



The Voice

May 2022

First Presbyterian Church

EASTER IN OUR EYES

by Robert Raines

Lord, we exult in the early morning birdsong
 which wakens us to green beginnings
 and multicolored hopes
 and puts us to our feet
 to stand on tiptoe
 Surprise us with joy in the morning
 struggle with us in heat of noonday
 sit with us in the evening shadows of
 quietness and confidence
 for you meet us at every corner
 and bring new life out of all our dying
 and create us ever and afresh
 a springtime people
 with Easter in our eyes
 Release now those mute longings
 hidden in our hearts
 to join the early morning birdsong
 singing green beginnings
 and multicolored hopes
 for you are shaking us and
 shaping us into
 a springtime people
 with Easter in our eyes

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WORSHIP TIMES

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WORSHIP

May 1

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jae Gottman

May 8

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jae Gottman

May 15

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jae Gottman

May 22

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pam Goolsby

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

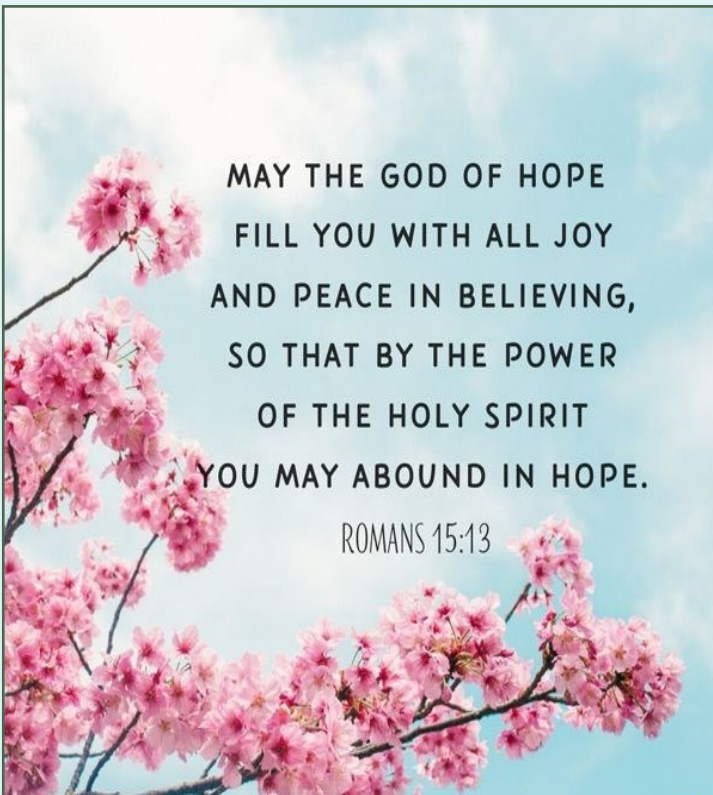
In May the Fellowship Hall Sunday School Class will be exploring some Liberation Letters. These are found in Romans and Galatians. We will be researching several "Freedoms" such as freedom from sin, freedom for the future, freedom and the law, the nature of Christian freedom, and the Spiritual fruit of freedom.

This will end our current quarterly and I want to remind you that if you are keeping up with our lessons at home, there are some new quarterlies by our church office.

In May we see once again the pastoral power of the Apostle Paul. His writings help us get to the root aspects of church existence and deal with some of those first century problems.

We are also very appreciative for the coffee and donuts recently. Thank you to those involved for making our early socialization more enjoyable.

Come and join us for this liberating journey in these two Pauline epistles. Robert Worden



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers for Sunday worship have been provided for the past two years by a very small group of people. As we begin a period of mostly "Ordinary Time" from now through November, we will need arrange-



ments each week except for Communion Sundays. Flowers may be purchased or picked from your own garden. If you would like to be a part of this mission, a sign-up list is on the bulletin board near the office. Call Barbara if you want to have a dedication in the bulletin.

PADUCAH CHIEFS

Friends and fans, the Paducah Chiefs are set to begin their seventh season on June 2, 2022. The Chiefs have a history in Paducah dating back to 1903. They were brought back to life in the summer of 2016. The Chiefs are a college wood-bat team that plays at Brooks Stadium here in Paducah. The season runs from May 31 through July 31. The Chiefs are in need of host families for the players. These young men travel to Paducah to play for us and improve their skills. This is a great way to impact a young man's life and add to your extended family. We would be glad to discuss the opportunity in more detail with anyone interested. Thank you for your consideration.

Greg McKeel, Paducah Chiefs General Manager
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PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Paducah Cooperative Ministry staff are training board members to assist congregations in hosting a “PCM Spotlight” event. Activities will allow churches to get to know the workings of PCM on a more personal level. We may be hosting those activities during a Family Night Supper. Watch for more information.

CONFIRMATION DINNER

The confirmation dinner will be held Sunday evening, May 1 at 5:30 pm. The Session will be examining our five candidates: Owen Cody, Madalynn Dochniak, Britton Edwards, Lucy LeBuhn and Henry Stratemeyer. Please RSVP to Whitney the number of family members who will be attending the dinner with their conformand. Spouses of Session members are also welcome to attend; please let Whitney know that as well. These new members will be presented to the Congregation during worship on Mother’s Day, May 8.

MAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

Youth activities have recently included field trips to St. Francis de Sales and the Islamic Center of Paducah. In addition, several youth helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, preparing food and hiding eggs for the younger children. May activities will include helping to serve the Confirmation Dinner on May 1, and celebrating our high school graduates.

WARMING CENTER

The Warming Center at Washington Street Baptist Church recognized everyone who supported this community project at a dinner on April 1. The hall was full of representatives from churches, government, and other agencies. Phyllis Flowers and Anne McNeilly attended from First Pres. Numerous volunteers contributed time, supplies, and money and were honored with small plaques. First Presbyterian met the financial challenge goal issued to downtown churches. Thanks to all who helped to make it happen.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky held its **Spring Gathering, April 14** in Calvert City. The theme was “Growing Through Mission.” A necrology service was held to recognize our sisters who entered the Church Triumphant in 2021. We remembered Eloise Krueger, Shirley Bailey, and Donna Kay Carlson from Paducah First. Eight other PW from the Presbytery were also remembered. These faithful servants will be missed.

The Triennial Synod Gathering will be held virtually June 24 and 25. Registration for this zoom event is \$50. When registration forms are received, they will be posted.

The Quilt Dinner was not held as a continued precaution to the pandemic. It is very difficult to socially distance in Fellowship Hall when gathering 100 individuals from all across the world. Our recipient this year was to be LOTUS. We would like to be able to honor this donation. We have been fortunate in the past to donate ~\$2,000 to our local organizations. If anyone would like to make a donation, please send a check made payable to **First Presbyterian Women with LOTUS in the memo line** and send to Chris Krueger, PW Treasurer, 330 Cardinal Lane, 42001 **by May 23.**

SPRING TAG SALE

The Spring Tag Sale will be held Saturday, May 7 from 7-11 am in the church Fellowship Hall. We are collecting used household goods such as furniture, home décor, toys and books. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call the church office to arrange a drop off time with Barbara or Whitney. We appreciate your generosity in making this annual fundraiser a success! Tax receipts are available upon request. If you have questions, please contact Whitney: 270-559-6918.

BUDDENBAUM HOUSE UPDATE

Work inside the Buddenbaum House has started. The bathroom has been stripped down to the studs for a new shower, commode, and vanity. The kitchen sink and cabinets have been removed. The new kitchen will have new cabinets, a new refrigerator, and cooktop.



Once the bathroom and kitchen are finished, all the inside rooms will be repainted in preparation for the next steps. This work should be finished in early June. **Come check it out!**

It's not too late to contribute. Additional funds will be needed to continue the improvements. Don't forget that we

have a \$5,000 matching grant which needs contributions for completion! **Please contact the church office to make a donation.**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Weekly Wonderful Wednesdays activities will end for the semester on Wednesday, May 18 with a play day at the church during the usual WW time. Please send your kiddos in clothes that can get dirty and/or wet, as we will be playing outside and enjoying a few water games. Several Family Fun events are in the planning stages for kids over the summer months, including a family bike ride on the Greenway Trail and the ever-popular family kickball game and cookout in Stuart Nelson Park. Please see the June/July Voice for dates and times.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Finances indicated a positive level for the month of March. Confirmands are preparing for membership. Children's Church will start up in May for K – 5th grades.

The program committee will be preparing the confirmand dinner and assisting with the Buddenbaum House family night supper.

Worship and music reported a successful Holy Week and Easter. Communion will be by intinction, May 1.

Property is working on repairing the chimney and boiler once turned off. They are also looking into replacing the mulch on the playground.

The work on Buddenbaum House should be completed by the first of June.

The PNC presented a candidate for ministry, Rev. Lex Alum. The Session approved the terms of call for the candidate. She will be examined by the Commission on Ministry (COM) from Presbytery, May 3. A congregational meeting is scheduled for May 15 for a congregational vote.

The next Session meeting is May 15 following worship.

Chris Kreuger

BAPTISM



Ruth Wolfrom Marshall

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | as of 3/31/2022 | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Over/(Under) |
| Income | 127,294 | 78,138 | 49,156 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Benevolences | 13,025 | 13,125 | (100) |
| Church Staff | 40,175 | 60,198 | (20,023) |
| Administrative | 7,638 | 9,964 | (2,326) |
| Worship | 6,950 | 1,412 | 5,538 |
| Christian Ed. | 151 | 1,300 | (1,149) |
| Property | 9,161 | 7,650 | 1,511 |
| Pastoral Care | - | 38 | (38) |
| Evangelism & Outreach | - | 75 | (75) |
| Programs | 77 | 300 | (223) |
| Total Expense | 77,177 | 94,062 | (16,885) |
| Net Income (Loss) | 50,117 | (15,924) | 66,041 |

The summary financial statement through March is presented above. Revenues at the end of the quarter were ahead of budget by \$49,156. This is due to the fact that the annually allowed earnings were distributed from the Endowment Fund in March. The total was \$34,888 which was split 50/50 between the operating budget and the building improvement fund. Also, we have a number of members who have already fulfilled their pledged amount for 2022. The church's expenses were below budget as of March 31 primarily due to the fact that the pastor position was vacant during the quarter.

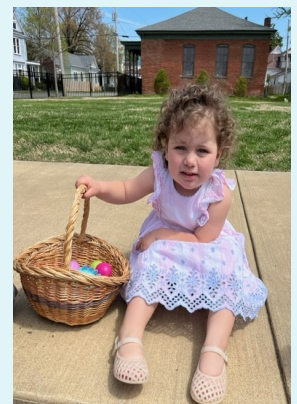
Karen Durbin, Treasurer



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN MAY

Back by popular demand is Children's Church in the Temple Room during worship for the month of May. This kid-friendly church service is geared for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, and includes singing, collection of an offering for the charity of their choice, prayers of adoration and confession, and a brief lesson on a lectionary scripture of the day. Following Children's Church, the kids move into the drama room for crafting and play time. The children will begin in the adult service with their parents in the sanctuary, and will be invited forward to follow Whitney upstairs for Children's Church. After May, Children's church will adjourn for the summer months, and resume sometime after Labor Day in the fall semester.

EASTER EGG HUNT



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Lisa Craft | 15 | Dawne Robertson |
| 1 | Jacob West | 16 | Robyn West |
| 2 | Natalie Ballert | 20 | Philip Trampe |
| 2 | Sam Hoy | 22 | John C Stephens |
| 3 | Carl Baker | 23 | Nancy Flowers |
| 4 | John Johnson | 23 | Phyllis Flowers |
| 9 | Amelia Martens | 24 | Justin Shurley |
| 11 | Chris Krueger | 25 | James Harben |
| 11 | Stacey Martin-Hadley | 25 | Emerson Martin |
| 11 | Cathy Trampe | 26 | Pamela Fleming |
| 12 | Will Diaz | 31 | Tom Miller |
| 14 | Ben Stewart | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 2 | Robyn & Keith West |
| 7 | Natalie & John Ballert |
| 18 | Cindy & Tom Miller |
| 18 | Kristen & Brian Courtney |
| 30 | Debbie & Jim Long |
| 31 | Whitni & Dan Stratemeyer |

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 1:30 on **Tuesday, May 17**, at the home of Shirley Wrinkle. We will be discussing *A Land More Kind than Home* by Wiley Cash.



MAY 2022

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| <p>1 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship (communion) Children's Church 5:30 Confirmation Dinner</p> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 7-11am Tag Sale |
| <p>8 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship (confirmands join the church) Children's Church</p> | 9 | 10 Presbytery meeting in Henderson | 11 4:15 Wonderful Wednesday | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| <p>15 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Children's Church Congregational Meeting Session Meeting</p> | 16 | 17 1:30 Book Club | 18 4:15 Wonderful Wednesday (last WW this semester) | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22 6th Sunday of Easter 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Children's Church</p> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| <p>29 7th Sunday of Easter 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Children's Church</p> | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

MATTHEW 7:7-8