



Among Friends

APRIL, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

Springtime, could there be a better time of the year? The long dark days of winter are gone. The sun is brightly shining. Warm temperatures lead to life breaking through the ground. And then there is Easter. Could there be better news for Christians? The darkness of sin is gone and the Son shines brightly within us. And we now have the hope of eternal life.

*Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
1 John 5:12*

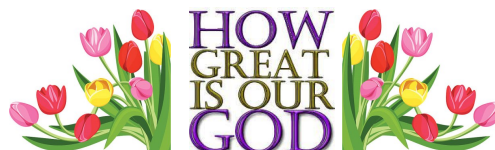
Could it be any clearer. The question is this; do you have the Son? Can we really know whether or not we are saved? Yes, we can!

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
Romans 10:9*

Folks, God gave his son as a sacrifice for YOU. Jesus willingly went to the cross so that we could have eternal life. As we look ahead to Resurrection Sunday, praise God for the marvelous gift given and thank Jesus for his great sacrifice. No matter what is happening in your life right now; if you have Jesus, you have life. No matter how difficult things might be; if you have Jesus, you have hope.

This Easter take time to remember how great God is!

In His love,
Diane



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**Newsletter
Deadline**

APRIL 26

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FPC



*Worship
With Us*



HOLY WEEK

April 2 - 9

**Deadline for
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submission of
information is
APRIL 26**

Submit to:
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- April 2 **PALM SUNDAY**
Communion and Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Worship Center
- April 6 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Communion and Worship Service, 7:00 p.m.,
Worship Center
- April 7 **GOOD FRIDAY**
We encourage you to find a local church to
observe Good Friday/
- April 8 **SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT**, featuring our
friend, Ken Mettrick who will once again
entertain us and inspire us with a collection of
gospel music. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.,
Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- April 9 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m., Sunday school at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center.
- April 12 **FPC Presbyterian Women Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.,
Community Center. Our Bible study will be on
worries and fears. We will be discussing
upcoming vents. Hostesses for the evening will
be Nancy Natili and Joanne Campbell. All
women of the church are invited to attend.
- April 16 **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m., Sunday school at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center
- April 23 **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m., Sunday school at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center
- April 30 **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m., Sunday school at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

THE SATURDAY CONCERT

Our 2023 season begins April 8 with a returning favorite, Ken Metrick. Invite your friends and neighbors to what is sure to be a great concert. Church members are asked to bring snacks and desserts. Doors open at 6:30 for snacks, beverages, and fellowship. The concert begins promptly at 7pm.



LOOKING AHEAD

Coming in May, Mark Kitzki will provide our concert. Mark is a singer/song-writer who will be performing a collection of faith-based songs as well and other selections.

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo



When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

EASTER IS ALL ABOUT FORGIVENESS

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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NAILS COULDN'T HOLD HIM

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IT'S SPRING LIVE LIFE IN FULL BLOOM

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JESUS IS A FISHER OF MEN

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Adult Sunday School: The spring quarter lessons are entitled "Chosen, Not Choice: Jesus Calls Us." We will be studying Jesus' ministry here on earth and the birth of the church following His death, resurrection, and ascension. April lessons focus on experiencing the resurrection. We will explore our questions about the resurrection; Jesus opening our eyes to who He is; Jesus invitation to fellowship with Him; understanding we are not beyond God's love; and witnessing everywhere—starting with where we are. All are welcome to join in for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. Class begins at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The young adult Sunday school class will learn that through communion they will remember Jesus' death. They will also be reminded of Jesus being alone in Gethsemane and on the cross, and be grateful that he understands their loneliness. The class meets each week at 9:45 a.m.



Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

Anne D.
April and Todd Bentley
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy Francine
The Alben Family
Leslie Alford
The Allison Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Jan Bloom
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman

Chris Hogg
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Mary Messer
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Cindy Solman’s Mother & Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Joan West (and her family)
Michelle Whitehouse
Megan Lind Zimmer (Joan West’s granddaughter.)
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home & abroad
Alpha Omega Center

Persecuted Christians around the world
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church
Friendship Church Family
S. R. Community Nursery School
Trevor Wood’s Ministry

All those who have been Impacted by COVID19.

All those impacted by mass shootings in the United States.

The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders, the world leaders and the world’s people.

The people of Syria and Turkey who have been impacted by the recent earthquake and aftershocks.

DEATH DOESN'T WIN



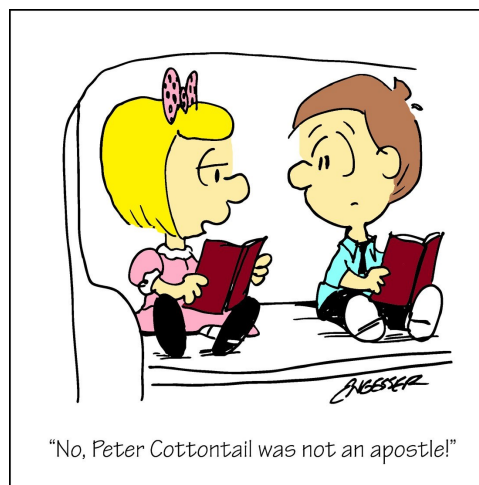
In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter’s backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter’s foreground means death won’t win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life “isn’t all daffodils,” we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

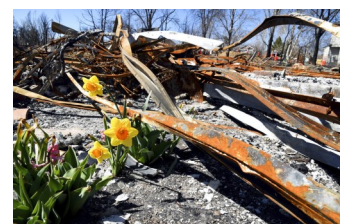
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BIRTHDAYS

Heather Datt, 4/1
Chauncey Allison, 4/11
Roy Pepper, 4/22
Donna Walker, 4/22
Kevin Finch, 4/23
Micheal Adams, 4/24



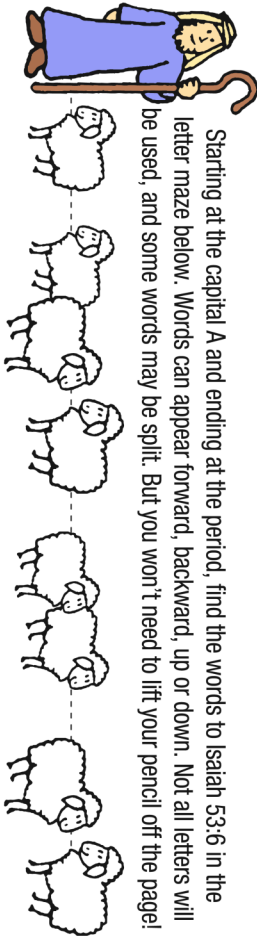
Easter reveals that God will “give us the joy, and it’s going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well,” added the pastor. “And that just makes me draw closer to God.”



JUST FOR FUN

Puzzle!

All we like to believe we pray we command so that the rightness of
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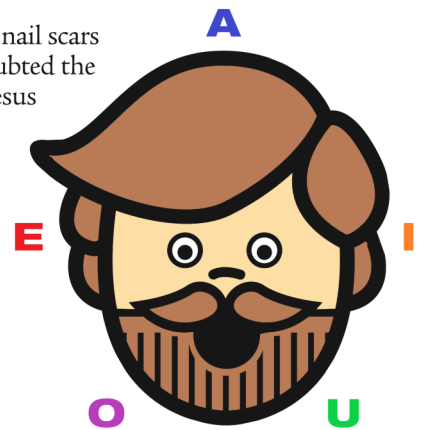
Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?



Directions:
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.

"B _ c _ _ s _ _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ _ n m _ ,
 y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ v _ d ;
 bl _ ss _ d _ r _ th _ s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t
 s _ _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ v _ d ."

JOHN 20:29, NIV

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV





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