

The first half of April was abnormally warm in Ukraine. Such weather awoke nature and overwhelmed us with a desire to glorify God for its beauty more and more. Also, we worship the Lord for His work through Fimiam Church.

The regular meetings for young people with disabilities continue to take place twice a month. During these meetings, the Bible stories that were taught opened new and important truths. Favorite Christian songs were sung and new, interesting craft ideas were embodied. There were also games to develop dexterity and attention. Young people who are fond of cooking made delicious snacks under the leadership of a cook. And the harp players were preparing to present their compositions in the nearest future.



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“The Ladies’ Club” was held on April 10. The women were reflecting on the Bible verse: “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2). Not only our homes and yards need to be renewed in spring, but also our hearts. As usual, the women got acquainted with one another, glorified the Lord through songs, fellowshiped in the warm atmosphere over tea and cookies, shared how God had renewed them and prayed for each other.



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A family meeting at the children’s center “Anthill” was led on April 16. Its aim was to stress the fact that parents have the main role in children’s formation and to encourage them to intentionally take part in this process. Children recited poems and sang family songs. There were also games, presents and cakes. Pastor Roman Brychook shared about the Biblical thought that “children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward” (Psalm 127:3).





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About 40 teenagers met on April 17. They deliberated upon Easter traditions and their ability to divert people away from Christ. The real essence of Easter was explained through a performance. The teenagers fellowshipped, worshipped God in songs, played games, took part in competitions and ate delicious cakes. After the meeting, they played baseball.



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The youth of Fimiam Church and their friends gathered on Sunday evenings this month to play volleyball and soccer. We believe such sporting events, in the context of Christian fellowship, help young people who do not yet know Jesus to get closer to the Lord.



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On April 17 the floor ball club “Iceberg” celebrated its first anniversary. Its participants, their parents and friends were invited to a picnic. More than 40 people responded to the invitation. They played floor ball and volleyball, ate dinner, sang Christian songs, and heard the Gospel in the open air.



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The “Country Boys,” a band from Texas, held a large concert in the local drama theatre in the center of Lutsk on April 21. About 1000 people were able to attend. Michael Gott shared the Good News at the end of the concert and many visitors wrote comments that they accepted Jesus, learned more about Him but needed to reflect more upon it, or simply got closer to God. Praise the Lord!



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“The New Abilities” Club took place on April 23. There were 70 participants, among which were many new people. The beginning of the meeting was unusual with the acquaintance part being led in the yard near Fimiam. The participants were then divided into two teams and took part in a relay. After that there was ping pong, bowling, volleyball and fellowship indoors, followed by a snack and a spiritual part. Valeriy Vykhor was one of the guests. He is a previous three-time Intercontinental Boxing Champion in the heavyweight division, but his main victory was the acceptance of Jesus into his heart. Valeriy shared his testimony and then Pastor Alexander Tkachuk spoke about Christ as our Passover lamb and about the Biblical basis of Easter.





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April 28 was Holy Thursday in Ukraine. Fimiam Church had an evening worship service in which we participated in communion. Before Easter, (which is on May 1 in Ukraine), with great gratitude for His obedience, we recalled Christ's sufferings and what He had done for us. Two men repented at the end of this evening worship service. Thanks God for saved souls!

