hope hops along merrily, beckoning us to follow.

—Duane Grady
Goshen, Indiana

"For as all die in Adam, so all will be made *alive in Christ*" (1 Corinthians 15:22, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (22) or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.

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Alive in
Christ

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE DID YOU SEE GOD LAST WEEK?

PRELUDE "Resurrection Fanfare" (Smith)

MUSIC INTROIT "Great Day! Alive!" (Allen)
Temple Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Larry Wisherd, Worship Leader

One: The darkness is banished!

All: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

One: Christ is risen from the dead!

All: Christ is alive forevermore!

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

***HYMN #280** "Christ the Lord is risen today"

[Verse 1]

Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia! All creation joins to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply:

Alleluia!

[Verse 2]

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

[Verse 3]

Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

[Verse 4]

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

[Verse 5]

*King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! everlasting life is this: Alleluia! Thee to know,
thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia! thus to sing, and thus to love: Alleluia!*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" (Eithun)
Brethren Bells

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC FROM THE CHILDREN "On That First Easter"
(By Martha Bolton & Bob Singleton)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

We who enjoy the work of our hands do not labor in vain. We who invest the fruits of our effort in the sharing of good news are doubly blessed. May our gifts represent our commitment, even as they bear witness and offer healing. Let us give thanks through our offerings.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshipping with us on Facebook Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob webpage.

Offertory "In the Garden" (Peterson)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray: Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #273

"Low in the grave he lay"

[Verse 1]

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day,

[Refrain]

*Jesus, my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives for ever with his saints to reign!*

He arose! He arose! Alleluia! Christ arose!

[Verse 2]

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead,

[Refrain]

*Jesus, my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives for ever with his saints to reign!*

He arose! He arose! Alleluia! Christ arose!

[Verse 3]

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away,

[Refrain]

*Jesus, my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes!
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives for ever with his saints to reign!*

He arose! He arose! Alleluia! Christ arose!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

NT 90

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MORNING ANTHEM

"Rejoice!"

(Martin)

Temple Choir

MESSAGE

"He is Risen!"

Pastor Twyla Rowe

*HYMN #269

"Thine is the glory"

[Verse 1]

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.*

[Refrain]

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

[Verse 2]

*Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

[Refrain]

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

[Verse 3]

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

[Refrain]

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son!
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

*BENEDICTION

One: Spread the message: Christ is alive! Live the good news: our lives are renewed!

All: *We have seen and heard the good news. We have been touched by the presence of Christ.*

One: Share the Word: God's peace is offered to all. Communicate the power of love: be transformed.

All: *We are saved and reconciled and empowered. God has chosen us to make all things new.*

One: Announce and proclaim: God is our strength. Rejoice in the promise: we shall triumph over death.

All: *We will tell friends of our discoveries. We will witness to God's surprising activity.*

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE

“The Strife Is O'er”

(Lau)

(Selected worship resources from, “Gathered by Love”, by Lavon Baylor.)

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\*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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Worship and Facebook Live at
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*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER **April 20, 2025**

"Take A Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer beginning on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Hallelujah! My Savior lives! I praise you, O God, for the life, death and resurrection of your glorious selfless Son who saves me from my sinfulness. I thank you, O God, that he lives in my heart and guides me on my way throughout my days. I am humbled by his love, O God, when I fall down, he wipes me clean and picks me up and leads me back onto the right path. Hallelujah...my Savior lives! And for this reason, I will joyfully love and serve others to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, every day. Amen.

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

Our thanks to Larry Wisherd for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir, Brethren Bells and our children for our morning music.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Donovan Beachley Jr., and our parents, Grace and Donovan Beachley Sr. and Wiliam and Ruth S. Canan, by Mary Ellen Beachley.

First Quarter Contribution Statements can be found in the church mailboxes. If you do not have a church mailbox, your statement will be mailed. If you're new to HCOB and have been using an envelope and didn't receive a statement, please email or call the church office.

Let's help get our college students across the finish line!! It's that time again. The Christian Education Ministry Team is asking for donations that we will assemble into care packages for our college students. We are preparing for four students. The care packages are our way of showing love and support to our students as they prepare (or cram, perhaps!) for final exams as the spring semester comes to a close. We are asking for donations of non-perishable, pre-packaged, single serve items. (PLEASE...no homemade goods. Save those for when the kids come home at the end of the semester.) We are looking for items that would include chips, Doritos, cookies, crackers (again, single serve bags or packages, please), bottled water, granola bars, candy, gum, mints, microwave popcorn, etc. We know studying for finals can be stressful and we want to ease the stress as much as we can. So please use your imagination and add items like bubbles, Play Doh, a stress ball, etc as you see fit. There will be a specially-marked box in the lobby area of the West Entrance. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, April 27th. If you have any questions, please direct them to any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team (Brenda Shane, Debbie Long, Tina Mills, Tracie Poteet, or Kay Ogilvie). Thanks for your help!

The Sunday School Orchestra will be performing in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 27th at 9:00 am, Sunday School will follow at the normal scheduled time. There will be a combined service at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary.

Our May Congregational Business Meeting will be held May 4, 2025. We will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall following our 10:45 am Worship and following lunch, we will have our Congregational Business Meeting. If you plan to attend and would like to bring a covered dish, please see the sign up sheet in the west entrance or fellowship hall.

The Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction will be held this year on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Ag. Center in Westminster, MD and will start at 9:00 am.

The Novel Bunch Presents... Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen by Susan Gregg Gilmore. Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please see the insert in the latest Tidings or you can find copies of the sign up sheet on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.

All Music Sunday will be held May 18th. There will be no Morning Praise Worship Service. Sunday School starts at regular time and we will have a combined worship at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.

The Service & Outreach Team asks that you save the dates for the following two important events. Community Picnic: Saturday, 06/07/25 and the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat: Saturday, 10/18/25. We need your help with these events.

When you leave items at the mailboxes for someone else to retrieve, please call or email them to alert them the item is there. Remember you may need to follow up with them to make sure they've gotten the item. Thank you!

Printed copies of Leadership and Ministry team meeting minutes are available in the west entrance. The holders are located on the wall beside the bulletin board.

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com.** Thank you!

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They're often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to "beat the light" at the corner.

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, April 21

Church office closed
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, April 22

Earth Day
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 23

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
12:30 pm Hag. Choral Arts Women's Ensemble/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 24

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 25

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, April 26

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, April 27

Junior Church
9:00 am Sunday School Orchestra/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Combined Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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Easter Flowers 2025



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In Memory Of

A Lily has been placed for:

- * * Mary Dunahugh from Heather Kees

A Purple Mum has been placed for:

- * * Robert Brown from Julia Brown
- * * Robert & Helen Bricker from Jean & Bob Bricker
- * * My heavenly family from Candice Summers
- * * Our parents from Dave & Doris Fisher

A Yellow Mum has been placed for:

- * * Charles & Marie Heintzelman from Jean & Bob Bricker
- * * Our parents, Ellis & Peggy Duffey, and Robert & Elise Wolfe, Sr., from Bob & Suzie Wolfe
- * * Lois J. DeNobrega and Donald C. Graham from Diane & Kirk Graham
- * * Gerald L. Stevens from Diane & Kirk Graham

A Large Daffodil has been placed for:

- * * Jay Reichard from Nancy Reichard
- * * Doug Reichard from Nancy Reichard
- * * Dave Long from Heather Kees
- * * Michael Buhrman from Suzanne Buhrman
- * * My brother, Bill Samsell by Eileen Smith

A Mini Garden has been placed for:

- * * My father, Greg Snyder from Tina
- * * Glenn Young, sadly missed, given by Jan Young. Happy Glorious Easter in heaven
- * * My parents, Harry & Lucille O'Brien and my brother, Doug O'Brien, given with love by Jan Young
- * * Our parents, Louise & Harold Hood, Harry Murphy, and in honor of Ann Murphy, given by Judy & Scott Hood
- * * Lawrence & Hazel Long from Brenda Shane
- * * Gerald Long from Brenda Shane
- * * Our parents, James & Beulah Adams and George & Beulah Winner given by Ray & Wanda Winner
- * * Larry Kees, Sr., for Sheryll Kees, given by Ray & Wanda Winner
- * * Edward Brewer from Donna Brewer
- * * Larry Kees, Sr., from the Kees Family
- * * Roy & Geraldine Crilly & Gene Hardy with love from the Hardys
- * * Clyde, Oneida, and Willis Clark with love from the Hardys
- * * John King from Annetta King

* My parents, Bob & Jean Moales and my sister Susan
 ** Michael Buhrman from Suzanne Buhrman
 ** Sister Eloise; Brother David & Ellis Duffey from Barbara Starliper (3)
 ** Our parents from Clair & Linda Baker (2)
 ** Edwin & Nancy Wisherd by Larry & JoEllen Wisherd
 ** Joseph & Catherine Johnson by Larry & JoEllen Wisherd
 ** My brother, Gerald "Jerry" Stevens. You are loved & missed, your baby sister
 ** David Nycum from Debbie Nycum
 ** My parents, Pauline & Robert Wetzel from Debbie Nycum
 ** Bob's sister, Kay and Suzie's nephew, Joel Duffey from Bob & Suzie Wolfe
 ** My parents, Harold & Hilda Brumbaugh from Chris Ellis
 ** Our parents, Harry & Margaret Anthony and Calvin & Irma Messer from Larry & Theresa
 ** Dad, Greg Snyder from Marsha Sutton
 ** Gregory E. Snyder by his loving wife—Marie
 ** Edward & Susan Hultsch from Brian & Cinnamon Shay
 ** Donovan Beachley, husband of Mary Ellen Beachley from Emma Lyles
 ** Ellis & Peggy Duffey, parents of Suzie Wolfe from Emma Lyles
 ** Gloria Clem, wife of Richard Clem from Emma Lyles
 ** Dean Miller, husband of Karen Miller from Emma Lyles
 ** Roy & Geraldine Crilly, parents of Amy Hardy from Emma Lyles
 ** Janice Frye, wife of John Frye from Emma Lyles
 ** Bobby Lyles, my loving husband from Emma Lyles
 ** Sherry Craig, wife of Joe Craig from Emma Lyles
 ** Ed Brewer, husband of Donna Brewer from Emma Lyles

With Thanks To

A Mini Garden has been placed for:

** Nicole & Brian for all you do for us. Love, Mom & Dad
 ** Kevin & Kelly Brewer from Donna Brewer
 ** Scott & Terri True from Donna Brewer
 ** Ray & Wanda Winner from Donna Brewer
 ** All my family and friends who have been there for me, from Janet Goller

A Yellow Mum has been placed for:

** My husband, Frank for your love and support every day! I am blessed! From Sharon Kronawetter
 ** Barbara Duffey from Julia Brown
 ** Barbara Starliper from Julia Brown

A Purple Mum has been placed for:

** My husband, Frank for your love and support every day! I am blessed! From Sharon Kronawetter (2)

A Lily has been placed for:

** Emma Lyles, for all the years serving as a parish nurse, given by Ray & Wanda Winner

In Tribute To

A Purple Mum has been placed for:

** Pastor Twyla & Don for all you do for HCOB family and especially for us! From Frank & Sharon Kronawetter

A Mini Garden has been placed for:

** Baby La Nylah, Happy Easter. With love, (Ms. Jan) Young
 ** Joyce Ridenour from Donna Brewer
 ** Laura & Jimmy Minnich for your love & friendship from Frank & Sharon Kronawetter
 ** Suzie Wolfe from Chris Ellis
 ** Tanner, Chelsea & Maelynn Shay from Brian & Cinnamon Shay (4)
 ** Esther Boleyn from Emma Lyles
 ** Eileen Smith from Emma Lyles
 ** Liz Ashby from Emma Lyles
 ** Retta Fralin from Emma Lyles
 ** Diana Shepherd from Emma Lyles
 ** Carol Miller from Emma Lyles
 ** Karen Lowry from Emma Lyles
 ** Sue Vanderveer from Emma Lyles
 ** Doris Smith from Emma Lyles
 ** Bucky Stockslager from Emma Lyles
 ** Sandy Clipp from Emma Lyles
 ** Barbara Starliper from Emma Lyles
 ** Judy Dahlhamer from Emma Lyles
 ** Kay Ogilvie from Emma Lyles
 ** Diane Graham from Emma Lyles
 ** Alice Edmonds from Emma Lyles
 ** Judy Long from Emma Lyles
 ** Robin Davies from Emma Lyles
 ** Nancy Gingrich from Emma Lyles
 ** Heather Kees from Emma Lyles
 ** Deb Long from Emma Lyles
 ** Wanda Winner from Emma Lyles
 ** Jan Young from Emma Lyles
 ** Helen Caron from Emma Lyles
 ** Julie Herman from Emma Lyles
 ** Pastor Twyla from Emma Lyles
 ** Allyson McPeak from Emma Lyles
 ** Mary Means from Emma Lyles
 ** Burt Young from Emma Lyles
 ** Christine Ellis from Emma Lyles
 ** Carolyn Motz from Emma Lyles
 ** Eunice Plank from Emma Lyles
 ** Lisa Bussard from Emma Lyles
 ** Roberta Maas from Emma Lyles
 ** Ann Parker from Emma Lyles
 ** Ann Platou from Emma Lyles
 ** Jenny Ferguson from Emma Lyles

Plant sale petal power!



This spring, let's harness the good in God's earth to help families who lose their homes to flooding and other disasters.

By planting a few extra perennials or annuals, or veggie, herb, berry and other plants, or groundcovers, trees, and shrubs, each of us can **GROW** money for Brethren Disaster Ministries!

Please pot and label each plant. Bring it to Arn Platou at HCOB from 5-7PM on Thursday, May 1st or bring it to the **Plant Sale** at our District COB's Disaster Response fundraiser at Carroll County Ag Center no later than 9 a.m. on Plant Sale day, Saturday, May 3.



And, **stay awhile!** You may find new plants, as well as quilts and crafts to love and take home!!

Questions? Email Arn Platou at Arnwrite@myactu.net

Grief Writing Workshop

Award-winning local author and former grief counselor Lisa V. Proulx will be conducting a workshop entitled *Writing Through Grief: Finding Light After Loss* at HCOB on Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This workshop is being hosted through the GriefShare group, but it is not limited to GriefShare participants. It is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Content: The workshop will include guided writing prompts, exercises for emotional release, and techniques for using writing as a healing tool. It's designed to create a safe, supportive space for self-reflection and connection with others on a similar journey.

Location: Mullendore Room or Fellowship Hall depending on participation numbers

Cost: \$35.00/person

Registration: Make check payable to HCOB with "GriefShare Workshop" on the memo line.

If you have questions, contact Debbie Nycum.