Spring is always such a delight after a long, cold and wet winter but this year spring is unusually welcome. Would we be so excited about spring if it did not follow winter. Surviving winter and the unpleasant virus makes us aware of how things that we considered routine and ordinary really are precious to us. The winter of the pandemic seems to be coming to a close and the hope of a spring release seems close at hand.

Hilda
THE FUTURE IS HERE

This technology may be as foreign to you as it is to me. Julia White shows us a life-size hologram of herself speaking a language that she does not know. Click [HERE](#) to watch this amazing video.
A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go
to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!
The Beauty of Spring in sight and sound
“Spring” from “The Four Seasons” by Antonio Vivaldi
To open the link, click HERE

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month.
Sorry, bad punctuation.
I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.

I'm really tired of people who complain about the price of everything...
$2.00 for a cup of coffee
$3.00 for coat check
$4.00 an hour for parking
I'm just going to stop inviting them to my house.

Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed fall right to sleep, stay a sleep all night, and wake up feeling refreshed? Me neither.
Crime is getting more and more organized.

If Jealousy had a face 😖 😖

Delores arrived home only to find her computer had been attacked by hackers!

The art

The Artist

Henrietta provides us with eggs and when she stops laying, we'll eat her.

Picking up another dozen eggs, Henrietta?

... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

Lucy in disguise with diamonds

A busy night at Stone Henge as workers move all the stones forward one hour...
Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

A strong friendship doesn't need daily conversation, doesn't always need togetherness, as long as the relationship lives in the heart, true friends will never part.

Look at the four dots in the center of the image for 30 seconds. Then look at the ceiling and blink a few times. What do you see?
A father said to his daughter “You have graduated with honors, here is a car I bought many years ago. It is a bit older now but before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them you want to sell it and see how much they offer you for it.

The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, “They offered me $1,000 because they said it looks pretty worn out.”

The father said, now “Take it to the pawn shop.” The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said,”The pawn shop offered only $100 because it is an old car.”

The father asked his daughter to go to a car club now and show them the car. The daughter then took the car to the club, returned and told her father,” Some people in the club offered $100,000 for it because it’s a Holden Torana and it's an iconic car and sought by many collectors”

Now the father said this to his daughter, “The right place values you the right way,” If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you......Never stay in a place where no one sees your value.
-Unknown

A rare photo of a stork delivering a baby. I bet you thought that storks really don’t deliver babies.
Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening. Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday. ... and the month is already over. ... and the year is almost over.... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed. ... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends. and we realize it's too late to go back... So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time... Let's keep looking for activities that we like... Let's put some color in our grey... Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts. And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters... I'm doing it after... I'll say after... I'll think about it after...
We leave everything for later like "after" is ours. Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...
afterwards, priorities change...
Afterwards, the charm is broken...
afterwards, health passes...
Afterwards, the kids grow up...
Afterwards parents get old...
Afterwards, promises are forgotten...
afterwards, the day becomes the night...
afterwards life ends...
And then it's often too late....
So... Let's leave nothing for later...
Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences,
best friends,
the best family...
The day is today... The moment is now...
We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.
 Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller.

When I get old, I don’t want people thinking, "What a sweet little old lady." I want them saying, "Oh dear, what’s she up to now."

Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn’t have chocolate and look what happened to them...

You know you’re getting old when you barely do anything all day, but still need to have a nap to continue to do barely anything.

Who is Old Enough To Have Seen a Movie At One of These?
Annual Mordecai Plant Sale

Come out to Mordecai Historic Park to get your herb, vegetable, and flower gardens started for the season!

Heirloom varieties of plants will be on sale for great prices. All plants are started from seed by the Mordecai Historic Park gardeners. Plants will include tomatoes, peppers, squash, herbs, and much more. Due to outdoor size restrictions, we are asking for everyone to please pre-register for this event. This will guarantee you a time to purchase plants at the Mordecai Plant Sale.

Face coverings will be required. This program will follow all local and state guidelines regarding COVID safety protocols.

Date: April 23 - 24, 2021
Time: 8 am - 4 pm
Location: Mordecai Historic Park Visitor Center
Cost: FREE entry, plants $2 - 3

Go to reclink.raleighnc.gov and search 'plant sale' under Activity Search to reserve your space today! RecLink registration is required.
Carol Hall was recently hospitalized with blood clots.

Ed Brannock had total shoulder replacement on 4/14.

Jane Browning fell and hurt her leg. She was hospitalized because the wound had become infected.

Our condolences to the family of Frances Owens. Frances was a member of JOY until it became necessary for her to move because of health issues. If you wish to send a card to her daughter, you may send it to Ann Nichols, 2624 Bloomsbury Manor Drive, Durham, NC, 27703.