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Church Secretary – Karin Hill
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Ministers - The Members of First
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THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER

April 2022

A Word From Our Pastor.....

We are coming upon Easter, traveling through the season of Lent. May the passion of Christ reignite in your heart the fire each of us needs to let the Light of Christ shine forth to a lost and dying world. The following story is for your contemplation during this Lenten time of rededication...

A mother of seven sends her first born son off to serve his country during a time of war. She cries every night for months and worries how he might be doing. She weeps when she has to send him a "Dear John" letter; his childhood sweetheart tells him she can't wait. Her heart is broken at the years of silence that follow, never knowing if he is well or not. The years pass; he never calls or writes and she feels the burden of his loss. Mother buries his sister, killed in a car accident, and still she waits. Her baby boy comes home for a day to say good bye, then is gone again. She sees his face, haggard and worn. She sees the coldness in his eyes. She hears the deep sadness in his voice from the few words he speaks. She hangs on to the hug he gives her, though it is so light. More years go by. He calls her briefly to tell her he had a son, but he only lived three days. She hears the cracks in his words and feels another heartache. Mother remembers the day when he was five--he went out for a walk with the dogs early in the morning and the relief she had when he showed back up just before dark. She remembers the burning questions: "Why did Dad leave us?" and "When can we ever be like others?" Through it all, she keeps praying. Years later, she is lying on her death bed with a smile on her face. Her son comes into her room saying, "Mom, I'm here." Her prayers have been answered! The baby boy she so treasured, home at last, these many years later. He is educated, respected, has children of his own, and has been her support for so long. His past is left behind, but not forgotten. She is filled with gratitude and love; a softened heart, changed by Jesus. For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will be saved. Her prayers were answered. May Lent reignite you again and always keep praying.

Committee Chairpersons for 2022

Building & Grounds - Doug Huebner
Christian Education - Karin Hill
Congregational Care – Debbie Dennard
Finance/Stewardship – Greg
Westmoreland
Nominating - Greg Westmoreland
and Doug Huebner
Outreach & Mission - Carol Petersen
Personnel - Jim Coe
Worship – Donna Baskin

Please Join Us in Prayer For.....

Peggy Badders, Donna Baskin, Ann Bond, Marcus & Clinton (requested by Donna Baskin), Hubert Boeker, Sharon Bumgardner, Jackie Dancer, Flo Dreher, Autumn Eggleston, Family of Jesse Findley (Linda Townsend's father), First Presbyterian Church in Bay City & growth, Rob Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Marie Hestand, John Hodges & Family, Doug Huebner, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Jason James, Scott Kietzmann (Karin Hill's brother), Family of Adam Kimball, Dr. Bob Kelly, Nancy Knapik, Ruth Leissner, Sarah Leverett, Judy Metcalf, Lisa Morales, Joanne Marshall, Natalie Mullen, Reeselyn & Brad Pierce (Donna Baskins' great niece), Father James Ramsey, Zelda Regalado, Louise Russell, Nancy Ryman, Rev. Frank Seaman, David Selwood, Ray Sexton, Pastor Charley, JayE Shurtz's recovery, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Mark Svatek, Mrs. Thomas (loss of her daughter), Donna Townsend, Karen Trobl & Family, Ann Uher, Sonja Varnell & Family, Ethel Williams.

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Students and school personnel for safe, spring 2022 semester.

Our local homeless community (Billy).

Spencer Hill, Army, deployment to South Korea.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, our border crisis.

Karin Hill will be out of the office from Tuesday, April 5 – Tuesday, 12. She will be back in the office on Wednesday, April 13. **Please don't forget to RSVP for the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 14th by Palm Sunday, April 10th.** You may call Pastor Charley or leave a message on the church's answering machine to let us know you will be attending.



April 2022 – Lectionary Readings

April 3 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 and Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 10 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Palms: Luke 19:28-40 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a, and Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 OR Luke 23:1-49

April 17 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 65:17-25 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 OR Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 OR John 20:1-18

April 24 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 and Psalm 118:14-29 OR Psalm 150 OR 2 Kings 7:1-16 and Psalm 2; Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Diaper Disciple Dates

April 9 & April 23

April Birthdays

April 4: Melissa Guynes

April 6: Meredith Adams

April 7: Blayn Adams

Debbie Dennard

April 8: Mia Mullen

April 9: Tommy Osina

April 17: Natalie Mullen

April 23: Lurinda Barnwell

April 28: Steve Sliva

April Anniversaries

April 16: Cliff and Norma Mullen

APRIL USHERS

April 3: James and Doreen Bounds, Will and Melissa Guynes

April 10: Linda Brown, Greg Westmoreland, Ronnie Mullen, Jody Romine

April 17: James and Doreen Bounds, Teresa West, Will Guynes

April 24: Ronnie Mullen, Priscilla Obermeyer, Melissa Guynes, Jody Romine

APRIL KITCHEN CREW

Teresa West, Chair 245-1545

Sharon Bumgardner 476-0974

Marie Hestand 245-2800

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

April 3: Doreen Bounds

April 10: Linda Brown

April 17: Ronnie Mullen

April 24: Marc or Karin Hill

APRIL COMMUNION PREPARERS

April 10: Don and Sandy Boyer

April 14: Debbie Dennard and Linda Brown

April 17: Doreen Bounds and Melissa Guynes or Marie Hestand

APRIL COMMUNION SERVERS

April 10: Debbie Dennard, Crayden Dennard, Nancy Knapik, and Greg Westmoreland

April 14: Linda Brown, Teresa West, Jody Romine, and Priscilla Obermeyer

April 17: Ronnie Mullen, Jim Bounds, Linda Brown, and Will Guynes



“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
(Galatians 6:2)

When? Thursday, April 7
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Duration? 4 weeks

Where? Robbins Hall

A light meal will be provided.

Sign up with Chaplain JayE Shurtz or in the church office.

GAME NIGHT IN ROBBINS HALL

When? Friday, April 22nd

Time? 6:00 PM

Bring your favorite games to play, snacks, and drinks to share.

What is Maundy Thursday?
Why do we recognize it?

Maundy Thursday is part of the Christian celebration of Easter. It commemorates the evening of the Last Supper; the final meal Jesus shared with his apostles before his crucifixion. It is where the sacrament of communion was first given.

In remembrance of this event, we are hosting a Seder Meal on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:00 PM in Robbins Hall. Lamb and unleavened bread will be part of the menu; scholars believe that both of these items were actually served at the Last Supper. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Charley or leave a message on the church’s answering machine by Palm Sunday, April 10th.**

Immediately following the meal, a Tenebrae service, or “service of shadows,” will be held in our sanctuary. It will be a service told entirely through song.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 6: Pastor Wade Floyd
First United Methodist Chapel at Noon

April 13: Rev. JayE Shurtz
Passion Week Wednesday
First Presbyterian Church at Noon

April 14: Seder Meal
First Presbyterian Church, Robbins Hall, at 6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary at 7:00 PM

APRIL'S IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday School for Youth and Adults:	Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
Worship:	Every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children's Church:	Every Sunday at 10:45 AM
Prayer Group:	Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study:	Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal:	Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
PW Council:	Wednesday, April 6, at 4:30 PM
Worship Committee:	Tuesday, April 12, at 1:00 PM
Afternoon Women's Circle:	Wednesday, April 13, at 1:30 PM
Second Sunday Lunch:	April 10, at 11:30 AM
Sunday Women's Circle:	April 10, right after lunch
Seder Meal/Tenebrae Service:	Thursday, April 14, at 6:00/7:00 PM
Outreach & Mission Committee:	No meeting in April
Congregational Care Committee:	Tuesday, April 19, at 9:30 AM
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, April 19, at 3:00 PM
Newsletter Deadline:	Wednesday, April 20
Game Night:	Friday, April 22 at 6:00 PM
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, April 9 & April 23 10:00 AM – Noon
Wednesday Night Supper:	April 27, at 6:00 PM
Session Meeting:	Sunday, April 24, at 11:30 AM

From the Music Stand.....

March and April bring spring, which brings renewal and revival--new life! At Easter time we see all the baby chicks and bunnies offered at the feed and pet stores. Growing up Baptist, this always meant there would be Spring Revivals popping up on calendars all over the Bible Belt. If you grew up with these tents coming to the grassy area around your church, then you also heard the glorious and rousing songs that accompanied these revivals. Think back to younger days--to the songs that spoke of the glorious things we will see "When We All Get to Heaven," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and "Give Me That Old Time Religion." These songs were created to rekindle a sometimes cold fire, or a needed new spark, to relight the blaze that we all had when we first became believers in Christ. The three songs I mentioned were ones always sung at the revivals of my youth. Although they were sung during the year, the Spring Revivals gave them even more meaning--the fact that when we get to heaven, my name will be called, and we will celebrate with love and laughter the "Sweetest Name I Know." What are some of the songs you sang that helped to inspire or remind you of the zeal you had when you were a new Christian? Think about them and share these songs with others.

Your sister in Christ,

Donna Baskin

Easter is Coming, Hallelujah!

Would you like to order an Easter lily “In Honor” or “In Remembrance” of a loved one?

They are only \$12 each.

Deadline to place your order is Palm Sunday, April 10, so don't delay!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

First United Methodist Chapel at 7:00 AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Immediately following the Sunrise Service in Robbins Hall



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN.....

There will be a special Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 17th, for our young people. Please have your children gather in the narthex immediately following worship and we will “hop” outside for some Easter fun!

LOOKING FOR LAY LEADERS

Are you feeling nudged by God to expand your devotion to Him?

If the answer is “Yes,” then please contact Marie Hestand and ask to be added to the Lay Leader schedule. We need you!

Did You Know?

Our church services are being livestreamed on Facebook!

For a complete, online worship experience, please visit

www.facebook.com/fpcbaycity

Our Session

Class of 2022:

Donna Baskin

Karin Hill

Doug Huebner

Class of 2023:

Jim Coe

Debbie Dennard

Carol Petersen

Class of 2024:

Greg Westmoreland