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#### Dear Kris

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Still Easter! By Rev. Steve. Breazier

Easter is "coming around" again, or so it seems. Since we travel through the year, following the story of Jesus (the Christian Calendar), we constantly cycle around and around, going through it over and over again. I guess we have to do it that way, or most of us would forget the story of our faith. Still, it seems like we are on a repetitive loop, going around and around over and over again. Sometimes it feels like we are in the "Groundhog Day" movie where one day repeated itself over and over again, until the fellow finally learned to love, and the movie moved on.

But here's a truth to hold on to: Easter came to stay! Once Christ was raised from the dead, there has never been a day in history that wasn't Friendly Presbyterian Churches.org illuminated by the reality of his resurrection! We may forget about it for awhile, or get caught up in other things that seem important, but the reality is that we live every day in the aftermath of the resurrection of Christ and his victory over death for us all! For the last 2,000+ years, we Christians have only been willing to let 6 other days go by before we once again celebrate the resurrection of Christ, which is exactly what we do every Sunday of the year. Each Sunday, on the first day of the week, we hold services of public worship to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. And we encourage people every day to find ways to live continually in the light of Christ's resurrection. Once Christ was raised to power and glory, he never again will return to the weakness and humility of his pre-Easter self. As Jesus says in the book of Revelation, "...behold, I am alive for evermore!"

So Easter, and the power of Christ's resurrection, is with us every day! On the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (April 20, 2014) we made a special point of throwing a big celebration, to help us all

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remember and cherish that first Easter Day. But the glory of Easter is actually in every day. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is with us always. In every moment of our lives, we live in the light of heaven's glory and hold fast to the hope of eternal life. even if we close our eyes and try to forget about it, it never goes away. We live constantly in the reality of Christ's resurrection, and it is really still Easter!



I hope you have Christ in your heart every day, and I hope you remember to live every day in the power of his resurrection. 'Every morning is Easter morning from now on!'

(from United Church of Pender newsletter)



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