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Prayer Concerns

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Easter Celebration Services



Thursday, April 17
6pm "Maundy Thursday"

Friday, April 18
12pm "Good Friday"

Sunday, April 20
10:30 am "Easter Sunday"

Tulips for Sale!

In celebration of Easter, we will be once again decorating the sanctuary with tulips. If you'd like to order one (or more!), please fill out the form found in the bulletins or by calling the church office. The tulips are \$8 each and can either be taken home following the Easter service or given to a shut in. Please order before April 16th.

Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight meal will be Saturday, April 26th at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. The menu meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, dessert selections, bread and drinks. Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We do ask that you RSVP to Carolyn Berry or the church office.

Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church. Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off. Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!

Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$1500 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).

Attention Graduates!

Graduation season is around the corner, and we want to recognize all who might be graduating high school or college. If you know someone we can recognize let the church office know!



Easter Mission Project

For our Easter Mission we are purchasing a special Easter ornament for the residents of Amberwood Manor. Help us to wrap the ornaments after service on April 13! If you wish to contribute toward this effort, make all donations toward 'Missions'. Help us spread the amazing news of Easter to all!



Pastor's Corner

As we get closer to Easter, there has been a phrase that has been stuck in my head. It may be a common or often heard phrase, but it makes me see the work of Jesus in a new light: "Heavy is the head who wears the crown." Originally a misquote from Shakespeare's *Henry IV* it evolved to become a saying about the burden and responsibility of leadership. Many believe that leaders sit on a throne of privilege or have the ability to act without any consideration of others. And seeing the type of leaders in our world today I do not blame anyone for having that sentiment. Leadership is seen as just having power and control, pushing your agenda and ideology, and retaining it to see your vision come to life. But it often comes at the expense of others whose lives are caught up in such decisions. But when Shakespeare penned that line in recounting the lives of the English monarchs, he was emphasizing the burden that leadership had on some. That true kingship, true leadership, involved consideration and worry about the decisions being made. Those considerations oriented someone toward the proper path and produced ones who were able to guide and lead people.

The Passion of Christ is an action which makes us consider what it means that the LORD gave Jesus "the name above all names by which all would kneel" (Philippians 2:5-11). By being willing to hand himself over to a blind and deaf leadership of Israel he demonstrated the difference between enforcing righteousness and demonstrating righteousness. Even when Jesus went through all that pain and suffering, his trust in the LORD to redeem his efforts was unwavering. Before all of those who mocked, condemned, betrayed, and mourned for him he showed that it means to represent the true God of all even before those who know nothing. It is a crown that was not just placed willy-nilly onto Jesus' head, but a crown which demonstrates responsibility first before all else. First to the LORD, then to others. It is leadership not based upon power but on wisdom. A divine wisdom which allows the true intentions of all to be seen for what they are, and the decision to follow that which is better.

Jesus casts a light on all who claim to be, or aspire to be, leaders in their own circles. It is not something that is deserved or entitled to, and not even earned based upon one's merits and supposed expertise. But which is recognized because there is something there which can offer a benefit. It is not enforced by anything but accepted because of what it demonstrates in that moment. How it orients and shapes others positively, and points to what is more important and longer-lasting. The Passion of Christ is not an event we should shy away from because it makes us feel bad or remorseful but embrace because of what is revealed by it. This is why Jesus is our resurrected king and ultimate master and teacher. Who and what he is can be what we become as well, so long as our trust is in that which is not temporary or moveable and our dedication not to our own vision but that of others. **-Rev. Joe**

Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! We are beginning a new book reading "Foxe's Book of Martyrs" by John Foxe. Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join!



"First Celebration" Sunday

Join us on **April 6th** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service. Join us following the church service in the fellowship hall for an all-church brunch. All are welcome!

Cookies for Sundays!

What's your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn't matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless dinner will be on **April 13th** at 6pm. We need volunteers to help, and a sign-up sheet is available in the church office. We are fully funded for the monthly meals, but if you would like to give consider donating toward FOTH General Operations or the Jack's House of Hope Project.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor's messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2025: Renee Miskimmin (clerk), Craig Stewart

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Deacon Members:

Class of 2025: Carolyn Berry

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

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330-343-7114

Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

April 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

EVERY SUNDAY 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall		1	2 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 Communion All Church Brunch	7	8 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	9 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 6pm- FoH Meal	14	15 7pm- Session Meeting	16 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	17 6pm- Maundy Thursday Service	18 Office Closed 12pm- Good Friday Service	19
20 Happy Easter!	21	22 7pm Finance Meeting	23 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	24	25 Office Closed	26 6pm Tables of Eight Dinner
27	28 6pm FoH Board Meeting	29	30 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting			

April Birthdays: 3rd- Tykie Bichsel; 17th- Jackie Stutz; 20th- Mike Smith

No April Anniversaries.

