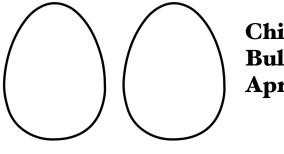
Look at the cover image. What feelings do you see? Finding the empty tomb on Easter morning must have been amazing, confusing, joyful, hopeful and maybe even a little scary.

What do you do when you encounter something unexpected?

Be on the lookout for eggs around church this morning! After you find 10 eggs, leave the rest for others to find.

CU Wednesday schedule (April 20) 5:00-5:30 Children's Bells (currently full) 5:30-6:00 Community Meal 6:00-7:00 Kids with Purpose (K-5th grade) Club 6-7 (6th and 7th grade) Confirmation (8th-9th grade)

No youth group tonight. Next Sunday night grades 6-8 will meet at the church for a field trip. Grades 9-12 has axes and tacos.



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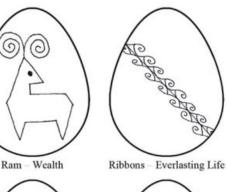
In Ukraine and Poland, there is a special tradition for decorating eggs, called Pysanky eggs. Each region, each village, and almost every family had its own special ritual, its own symbols, meanings and secret formulas for dyeing eggs. These customs were preserved faithfully and passed down from mother to daughter through generations. The custom of decorating pysanky was observed with greatest care, and a pysanka, after receiving the Easter blessing, was held to have great powers as a talisman.

Pysanky were traditionally made during the last week of Lent, Holy Week in the Orthodox and Greek (Uniate) Catholic calendars. (Both faiths are represented in Ukraine, and both still celebrate Easter by the Julian calendar.) They were made by the women of the family.

## Symbols

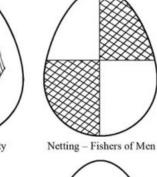
This art form is traditionally conveyed by using symbols. Many of these symbols contain images of nature, such as animals and plants. Other symbols are comprised of geometric shapes. Most of these symbols originated during pre-Christian times; however, their current meaning has roots in Christianity.

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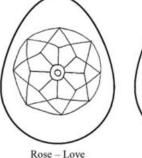
Fish - Christianity Rooster - Fertility

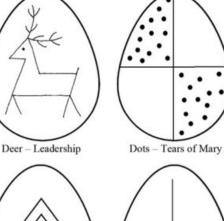
Wheat - Good Health



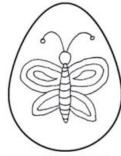
Triangle - Trinity

Ladder - Prayers

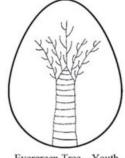




Rake - Prosperity



Butterfly - Resurrection



Evergreen Tree - Youth