

# *E-Blast News*

*Apr 25, to May 2 2021*

Dear Saints:

We are a little past half way between our Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection and Jesus' Ascension to heaven. We are just half way between Easter and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Acts tells us that for 40 days following the Resurrection, Jesus' disciples had some experience of the resurrected Jesus presence. Jesus packed into those days a great deal of teaching:

- about the crucifixion/resurrection;
- about the coming Ascension/sitting on the right hand of God;
- about the coming Pentecost gift of the Holy Spirit; and
- about the newly formed 'ecclesia' or community of faith.

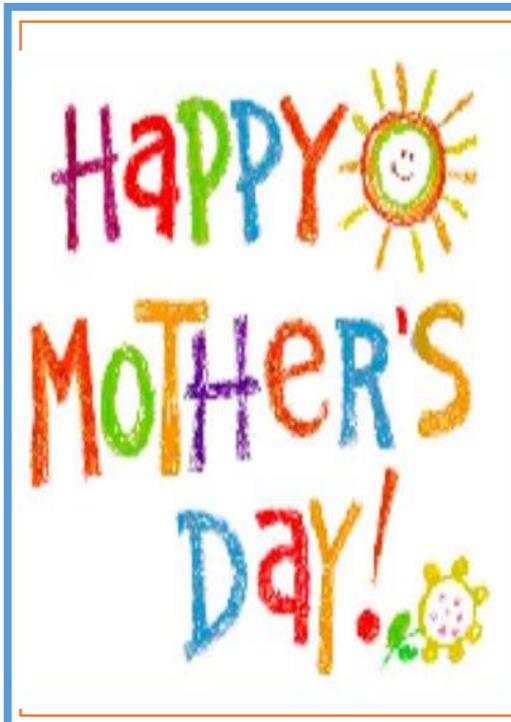
I am not sure what it was about that time, but the disciples we encounter after this time seem wiser and more committed and far readier to risk themselves to reach others with the gospel.

My father told us he was one of WWII's '90-day' wonder officers who only got three months of training before being sent to serve. Still he got over two times the length of time the disciples got.

Of course, they did not know the Ascension would come only 40 days after Easter. They did not know the Spirit would be given 50 days after Easter.

It strikes me that we don't know what new time we are living in, nor what the learnings of this time prepare us for in the future. But we can be sure of this. God is creating something new and what God creates is for the good of us all and we get to be a part of that new work.

Let us thank God for the gift of this time,  
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A breakfast honoring  
the women of  
the church  
Will be held  
on Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
in Pfrangle Hall  
from 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
By reservation only

**Mother's Day breakfast reservation form**

| Name | # attending | phone |
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**Seating is limited.**

Reservations must be placed by **May 2,**

Interested ?

Please fill out the form above and

1. place it in the offering plate, or
2. turn it into the office, or
3. call the office for a reservation.

**Chef Rich is cooking !**

**Bill of Fare**

*egg, sausage, and cheese  
casserole*

*fruit-laced bread pudding*

*fresh fruit medley*

*coffee, water, orange juice*



## April 2021

- 25<sup>th</sup>      9:45 am Sunday school  
            10:30 am Chancel Choir Practice  
            11:00 am Worship  
28<sup>st</sup>      6:30 pm Handbell practice

## May 2021

- 2<sup>nd</sup>      9:45am Sunday school  
            10:30am Chancel Choir Practice  
            11:00 am Worship with Communion  
5<sup>th</sup>      2:00 pm Worship/Music Meeting/Duplex  
            6:30 pm Handbell practice



## **Church Prayer List**

### **FPC MEMBERS**

Jean Borsmann, Millie Foster, Shelia Knoche and Marilyn McConnell

### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Billy Bennett, Hans Bursa, Dan Cribbs (Clair Cribb's son), Pam and Rick Dodd, Roger Evans, Brian Harris (Gallant's son in law), Jane Hayward and son Ozzie, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Dean Phillips, Bob Smith (Sheila Knoche's uncle), Ruth Ann Smith, Sherri Turner, Malcomb & Jackie Underwood, Margaret White (Mitzie's mom), 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  
Peggy Dees: 2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266  
Norma Fisher: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266  
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.

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

Puzzles, Puzzles who wants a puzzle or two. I have 7 here at the office.



We collected \$87.09 in children's coins for the Center for the Needy. Thank you all for your kind donations. The Center for the Needy sent a grateful thank you card to us as well.



Thanks to Steve who sang "Rise Again" on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It was more beautiful than ever!

The Handbell Choir also played. Ellie's sister was here and she requested that we play.

Jean is doing well after her back surgery. Says she'll be back soon. We really need her as our music department is shrinking due to health and Covid!

We're still here! Ever Onward!!

Marilyn McConnell was at church on Sunday. She is recovering from her accident and surgery. Great to see her. Berkley & Peggy were visiting also!

The "Maassen Men" were in full force, thank goodness! They were the only men – but Gods' grace was sufficient!



## First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **May 10th** 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!



## Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 39

Via Facebook: 44

Offering Last Sunday: \$2,134.00

Year to date: \$57,620.49



## 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](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 give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

1. Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.

