



Easter Tidings

Easter by the Numbers

Easter is a special holiday for Christians around the world. It also is a day of gift-giving, Easter egg hunts and special family meals. Read on to learn more about Easter through a collection of surprising facts and figures.

- About 75 percent of Americans identify themselves as Christian, as reported by Gallup in December 2014.
- People across the United States spend more than \$16 billion every year, according to the National Retail Federation.
- The first "sunrise service" was organized in 1773 by members of the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., according to a report by CNN.

- More than 35,000 attendees participate in the White House Easter Egg Roll every April.
- According to Just Born Candy Co., Americans consume more than 1.5 billion marshmallow Peeps every year.
- About 32 percent of Americans buy extra chocolate for themselves around Easter, according to Mintel.
- The National Confectioners Associations reports that 89 percent of chocolate bunny eaters go after the ears first.
- The National Confectioners Association reports that 77 percent of Americans buy or put together Easter baskets for their children.

- More than \$17 billion was spent celebrating the holiday in 2016, according to a Wallet Hub report.
- The National Retail Federation reports that more than half of Americans will visit with friends and family this Easter, while 50 percent will attend church.



Easy Easter Dessert

Hosting an Easter meal? Once the ham or turkey is devoured, your guests will be looking for a rich dessert to top off their holiday experience. Fortunately for them, the Easter bunny is ready to share his carrots this year for a delicious carrot cake. Follow the instructions below to create this Easter classic at your gathering.

Carrot Cake

Ingredients
 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 12 ounces grated carrots
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 10 ounces sugar
 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
 3 large eggs
 6 ounces plain yogurt
 6 ounces vegetable oil

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Butter and flour a 9-inch cake pan.
- Put carrots into a large mixing bowl.
- Process flour, baking powder, baking soda, spices and salt for 5 seconds in food processor; add this mixture to the carrots.
- In the bowl of the food processor, combine the sugar, brown sugar, eggs, yogurt and vegetable oil; pour this mixture into the carrots and stir until combined.
- Pour into the prepared cake pan and bake for 45 minutes.

Cream Cheese Frosting

8 ounces cream cheese
 2 ounces unsalted butter
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 9 ounces powdered sugar

Directions

Combine the cream cheese and butter. Add vanilla and powdered sugar gradually until smooth. Refrigerate until ready and top the cake.

Chocolate Marshmallow Fondue

Looking for a simpler dish? This chocolate marshmallow fondue is perfect for kids and adults alike. We all have surplus candy after the Easter egg hunt. Enjoy your extras in this dessert:

Ingredients

8 ounces chopped white chocolate
 1/2 cup heavy cream
 8 Easter marshmallows of your choice
 Pretzels
 Fruit for dipping

Directions

- In a medium saucepan, combine the chocolate, cream and marshmallows.
- Place over medium-low heat; stir constantly until the white chocolate and marshmallows melt.
- Remove from heat and place in a small bowl. Serve with pretzels and fruit.

GOOD FRIDAY

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March 30th @ 6:00pm

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Living Faith Assembly
 SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST
 9:00AM & 11:00AM
 NURSERY- 12TH GRADE
 SERVICES AT 11:00AM
 467 S. 10th St

Delight Valley Church of Christ

Please join us for our annual

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

April 1, 2018

Delight Valley Church of Christ
 33087 Saginaw Road East, Cottage Grove
 541-942-7711

9am - Building 1
 "Breakfast & Vic's Photo Booth"

10am - Building 2
 "Donuts and Coffee and Cupcakes, Oh My!"

10:30am - Building 2
 Worship & Message
 "Forgiveness: Hard to Get, Hard to Give!"
 A Three Week Series Starting April 1
 "Youth Program & Party"

NOON OR SO - IN THE BACK FIELD
 "10,000 Candy or Small Toy Filled Easter Egg Hunt"

Magnolia Gardens Annual Easter Megga Hunt!

Saturday March 31st
 Hunt starts at 2pm

April Free Events to the public

- Friday the 6th Sentimental Journey Music Free Concert
- Tuesday the 10th a wonderful piano player! Louis Piano Music
- Thursday the 12 at 6:30pm Timothy Patrick Well known local musician
- April 24th 2:30 pm Well Known Local Artist Mary Gary will be teaching us watercolor art!

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