

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.



From the Pastor's Desk

As we head into the final weeks of Lent and towards the triumphant Cross, we are acutely aware of our need for resurrection in our lives. We are in need of healing and wholeness. We are in need of the mercy and grace of Christ found in the community of Christ followers. We see how broken our world is and we cry out for God's spirit to sweep across our lands. For God's spirit to be unleashed. We trudge towards the cross confident in the miracle of Easter – that death, sadness, and despair do not have the final word. We are Easter people.

If you find yourself in need of a visit or prayer or phone call, please reach out to me. I am honored to be walking towards the cross with you, Church.

Blessings,

Rev. Ashley L. Cheek

Below is a prayer by Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, as she and we cry out to God for those in Ukraine, Russia, and around the world.

God of mercy, justice and peace:
Our spirits are heavy with sorrow, our souls shocked
At the sudden and breathtaking violence,
the invasion of Ukraine by their neighbor, Russia.

We pray for lives caught in the grip of war, who hear the bombs in the night, the ominous movement of troops on the road into town the whistle of incoming shells, for a cry from a desperate neighbor or a shout of warning. For those who huddle in subways and basements or flee for the borders, clutching their children's hands.

We pray for families separated from fathers, brothers and sons who must remain to fight and protect their homeland.

We pray for neighbors in Eastern and Central Europe
As their hearts and doors open to these refugees
That strained resources will become an abundance of hope
That fears and struggles with racism will yield
to a generosity of profound welcome.
That communities of faith within Ukraine will be protected from harm
and sustained in their efforts to feed and shelter their neighbors.
That peacemakers and protesters in Russia will be heard and their lives reserved.

May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

In the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

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Friday, April 1

12:00 PM First Friday Concert – Sanctuary

Sunday, April 3

10:00 AM Worship Service - Communion -

New Members

11:00 AM Busy Adults – Conf. Rm.

3:00 PM Concert for Peace - Sanctuary 5:00 PM S.A.L.T. Bible Study - Prestwood 5:00 PM Youth cookout at the Eaddy's 6:00 PM Chancel Ringers - Room 227

Monday, April 4

10:00 AM Staff meeting – Conf. Rm.
5:30 PM Service Committee – MFH
6:00 PM Mission Committee – Riparian

Tuesday, April 5

6:0 PM Girl Schout Leaders – MFH 6:00 PM Outreach Committee – Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - MFH
11:00 AM Cantate Rehearsal – Sanctuary
12:00 PM Celebration Ringers – Rm. 227
5:30 PM Fellowship Committee – Conf. Rm.

5:30 PM Wednesdays Together

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 7

3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group – Conf. Rm.

Friday, April 8

7:30 AM FPK Donuts with Grownups - MFH

Sunday, April 10

10:00 AM Worship Service – PALM SUNDAY

Installation of officers

11:00 AM Busy Adults – Conf. Rm.

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship – Fish House

6:00 PM Oyster Roast – Eaddy's

Monday, April 11

10:00 AM Staff meeting – Conf. Rm.

5:30 PM Worship Committee – McAlpine Rm. 6:00 PM Finance Committee – Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, April 12

4:00 PM ECEP Advisory Committee – MFH
5:15 PM Administration Committee – Conf. Rm.
5:30 PM Property Committee – McAlpine Rm.

6:00 PM CE Committee – Grace Rm.

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast - MFH 11:00 AM Cantate Rehearsal – Sanctuary 12:00 PM Celebration Ringers – Rm. 227

1:00 PM Library Staff - Conf. Rm.

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 14

3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group - Conf. Rm.

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service - Communion

Friday, April 15

GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday, April 16

FPC Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17

10:00 AM Worship Service – EASTER - Baptism

11:00 AM Busy Adults – Conf. Rm.

5:00 PM Youth Fellowship – Fish House

Monday, April 18

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, April 20

11:00 AM Cantate Rehearsal – Sanctuary 12:00 PM Celebration Ringers – Rm. 227

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 21

3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group - Conf. Rm.

Sunday, April 24

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Busy Adults – Conf. Rm. 4:00 PM Blessing of the animals

Monday, April 25

10:00 AM Staff meeting – Conf. Rm. 4:00 PM Pastor's Aides – Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, April 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR ASHLEY
2:00 PM FPC Blood Drive – MFH
6:00 PM Session meeting – Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast – MFH

10:00 AM Soup Kitchen

11:00 AM Cantate Rehearsal – Sanctuary 12:00 PM Celebration Ringers – Rm. 227

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 28

3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group - Conf. Rm.

Saturday, April 30

National Piano Guild auditions - Sanctuary



Jimmy & Katie Liddle – April 7 Andrew & Hunter Frazer – April 8 Michael & Sherry Holt – April 19 Sid & Madge Zemp – April 24



Rainn Dyce – April 5 Land Folsom – April 5 Mac Folsom – April 5 Tillman Munson – April 5 Rodger Fuller – April 7 Ann Gettys – April 7 Carver Segars – April 7 Tonda Meadows - April 8 Duncan Hunter – April 10 Jimmy Liddle – April 10 Ronda McElveen - April 10 David Nutt – April 10 John Bachman – April 13 Phil Dixon – April 13 Ann Parker Webb – April 13 Carley Norwood – April 14 Anna-Spencer Tyner – April 14 Betsy Kraus – April 15 Candace Smith – April 15 Scottie Hill – April 16 Jean Beasley – April 17 Elizabeth Hubbard – April 17 Virginia Coker – April 18 Bill Davis – April 19 Barbara Townsend – April 19 Rochelle Miller – April 20 Jonathan Brown – April 21 Jay Davis – April 22 Alex Doubles - April 22 Anna Williams – April 22 Camp Segars – April 24 Ashley Cheek – April 26 Greg Goode – April 26 Caroline Lee – April 26 Sandy Auten – April 27 Anna Hill – April 28 Isobel Morphis – April 29 Jessie Morphis – April 29 Gail Vance – April 29 Howard Coker – April 30



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Please keep in prayer:

Presbyterian Community FlorenceMary Jane McDonald
Olive Timberlake

Still Hopes Memory Care, Columbia June Allston

The Retreat at Carolina Bay Anne Smith

Chandler PlaceLillian Cunningham

Atria Kingwood, TX Lee Hicks

Southland Healthcare Center Bryan Blackwell

Morrell Long Term Care Anna Hill

The Glebe Retirement Community Virginia Coker

Christian Service

ELDERS / USHERS Casey Copeland, Scottie Hill

AUDIO/VISUAL Ken Hughes

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (Playground)

Andrea Couch

PASTOR'S AIDES

Week of April 4: Emma Zold, Mary Lathan Steele and JoAn Conner Week of April 11: Vicki Norment, Angelyn Bateman, and Jennifer Schock Week of April 25: Cecelia Brown, Paula Davis, and Marie Daniels

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

April 4: Nancy Money

April 5: Gwen Davis

April 11: Jane Wheeler

April 12: Meg Clark

April 18: Office Closed

April 19: Lou Gardner

April 20: Lou Gardner, Ginny Hays

April 25:

April 26: Cathy Hines



Stewardship Tastor's Aides

The Pastor's Aides Committee is a caring, loving group of individuals who provide support whenever it is needed. You or your family may have been on the receiving end. Currently, there are 25 people on 10 teams. Each week one team delivers support by providing food, phone calls, visits, cards, and texts to people who have sickness. hospitalization, special needs, loneliness, medical procedures, or death. The FPC Pastor's Aides have become a model for other churches in our area. If you would like to attend a meeting of the Pastor's Aides or if you would like to join this special group, please call Vicki Eaddy 843-858-0387.



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