

E-Blast News

Apr 18, to Apr 25 2021

Dear Saints:

This third Sunday of Easter we jump from the Gospel according to John and its stories of the resurrection. We jump to the Gospel according to Luke and its story of the resurrected Jesus appearing to the disciples in the upper room. Why the lectionary switches gospels I am not sure, but let's trust that there is a reason. We will see Jesus going to great lengths to help the disciples understand that he really is himself and that he is alive. He will carefully teach them how scripture foretold all that had happened.

The Jesus says they are the 'witnesses' to these things? What does it mean to be a witness? My experience as a child taught me to want to leave the room quickly if someone said they wanted to 'witness.' I didn't like peoples' stories in which they themselves starred and in which they were very good at making themselves look bad so they could look good. I felt they wanted to be admired both for the depth and cleverness of their sin and for the noble transformed people they became after they repented.

I think my instincts were right but if we wrest the word 'witness' back from them and listen to what it means to Jesus, what is it saying about who Jesus wants us to be and how we get there. Let's think about this Sunday as Jesus calls the disciples to witness to something that seemed impossible to them – Jesus alive again and with them!

Yours in Christ,

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April 2021

- 18th 9:45 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Chancel Choir Practice
 11:00 am Worship
- 19th 5:30 pm Session Meeting/Pfrangle
- 21st 6:30 pm Handbell practice

April 18th is the last Sunday we will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing.

April 18th we will be collecting children coins for the Arcadia Center for the Needy.



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
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.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes are in the pews. If you would like to make a donation please do so by Sunday, April 18th.

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.



Without your offerings and donations of items needed we would not have been able to hand out 18 bags to serve 55 family members.

Thank you so much!

Paper Angels.



Handbell practice at 9:15 am Sunday morning.
Choir practice at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning.



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: 41

Via Facebook: 66

Offering Last Sunday: \$5,444.00

Year to date: \$55,486.69



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:

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20 N. Orange Ave.

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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.

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