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From the Pastor's Pen

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Easter is a glorious day. Spring has charged the birds to serenade us awake each morning. The budding leaves of trees and plants remind us of the world bringing forth annual new life. Dogwood trees, buttercups, daffodils, lilies, Bradford pear trees, and tulips beautifully flower God's creation and are adorned with prettier raiment than even Solomon in all his glory. Spring brings us all back to life after winter's deathly grasp. The seasonal cycle of life marks our time on earth. Many compare the seasons to the cycle of life for humanity. There are several similarities between the seasons and the cycle of life, but the Resurrection of our Lord is different from the passing of the seasons. Our Lord lived, suffered, died, and was raised only once. We live, die, and are raised only once. Our lives end. Our resurrection comes after our death. We are raised by the power of God to live eternally in heaven, a place of far more joy and life than we can imagine in the presence of God. The circular pattern of life for the seasons can point us to the renewal of our lives after being dead in our sins; yet, it is not the ultimate plan for our lives as Christians, which we remember in the unique death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Jesus was raised, we are raised from the dead only once.

Knowing that being human means we end in death may help us to focus our lives with purpose. To have a central life purpose defines who we are and what we do. What is your central purpose? We may agree that our purpose is like what is said in the "The Shorter Catechism," written by the Westminster Assembly in 1649: "Q. 1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." (*Book of Confessions*, 7.001, p. 175) Each part of the answer of question 1 has scripture passages tied to it. For instance, the first part of the answer came from 1 Corinthians 1:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God," and Romans 11:36, "For from him (God) and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever." And the second half of Q. 1 answer comes from Psalm 73:24-26 with its beautiful view of our relationship with God: "You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Our purpose for life as a Christian is "to *glorify* God, and to *enjoy* God forever." I believe the Westminster Assembly almost four hundred years ago expressed humanity's purpose quite well, especially for our month celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, the Son of God. He is risen!

May the joy of Easter be yours,

Jim





Happy Anniversary

April 9th

Evan & Jennie Kate Pendergrass

April 12th

Tim & Raychelle Flannagan

April 22nd

Tony & Sarah Natale

April 26th

Doug & Ellen Treadway

April 30th

Gage & Lauren Smith

April 1 Susanna Smith

April 8 Heather Knott

April 11 Barbara Steinke

April 12 John Marsh

April 14 Ansley Knott

April 14 Wayne Williams

April 15 Jacob Smith

April 15 Lauren Smith

April 19 Anne Windham

April 19 Noah Smith

April 21 Ginger Shofner

April 23 Anne Shofner

April 26 Lori Smith

April 27 Margaret Anne Anderson

**There will be NO
Sunday School on
Easter Sunday,
April 20th.**

Committee Meetings

Mission Committee

Monday, April 14th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, April 15th @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee

TBD

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, April 3rd @ 5:00pm

Session

Monday, April 28th @ 5:30pm

Circle

Tuesday, April 8th @ 10:00am



Don't forget to bring your
donations for Good
Samaritan on Sunday, April 13th.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

April 30th

10:00am- 4:00pm

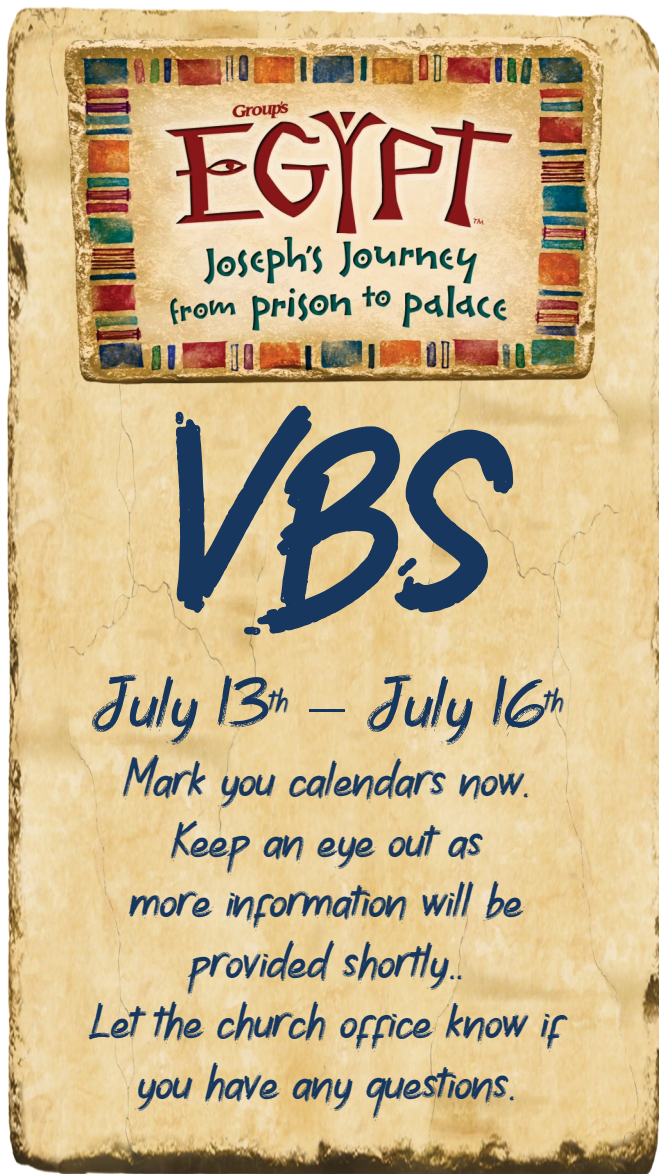
Our next blood drive is almost here.

It's not too early to go online and register.

Please join us in giving a pint.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
or call 1-800-733-2767.

April 2025



Lenten Bible Study will continue to be each Wednesday from 5:15pm to 6:ish. We will study N.T. Wright's "From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone." It is a day by day devotion book from Ash Wednesday through the first week of Easter.

April 1	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
April 2	Lenten Bible Study 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
April 3	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
April 4	AA Meeting 1:00pm
April 6	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Children's Music & Mission 4:30pm-6:00pm Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
April 7	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
April 8	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Circle 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
April 9	Lenten Bible Study 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
April 10	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
April 11	AA Meeting 1:00pm
April 13	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Bring your Good Samaritan donations Easter Egg Hunt at Wilhelm's House 2:00pm Youth Group 4:30pm - 6:30pm
April 14	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
April 15	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am PW Spring Salad Supper 6:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
April 16	Lenten Bible Study 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
April 17	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm
April 18	Office Closed AA Meeting 1:00pm Good Friday/Tenebrae Cantata 7:00pm
April 20	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunrise Service 7:00pm Potluck Breakfast following Sunrise Service Easter Worship Service 10:00am Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
April 21	Office Closed
April 22	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
April 23	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
April 24	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
April 25	Book Club Meeting at Never Rest Park 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm
April 27	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
April 28	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
April 29	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
April 30	Blood Drive 10:00am - 4:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm



Parents' Day Out

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come read to the kids, they really enjoyed all the books.



Pajama Day

One of the kids (and teachers) favorite days.



“...and a little child
shall lead them.”

~ Isaiah 11:6

Children’s Service lead by
children for the Children of God!



Music & Mission

The children continue to practice for their Easter anthem.

Please note that the next M&M meeting will be held on
Sunday afternoon, April 6th, at 4:30pm with dinner included.

We intend to sing on Easter Sunday (April 20th) with a practice and robing
before the church service. Please watch for text messages closer to time.

Thank you for sharing your children with the M&M Team.
Our FPG children are a joy!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Providing relief from natural disasters food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus’ resurrection and connect us with “those who have least” One Great Hour of

Sharing is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together each year to work to improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable in three ways...

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Self-Development of People

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



PW CIRCLE MEETING

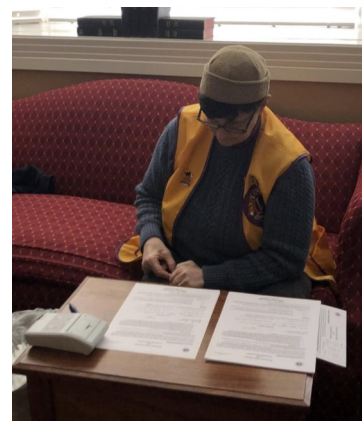
The regular Circle meeting and Bible study will be held Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00am in the Young Adult classroom. Connie Crafton will be leading a discussion of Chapter 4 in our study book. Also, please remember to bring your BIRTHDAY OFFERING this month. This year's offering will go to build a safe house for those needing temporary housing at Leland Presbyterian Church in Leland, MS and 3 houses for the Lakota tribe on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The annual PW birthday offering is always used to fund projects both domestic and international in the area of agricultural development, child care and women's concerns.

PW Bakeless Bake Sale

PW announces our fundraising event of the year to be held during the month of April. This is guaranteed to be a calorie free, work free, hassle free event to replace our once upon a time famous bake sale that featured the baking skills of First Presbyterian Church's excellent cooks. During Covid times we cancelled the sale for obvious reasons and have not resumed as we realized our bakers are getting more mature, we were buying our own products and it was a lot of work. In lieu of a bake sale, the PW Council voted to hold a Bakeless Bake Sale during the month of April. There will be envelopes in the pew racks for checks or cash during the whole month. If you pay by check please make the check payable to Presbyterian Women. This offering is our only fundraiser. The money is used to give donations to 8 charities in our area, to host wedding and baby showers for our grown up church children and other miscellaneous needs in the church that the women traditionally tend to. We will appreciate your generosity and you can thank us for protecting your waistline.

PW Spring Salad Supper

The annual Spring Salad Supper will be held April 15th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall at church. Our speaker will be Doug Murphy who will talk about the Duck River which we recognize as a beautiful natural treasure that wends its way through Bedford County. He will speak about the current issues surrounding water usage from the Duck as well as the many other gifts the river has to offer us. Please plan to come, bringing with you a salad to share and a friend to enjoy the fellowship of FPC women.



Vision Screening

Thank you to the Lions Club for taking the time to visit with and administer a vision screening on all of the kiddos.



Prior to tonight's Ash Wednesday's service, the congregation enjoyed an Italian style meal together. Special thanks to our Fellowship Committee for setting up, cleaning up, decorating, and providing the meal which was *delizioso!!!*



Easter Egg Hunt April 13, 2025

Where: The Wilhelm's House (Richard & Kristin)

Time: 2:00pm (if raining we will relocate to church)

2:00pm Craft Time

2:30pm The Story of Easter with Pastor Jim

2:40pm The HUNT is ON!



We are graciously accepting donations of small, individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. **ONE BAG** is perfect. (We tend to get a lot!!) Donations may be left in the church office. Thank You!!

Palm Sunday, April 13th:

All children and youth (ages 2 thru Grade 12) are asked to meet "Miss Kate" outside the sanctuary in front of the double doors at 9:55am on Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) to receive their palms and to line up for the Procession of the Palms which will begin our service that morning. (In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the back of the sanctuary.)
"Hosanna, loud hosanna!
The little children sang!"



Don't forget to bring your cut flowers on Easter, April 20th for our Flower Cross!! It will be available at the Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00am and outside the sanctuary prior to our 10:00am Resurrection of the Lord Worship Service.



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Frieda Bone	Pastor Jim	
Michal Dobson	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Jim & Cathy Ikard	Raychelle Flannagan	Katherine Marsh
Lay Liturgist: Walker Marsh		
Flowers: Jim & Cathy Ikard		
Communion Prep: Pat & Mary Marsh		
Communion Servers: Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, Mike Matusek, Sarah Natale, James Smith		

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Sarah Natale	Kate Canady	Christy Jensen
Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Willie & Debby Snell	John Marsh	Grace Wilhelm
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Rob Marsh	Maddie Marsh	

Sunday, April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Communion Prep: Aaron & Connie Crafton		
Communion Servers: Jim Ikard		

Sunday, April 17, 2025 Good Friday/Tenebrae Cantata

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
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Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter - Resurrection of the Lord

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Rob Marsh	Kate Canady	
Helen Garner	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Terry & Ginny Saylor	Willie Snell	Raychelle Flannagan
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Pat Marsh	Kate Marsh	Craig Family

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Nancy June Brandon	Sandy Yount	Grace Wilhelm
Pat Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Bailey & Trena Little	Roy Turner	Bea Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Walker Marsh		



LCDR Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Airman Caleb Fletcher

(Grandson of Susan Spears)

Pvt. Oscar Taylor

(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

Airman Anna Powell

(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

Those in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Brent Canady (Member)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

David Kee (Member)

Naomi Luna (Member)

Carolyn & Tony Matusek (Member)

Chris & Savanna Morton (Family Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Shelia Shavers (Friend of Mary Brown)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Margaret Smith (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Chris Stephens (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Doug Treadway (Member)

Family & Friends of Emma Jean Turner

(Stepmother of Roy Turner)

Weaver Family (Friends of the Pendergrass')

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family Friend)

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



The next Book Club is meeting Friday,
April 25th, 9:30am at Never Rest Park.

They will be discussing
"James" by Percival Everett

Up and coming...

May "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meisner

June & July "The Warmth of Other Suns"
by Isabel Wilkerson





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SESSION

Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,
Mike Matusek, Richard Smith

Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,
Sarah Natale, James Smith

TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.

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