

First Press Weekly Update

March 26, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Charles and Mary Beggerow; Cis Taylor; Doug and Jennie Benton; and Albert Tatchi, Sarah Tatchi and Thomas Tatchi.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. You may place it in the basket by the door as you leave Worship today or you may contribute online. One-fourth of this offering will go to *Waverly Road PC Food Pantry*.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For March, please bring **canned vegetables**. Please drop donations in the basket outside the chapel door or in front of the stained glass on Sunday mornings. Your donations mean so much to those who don't have enough to eat. Thank you!

Youth Group Today

Regular Youth Group - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

Come and join us for dinner on **Wednesday, March 29**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Our meal will be catered by Panda Express, and we will also be serving dessert, ice tea and lemonade. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 10, with a family max of \$20. Dr. Shelton will be sharing his fourth lesson on the topic of "Why" after dinner. We hope you will be able to attend.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship, 8:45 and 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Stations of the Cross open at 10 a.m.
Communion Service and Tenebrae, 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 7

Stations of the Cross open until 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Worship Services at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- Weather permitting, our 8:45 a.m. worship service will be outside around the cross. In the event of inclement weather, this service will be held in the chapel.
- Both services will include a "flowering of the cross" as a part of worship so bring your own cut flowers to worship.

Volunteers Needed for Worship

The Worship Committee needs volunteers to serve as liturgists and ushers. If you are willing to serve in either capacity (or both) send an email to worship@fpckpt.org with the words "Liturgist" or "Usher" in the body of the email to indicate your interest. You will receive an email to join Sign Up Genius, the online service we are using for volunteer sign up.

Birthdays This Week

March 26: Debbie Waggoner
March 27: Lucie Hagen, Linda Lisa
March 28: Robin Dickerson
March 29: Will Wray
March 30: Jane Andersen
March 31: Katy Mink

New Horizons Class Begins New Study this Morning

On March 26 the New Horizons Sunday School Class will begin a study of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*, published in 2015. In his second encyclical, Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialog with every person on our planet about our common home. The class will use a study guide prepared by Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Books will be ordered for this series so let Margaret or Sarah know if you would like one. Contact Sarah Barbour (barbour5@charter.net) or Margaret Callcott (magsintn@gmail.com) to get on the email list.

Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series on April 2 ~ "Covenant"

The *Friends in Faith* Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on April 2 entitled "**Covenant.**" Covenants are central throughout the Bible and Christianity (including today). God established covenants with his people, in the promising of a Messiah, and through Jesus Christ. Our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition recognizes the importance of covenants through baptism and the Lord's Supper (sometimes known as "Covenant Theology"). We are even known as God's covenant people! Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions:

- God's Covenant with Noah and Creation
- God's Covenant with Abraham
- God's Covenant with Israel
- God's Covenant with David
- The New Covenant in Christ
- Israel, Church, and Covenant

Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103. The Friends in Faith class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m.

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