



"The Grapevine"

April 2022

Church Calendar

Building & Grounds "Church Work Party"
Saturday, April 9 @ 8am – 12pm

Easter Lily Forms Due
Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday/ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Sunday, April 10

T.I.M Dinner/ Auction (RSVP by 4/1)
Sunday, April 10 @ 5pm

Maundy Thursday Supper & Service
Thursday, April 14 (*Supper 6pm, Service 7pm*)

Easter Lily Drop-Off
Wednesday, April 13 – Friday, April 15

Newsletter Deadline for May
April 15

Men' Breakfast
Saturday, April 16 @ 8am

Easter Sunrise Service @ The Community Garden
Sunday, April 17 @ 6:15am
Regular Worship @ 10am



Easter Egg Hunt After Worship
Sunday, April 17

Joint Meeting of the Deacons/ Session
Tuesday, April 19 @ 7pm

Flower Calendar

April 3
Colleen Colenso

April 10
Palms

April 17
Easter Lilies from the Congregation

April 24
David Weisenberger



We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday with lilies! If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, complete the form below and return to the church office by April 10.

Drop off anytime from:

Wed, April 13, - Fri. April 15.

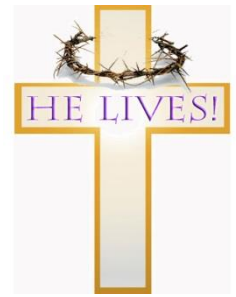
This Lily is given in:

HONOR _____ or **MEMORY** _____

OF: _____

FROM: _____
(your name)

"PASTOR'S PAGE"



Dear Brothers & Sister of FPCT,

We come now into the most important period in the life of Jesus our Lord. He enters the capitol city of his country and the citizens are waiting with great anticipation for their messiah to bring an end to the painful and humiliating power of Rome! When Jesus enters the gates of Jerusalem, he came in riding a foal of a donkey, not the powerful and intimidating white stallion that was the symbol of power, authority, and might. Instead Jesus comes into Jerusalem with palm leaves waving and the shout of Hosanna in the highest read on a beast of burden a borrowed donkey, the symbol of servanthood and weakness. Powerless against the military power of Rome! Jesus hears the shout of Hosanna and celebration, excitement, and praise! The people were expecting a revolution lead by Jesus to destroy the Roman Army and remove Pontius Pilate from power representing the seemingly ultimate power and military of Rome.

This event started the week off, but the end of the week would seem to be a disaster as the Jewish Messiah would be betrayed and arrested by the powers of Rome! Jesus betrayed by Judas, arrested by the Jewish guards, judged by the religious leaders of Israel, and turned over the secular power of Rome for His crucifixion and death! Beaten, whipped, and publicly humiliated Jesus like lamb goes to be slaughtered carries His cross. He goes to a hill called Golgotha. This is a location looking over the garbage dump of Jerusalem. It is here that the gracious powerful love of God our creator sends the lamb of God the Son to be crucified for the forgiveness of sin for every human being that has and will live in this world.

"My God, My God! Why have you forsaken me?" This was Jesus cry as death overcame his life. This life that was innocently slain was the sole purpose of God reconciling us to our loving creator! Jesus bore upon himself all of the sin and brokenness of every human being that ever lived and will live!

Amazing and thankfully this was the end of the greatest story ever told! On the third day as Jesus had predicted He arose from the dead! He was seen by His mother, His followers, and as many as 500 other people. Salvation for all of creation was brought by Jesus' death and more so by His resurrection! Death could not tie Him down. We serve a Risen Lord and Savior who dwells mighty in our hearts. Empowering us with powerful presence of His Holy Spirit, promising new and eternal life for all who receive Him into their hearts.

CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!!

Have a blessed, joyful, and life changing Easter Season!

Your Pastor & Friend,

David

April Scriptures / Sermon Titles

April 3: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 12:1-8 "***Costly Extravagance***"

April 10: Guest Preacher, Rev. John Russell-Curry

April 17: Isaiah 65:17-25, Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12 "***Signs of Resurrection***"

April 24: Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1: 4-8, John 20:19-31 "***When the Doors Were Shut***"

DEACONS DOINGS'

Collen Colenso has begun calling church members to sign up on the flower calendar. You may provide fresh flowers or have a dried arrangement placed in the sanctuary. If you opt for the dried arrangement, it is suggested that you donate to the Deacons Fund. You may have already been called. If you have not been called, and you would like to provide flowers for worship please contact Collen or the church office. You may also designate someone you wish to name in honor or memory of your giving. If you have any needs the Deacons can help with, please contact one of the Deacons, Pastor David, or the Church Office.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

"CHURCH WORK PARTY"

SATURDAY, 4/9 @ 8AM - 12PM

JOIN US APRIL 9 AND HELP GET THE CHURCH BUILDING EASTER READY!

FINANCE

Last month, thanks to the guiding hand of David Flanigan, Building and Grounds, the roof has been repaired. We went out to bid, and the work has been completed. The total cost was \$5,345.00. Since it was not in the budget, we have had used monies that will be needed later in the year. We have set-up an in and out account for those who would like to help with this unexpected need. So far, we have collected \$1,575.00. Thank-you to those who contributed.

Session has approved the Mission giving to the Ukraine Relief Program. There has been an in and out account set-up by Finance Committee for this special need. Those who wish to contribute to this need, should make the check out to First Presbyterian Church, and write "Ukraine Relief" on the memo or envelope.

In Christian Service,
Roy Patterson, Chair



- 2- LIZ HANSON
- 4- GREG MCCREARY
- 6- INA BREKKE-DANFORTH
- 10- ROWENA DONALDSON
- 12- CAROL GUTIERREZ
HILDA BOSCH
- 17- MARIETTA MCLELLAN
SHARON LITTLE
- 20- TRACY THOMSEN
- 21- KAYLA MCGUINNESS
- 22- HAROLD REICH
- 26- ALLISON KAYLEIGH REICH
- 30- SUNDAY BORGES
KATHY JUAREZ
COLE LINK

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



12- ROY & MARIE PATTERSON

SESSION UPDATE

From our Clerk of Session...

The North Central California Presbytery's Committee on Ministry has undergone a name change and is now called the Vitality in Ministry Committee. Rev. Wes Nordman, the chair of this committee, and Cecilia Moran, a committee member, were guests at the March meeting of the Session. It was noted that the church was without a minister for 1 year and 8 months, relying upon pulpit supply for the entire period, following the departure of Rev. Jennifer Warren Hauser. Prior to Rev. Warren Hauser's arrival, the church used pulpit supply for 3 months, bringing a total of nearly 2 years of reliance upon pulpit supply during the 5 years that elapsed between called pastors. Rev. Nordman acknowledged that the congregation has endured a difficult, unsettled period and expressed appreciation for what Rev. Dr. David Hill has accomplished in the short time that he has been with us. In-person attendance is steadily increasing. Rev. Dr. Hill has a long history in the Presbytery of Stockton, and any time his name was mentioned the word association was, "It's all about relationships." He has brought this same approach to the ministry here that he has exhibited throughout his career. The Session expressed to Rev. Nordman that Rev. Dr. Hill possessed the skill set and demeanor that is needed at this point in the life of the church, and that it would be in the best interest of the church to permit Rev. Dr. Hill's contract to be extended beyond its May 2022 term.

Currently responsibilities for various financial functions are divided among the Church Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Church Administrator. The Session approved a motion made by the Finance Committee to consider reordering these responsibilities between the Financial Secretary and the Church Administrator. The Finance and Personnel Committees will work together to allocate the division of duties between the two positions, ensuring that appropriate internal control procedures are maintained, and work hours and compensation are properly adjusted to reflect the adjusted responsibilities. After the Finance and Personnel Committees have completed their work, a proposal will be brought to the Session for approval. If approved, the bylaws will be amended as required and brought before the congregation for a vote. If the congregation votes to approve the amended bylaws, appropriate changes will be made to the various job descriptions in the Manual of Administrative Operations, for approval by the Session. The California Corporations Code requires that organizations incorporated in the State have three officers: A President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Therefore, the Finance Committee proposed that, to conform to the requirements of the State, annually the Session elect a member of the congregation to serve as Treasurer without compensation.

