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The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 10:30a-4:30a

Maundy Thursday @ 7p led by FBC

All are welcome.

Good Friday Service FPCC, April 15 at 7p



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Christ is Risen

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

One Service at 11a

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "The Empty Tomb"

Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunrise Service at 6a by the lake

Easter Sunday Worship -

ONE SERVICE AT 11A

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Rev. Bob Leroe

Sermon "The Burning Book"

Jeremiah 36:21-32



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY April 3	9:30a - 60
	11:00a - 93
Seder Presentation	6:00p 90
SUNDAY, April 10	9:30a - 74
	11:00a - 101



Do you need a ride to church?

Please call the office.

Our mission is to reflect the love of God by welcoming all people into a life-changing, ever growing relationship with Jesus.

The power of prayer...

Dear Lord, thank You for dying on the cross. You stretched out Your arms wide enough to save the world if they would have You. Thank You for Your GREAT Love.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Praise the Lord for the safe and healthy arrival of

Faith Elisabeth Barden

who entered the world on April 6, 2022 at 7lbs 4oz.
to the waiting arms of her parents Will and Claire
and to her brothers, Christian and Peter and sister, Hallie.

Our Prayer Needs

Susan Frey mourning the loss of her brother, Robert.
Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,
Ed Courier (Ruth's dad), Jim Donovan, III, Teddie Fitzpatrick,
Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman,
Fred Howland, Sr., Abettina Morano, Sandy Serrentino,
Lisa Surlles, Stephen Taylor, Samuel and
for all those healing and recovering from illnesses
and for our missionaries around the globe.

Monthly Congregational Prayer

May 1 at 10:30a

in the Fireside Room. Please join us.

contact Winnie Carpenter at winniecarpenter@gmail.com

Associate Pastor Search Committee has been established. Members include: Doug Jackson, Julie Bohn, Kellie Roden, Angelin and Wayne Cocorochio, Donna Nicolai, Pastor John Dale. Tom Martin serving as alternate if needed. Please keep this team in prayer.



Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's needs persist.

Stephen Leaders: Pam and Ken Hodgson

Stephen Ministers: Bob Blaser, Barbara Flynn, David and Susan Frey,
Judy Gordon, Abettina Morano and Donna Woodland.

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

Psalm 118:5



Pastor's Pen



"He is Risen Indeed!"

"But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come see the place where he lay."

Mt. 28:5,6

There's a story told about many years ago in the atheist Soviet Union, that the communist in a particular city set up an auditorium to host an event where a leading atheist would lecture the community on atheism and then allow a local priest to have a few moments to respond to the charges against Christianity.

The priest and the people of the community were forced to stay in their seats as the atheist poured out his arguments and proofs for several hours until finally the old priest was allowed to come forward to the podium to attempt a rebuttal.

As the priest came forward to the dais, he looked over the crowd and simply said: **"The Lord is Risen," to which they all replied, "He is Risen Indeed,"** much to the exasperation of the atheist speaker.


When Jesus died on the cross and when his body was placed in the tomb, many or most of his followers fell into disillusionment and disbelief. This is noted by the two men on the road to Emmaus, from the gospel of Luke chapter 24.

As they were walking along, they were discussing the recent events about Jesus, when unbeknownst to them, Jesus joined them and asked them what they were talking about. The men were astonished that this man knew nothing about the prophet Jesus who was arrested by the Pharisees and killed by the Romans and then placed in a tomb. And now it was the third day since he died, and he was supposed to have risen from the dead. Some of the women known to us and Jesus told us his tomb was empty, but we just don't know.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided they would all stop and share a meal. When Jesus was beginning to pray, and as he broke the bread, they began to recognize him, but in that moment, he was gone. They said to one another: **"didn't our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us."** Because, like the angel had said to the women, **"he is not here, he is risen!"**

It is the resurrection that sets Christianity apart from all other faiths or religions. I hope that you also recognize the risen Christ and have received him as your Lord and Savior. As we enter the final days prior to our Resurrection Sunday celebration, I want to encourage your faith. May you be able to say with other believers today, that **"The Lord is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"**

Pastor John



Blood Drive
Friday, April 29
1p to 6p
Schedule an appointment
today
American Red Cross
redcross.org

**Something new: Tech Corner at
the next Community Breakfast
and Clothing Closet Event
May 21 at 9a**

Need assistance with phone or laptop issues, such as network connectivity issues, software installation issues, viruses? Visit the Tech Corner at FPCCW Community Breakfast and our technicians will take a look.



Men's Breakfast Group
1st Saturday of the month
9 o'clock

Next one is
May 7
Come and join us.

In-door Yard Sale May 14.

The fair committee would like to encourage donations to arrive sooner rather than later allowing enough time to organize. Donations can be left in the storage closet at the bottom of the stairs to the left before entering the dining room. Please see Beth Rollins or Courtney Hatheway if you have any questions.

We can accept housewares, small electronics, books, office supplies, linens, toys & games, holiday items, home decor and jewelry. Please no frames, furniture, sporting equipment, computer screens, baby furniture, strollers or car seats please.

Thank you..

**Young Couples and
Family Fellowship Group**

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group: If you are a family with school aged children or younger, newly married or soon to be, come join us for a simple dinner, fellowship and support. We typically meet the 2nd Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be Friday, May 13. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter: winnie.carpenter@gmail.com



Please fill out this short survey even if you cannot attend the next meeting so we know how to serve your family and marriage: You can simply scan the QR code.

UKRAINE AID, HOW CAN I HELP...

ON EASTER SUNDAY, FPCC WILL OFFER AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY TO AID UKRAINE
PLEASE STATE IN THE MEMO: UKRAINE AID. THANK YOU...

OTHER WAYS YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN.

Every day is scary when your mom and your siblings are writing you how much they love you because they know there might be no tomorrow. Yet, despite the hunger and sleepless nights spent underground, their determination to conquer the evil is becoming stronger and they say: "If we can make it through, we will have the country we have always dreamed of." Please help us to have the country we have always dreamt of .

"Sunflower of Peace" is asking for help through IJM (International Justice Mission) Email: sunflowerofpeace.ukraine@gmail.com Contact: Katya Malakhova 714-600-9199

Needs: a warehouse, people, services, items... so much to pray for...

- A warehouse location in Newton area. Preferably a governmental location, so it can be accessible and safe for donated items on a 24/7 basis.
- Executive level UPS, FedEx connections. We have a shipping company in New Jersey for larger shipments. Trying to decrease the time to deliver medical backpacks. Sunflower of Peace ambassadors are on the ground with organized transportation in Poland and Romania meeting the supplies for same day delivery to Ukraine through green corridor.
- Executives from Delta airlines that are flying to Poland daily. To transport 20 to 50 medical backpacks to Poland. Time is essential and whatever we can get over there will be helpful--goal to become extremely efficient.
- Sellers of bulletproof vests and helmets to local law enforcement to be distributed to doctors, paramedics and civilians. Majority of them are unprotected and are being targeted.
- Suppliers/donors of insulin and antibiotics.
- VOLUNTEERS on standby to pack and sort stuff out, once a warehouse.

Once again, thank you, thank you, thank you for being amazing people that care about brave and selfless people of Ukraine and your willingness to do so much for them. For updates on this project please go to

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/507886070680475/?>

fundraiser_source=external_url Also check out Sunflower of Peace of Facebook.

Please share this message in as many groups as possible.

Let's Reach Out

Sharing Inc.

As a mission commitment and to maintain the tradition, several members have continued to walk on Good Friday and with sponsors who continue to support this amazing charity. If you would like to share in this endeavor with either your feet or your finances, please see Judy Gordon for more information.

We walk with Jesus.



BE A BLESSING

Please plan to support First Parish in any way you are able. Thank you to all those who have stepped out in faith to be committed. Giving is easy and simple to do on line. You can simply use this scan code or go to the website and click on the giving tab.



You can also direct your giving. Our Easter offering is to going to aid Ukraine.



Heather Hulse and Winnie Carpenter



FPCC presence at the WCNA Egg Hunt event!



Bible Studies

Thursday evenings at 7p A study on Daniel
Contact: Pastor John

Bible Studies for Men

Men's Bible Study on Parenting at 6:30p (Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (**next study April 27**) studying Bible passages on what Jesus spoke to Parents. We will use the book *Parenting by Faith* by Patricia Batten.
Contact: Ian Carpenter

Bible Studies for Women

Tuesdays

Women of Wakefield meet from 9:30-11
Please join our inter-church group now studying the book of Esther. We meet weekly from 9:30 to 11 am in the Fireside Room. Child care is provided. For more information, please email Julianne Johnston (julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com), or Carlana Miller (Carlana.miller@gmail.com), or Judi Manola (jbmanola@gmail.com).

Bible Studies for Women cont.

Thursdays

(meets weekly)

Women's Bible Study at 9:15a

April 21, we will be starting a new study *Heaven: Finding Our True Home*. We welcome new members to our group.

Contact: Angela Faylor

(meets monthly)

Bible Study on Parenting 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-8p (meets next April 21)

studying Bible passages on what Jesus spoke to Parents. We will use the book *Parenting by Faith* by Patricia Batten.

Contact: Winnie Carpenter

Youth & Young Adults

Wednesdays

Teen ALPHA from 6:30-8:30p (grades 6-12)

Contact: Julie Bohn

Sundays

Young Adult Alpha (18-30) at 6:30 -8p

Contact: Julie Bohn

Jesus knows me, this I love...



Jesus came, died and rose for you and for me!
Such a love it could
not be contained..
May you know Him too.

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WCAT: View 11a service on Sunday (previous week)
Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)
Monday 8pm, Wednesday noon, & Friday at 7pm
Channel 3 for RCN & Comcast/Channel 40 for Verizon