



HAPPY EASTER!!

Easter is here!! Is it just me or does it feel like this has been one of the longest winters on record? I KNOW we've had more rainy, gloomy days that we normally have so maybe that's while it feels like it has lasted so long.

My yard is the first sign of spring for me. When the snow bells make their entrance, I know warm weather is not far behind. Even though I have a brown thumb, I have the most amazing yard! Even my WEEDS are screaming Easter as they are all either purple (violets) or yellow (dandelions) or white (iris & snow bells). The only rule in my yard is, if you bloom, you can stay! Luckily, a few tenants before me had green thumbs, so there are also gorgeous flowers & trees also blooming in those three colors. Since our home was built in 1854, there have been more than a few talented tenants before us, most were relatives of folks in this congregation! I like to think that, being good Lutherans, they only planted these colors, but I can't verify that. We love being the present caretakers of the property's history and hope they would be proud of the changes we have made.

Now for the important stuff.

Week of April 5-12 is:

- Bat Appreciation Week
- National Robotics Week
- National Library Week
- Explore Your Career Options Week
- Mule Days in Columbia, Tennessee
- Masters Tournament

Some fun only lasts a day:

5th-Go For Broke Day

- Deep Dish Pizza Day
- Read a Road Map Day
- Sweet Tater Day

6th-Army Day

- Charlie the Tuna Day
- Hostess Twinkie Day
- National Library Day
- New Beers Eve
- Tartan Day
- Teflon Day

7th-International Beaver Day

- World Snailpapers Day
- Metric System Day
- National Beer Day
- National Bookmobile Day
- National Handmade Day
- National Walking Day
- No Housework Day

8th-Draw a Bird Day

- Alcohol Screening day
- National Dog Fighting Day

9th-Jumbo the Elephant Day
Cherish An Antique Day*
National Dive Bar Day
National Unicorn Day
Winston Churchill Day

10th-Baby Massage Day
National Catch & Release Day
Farm Animals Day
National Siblings Day
Safety Pin Day
Slow Art Day
World Circus Day

11th-Barbershop Quartet Day
National "Louie Louie" Day
Clean Up Your Pantry Day
National Pet Day
National Ranch Water Day
Submarine Day
Teach Children to Save Day

April 9th is "National Cherish An Antique Day" - the day to learn the stories and histories of the pieces that have been passed down through our family.

I have very few "new" pieces in my home. Almost everything I own was passed down from one relative or another or purchased from an estate sale of someone else's relatives.

One of my favorite pieces is an old step back cupboard that was built by my great-grandfather, Bluit Montgomery, who owned a cotton farm in Moulton, Alabama. The cabinet used to sit on the back porch and always housed Mama

Montgomery's jams and jellies. When they died, the cabinet was passed to my MeMa. After Beatrice and Carl put their spin on it, adding some trim and new white porcelain knobs, it was moved into their kitchen. When Beatrice passed it went to Uncle Randy and then to me.

The cabinet no longer holds jams and jelly as I haven't had time to make preserves in several years, but I did teach our oldest daughter, Elizabeth, to make them and she is quite the pro! If you are lucky enough to get some of her fig-berry or peach preserves or her apple butter, get ready for a treat, because it's fabulous!

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

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