

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE VOICE April 2024

TO KNOW
HIM AND TO
MAKE HIM
KNOWN



Siblings in Christ,

What is dawning in you?

In ancient Christian tradition, baptisms took place right at dawn on Easter morning. This act, which required catechumens (Christians under instruction before baptism) to be doused in oil and then fully dunked into a pool of fresh water, symbolized death of the person as they once were and new life in Christ Jesus. Much like we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, those baptized were resurrected in the risen Lord.

What is dawning in you? Or, in other words, how has Christ's resurrection sparked resurrection in your own life?

Easter is a reminder of our own baptism in Christ. A remembrance of who we used to be and now are because death could not hold Jesus in the grave. Through his resurrection, although captured by death, we receive new life. As you uncover what life looks like past Lent and Easter, be aware of how Christ resurrects you. Allow yourself to see the new opportunities, unexpected joys, and fresh ideas that dawn in you. Blessings of new life, if you will, from the risen Lord.

As I've mentioned, there are new and exciting events dawning at First Presbyterian Church. April 8th is the Solar Eclipse that will pass through Paducah, and we are excited and prepared! The church has reserved a pavilion at Noble Park (#16), and you are invited from 12:00-3:00pm to join your faith family for this remarkable event. The following week, April 14-16, Rev. Dr. George Anderson will be our guest, providing an exciting 3-day series on "A Fresh Look at Old Doctrines." Please see page 5 for more information. Finally, beginning Monday, April 22nd, I will host a weekly, one-hour Bible study at the church from Noon-1pm. You are welcome to join in person in Memorial Hall or on Zoom (link will be provided in the Weekly Announcements) for a scripture reading and discussion.

People of God, what is dawning in your life this month? I pray whatever is, this season fills you with rejuvenated life. Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! We are resurrected, too. Alleluia!

Lex

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Sunday, 10:45am

In-person + Livestream on
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(First Presbyterian of
Paducah)

WORSHIP

April 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Play from Hell

John 20:19-31

April 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Dr. George Anderson

April 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Magical Land of _____

Psalm 23

April 28

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

In April the Fellowship Hall Sunday School Class will look into "The Measure of Faith". There are three lessons from Luke and one from Matthew. While we are looking at some of the people displaying "faith" we are also remembering childhood stories about these characters.

The story of friends bringing a crippled man to Jesus helps us to visualize their frantic activity to reach Jesus. The centurion shamed us with his actions of faith. Two women display faith beyond what we consider as normal.

Many times we have discussed whether faith is a noun or a verb. Is it something we have or something we do? These four stories do not try to distinguish between the two. The faith that they have is demonstrated by the faith they show.

Please join us each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall as we look into the Word of God for lessons from the past to help us face the present and future. We are not far from the coffee, donuts, so please grab a snack and join us for this weekly time of Biblical study.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Spring Gathering is scheduled for April 11, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield at 10:00AM. The theme is "Out of the Mud." Registration forms can be found outside the church office. **The deadline for registration is Monday, April 1, 2024.** Rev. Allum will lead us in worship and we will also be remembering our lost loved ones during the necrology service. Please return your registration forms to Chris Krueger.

The Presbyterian Women will be gathering on Tuesday, April 2 at 10:30am in Memorial Hall. Margaret Kaltenbach will be leading us through **Lesson Eight** of the Horizon's Bible study, "Sacred Encounters." The 2023-24 PW directory has also been updated for you to pick up in the church office.

PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

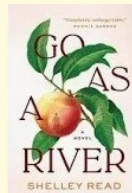
Paducah Cooperative Ministry's year-end report was presented at the annual dinner, March 14. Due to a demand for food pantry assistance, PCM provided a 7 to 8-day supply of food on nearly 4,839 occasions. Commodities for seniors ages 60+ were provided monthly to 400 individuals each month in 2023. Emergency financial services were provided to an average 247 households every month:

- 861 households – helped with utilities to avoid disconnection
- 187 households – helped with rent to avoid eviction
- 48 assists with transportation (gas and bus tickets)
- 471 fans/heaters distributed
- 57 IDs

Fresh Start Village provided sheltered care to 73 women and 49 children who were experiencing the trauma of homelessness, for a grand total of 15,230 (up 5,000) nights of shelter in 2023. How did all this happen? With the help of a dedicated staff and over 7,744 hours of volunteer service in 2023. PCM was recognized by the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce as the 2023 Non-Profit of the Year. PCM is grateful for the numerous community grants, Paxton Challenge, and Bikeworld for sponsoring the 10th annual Moonlight Ride. PCM also celebrated its 50th anniversary in September, 2023. FPC was represented in many ways in 2023 as a part of the PCM family; Martha Emmons and Hutch Smith – fundraiser host; Matthew Dochniak, Randy Janne, Margaret Kaltenbach, Anita Lentz, Joe Roetteis, Jim Toy, Donna & Robert Worden, food pantry/receptionist volunteers; Canyon Bowden, Board member; You...food pantry and financial supporters. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

The April Book Club selection is *Go as a River* by Shelly Read. We will meet April 16 at 1:30 at the home of Shirley Wrinkle.





**Joyful
photos
of our
church
life
together!**



QUILT DINNER

The "Taste of Kentucky" quilt dinner has been scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024 at 5:00 and 6:30. We are limiting the number of guests this year to 76. We are still in need of volunteers to donate restaurant size cans of green beans, chess pie or derby pie, and quilts to decorate. We will be serving BBQ, potato salad, green beans, homemade roll and pie. If you'd like to be a part of a spectacular evening, please contact Chris. We will be looking for servers, hosts, and pie cutters. The cost for the dinner is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. If you would like to place a reservation, please call the church office. We urge church members to attend the 6:30 seating, if possible, to keep the 5:00 seating open for our quilters. They often have an evening class at 7:00 to attend. Tell your friends and your quilters about the event. Quilts are being accepted to decorate Fellowship Hall. Please place them in the nursery by April 19. Proceeds will benefit the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club of Paducah.

MONTREAT SUMMER CONFERENCES

It's not too late to register your child for the Montreat Youth and/or Worship & Music Conferences. If your child, grades rising 9th through graduated 12th, would like to attend the Montreat Youth Conference June 1-8, we need your \$150 deposit asap. If your child who participates in church choir, grades rising 6th through completed 12th, would like to attend the Worship & Music Conference June 22-29, we need your \$150 deposit asap. Please contact Whitney if you have questions about making your summer Montreat plans: 270-559-6918.

TWEENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the month of April we will continue to learn about the Old Testament and how the Israelites came to be conquered and exiled from the promised land. Beginning with Babylon we will continue with the Diaspora, Return, Occupation and Caesar.

We're in the Tweens Sunday School room each Sunday beginning at 9:30. You're welcome to join us any Sunday, the discussions stand on their own so if you can't make it every Sunday, you'll still be able to participate.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

March was a busy month for our youth: they enjoyed a fun-and-games night with pancakes for dinner, attended the spring concert of the Paducah Singers followed by dinner at Mellow Mushroom, did some budget shopping for the church food pantry, and sang during worship to celebrate Palm Sunday. April activities will include completing some service projects around the church and (hopefully) spending some time outdoors in warmer weather. Church children's and youth activities can create meaningful bonds and lasting memories for our young people - we hope that you will commit to engaging your kiddos in our church this year.

- April 7 - Spring Break - No Youth Group or Youth Choir
- April 14 -- 5:45 -- Youth Group will attend dinner with speaker Rev. Dr. George Anderson
- April 21 -- Youth Choir 4:30 pm
5:30-7 -- Youth Group Service Activity - Quilt Dinner set-up
- April 28 -- Youth Choir 4:30 pm
5:30-7:00pm -- Youth Group Service Activity -- Tag Sale set up

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Thank you for your participation in our Lenten activities. We would like to especially thank the Noonbreak facilitators; Robert Worden, Jessiann McCarthy, Viola Blackwell, Whitney Stratemeyer, Margaret Kaltenbach, and Chris Krueger. Also a HUGE thank you to our choirs - children, youth and adult for their devotion to the meaningful Lenten services. Communion will be served April 7, 2024 by intinction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	As of 2/29/24		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER (UNDER)
Income	78,853	71,887	6,966
Expenditures:			
Benevolences	8,706	9,623	(917)
Church Staff	43,302	45,176	(1,874)
Administrative	8,336	7,820	516
Worship	503	1,208	(705)
Christian Ed.	(36)	1,183	(1,219)
Property	10,112	11,895	(1,783)
Pastoral Care	-	50	(50)
Evangelism & Outreach	-	300	(300)
Programs	232	468	(236)
Buddenbaum House	984	833	(151)
TOTAL	72,139	78,556	(6,417)
Net Income (Loss)	6,714	(6,669)	13,383

The summary financial statement through February 29 is presented above. We remain ahead of budget on the income side and below budget on the expense side. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

All Session members, church employees, nursery workers, and volunteers with children/youth must attend the annual Child Protection Policy Training on Sunday, April 21st. The training will take place in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. It should take less than an hour, and a light lunch will be provided. Please contact Whitney to rsvp your attendance: 270-559-6918.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

We welcome Rev. Dr. George Anderson to First Presbyterian Church. Please look at Lex note in her letter. Meals will be served at 5:45 in Fellowship Hall.

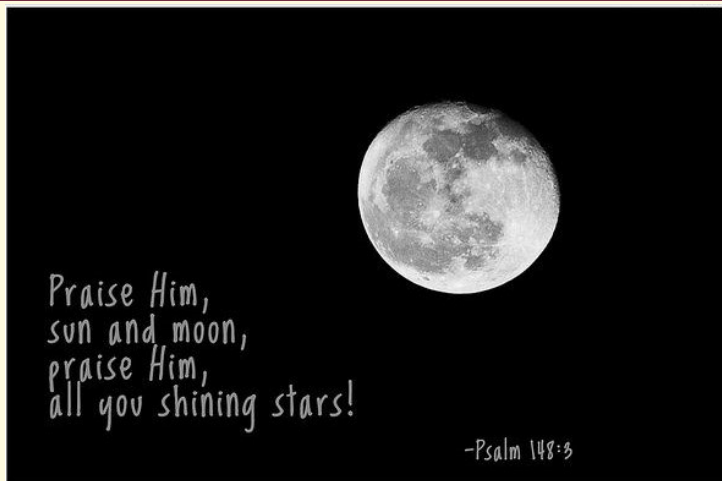
Sunday, April 14: Lasagna and bread with potluck salads, sides, or desserts.

Monday, April 15: Barbecue and buns with potluck sides, salads, or desserts.

Tuesday, April 16th: chicken and dressing casserole, potluck salads, sides or desserts.



The Spring Tag Sale will be held Saturday, May 4 from 7-11 am in the church Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting used household goods such as furniture, home décor, toys and books during the week prior to the sale (April 28-May 3). As we no longer have storage available in the Buddenbaum House, we ask that you hold on to your donation items until April 28. The proceeds of this sale go to offset the housing costs for our youth attending conference trips in Montreat. If you have questions, please contact Whitney: 270-559-6918.



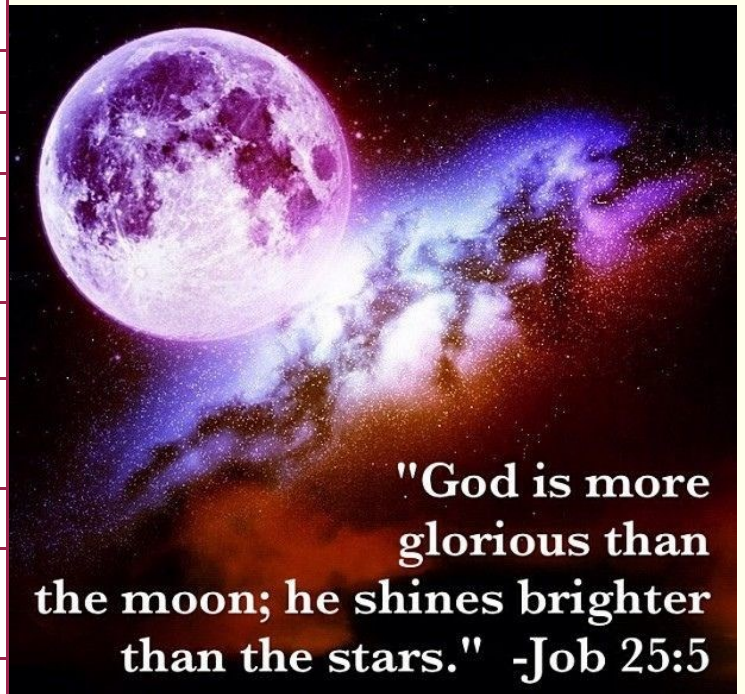
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1	Kaye Boyd	13	Audrey Zacheretti
2	Steve Durham	14	Johanna Rhodes
4	Andee English	15	Erin Coale
4	April Wolfrom	16	Velva Yeomans
5	Camden Courtney	19	Ken Marvin
5	Kate LeBuhn	20	Jane Blue
5	Robert Worden	21	Julie Golightly
6	Kieran Bowden	21	Marshall Hammonds
6	Julie Tennyson	24	Gena Miller
8	Soncie Martin	25	Suzanne Borodofsky
10	Charity Gar	26	Kristen Courtney
10	Debbie Hall	27	Emma Kellie
11	Whitni Stratemeyer	27	David Wrinkle
13	Carl LeBuhn	29	Eunice Poore
13	Linda Suitor		

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Julie Tennyson & Scott Marcum



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed Deadline for Montreat Registration	2 10:30am - PW Circle Meeting Lesson 8	3 NO WW - Spring Break 7:00pm - Adult Choir	4	5	6
7 9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship with Communion	8 12:00pm-3:00pm - Solar Eclipse Viewing at Noble Park Pavilion #16	9 6:00pm - Worship Committee	10 4:15-5:30pm - WW 7:00pm - Adult Choir	11 9:30/10:00am - PW Spring Gathering in Mayfield	12	13
14 9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship Rev. Dr. Anderson 5:45pm - Rev. Dr. Anderson Dinner	15 5:45pm - Rev. Dr. Anderson Program and Dinner	16 1:30 - Book Club 5:45pm - Rev. Dr. Anderson Program and Dinner	17 4:15-5:30pm - WW 7:00pm - Adult Choir	18	19	20
21 9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship 4:30pm - Youth Group 5:30pm - Youth Choir	22	23	24 4:15-5:30pm - WW 7:00pm - Adult Choir	25	26 5:00pm & 6:30pm - Quilt Dinner	27
28 9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Worship 4:30pm - Youth Group 5:30pm - Youth Choir	29	30				

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