

# *E-Blast News*

April 12, 2026– April 19, 2026

**Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia,**

The Easter Season is one of those seasons we think is done almost before it begins. Often we do not realize there are six more Sundays of Easter before we get to Pentecost. It is a season of celebration and we sing the joyful hymns of our heritage with gratitude. Scriptures for the season include Act 2, 1 Peter 1-4, John 20, Luke 24 then John 10, 14 & 17.

This week in particular we will be thinking about John 20:19-31 that includes more of Jesus' resurrection appearance and to see Jesus deal with the challenge of getting people to believe the resurrection is real and that Jesus is standing before them. Think of it a complete reversal of everything people thought about the finality of death. How would you help people make that great transition from normal expectations to resurrection belief?

Jesus does so with great patience, loving presence, life-giving words and a call to use their resulting joy to energize a new mission and work expectations.

Join us for worship this 2nd Sunday of Easter and help us figure this out.

**Yours in Christ,**

*Will*

## *A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*, Treasurer

# Holy Week 2026



Wearing white jackets at Easter was a tradition started by their mother Kathryn Maassen. A tradition that her three sons Johnny, Edward, and David to this day proudly continue.



In the midst of all the construction, our flowered cross took on a special meaning.



Our three sanctuary crosses in a row for our Easter Resurrection Sunday Service.

Paulette Raschella, Don Knoche, Lindsay Knoche, Addalyn Knoche, Sheila Knoche, and Edie Wildt add flowers to the cross in the front yard.



Becky Delahunty, Marlou Zolkos, Addalyn Knoche, Don Knoche, Donnie Knoche, Ellie Sutphin, and Sheila Knoche faithfully decorate the cross.



## Thank you

With three services to decorate for in one week, a special thank you goes out to Sanctuary Sisters Susan Head, Jill Maassen, Mitzie McGavic, Ellie Sutphin, and Mary Presson.

## Ellen Davis' life celebration

The celebration of life for Ellen Davis will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 2-5 P.M. at Arcadia Village. Her son Richard emphasized that everyone is invited. Her family will be there. At the celebration a slide show of her life will be shown. Food will be available.

## Church Prayer List

**FPC - MEMBERS:** family of Bobby Adams, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Jackie Harris, Marilyn Stander, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

**FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS** Charlaine Adams, Dan Bailey, Barbara Bennett, Raedell Coogler, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Gina Green, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Sharon Shatney, Emmie Titus, Tina Turzio, Debbie Webb, Margaret White and Laurie York.

### **MILITARY LIST:**

**Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.**

**Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.**

**Senior Airman Roland Phelps**

**E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.**

**CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Sea**

## Look what's coming...

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	7:00 Easter Sunrise Lake Katherine 9:45 No Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 10:45 Decorating the Cross 11:15 Easter Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> 10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr. 8</b>	12:30 Bible study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr. 10</b>	12:30 Men's Luncheon @ Reef & Beef
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 12</b>	9:45 Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic

## Celebrations



### *April birthdays*

Apr. 1– Lew Cassels	Apr. 1– Mary Presson	Apr. 1– Shirley Cullom
Apr. 7 – Sue Phelps	Apr. 10– Bob Cullom	Apr. 10– Jennifer Esposito
Apr. 10 – Sue Overcash	Apr. 14– Kim Fender	Apr. 16– Bjorn Jiskoot
Apr. 17 – Daniel Sutphin	Apr. 19– Sheila Knoche	Apr. 22– Ryan Maassen
Apr. 24 – Jeff Wildt		

## Contact Information

### **Homebound members' addresses**

*For those sending cards...*

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747, Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Frank & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

### **Military**

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306
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## Missions At Work

### **Bill's Paper Angels**

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**May 3 (next collection date)    April 20 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: tooth brushes, tooth paste and sanitary napkins**

### **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date: April 19**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

## *Church Information*

### **Attendance/Offering**

Attendance last Sunday: 61  
Offering: 4-02-26- \$100  
4-05-26- \$ 3,545.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18  
Year to Date: 44,743.27

### **Session**

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche  
2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt  
2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

### **Catch us on Facebook**

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church) we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.