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**Happy Easter and a blessed spring to you!**



This Easter it feels like there's more opportunity for rebirth than other years. Maybe it's where we are with the climate, or this stage of life. Maybe it's the political division or all the changes within the church. One thing is clear - we are sweeping away intolerance and hate to make way for inclusion and love.

We're learning that competition is far less effective than collaboration. Nowhere is that more true in our Christian communities as we work together towards social justice.

Easter is a time of new beginnings and we see life bursting into the world all around us. The crocus and iris, buds on the trees, and maybe greater motivation within us - seeing the possibilities for how we can grow spiritually. How can we be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us?

Our own Judy McGoogan has just completed the Earth Keeper program with UMC Global Ministry. If you'd like to learn more, feel free to give her a call about this valuable program and the important work she's embarking on.

There is a sacredness to social justice work. Easter celebrates rebirth, but there is also wholeness - the completion of a cycle and the start of a new one. As Christians - and stewards of this beautiful globe and the life on it - what cycles would you like to close? What cycle would you like to start or be a part of?

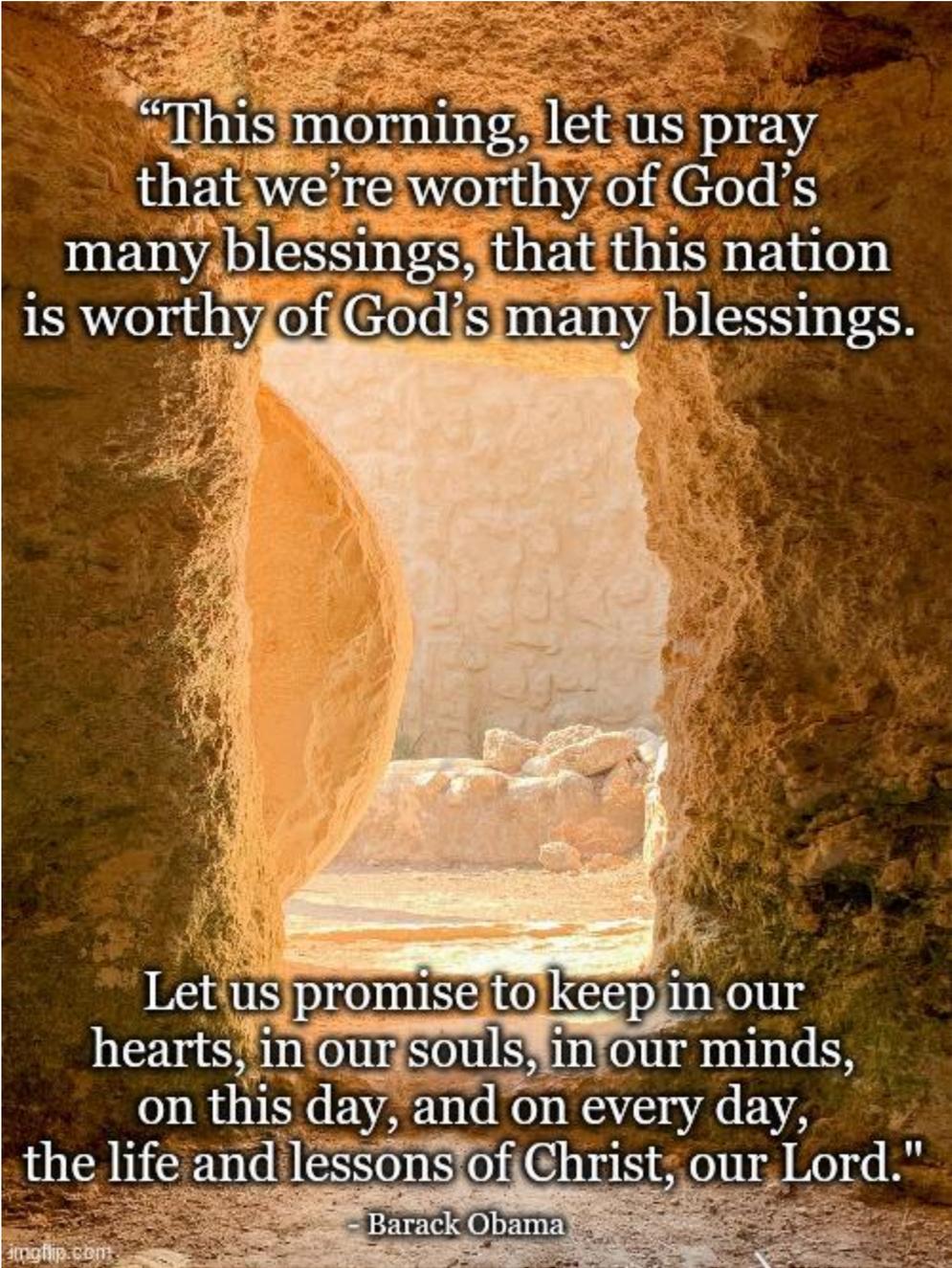
Love the environment, movies, fun people? This is your lucky day - save the date!



### The Garden:



We're moving forward on the idea of creating and keeping a garden. We want to be sure we have interest in the project before bringing it to the church. We feel this would be a wonderful ministry for the environment, to help feed fresh produce to our unhoused friends in the parking lot ministry, to donate to the food bank, and to utilize as we prepare meals for funerals, pot lucks, and other events. Please let me know if you'd like to help. You can email me at [booksbyari@gmail.com](mailto:booksbyari@gmail.com)



**“This morning, let us pray  
that we’re worthy of God’s  
many blessings, that this nation  
is worthy of God’s many blessings.**

**Let us promise to keep in our  
hearts, in our souls, in our minds,  
on this day, and on every day,  
the life and lessons of Christ, our Lord.”**

**- Barack Obama**