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OUR MISSION

TO BE THE
LOVING
COMMUNITY OF
JESUS CHRIST
THAT WILL

WIN

NEW FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO
SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS
TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE
WORLD AND
DEMONSTRATE
FAITH

THE EASTER STORY FOR CHILDREN

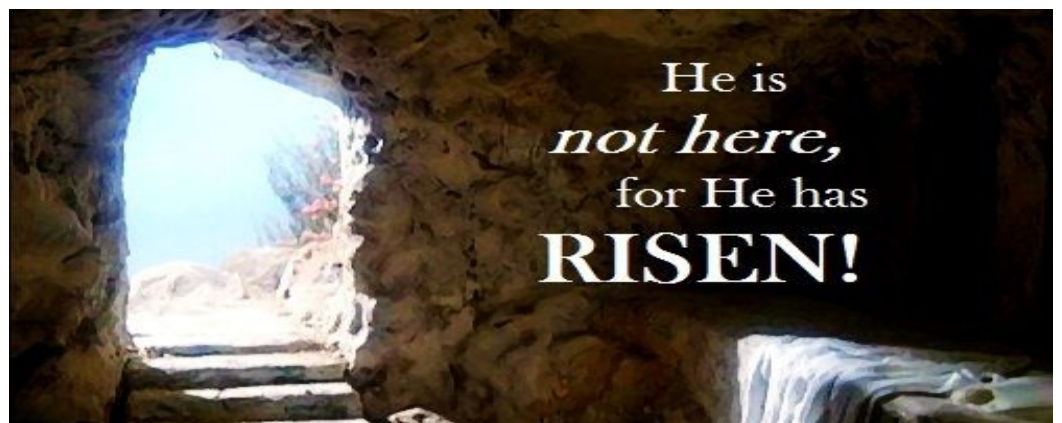
Jesus had many enemies who wanted to be rid of him. Jesus knew that he had only a short time left. The Thursday before he died, Jesus invited the disciples to have supper with him. It was their last meal together.

“Remember me,” Jesus told them, “when you eat the bread and drink the wine. I am going to live with my Father in heaven, but I will be with you wherever you go.”

On Friday, soldiers arrested Jesus and nailed him to a cross. Jesus said to God: “Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.” When Jesus died, his friends placed his body in a cave and covered the cave entrance with a rock.

On Sunday, a friend of Jesus named Mary Magdalene went to the cave. The rock had been rolled away! The cave was empty! An angel appeared and said: “Peace be with you. Jesus is risen from the dead!”

Jesus came back to visit his friends. He told them to teach about God’s love. “Tell the people,” said Jesus, “to believe in me even if they can’t see me.” And then Jesus went up to heaven to live with his Father.



Remember to Pray for One Another!

Your First Presbyterian Church Family believes in the power of prayer. (See Romans 1:9b-10a). You are invited to pray intentionally with, and for, one another on Sunday mornings, at 8:45 am, and Wednesday mornings, at 9 am, at FPC

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

Envelopes will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to pick up and not placed in the pews. Those of us not attending in person can send our donations to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OGHS, 114 E. JEFFERSON ST., OTTAWA, IL 61350. For over 70 years, OGHS has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors around the world. The 3 programs supported by OGHS: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Gifts will continue through Easter Sunday.

May God bless your giving.

Thank you,

Administration Committee



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter service on Sunday, April 4. All children and families are invited to participate or just watch all the fun.

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**Charlotte Joanne Walker, 95, of West Lafayette, IN,
passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2021.**

She was born on June 17, 1925 in Ellinwood, Kansas to the late John and Anna (Mellies) Wagner.

Charlotte attended Kansas University and was affectionately known by her friends as "Shot." On December 9, 1949, she married James W. Walker, Jr. in Ellinwood, Kansas. He preceded her in death on September 14, 2011.

Charlotte was a bonafide saint, almost 96 years old, who lived and grew throughout her life joyfully and fully in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. She graciously showed her five children, all her family, and the many who knew and loved her how to live well. She loved and adored her husband, Jim. They had 62 wonderful years together until he went home to his Savior. It was hard for her to let him go, but she never stopped living and loving through the last decade of her life here. In the end, she showed us all how to die well.

Charlotte was a homemaker and very active in the ministries at Covenant Church in West Lafayette, where she loved her many long-time friends. She also cherished her friendships with the residents and staff at Westminster Village, where she lived most of her last years. She enjoyed ministering kindness to others, reading, working crossword puzzles, listening to music, singing hymns, marveling at God's creation and anything to do with art. Charlotte loved her family most of all, and was the world's best grandma.

Surviving are her children, JoAnne (Keith) Sanders, Elizabeth (Daniel) Hartley, John (Debbie) Walker, James (Sue) Walker, and William Walker. Also surviving are her 14 grandchildren; her 10 great grandchildren; and her 5 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Ronald Wagner, Omar Wagner, and Kenneth Wagner.

After a private family graveside service, a Memorial Service will be held at Covenant Church in West Lafayette at 1:00 p.m.(EST) on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Memorial donations may be made to Covenant Church (211 Knox Drive, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906) or First Presbyterian Church (114 E. Jefferson St., Ottawa, IL 61350) in loving memory of Charlotte.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Some are asking about memorial gifts for Charlotte Walker. Any gifts given to FPC in her name will be used as extra giving to our missionaries. Thank you for your gifts!

*Our Elders are
committed to serving.*

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PRAYER IS POWERFUL. LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!

We invite you to be a part of refreshing the PRAYER LIFE of our congregation! We know that the foundation of prayer is so important for anything we do. There is an opportunity each week to be a part of this important and special work of the church; **Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am**, by Zoom. Please come join us to see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek & ask Him.

Heavenly Father, Thank you, that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father and ask for you help and guidance. Thank you for how you have blessed FPC these past 150 years. Will you please continue to pour out your blessings upon us? We ask for you protection and provision, for our church and leaders, as we enter this time of wanting to grow closer to you, and be your disciples. Please help our hearts to be open to what you want to teach us. Help us to see your love for us, and others all around us. Show us where we can be your hands and feet. Give us courage to speak out in love and kindness, in your Name, where we see need. Please heal those who are sick; comfort those whose hearts are hurting; provide for those in need; bless and protect our families; heal our nation and world. Jesus, thank you for your amazing gift of complete forgiveness, because of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross, on our behalf. Please help us to live with new awareness of the freedom we have been given, as your deeply loved sons and daughters. Help us to grasp and understand the rich PRIZE you have for us, and those all around us. Holy Spirit, please reveal yourself to us, guide, lead, and protect us.

In Jesus's Mighty Name,

Amen

Want more help with HOW to pray and for WHAT? See the daily Calendar for PRAYER on page 4.



PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US, FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

1. Pray for Restoration and Revival <i>Psalm 80:19</i>	2. Pastor John and his family <i>Galatians 6:9</i>	3. FPC Staff <i>1 Corinthians 16:4</i>	4. Our Hurting World <i>John 3:16</i>	5. Public Schools & Opportunity School <i>Proverbs 22:6</i>	6. Shut-ins <i>James 1:27</i>
7. Community Meals <i>Matthew 25:37-40</i>	8. Worship <i>Psalm 86: 9-10</i>	9. Hearts of Hurting People <i>Psalm 34:18</i>	10. Session <i>Isaiah 41:10</i>	11. PADS Shelter & Homeless <i>Matthew 25:35-40</i>	12. Protection of the Congregation <i>Ephesians 6:10-18</i>
13. Invite & Welcome the Holy Spirit <i>Titus 3:4-7</i>	14. Choir & Music Team <i>Psalm 92:1</i>	15. LOL4JC & Sr. High Ministry <i>Proverbs 22:6</i>	16. Our Children <i>Matthew 19:14</i>	17. Pray for Missionaries Strength & Protection <i>Acts 1:8</i>	18. Riverside Women's Center <i>Luke 21:18-19</i>
19. Health of the Congregation <i>James 5:14</i>	20. Small Groups & Missional Communities <i>Hebrews 10:25</i>	21. Nation, State & Government <i>1 Timothy 2:1-4</i>	22. Z.O.N.E. <i>Matthew 19:14</i>	23. Our Seniors <i>Psalm 90:14</i>	24. Churches of Ottawa <i>Hebrews 10:24-25</i>
25. Ottawa Mayor & City Counsel <i>1 timothy 2:1-4</i>	26. Leaders of Ministries <i>Hebrews 13:17-18</i>	27. Ottawa Community <i>Jeremiah 29:7</i>	28. Pray for those who are far from God <i>Luke 10:2</i>	29. Servant's Heart <i>Matthew 25:37-40</i>	30. Marseilles Community <i>Jeremiah 29:7</i>

LADIES' NITE OUT

Will resume when we are able
to meet safely

KUM JOIN US

Will resume when we are able
to meet safely



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



APRIL

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Mike Farrell	8
Amanda Brockman	10
Diane Farrell	11
Brian Huebner	12
Karla Armstrong	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Hannah Duggan	21
Danielle Ehret	23
Rhonda Love	26
Pete Trolinger	27

MAY

Addilyn Woodyer	3
Lisa Mestelle	10
Tucker Clemens	11
Steve West	13
Don Morehead	15
James Burkey	15
John Bean	23
Casey Clemens	25
Betsy Feagans	25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 a.m.— In person and remote worship (on YouTube at FPC Ottawa) 11:15 a.m.-Adult Sunday School via Zoom			9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team by Zoom			
				1. 7 pm– Maundy Thursday Service	2. GOOD FRIDAY	3.
4. EASTER 9:25 am– Prelude of Praise 10:45 am– Easter Egg Hunt	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13. 7 pm– Committee Meetings	14.	15.	16.	17.
18. 9:25 am-Prelude of Praise by Soul Shine Noon-Community Meal	19.	20. 7 pm– Session	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	



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Return Service Requested

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1—**Maundy Thursday Service** 7 pm

Sunday, April 4—**Easter Sunday Service** 9:30 am

**PLEASE NOTE EASTER WORSHIP WILL BEGIN EARLY AT 9:25 AM
THIS SUNDAY WITH A PRELUDE OF PRAISE BY FPC's BELL CHOIR.**

Easter Egg Hunt for children and families following worship. See pg. 2 for details

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*** Refresh Your Prayer Life on Sunday & Wednesday Mornings**