

SERVING IN APRIL

April 4

Hall Monitor TBA
Ushers/Greeters Pat & Rob Marsh
A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady
Children’s Church Cindy Lamb
Nursery TBA

April 11

Hall Monitor Kathy Smith
Ushers/Greeters Adrian Bomar
Melanie Hamilton
A Time for Young Christians Rev. Todd
Children’s Church Cindy Lamb
Nursery Pat Thomas

April 18

Hall Monitor Lisa Turner
Ushers/Greeters Aaron & Connie Crafton
A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady
Children’s Church Cindy Lamb
Nursery Mary Marsh

April 25

Hall Monitor Pat Marsh
Ushers/Greeters Bailey & Trena Little
A Time for Young Christians Connie Crafton
Children’s Church Cindy Lamb
Nursery Mary Marsh

HOLY COMMUNION
PREPARATION

April 1~Maundy Thursday
Aaron & Connie Crafton

April 4 ~ Easter-Mary Marsh
May 2 ~Richard & Kathy Smith

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SESSION

LeaAnne Windham, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton, Margaret Smith,
LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021	Class 2022	Class of 2023
Kathy Smith	Pat Thomas	Tommy Anderton



Dear Friends,

The opening paragraph of our denomination’s Book of Order makes this foundational claim about our faith:

“The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation.”

This God we worship is a God who “rules and transforms all things and all people.” As a God of liberation, the transformation that occurs in believers is an enriching of our impoverished spirits, the opening our eyes to the “nearness of God’s kingdom” in our lives and in the world. This God of liberation frees us from earthly passions that exploit and oppress others for our own welfare and comfort.

It is a slow process, this transformation of all things and all people. But we believe this transformation and liberation is happening today, even if we cannot see it.

I take comfort in the belief that the One God who creates, redeems, and sustains is also the God who is also ultimately in control. And if I have learned anything about God’s management style it’s this; God has told us humans what is good for us, and it is this; to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8).

But instead, we often pervert justice, eschew kindness and avoid that humble walk with God. Instead, like the parable of the prodigal son, we venture off to the far country of our sin until our lives become so obviously wretched even to us, we begin that glorious and painful return home. The church is here to help support you in wherever you are in return home.

So, where might you be in your process of transformation, and thus your own liberation? Are you still in the far country of your sin or have you begun your journey back to the arms of your heavenly Parent?

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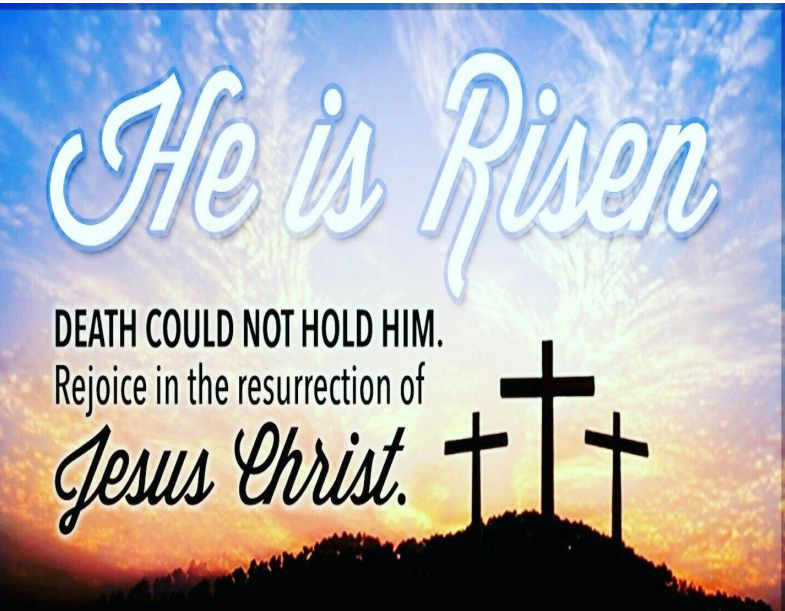
By the time you read this article we may have already celebrated the joy and the promise of Easter Sunday. Easter reminds us that this God we worship, this God who rules and transforms all things and all peoples does finally put His foot down and exercises His divine authority to say sin will only go so far in ruling this world. In the end and we belong to God body and soul. That's what Jesus demonstrated and proclaimed in his life, death, and resurrection.

I take great comfort in the Easter truth as I make my way home. I hope you will too. And I hope you will join me on Sundays as we pause at this weekly rest-stop for respite and renewal as we lift up our offering of prayers and praise to the One God who rules and transforms all things and all people.



Maundy Thursday
with
HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday
April 1st at
5:30pm



He is Risen
DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

Sunday,
April 4, 2021
10:00am
with **HOLY COMMUNION**

April Calendar						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship via Facebook Sundays at 10:00am and in person.						
				1 Maundy Thursday 5:30pm 	2 Good Friday 	3 Great Vigil of Easter Easter Egg Hunt 10:30-11:30
4 Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Worship 10:00am	5	6 Faith Development 5:30pm	7 National Walking Day 	8	9	10 
11 Worship 10:00am Good Sam Food Donation	12 National Grilled Cheese Day	13 Night Circle 6pm Russell Classroom	14	15 Tax Day 	16	17
18 Worship 10:00am	19 Session 5:30pm	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24
25 Worship 10:00am Youth Sunday	26 Pretzel Day 	27	28	29	30 Honesty Day Book Club 11:00am	May 1

PDO EASTER EGG Hunt



In Loving Memory

SARAH MILHOLEN MASON
CAROLYN NORTHCUTT
Memorial Fund
from Bailey and Trena Little

SARAH MILHOLEN MASON
Memorial Fund
from Aaron and Connie Crafton

CORY HARTBARGER
Music Fund
from Aaron and Connie Crafton

CORY HARTBARGER
Memorial Fund
from Nancy June Brandon
Roy and Lisa Turner

GAIL PARSONS
Memorial Fund
from Nancy June Brandon
Brent and Kate Canady
Bailey and Trena Little
Roy and Lisa Turner
Aaron and Connie Crafton
Geneva Melson
Belinda Craig

ALICE DURIO
Memorial Fund
from Carole J Howell

ALICE DURIO
Music Fund
from Aaron and Connie Crafton

MARGARET JARRELL
Memorial Fund
from Nancy June Brandon
Brent and Kate Canady
Roy and Lisa Turner
Bailey and Trena Little
Aaron and Connie Crafton
Geneva Melson

ALICE DURIO
Memorial Fund
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Mary Gore
Helen Garner
Roy and Lisa Turner
Geneva Melson

OUR MISSIONS

Opportunities for Mission at FPC

Each year money is budgeted for Mission and Outreach at FPC based on our pledges and interest from an existing Mission Trust Fund. That money generally goes to 10 to 14 charities (local, regional and worldwide) near the end of each year with a smaller portion set aside for miscellaneous requests that arise during the year. In addition to budgeted resources, there are some regular offerings and hands on experiences that members of our congregation may select from each year as their hearts and interests move them to do so. This list includes 5 cents a meal collected quarterly, food for Good Sam monthly, Backpacks for targeted school children during Spring and Christmas breaks, working at Soup Kitchen once a month, plus special offerings at Easter (One Great Hour of Sharing) and Christmas (Joy Gift). Providing water purification systems and follow up in Guatemala through Living Waters for the World is an ongoing mission since 2007.

This year we have added Tony Rice Center to receive special attention. TRC is a residential treatment facility that serves up to 40 men with chemical dependency and other mental health issues plus former incarceration. Many of the residents arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their backs so TRC has compiled a wish list to outfit new arrivals. Our congregation is invited to help fill these needs by collecting items and delivering to church where it will be organized before delivery to TRC.

On April 18, a representative from TRC will be our guest at Worship Service to share more information about his organization during a Minute for Mission.

"New Beginnings" Men Supply Closet

Items Needed

Personal toiletries: shaving cream, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, wash cloth, bath towel
Men's Clothing (new or slightly worn): All sizes-XXL Plus Needed: pants, t-shirts, coats, jackets.
Bedding Supplies: Twin bed linens, pillow, single bed sheet set (solid color), blankets.



Backpack Packing time!

Thanks for your
help.
100 boxes were
packed for our
children.



Youth & Children

Our Children's Department is looking forward to our *ResurrEGGtion Egg Hunt* on **Saturday, April 3!** We have 600 candy eggs for **KIDS** to hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny, but most importantly, kids will hear the resurrection story. Thank you to our congregation that has so generously donated candy, money and prayers.

During the month of April, our **YOUTH** are answering these important questions:
Who is your Lord?
Who is your Savior?
What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
 These are important life-long questions and our youth are learning so much. If you would like to *contribute to meals* for these *meetings*, please contact Miss Cindy at clambteacher@aol.com or just call the church office.



April 15
Jacob Smith
April 16
Lauren Smith
April 19
Anne Windham
April 20
Holly Faith Hutson

April 21
Ginger Shofner
April 23
Anne Shofner
April 26
Lori Sain-Smith
April 27
Margaret Anne Cobb

April 1
Susan Smith
Meredith Spears
April 7
Evelyn Davidson
April 12
John Marsh
April 14
Wayne Williams



Presbyterian Women

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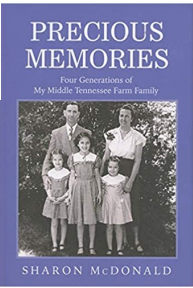
NIGHT CIRCLE
 Tuesday, April 13th
 6:00pm
 Russell Classroom
 Lesson #5
Birthday Offering

MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 6th
Faith & Development 5:30pm
 Monday, April 12th
Mission 5:30pm
 Tuesday, April 13th
Night Circle 6:00pm
 Monday, April 19th
Session 5:30pm



April
 30th 11:00am
 at Sharon's;
 bring your lawn



April 12
 Tim & Raychelle
 Flannagan
 April 26
 Doug & Ellen Treadway



Stop by and see
 Our Brand New
 Playground

