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THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection of Jesus (alongside his crucifixion) is the central historical event in the Christian faith. Without the Resurrection, there would be no Christianity. “If Christ has not been raised,” wrote Paul, “then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Consider just three ways the New Testament highlights the significance of the resurrection.

1. Jesus’ Resurrection means that his sacrificial death on the cross was sufficient and therefore our sins can be forgiven.
2. Jesus’ Resurrection means that death is defeated once and for all.
3. Jesus’ Resurrection means that the material world matters.
4. Jesus’ Resurrection means that his followers will also be bodily resurrected.

Paul saw a direct connection between the resurrection of Jesus and the sufficiency of his death to atone for our sins. When Jesus rose again on the third day, it was the public announcement that God was fully satisfied with the sacrificial death of his Son. In his resurrection, Jesus was vindicated (1 Timothy 3:16). But, in his vindication, we are vindicated too. That’s why Paul says in Romans 4 that Jesus “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” (Roman 4:25).

The Resurrection assures us of God’s forgiveness and comforts us in suffering as we anticipate the final reversal of death, disease, and decay; it also motivates and empowers us to push back the tide of suffering and evil in the present world, through word and deed, in mercy and justice, all in Jesus’ name.

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OUR MISSION

TO BE THE LOVING COMMUNITY OF
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NEW FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO SAVING FAITH

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EASTER MORNING SERVICE * APRIL 20, 2025 * 9:30 am



EASTER LILY ORDERS

Easter Lilies are available to order now using the form below. You will also find the forms at the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please submit by April 13th.

Lilies will be \$20 each this year.

Lilies can be ordered both in honor of and in memory of someone you care about. Those names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

EASTER LILIES WILL BE ORDERED BY THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY DESIGNATE YOUR FLOWER BE GIVEN TO A SHUT-IN OR YOU MAY TAKE IT HOME AFTER THE SERVICE ON EASTER MORNING.

THE COSTS OF THE FLOWERS WILL BE \$20 EACH. PLEASE INCLUDE THAT WITH YOUR ORDER FORM. PLACE YOUR ORDER FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TURN INTO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 13TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL NATHALIE SCHMIDT AT 815.434.0175.

NAME _____ CHECK NO. _____

NUMBER OF FLOWERS DESIRED _____ CASH _____

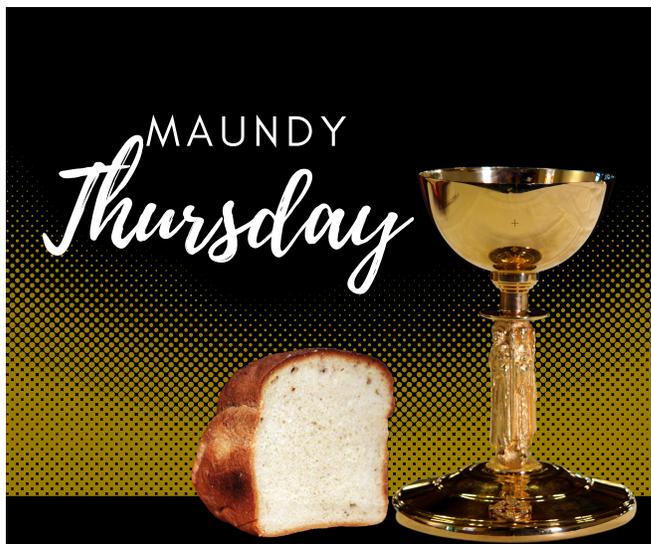
IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

I WOULD LIKE MY FLOWER TO GO TO (PLEASE CIRCLE):

A SHUT-IN

I WILL TAKE MINE HOME



Our Maundy Thursday Service will be April 17th at 7:00pm. We invite you to join us that evening as we honor Christ's Last Supper with his Disciples before he began his journey to the cross and his glorious resurrection that Sunday morning.

OUR EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:45am - Easter Breakfast
continental breakfast served in Scott Hall

9:30am - Worship Service
with special music by our bell and vocal choirs

11:00am - Easter Egg Hunt
meet in the East Room after service

12:00pm - Community Meal
serving our community on this special day



EASTER BREAKFAST

Our Fellowship Team will be hosting a Continental Breakfast at 8:45 am on Sunday, April 20th. Join us for this special time of fellowship together as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior!

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, for all kids up to 12th grade, will be held on Easter Sunday - April 20th - shortly after the worship service ends. We invite you to come down to the East Room to collect your child's bag and wait while the eggs are spread out and prepared for the hunt! Birth through 4th grade will be held on the playground. Fifth graders through seniors will be held inside the building.



LOOK FOR THOSE GOLDEN EGGS TO WIN A PRIZE BAG OF GOODIES!

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

We will asking for donations of candy, stickers, coins, and other small trinkets for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Candy must be pre-packaged and be small enough to fit inside a small easter egg. We can't take loose candy like jelly beans and M&Ms unless they are in packages.

All candy can be dropped off in the church office from March 30th until April 13th in the bin marked "Easter Egg Hunt".



A-OK SUNDAY IS COMING!

What is A-OK Sunday? A-OK stands for “Acts Of Kindness”. It is the Sunday when we live out our mission statement to “Go into the world and demonstrate faith”. This is the 11th year that we go into our community and use our hands and feet to be the living embodiment of Christ’s love.

Work projects will be offered at varying levels of needed energy and activity, so people of all ages and abilities can find the right place to serve.

If you know of an organization or parts of the community that need a helping hand, please contact Cheryl Stohr, Mission Committee elder, at 815.313.9779, so she can lead her committee to create our work list this year. Details and sign-up sheets will be coming this month.



PHOTOS BY DONNA BURKEY





Birthdays

APRIL

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Kyle Booras	6
Mike Farrell	8
Amanda Brockman	10
Diane Farrell	11
Eli Martin	12
Brian Huebner	12
Don Bixby	18
Karla Armstrong	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Hannah Duggan	21
Rhonda Love	26
Pete Trolinger	27

MAY

Addilyn Woodyer	3
Lisa Mestelle	10
Sue Paul	10
David Noble	10
Tucker Clemens	11
Steve West	13
Don Morehead	15
James Burkey	15
Jackie Stevenson	19
Casey Clemens	25
Betsy Feagans	25
Linda Hoadley	28

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING SESSION

WILL END IN MAY

BIBLE ZONE - 8:30-9am

3 yrs - 3rd grade

in the East Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 11-11:45am

4th-8th grade

on the 2nd floor

HIGH SCHOOL - 11-12pm

9th-12th grade

on the first floor across from the elevator

YOUNG ADULT CLASS - 11-12pm

in the Pastor John's Office

ADULT CLASS - 11-12pm

in the church library

FLASHBACK CORNER

Who Do You See?



2013

FPC STAFF and ELDERS

John Walker PASTOR	David Farrell ADMINISTRATION	Lisa Smithmeyer DISCIPLESHIP
Lori Trolinger CHURCH SECRETARY	Pete Trolinger ADMINISTRATION	Amanda Brockman FELLOWSHIP
Kerry Gerding CLERK of SESSION	Brian Huebner TRUSTEE	Peg Kramer FELLOWSHIP
Joy Huebner TREASURER	Mike Farrell TRUSTEE	Allen Gibbs WORSHIP
Lloyd Chapman MUSIC DIRECTOR	Dan Mestelle TRUSTEE	Ron Koestler WORSHIP
Diane Chapman ORGANIST	Cheryl Stohr MISSION	



COFFEE IN OUR CORNER was a great morning spent together! Led by our Presbyter, Eric Heinekamp, we had a lovely gathering of both FPC members and Presbytery members alike.



A LOOK AHEAD

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee will end the Coffee Hour on May 11th, the last day of Sunday School, and resume again in September.

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 9-10am (NOTE: from January through March we meet by ZOOM).

Please come join us in the church library or by ZOOM. You can ask Pastor John for the link. Come and see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek, and ask Him in a weekly season of prayer together.

Heavenly Father, Thank you that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father, and ask for your 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 your 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' mighty name. Amen.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all the calls, cards, and delicious meal train meals over the past weeks following my surgery. I would never have eaten that well if left to my own devices! You are all a blessing to me!

Kerry Gerding

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

PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US
FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH



April

2025



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

Prayer Meeting
9am Library
(Resumes back at
FPC today!)

Bell Choir 6:00pm
Vocal Choir
7:00pm

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Communion
9:30am

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Committee
Meetings 7:00pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am Library

Bell Choir 6:00pm
Vocal Choir
7:00pm

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PALM SUNDAY
9:30am

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*Holy
Week!*

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Prayer Meeting
9am Library

Bell Choir 6:00pm
Vocal Choir
7:00pm

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
SERVICE
THE LORD'S
LAST SUPPER**
7:00pm

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Breakfast 8:45am
**EASTER
SERVICE**
9:30am
Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am
Community Meal
12:00pm

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Session 7:00pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am Library

Vocal Choir
7:00pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am Library

Vocal Choir
7:00pm

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**A-OK SUNDAY
is MAY 4th!**