

E-Blast News

Apr 4, to Apr 11, 2021

Dear Saints:

Now we come to the end of the story of Jesus' birth, life, teaching, sacrifice, death and resurrection. It is a story that still stumbles us. We are in awe of God's love for us in Jesus. And, even when we listen long enough and hard enough to have a partial grasp on the how of God's love saving us in Jesus, we struggle with the 'why.' Yes, we know John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whosoever believes in him might not die but have eternal life." We believe in Jesus and we believe that John 3:16 is correct. But we still find ourselves (or I find myself) asking, "Really!?!"

For me, our Easter morning service gives me the answer I need. Yes, really!!!! In Jesus, God overcame evil with good; darkness with light; brokenness with healing; hate with love, fear with peace, and anticipated defeat with the certainty of God's triumph! I rejoice in that and eagerly turn to join with you in giving thanks to God for such grace!

May the peace of the Risen Savior be with you.

Yours in Christ,

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April 2021

1st 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday in Sanctuary

2nd Office Closed – Good Friday

3rd 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt all ages Home of Genie Martin 2826 NE 2nd
Bunker Ave.

4th **No Sunday school**

10:00 am Chancel Choir Practice

10:45 am Flowering of the Cross

11:00 am Worship

7th 2:00 pm Worship/Music Meeting/duplex

6:30 pm No Handbell practice



Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Jean Borsmann, Millie Foster, and Marilyn McConnell

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Hans Bursa, Robert Connor, Dan Cribbs (Clair Cribb's son), Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's cousin), Roger Evans, Brian Harris (Gallant's son in law), Jane Hayward and son Ozzie, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Cressida McCaul (Bige & Jackie's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Pastor Ed (Calvary Baptist Church), Dean Phillips, Bob Smith (Sheila Knoche's uncle), Ruth Ann Smith, Sherri Turner, JoLynn Wright(Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

MILITARY LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, and Cole Overcash

Homebound Members

We have members who are sick or haven't been outside due to the Covid-19 and You know they would love to have some cheer. How about sending out a card or two and let them know they are still loved and missed.

Jerry Anderman: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Bob/Shirley Cullom: 807 W. Imogene St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees: 2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Marilyn McConnell P. O. Box 1768 Arcadia, FL 34265
Robert Treadwell: 2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 3426



We thank you for following the Session's guideline asking you to wear a mask covering both your nose and mouth and to maintain social distance, except those who have medical reasons for not wearing a mask all the time.

In doing this even if we do not feel endangered ourselves, we honor Christ's command to love and serve our neighbors and we help each other. Please also pray that the vaccinations may happen quickly and we can get beyond this pandemic.

Thanks so much to Kim and Debi Halvorson for the donation of the palms for Palm Sunday.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes are in the pews. If you would like to make a donation please do so by Sunday, April 11th.

If you are in need of offering envelopes please call the church office.

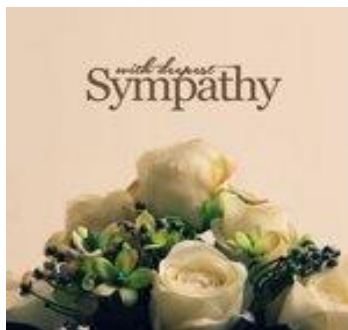
These Days devotions are in the Narthex on the table.

Congregational Care Team will be meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month. 10:15 a.m. Duplex.

I have some more puzzles in the office that someone brought in. If you would like to work on one please stop in and pick out which one you would like.

We are sending out birthday cards and we received the sweetest Thank You card from Kayla Tanner. Because of good – hearted people like you this world is a nicer place. I hope all the good you do comes back to you. Thank you for the card on my birthday! It meant so much to me. Kayla Tanner

We do have Charles Durr Memorial Service online now on Facebook. We were unable to get the first song but it still worked out.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Lew McSwain Brandes (Genie's sister).



Choir and Handbells were wonderful – and even more wonderful to be together again!

Choir practice at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Special thanks to Vivien Liszak for playing handbells and singing on Palm Sunday.

Tyler great job of Virtual screening – Fantastic!

Jill and Worship committee the church was beautiful with all the palms. Thank you!



First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **April 12th** from 10 am to 12 pm we will distribute of the paper goods.

Come and share the joy with us.

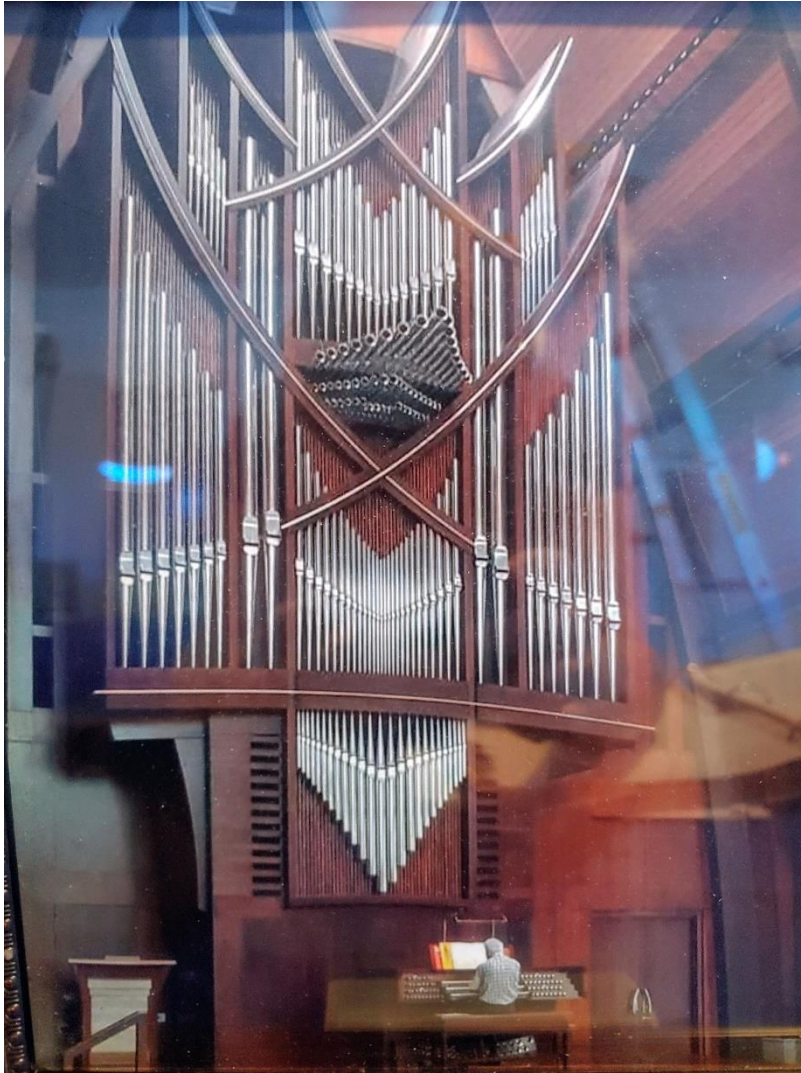
The Congregational Team has developed a new way to get involved with our community. We will be supplementing items that Trinity Methodist food pantry does not provide. We have met and come up with a list of items that are needed and we will also greatly appreciate volunteers. These are the items we are starting off with and we may add more items to the list.

Bar soap, small liquid soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products (tampons, napkins), paper towels, travel size (body lotion, shampoo, body wash) wipes, wash cloths and hand sanitizer.

If you are unable to pick up supplies monetary donations by cash or check. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo section put Paper Angels.

We are also collecting pill bottles so please bring in your empty pill bottles.

Thank you all for your help!



Charles's Memories.....

Each week we will have a special memory of Charles. We have so many that we thought it would be a great idea to just add it to the E-Blast each week. So if you have a special memory of Charles send me an e-mail or call me at the office.

Memory from Pastor Tim Stewart: In the years that I was privileged to work with Charles at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, although I have many fond memories of our time together, I will share only a few.

Shortly after he became our accompanist Charles was in the sanctuary rehearsing prior to choir practice. I heard him playing a piece with which I was unfamiliar, but

it was amazing. I went to him and asked if he might play that as his postlude at the end of our upcoming Easter Sunday service. He agreed and it was marvelous. I noticed that when he played it he had no music before him. When I asked him about that he told me that the piece he played was such that one could not play from the music – it had to be memorized. I had no idea what I was asking Charles to do but he did it without hesitation – and he played it perfectly.

Fast forward to a Sunday in August 2020 when I had the opportunity to preach at First Presbyterian Church in Arcadia. When he auditioned for the position at Burn Store Charles played an offertory piece that I remember to this day. The song was “Praise Him, Praise Him (Jesus our Blessed Redeemer).’ After the audition and interview I spoke with Charles and raved about that piece. I told him how it took me back to my childhood church... to one of my favorite hymns. As an honor to me when I preached in Arcadia on that August Sunday, Charles played “Praise Him, Praise Him.”

Finally, Charles always called me “Brother Tim” and I dearly loved it. He was only the second person to call me that, the other being a wonderful woman who was a member of the church I served immediately before Burnt Store. Brother Charles, I will miss you. You are one of a kind and I look forward to seeing you in eternity.

[Michael Dirr wishes if you wanted to do something in memory of Charles to donate to First Presbyterian Church Arcadia, 20 N. Orange Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266.](#)

[Mark your Calendar.....](#)



Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 50

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1, 674.00

Via Facebook: 124

Year to date: \$45,483.69



April – Birthdays

1 Lew Cassels, Shirly Cullom, Mary Presson

4 Camden McGuigan

10 Robert Cullom, Sue Overcash

12 MaryJo Gardner

16 Bjorn Jiskoot

22 Ryan Maassen

25 Shelia Knoche

30 Remy Jacobson



30 Bill and Mitzie McGavic

Church Information:

Church Mailing Address is:

First Presbyterian Church

20 N. Orange Ave.

Arcadia, FL 34266

SESSION

2021: Beth Litzak, Mitzie McGavic, Johnny Maassen, Jean Borsmann

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Bill Stander

2023: Jeff Adams, Ann Pepper, Ellie Sutphin, Edith Wildt

ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way

David Holloman

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Also, visit our website 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 give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.

