



# Among Friends

MAY, 2022



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings:

I trust you all had a wonderful Easter. Frank and I celebrated Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service, two Sunday Easter services and a wonderful Easter dinner and egg hunt with family. It was a busy week, but it was a wonderful week. I am so grateful that our Lord loved us enough to save us.

Soon, nice weather will be here (I hope...it snowed yesterday) and once again we will be mowing, planting, vacationing and golfing...the questions are these; "Will you remember to be grateful? Will you remember to worship your risen Savior?"

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25*

When we are together as the body of Christ, we encourage and strengthen each other. I know we all get busy during the summer months, BUT remember the sacrifice made for you. Jesus is worthy of our praise, even in June, July and August!



In His service,  
*Diane*

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**JUNE**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**May 25**

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### SPECIAL DATES IN MAY

- National Day of Prayer, 5/5
- Mother's Day, 5/8
- Armed Forces Day, 5/21
- Victoria Day (Canada), 5/23
- Ascension Day, 5/26
- Memorial Day, 5/30



Deadline for  
JUNE

submission of  
information is  
MAY 25

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## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

### Come to Church

Come to the church,  
To the little white church;  
Good sermons you'll hear,  
And God will seem near  
As you praise Him and pray  
In an old-fashioned way.  
In the plain little church in the valley.



Come to the church,  
To the little white church;  
A welcome receive  
From those who believe  
That Christ is the Lord  
As we read His word  
In the plain little church in the valley.

*Written by Guy Hootman*



### FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Friendship Presbyterian Women's group will meet on May 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center. We will be working on a project for Meals on Wheels. Hostesses for the evening will be Joanne Campbell and Nancy Natili.



A Women's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, at our Community Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.

All ladies from Beaver-Butler, Shenango, Kiskiminetas, and Lake Erie Presbyteries are invited. Come and be enriched and enjoy chocolate.

Registration forms are available on the Synod PW's webpage here:  
<https://www.syntrinity.org/synod-pw/>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** May lessons wrap up our studies emphasizing the nature of our God who acts to deliver and free people in different situations. May's lessons come from scriptures in Romans and Galatians and explore Paul's understanding of the nature of Christian freedom and the fruit of the Spirit that emanates from that Freedom. All are welcome to join in a time of Bible study, sharing any and every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's. Sunday School class is studying how Jesus is our friend and Savior. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



### MISSION UPDATE



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This year we collected the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday. The envelope offering was \$56.00 and the Fish Banks totaled \$222.07, giving us a grand total of \$278.07 Thank you for your generosity!!



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** Please bring any donations that you may have. May 29th is deadline for next delivery.



**NEW CASTLE CITY RESCUE MISSION:** New Castle City Rescue Mission is a local mission that you may have heard of but maybe are not sure what it's mission is. Many of us who have heard of it may think of it as an emergency shelter for men and indeed it is a mission that continues to care for homeless men seeking to gain housing and employment.

But it is so much more. It offers a Recovering Program offering Christ centered life and addiction recovery. It has a Community Feeding Program that serves a meal every day of the year that is open to everyone. A Family Care Ministry provides emergency food and other assistance to struggling families. Special assistance is offered through the Thanksgiving Basket Outreach, Christmas Gift Assistance Program and School Supplies Drive. The Women's Ministry provides women and women with children with safe, emergency shelter and care. JESUS FIRST is a program that offers women a chance to focus on healing from addiction and other life issues through Biblical discipleship and classes. They also have a Youth Ministry that sponsors special events, sports and spiritual programs for youth at it's Sankey Center.

The City Rescue Mission was founded in 1911 and his privately funded.

Please pray for the work of this mission.

# 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  
Bonnie of Georgia  
The Family of  
Ruth Alben  
Gary Allison  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
Tyler Burson  
Martie Cooper  
Phyllis Cooper  
The Family of  
Ruth Cooper  
Jeff & Cindy Cross  
Heather Datt  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Blanche English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
David Hall  
Timothy James

Rev. & Mrs.  
William Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Will McCoy  
Mary Messer  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
David Parker  
Bernie and Linda  
Bill & Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Cindy Solman’s  
Mother and Sister  
George Sonnet & Family  
The Family of Tom  
Sweeney  
Joe Vivelò  
Seth Vogan  
Joan West  
Woman from Michigan  
Our military at home and  
abroad

Persecuted Christians  
around the world  
Alpha Omega (SR)  
Pregnancy Center  
Feed My Sheep Food  
Cupboard  
Beaver Butler Presbu  
Presbytery  
Cooperstown Church  
Family  
Friendship Presbyterian  
Church Family  
All those who have been  
impacted by  
COVID19

The people of Ukraine,  
world leaders, our  
world.

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

# The Bible in 50 Words

**W**e love the Bible!!  
Every word, every  
phrase, every verse,  
every chapter. Books  
of history. Books of poetry. Books  
of prophecy. Letters, genealogies,  
parables, songs. The greatest love  
story of all. The grandest story ever!  
Reading it, studying it, living it—at  
Walk Thru the Bible, we can help.  
In fact, we help people everywhere  
live God’s Word. And we thought  
you might enjoy this little bit of  
poetry:

God made,  
Adam bit,  
Noah arked,  
Abraham split,  
Jacob fooled,  
Joseph ruled,  
Bush talked,  
Moses balked,  
Pharaoh plagued,  
People walked,  
Sea divided,  
Tablets guided,  
Promise landed,  
Saul freaked,  
David peeked,  
Prophets warned,  
Jesus born,  
God walked,  
Love talked,  
Anger crucified,  
Hope died,  
Love rose,  
Spirit flamed,  
Word spread,  
God remained.



## BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Grosky, 5/8  
Tiffany Sybert, 5/26  
Gail Kreuzer, 5/27  
Jeremy Whitehouse, 5/31

## ANNIVERSARY

Jeff and Cindy Cross  
May 21



# THE SATURDAY CONCERT

Second Saturday Concerts restarted again on April 9. the evening's entertainment was provided by Humble Music Ministries featuring Tom and Gina Toth in a program of gospel music including some original compositions. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended.



Photos by Micheal Adams

## UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS:

**May 14:** There has been a change in the group: **Noble Cause**, Jeff and Barb Cause, will present a program of gospel music and other "lighter" secular music. The originally scheduled Tom Walker Family is unable to attend due to illness in the family. and they were graciously able to supply a substitute. Please invite friends and relatives to this event and watch for sign up sheets for snacks and cleanup help.

**June 11** Ventriloquist Cindy Speck

**July 9** Barry and Debby Wiles with a program of Christian music

All concerts begin with a fellowship time beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concerts begin at 7pm and last from 45 to 60 minutes

## LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!

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**NO MATTER HOW  
ROUGH THE ROAD  
GOD PUTS PRETTY THINGS  
IN OUR WAY**

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CAN MAKE A  
BIG DIFFERENCE**

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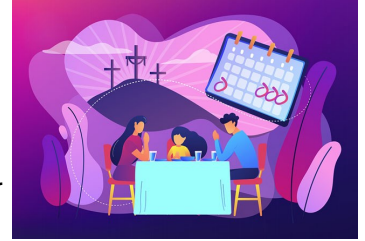
**SOLDIERS  
THEY GAVE THEIR  
TODAY FOR OUR  
TOMORROW**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

## After Easter – 5 Vital Steps for What Comes Next

By Ray Hollenbach

Easter Sunday has come and gone. Followers of Jesus all over the world have marked the most significant day in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The resurrection was the Father’s exclamation point to the ministry of Jesus; the “Temple” had been destroyed and raised up three days later. But what about Monday? Is the singing and shouting over? Jesus encountered the disciples on Easter Sunday, but what about after Easter: what about Monday, or Tuesday, or beyond? The first eleven verses of the book of Acts provide at least five vital steps for us in the days ahead.



### 1. Discover what *he* is doing all around us right now.

The resurrected Jesus showed himself on the earth for 40 days after Easter Sunday. Many Christians celebrate the victory won at the cross (and rightly so!), but apparently Jesus had more to say and do. The gospels are about “all that Jesus began to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), but the rest of Acts reveals that Jesus was *still* doing and teaching in the decades after the gospels. Is it possible Jesus is still doing and teaching in our day? Our first step is to discover what *he* is doing all around us right now.

### 2. Study the meaning of the Kingdom

Jesus’ message in the 40 days of resurrection was the Kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3) During that time Jesus continued to speak about the Kingdom of God. In fact, the Kingdom of God is the “good news” preached by Jesus in the gospels. And he had more to say after Easter Sunday. In fact, the book of Acts closes with the Apostle Paul proclaiming the Kingdom of God (Acts 28: 31). Have we studied on the meaning of the Kingdom?

### 3. Meditate on the role of the Holy Spirit

What was so important that Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem? While the gospel accounts end with Jesus saying, “Go!” in Acts Jesus says “Wait!” In our day many Christians are familiar with the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28: 16 – 20) but are we aware that Jesus commanded us to wait? What was so important that Jesus said, in

effect. “don’t go anywhere, don’t do anything until you receive all that I have for you?” Have we meditated on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

### 4. Focus on the mission.

Jesus told his followers plainly that there were some things that we would not know, especially regarding the times and the seasons of the last days. Yet this very topic is of great interest in the church today. Literally millions of books have been sold on this subject. In Acts 1: 7 – 8 Jesus tells us to focus on the mission, not the culmination of the mission. Have we focused on the wrong subject in our day?

### 5. Balance your concern with Heaven and the Kingdom of God

The angels who were present at the ascension asked a pretty good question: “why are you looking toward heaven?” It’s a question worth considering. Frequently we are more concerned with heaven than with the Kingdom of God. The breathtaking sacrifice at Calvary did indeed purchase the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven, but in our generation many followers of Jesus have limited his work and message. One final step for the days ahead—we need to ask ourselves: if the gospel is only about going to heaven, why did Jesus invite us to take up the yoke of discipleship?

Submitted by  
Michele Lagnese

JUST FOR FUN

# Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

**What you need:**

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



# PUZZLE



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
2.  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
3. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
4.  \_ \_ \_ \_
5. \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
6.  \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
7. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
8.  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
9.  \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. \_ \_ \_  \_ \_

\_ono\_ your \_ather and \_our mo\_h\_r,  
so t\_at y\_u may \_i\_e l\_ng in t\_e land  
the L\_RD \_ou\_ God i\_ givi\_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.





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