

First Presbyterian Church

April 2023



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The Hope of Easter

*In the dark of the earth
where the winter still chills,
where those burdened down
with all of life's ills
are waiting for warmth
that their hearts cannot feel,
may new life now come
to renew and to heal...*

*May Easter bring hope
into fathomless pain.
Where dying has come,
may life triumph again.*

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Holy Week Worship

April 2 is Palm/Passion Sunday. We will be welcoming Cassie Rice into membership by baptism, as well as celebrating the Lord's Supper. The lectionary passage for this day is Matthew 26:14-27:66, but the sermon will be drawn from just a small portion. Please consider reading the full Passion narrative during Holy Week.

We will celebrate Maundy Thursday at 7 pm on April 6 in the chapel. This is a special day when we focus particularly on Jesus's last meal with his closest companions, and then the darkness that follows.

We will not have a Good Friday service. However, if you are interested in observing this special day, Christ Episcopal Church has a service at noon on April 7.

April 9 is Easter! Everyone is invited to bring potted plants (flowers) to decorate the chancel area. Please also plan to take your plant home to enliven your Easter celebrations.

Celebrate Easter with us!

Reverend Gary Stratman will be preaching our Easter sermon, so this will be a special day to greet him and his wife Deb. We are celebrating with a special Easter Brunch planned by the Congregational Life Committee. We have several volunteers who will be sharing their great recipes, which will include breakfast casseroles, cold cuts, fresh fruit, vegetable tray, and cinnamon rolls. We will be sitting down to eat in Fellowship Hall after worship. Join us for fellowship time with everyone. We also hope to take more pictures of worshippers for the updated Church Directory during the fellowship time.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Honorary Life Membership program was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church.

These three ladies who have been a strength to the Women of First Presbyterian Church received the Lifetime Membership Award this year.

Please congratulate
Carol Bennett, Pam Cottingham, and Pat Look.

VESPERS AT THE MANOR

Presbyterian Manor has invited us to again conduct Vespers at 4 pm on one Sunday of the month. 1st Sundays are taken so we will do 2nd Sunday and also serve communion.

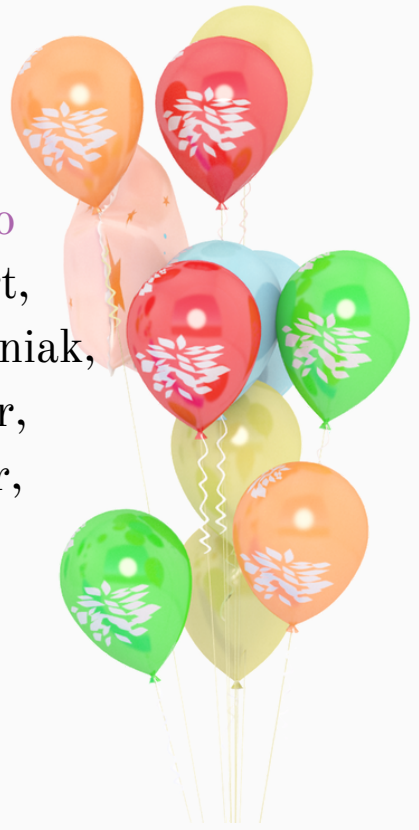
This will begin in May.

Please contact Amy Whitaker, Deacon or
Jonathan Kimball, Elder if
you wish to help with Vespers.

A big **THANK YOU** to the preschool for making these
Easter Flowers for our support needed friends,
to be delivered by the Deacons.



Happy Birthday wishes go out to
Deanne Jackson, Cynthia Hobart,
Bruce Russell, Mariesa Crow-Drewniak,
Marilyn Schmidt, Britt Whitaker,
Rhonda Kimball, Amy Whitaker,
Carrie Aswegan and Ming Leu.



Happy
Anniversary

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to
Frank and Carol Jessop; Jim and Deanne Jackson;
and Bob and Earline Morrison.

PRAYER REQUEST

Connie Dewitt- In Stable Condition with Heart Issues.

**Ruby and Lee Malone - Residing at Silverstone. Balance issues (Lee),
Memory Issues (Ruby)**

Bettysu Corey - At Home recuperating from Health Challenges.

Appreciates Cards 302 Dover Dr,, Rolla 65401

**Liz and Danny Stottlemeyer - Recovery from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning,
Liz is home from hospital recovering from Heart Issues,**

**Mary Jane Potrafka - Residing at Homelife. Health Issues - grief after
passing of husband, Dick Potrafka.**

**Carol and Frank Jessop - Residing at Homelife. Frank engaged in Physical
Therapy.**

Bob Yenzler - Continuing Health (Swallowing) Issues.

Janet Brown - Health Issues requiring recent hospitalization.

Steve Day - Heart Surgery

Please pray for those named and their families
as well
as their caregivers.

***THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST WILL START OVER ABOUT
EVERY***

TWO MONTHS.

***IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS
PUT ON OR TAKEN OFF THE LIST,
PLEASE CONTACT KATIE IN THE OFFICE***