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GOOD NEWS

FOR OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, our celebration continues:
Alleluia! Jesus was raised from death. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

During a Sunday school class the teacher asked 4th graders to look at empty plastic Easter eggs. One was given to each student. The assignment was, "Put into your egg anything reminding you of Easter."

As time went on the teacher noticed children placed things into their empty eggs. However, the teacher noticed Ralph, who had special needs, as he blurted out, "Look at mine!"

The teacher was awe struck - the egg was empty.

Here are Scripture readings to consider:

"There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who as crucified" Matthew 28: 5 ...

"Filled with awe and great joy, the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples" Mathew 28: 8 ...

"Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?
He is not here, he has risen" Luke 24: 5-6.

"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?"
Luke 24: 32

"[Mary] turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not realize that it was Jesus" John 20: 14 ...

"[Jesus] himself stood among them and said to them,
'Peace be with you! ... it is I myself'" Luke 24: 36-39 ...

Jesus is risen and is with us. Let us ask our risen Lord Jesus to keep us ever mindful of how he is a part of our lives. He is with us in deep and profound ways. He can surprise us with his healing gifts of
Love, Peace, Hope and Joy.

May the gift of Jesus' presence transform us.
We continue to ask Jesus to help us believe he lives.

Pastor Folmar