

The Focus

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Called to be a light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the Hope of our changing world.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES SUNDAYS AT

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Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him, "...Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. ...You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant...." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called to them and said, "...Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mt. 20:20-28, abbreviated)

As the ashes of last year's palms were marked in the sign of the cross across our foreheads at the start of this season of Lent, we were reminded of Jesus' words, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

It isn't hard to understand that every parent wants the very best for a child. The mother of Jesus' disciples, James and John, was no different. She wanted them to be assured of the best seats in the kingdom of God—one high up on Jesus' right and the other high up on his left. Some might call it "picture perfect." "Just look at my sons," we can almost hear her beaming....

Jesus had a radically different idea. He knew what she could not see at the time. Before any exaltation would come, the way for him would be a humble path of suffering. His would be the way of denial and the cross. He would continually tell his disciples, "Follow Me." Although we barely understand these actions, they are the very things we are called to do as people who bear Christ's name.

The Scottish New Testament interpreter, William Barclay, writes, "To deny oneself means in every moment of life to say no to self and yes to God. To deny oneself means once, finally, and for all to dethrone self and to enthrone God." Obviously, this isn't a common way to think in the 21st century, except for Christ-followers. For us, in every action, God is more important than ourselves.

The cross we bear may be something heavy that we are called to carry for a season. It may be unexpected or something that presses on us, concerns us, worries us, challenges us. We may find that the cross means sacrificing ourselves for the sake of others. In carrying the cross, there is also good news to accompany us: we also carry an acknowledgement that we belong to Christ. We are reminded that the cross will not be more than we can bear.

The famous poem tells of two sets of footprints becoming one in the sand in the recognition that Christ often carries us. Yes, we are followers, but following can be different than we originally expected. We are not here to serve ourselves or to be exalted to high places. Our best and highest calling is the lowest—like Christ, to serve others. In it, we find both privilege and joy.

The Lenten weeks are closing in and, before long, we will follow Christ into Jerusalem. The crowds will wave branches and throw garments on the path, shouting for a King to save them. Jesus will be betrayed by Judas, abandoned by the disciples, and denied by Peter. A crown of thorns will be pressed into his skull. He will carry his own cross. He will be mocked, scourged, interrogated, and left to die. All in service to humanity. All for the sake of the world.

The hymn says, "Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too." Service is the story we write. We know there is more to the story, but we leave that for Easter morning....

Blessings,
Revs. Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors

The Fruit of the Spirit



Worship Series Galatians 5:22-23

April 2	<i>The Fruit of The Spirit: Patience</i>
April 9	<i>The King of Glory Comes</i>
April 16	<i>Apart From Me, You Can Do Nothing</i>
April 23	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>
April 30	<i>The Fruit of The Spirit: Kindness</i>

Daily Bible Readings

4/1	Romans 9:1-18	4/11	John 12:9-19	4/21	Daniel 12:1-4, 13
4/2	Mark 8:31-9:1	4/12	Philippians 4:1-13	4/22	John 16:16-33
4/3	Jeremiah 24:1-10	4/13	Psalms 126; 102	4/23	1 Peter 2:2-10
4/4	John 9:18-41	4/14	Genesis 22:1-14	4/24	Daniel 1:1-21
4/5	Romans 10:14-21	4/15	Hebrews 4:1-16	4/25	John 17:12-19
4/6	John 10:19-42	4/16	Exodus 12:1-14	4/26	1 John 2:12-17
4/7	John 11:28-44	4/17	Jonah 2:1-10	4/27	Luke 3:1-14
4/8	Jeremiah 31:27-34	4/18	Isaiah 30:18-26	4/28	Psalms 96; 148
4/9	1 Timothy 6:12-16	4/19	Acts 3:1-10	4/29	Luke 4:1-13
4/10	Philippians 3:1-14	4/20	Ezekiel 37:1-14	4/30	1 Peter 4:7-11

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday: April 9, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Procession with Palms

The King of Glory Comes

Holy Tuesday: April 11, 6:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer Service in the Choir Room

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Communion celebrated around the Lord's Table

You Will All Abandon Me

Good Friday: April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Scriptures, Songs, and Prayers

At the Foot of the Cross

Holden Evening Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 11

S. Michael Shuman and Jeannie Lee will lead a service of prayer and song at 6:00 p.m. This time of sung, spoken, and silent prayers will be held in the Choir Room located at the rear of the Sanctuary. For more information please contact Michael (mshuman@fupcfay.org).

Easter Brunch

The **Easter Brunch** begins at **8:30 a.m.** followed by our **Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.** We invite you bring a dish to share with friends and family. Our youngest children will hunt eggs hidden by the youth. Our youngest and preschoolers will join in the fun outside in the Courtyard and our elementary age children will have fun seeking eggs around the Witherspoon building.

Easter Lilies

We are accepting dedications and contributions for Easter Lilies. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in this meaningful way, please complete a lily dedication form (available in the Narthex) and attach a gift in any amount. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office (442-4411 or officemanager@fupcfay.org). We will be receiving dedications until April 10.



Easter Worship

Sunday, April 16

Outdoor Sunrise Worship, 7:30 a.m.

Easter Brunch, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt for Children, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Worship, 11:00 a.m.,

Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Five Mythical Songs"

Apart From Me, You Can Do Nothing

Earth Care

Sunday, April 23

Touch the Earth Lightly

The John Brown University Cathedral Choir will provide special music during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

We welcome you to any of these three enriching opportunities for spiritual growth.

- As Lent begins, the Present Word Bible study topic is *God Loves Us*. Dennis Brewer and Jane Steinkraus will begin Unit II, *God's Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love*. This class meets in Calvin 203.
- *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*, a book and video-based study by Adam Hamilton, will be led by Carol Van Scyoc in Calvin 202.
- Our book-based class will continue its study of *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Christian Community* by Philip Kenneson. This class is led by Derrik Olsen and Phil Butin Calvin 201.

Additionally, each "Second Sunday" of the month, we meet in the Library to discuss *Who Is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker (the Presbyterian Women's *Horizons* study). This month we will meet on April 9.

Please visit the adult education page of our website (www.fupcfay.org).



Sunday Morning "Connections" for Children

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.



There's something for everyone at FUPC on Sunday mornings between services. Our youngest children hear a Bible story in the nursery in Lower Calvin. **Preschoolers** and **elementary** ages meet in the Knox building for an engaging time of learning. **Middle school** students also meet in Knox, where they are learning the stories of Jesus' life this winter. Each week, we seek to nurture faithful relationships while engaging children and youth in creative and fun activities.

In an effort to include members and friends of all ages in worship here at FUPC, we have introduced a new Children's Bulletin. It is interactive with activities aimed at helping younger children learn to engage in worship. We invite children of all ages to take one and explore this exciting new worship tool. Children and youth may also submit a drawing or artwork for the children's bulletin cover. While we are only able to use one piece of artwork each week, we love to see the creative pieces designed by our talented children and youth. All artwork will be displayed in the Narthex. If your child would like to submit a drawing, he/she may do so. Please ask your child to include his/her name so we can list it with their artwork.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

FUPC members and friends of any age are invited to a fun afternoon together:

GATOR GOLF

Sunday, April 30

2:30-4:30 p.m.



If Rainy Weather: Bowling at Ozark Lanes

Watch announcements and Friday email for updates as the date is closer.

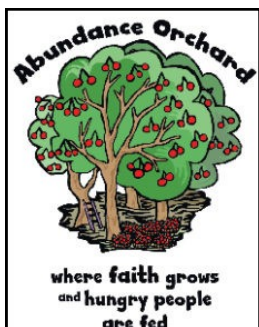
Summer Camp Registration is Here!

The camp for our Presbytery is Ferncliff, which is three hours away, outside of Little Rock. Dwight Mission Camp is an hour and a half away in Vian, OK. Both have wonderful programs for children and youth and both are updating and improving facilities every year. Brochures are available through the Church Office or their websites. FUPC covers 20% of Presbyterian camp fees.

- Parents of children, please let Kristi Button (kbutton@fupcfay.org) know if your child plans to attend camp.
- Parents of youth, let Brianne Christiansen (bchristiansen@fupcfay.org) know if your child plans to attend camp.

We can keep track of dates to help plan times to attend with FUPC friends.

VBS is Coming Soon!



Our **Elementary Program** is open to ALL children in the community who have completed kindergarten through the fifth grade. It will run from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. each day. The cost is \$20 which includes daily lunch, snacks, drinks, and a camp t-shirt.

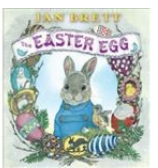
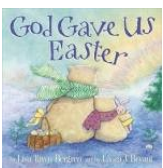


*Loaves and Fishes -
Jesus and A
Hungry Crowd*

Our **Preschool Program** will take place in the Knox Building from 9:00-11:00 a.m. A daily snack will be served and each child will help create their own themed t-shirt. This program is open to First School children as well as children and grandchildren of FUPC. Children must be four years old by August, 2017. (First School also has a concurrent pre-school program for all previously enrolled). \$10 suggested donation.

A Message From the Library

Jesus' resurrection, chocolate eggs, jelly beans, bunnies, and more! The FUPC Library has a great selection of books for all ages including a number of children's books about Easter!



UPY in April

(United Presbyterian Youth)

In UPY, High School students are using *Can I Ask That*, a curriculum that discusses hard questions about God and faith. Now is the time to wrestle with challenging topics with the guidance of adults who care about them and their faith. With this study, we seek to ask questions and understand the different sides to issues like “Can we trust the Bible?” and “Does God endorse violence?”

For our Mid-Highers, confirmation class began January 8 led by Lorraine Brewer and Tom Verdery. They use the *We Believe* confirmation curriculum.

April 2 Returning from Senior High Youthquake

UPY Mornings, 9:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class and Lenten Study

Youth Bells

UPY Together, 5:00 p.m. – *Ephesus*

April 5 UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m.

April 9 UPY Mornings, 9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class and “*What Does The Bible Say About Being Gay?*”

Youth Bells, Ring in Service and Practice, 4:00 p.m.

UPY Together, 5:00 p.m. – Split Night, Confirmation Students go before Session

April 12 No UPY Small Groups, Holy Week

April 16 Easter Sunday!

Church Brunch, 8:30 a.m.

No Youth Bells or UPY Together

April 19 UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m.

April 23 UPY Mornings, 9:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class and “*Does God Endorse Violence?*”

UPY Together, 5:00 p.m. – *Arrest in Jerusalem*

April 26 UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m.

April 30 UPY Mornings, 9:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class and “*Does God Endorse Violence?*”

Youth Bells, 4:00 p.m.

UPY Together, 7:00 p.m. – *Shipwreck at Sea*

Other Upcoming events

May 7 – Graduation and Confirmation Sunday

June 10-18 – Reach Mission Trip to Russell, KY

June 26-30 – Help with FUPC Vacation Bible School

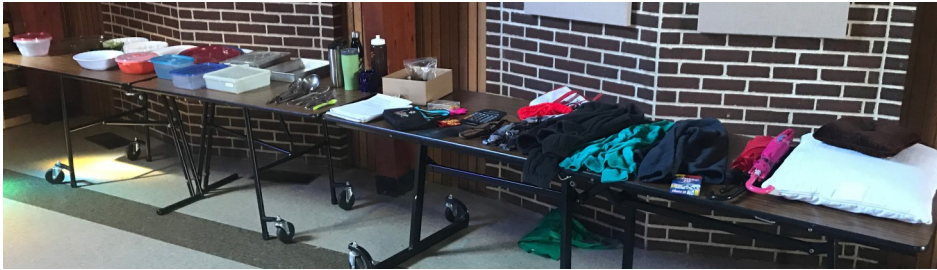
High School And College Grads

It's hard to believe that graduation is only six weeks away! We are currently compiling a list of graduates through the Church Office for publication in our May newsletter. We will be recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of these graduates during the late service on Sunday, May 7. If you know of a graduate in our congregation, please notify the Church Office (442-4411) or send these graduate's name, school, and degree (field) to us (officemanager@fupcfay.org).



Left and Found

It's that time of year again and we're cleaning out the Left and Found closet. Please check the tables in the Fellowship Hall over the next couple of weeks to see if you have any items there. We have baking dishes, platters, plastic containers, utensils, various beverage containers, jackets, umbrellas, pillows, and so much more. If you've



been wondering where your favorite casserole dish, coffee mug or coat have been hiding this is the perfect place to check! We'll have these out and available for you through April 2, after which the remaining items will be donated.

UPCOMING HONDURAS TRIP

July 14-22, 2017

We will be working on community development teaming up with First Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. We will mostly be working to build cement homes and also strengthen our relationship with the people and Presbytery of Honduras. We'll be splitting our time between two communities in the Trinidad and Copán regions, where our teams have worked in the past.

Only 10 slots available. Orientation meetings will be set up to prepare everyone for the trip physically, mentally, and spiritually. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,300/person. For those in need, scholarship funds are available. Youth and children are welcome. If under 10th grade, they will need a parent to also go on the trip.

Email Trip Director Leigh Woodruff Harvey (leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com) if you're interested in an application.

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5c8sSPttRQs&sns=em>



Solar School and Clean Water U

Want to get personally involved in transforming people's lives through clean water or a reliable power source? Go to Clean Water U at Camp Hopewell outside of Oxford, Mississippi, or Solar School at Ferncliff outside of Little Rock!!! Scholarships are available, and training dates include:



Clean Water U

April 26-30

September 13-17

October 18-22



Solar School

September 21-24

Fellow "Shape"

Yoga and Zumba groups meet in the Fellowship Hall once a week for a fun, healthy and energizing experience. Classes are led by trained professionals to ensure that participants have a safe and enjoyable time. Men and women of all ages are welcome. Come whenever you are able. Contact Leigh Harvey (479-601-1437 or leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Yoga meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Zumba meets Saturday at 10:00 a.m.**

Suggested Donation: \$5/person/class.

April, 2017

- April 1** Church Clean-Up, 8:30 a.m., Lower Witherspoon
Garden and Grounds Subcommittee Orientation, during Church Clean-Up, Lower Witherspoon
Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- April 2** Worship with Communion, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Christian Education Connections for All, 9:30 a.m
Sunday Supper Prep, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen
Sunday Supper, 3:00 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church
Planning Committee, 4:00 p.m., Calvin 201
United Presbyterian Youth Together, 5:00 p.m., Witherspoon (returning from Youthquake)
Nominating Committee, 5:30 p.m., Calvin 201
- April 3** Presbyterian Women Circle 4, 1:30 p.m., at the home of Lina Long
- April 4** Moms’ Group, 8:30 a.m., Calvin 201 (this is a correction to the date printed in The Focus)
- April 5** Men’s Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn
Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., The Commons
Belonging Committee, 6:00 p.m., Calvin 201
Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Meet and Eat, 6:00 p.m., Village Inn
FUPC Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Ella’s at The Inn at Carnall Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
United Presbyterian Youth Small Group, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon
- April 6** Presbyterian Women’s Circle 5, 1:00 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
Intercessory Prayer, 3:45 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village
Hi-Acres Joint Task Force Meeting, 6:00 p.m., St. Pauls Episcopal Church
- April 7** Hooks and Needles, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon
Marriage Group, 5:45 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
- April 8** Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Christian Education Committee Lenten Bread Baking, 1:00 p.m., Main Kitchen
- April 9** Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Christian Education Connections for All, 9:30 a.m
Second Sunday *Horizon’s* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Library
Welcoming Committee, 12:15 p.m., The Commons
Worship Committee, 4:00 p.m., Library
Christian Education Committee, 4:30 p.m., Calvin 201
Session - Faith Statements with Confirmation Students, 5:00 p.m., Library
Session - Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Library
United Presbyterian Youth Together, 5:00 p.m., Witherspoon
- April 10** Presbyterian Women’s Circle 1, 9:30 a.m., the home of Betty Ezell
Presbyterian Women’s Circle 3, 1:00 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village, Green Room
- April 11** Earth Care Task Force, 4:00 p.m., Library
Properties Committee, 5:00 p.m., Calvin 201
Holden Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room
Fellow“Shape” Yoga, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- April 12** Men’s Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn
Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., The Commons
Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
United Presbyterian Youth Small Group, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon
- April 13** First Fellowship, 11:30 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village Lodge
Intercessory Prayer, 3:45 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village
Outreach Committee, 5:30 p.m., Calvin 201
Maundy Thursday Service (Communion), 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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April 14 Hooks and Needles, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon
Good Friday Service , 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

April 15 Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon
Fellowship Committee, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

April 16 Sunrise Service (Communion), 7:30 a.m., Amphitheater
Easter Brunch 8:30-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Easter Egg Hunt for Children, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Courtyard, and Witherspoon
Easter Worship (Communion), 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Butterfield Trail Village Vespers, 4:30 p.m., Convocation Room

April 18 Moms’ Group, 8:30 a.m., Calvin 201 (this is a correction to the date printed in The Focus)
First School Commission, 12:45 p.m., Calvin 201
Butterfield Trail Village Worship and Communion, 4:00 p.m., Villa Room
Presbyterian Women’s Circle 2, 6:15 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
Fellow“Shape” Yoga, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

April 19 Men’s Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn
Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., The Commons
Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
United Presbyterian Youth Small Group, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon

April 20 Presbyterian Women’s Circle 5, 1:00 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
Intercessory Prayer, 3:45 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village

April 21 7 Hills Meal Prep, 8:30 a.m., Kitchen
Hooks and Needles, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon

April 22 Presbyterian Women’s Annual Spring Gathering, 9:00 a.m., First Presbyterian, Hot Springs, AR
Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

April 23 Earth Care Sunday with The John Brown University Choir, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Christian Education Connections for All, 9:30 a.m
JBU Choir Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
Board of Deacons, 12:15 p.m., Library
United Presbyterian Youth Together, 5:00 p.m., Witherspoon

April 25 Presbyterian Women’s Covenant Group. 10:30 a.m., Upper Witherspoon
Men’s Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Western Sizzlin’
Stewardship Committee, 5:30 p.m., Library
Fellow“Shape” Yoga, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

April 26 Men’s Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn
Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., The Commons
Presbyterian Women’s Spring Dinner and Awards, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
United Presbyterian Youth Small Group

April 27 Intercessory Prayer, 3:45 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village
Sanctuary Area Renovation Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Library

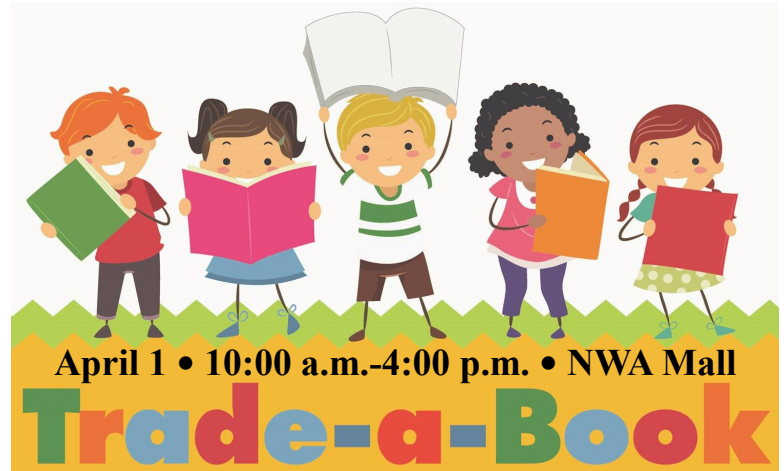
April 28 Hooks and Needles, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon

April 29 Fellow“Shape” Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

April 30 Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Christian Education Connections for All, 9:30 a.m
FUPC Family Fun Activity, 2:30 p.m., Gator Golf
United Presbyterian Youth Together, 5:00 p.m., Witherspoon



With the motto “*Be inspired...Become equipped...Get Connected,*” Big Tent offers worship, workshops and the opportunity to engage and connect with other Presbyterians. Save the date! Cost is \$395 (including housing) and we hope to take a full van!



Hey kids, parents, and grandparents! Bring your gently used books and trade them for others! There will be hundreds to choose from! Don't have a book? No worries! We'll happily give you one, and all book exchanges and books are **FREE!**

For more information, visit Altrusa International of Fayetteville on Facebook.



FUPC SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The Properties Committee is announcing that on Saturday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m., there will be an annual Spring Clean-Up Day, organizing in Lower Witherspoon. Bring your work gloves and any equipment you wish to use (such as rakes, clippers, hoes, trash bags, etc.). We will have coffee, donuts, and bottles of water. This is two weeks before Easter and is our chance to have the campus picked up from the winter and trimmed, ready to celebrate.

Attention Gardeners and Those Desiring a More Beautiful Church Campus

One of the unique things about First United Presbyterian Church is our spacious church campus. We are not located on Dickson Street or close to the U of A Campus, but we have more of nature's beauty and peacefulness. You may not be aware that we have around 10 acres of land and the Brooks Hummel Nature Preserve is directly adjacent to the entire west side of our property. The church has a Earth Care Task Force that over the past several years has initiated construction of three gardens—a Butterfly Garden, a Cutting Flower Garden, and a Rain Garden. In addition, the Properties Committee has for years overseen the care of the lawn and many beds around the buildings, as well as care of the sidewalks and stairways. We contract with a service for the mowing and some leaf control. Phillip Talbert, a long-time member of the Properties Committee, has provided grass and weed management and takes care of the irrigation system where installed.

The Properties Committee has recently voted to form a **Garden and Grounds Subcommittee** because we need to have a group dedicated to taking care of our gardens and grounds, **for the glory of God.** If you would be willing to come on certain work days, or if you might like to commit to a particular garden on your own or with a group, then you would be welcomed to join in. This committee will be almost all hands-on in the gardens and beds. If you are interested, call James Moore (521-6628, or 601-3287). On Spring Clean-Up Day, we will have an orientation and kick-off to get our beds and gardens going. If you need more fresh air and enjoy flowers and plants, this will be fun!



April FUPC Groups and Gatherings

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast Group meets **every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.** at Village Inn, 3364 N. College Ave., Fayetteville. All men are invited to come for fellowship, scripture, a brief meditation, and prayer.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

The Men's Small Group will gather for its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 25**, just before noon at Western Sizzlin', 3492 W. Sunset Avenue, Springdale. We have a devotional discussion, share joys and concerns, and pray for one another, the church, and the world. Please plan to attend.

MOMS' GROUP

If you've ever wished that you could find time to be with other parents (and that you could actually finish a good book again!), now is the perfect time to begin to come to the Moms' Group. We have a lot of fun together and get to share our stories—both the joys and the struggles. We have a new book, *Present Over Perfect*, by Shauna Niequist. Join us **April 11 and 25**, in Calvin 201. We always have a good conversation.

FIRST FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for First Fellowship on **Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Butterfield Trail Village Lodge for a lunch and a program entitled *Water Quality Concerns and Outreach Efforts in the Ozarks*. The presentation will be given by Colin Massey, a County Agent for Agriculture and Water Quality for the U of A Cooperative Extension in Washington County. He is currently working on a 319 EPA grant project to conduct water quality outreach and education in the Northwest Arkansas with regard to best management practices that prevent pollutants from travelling down storm drains and into receiving streams in the Illinois and Beaver Lake watersheds. Please contact Ron Talbert (841-9742) for reservations and additional information.

HOOKS AND NEEDLES

Hooks and Needles is a Presbyterian Women's group that meets **every Friday at 10:00 a.m.** to work on knitting and other projects while enjoying fellowship together. Come with a project! All are welcome!

MARRIAGE GROUP

Please plan to join us **Friday, April 7, from 5:45-8:30 p.m.** The evening includes a presentation and conversation as a couple followed by a date night or dinner with other couples in the group. This is a great opportunity to meet others who want to have strong marriages and to focus on questions that help you grow closer as couples. Childcare is provided if you reserve by Wednesday, April 5.

FUPC BOOK CLUB

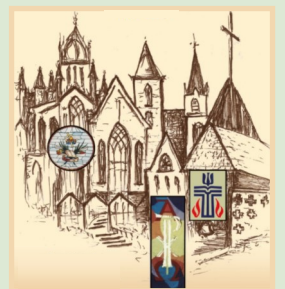
You invited to a simple meal and discussion on **Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m.** at Ella's at The Inn at Carnall Hall. This month's discussion will be on *Here I Am* by Jonathan Foer. For more information, please contact Rev. Leslie Belden (466-1061 or lesliebeld@aol.com).

THE SPIRITUALITY OF BREAD-BAKING

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Lenten Event for all ages on **Saturday, April 8, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to begin Holy Week by spending time on Palm Saturday afternoon with a spiritual focus through the art of bread baking. We will experience all aspects of baking bread, while exploring how bread-baking reflects aspects of our spiritual journey. While our bread is rising and baking, we will have break-out activities to explore aspects of the spiritual journey and prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Break-out options will appeal to various ages, stages and learning styles. We will definitely *eat bread* as we conclude our time together. Please let Kristi Button know that you plan to attend by Wednesday, April 5 (kbutton@fupcfay.org or 442-4411).

A Light on the Hill: The Journey to Presbyterian Hill, 1830-2016

Our lovely church history book is still available! The cost is \$37.50 per book (or \$35.00 per book if you purchase three or more). There is an additional \$4.00 charge (per book) for shipping. If you are interested, please visit the church website at www.fupcfay.org/shop or contact Sara Koenig (479-263-3971) or the Church Office (479-442-4411).



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to participate in one or more of our monthly circles. If you would like more information, please contact Katie Jackson (www.scribner@yahoo.com).



Circle 2
April 18 at
9:30 a.m. in
Upper
Witherspoon



Circle 1
April 1 at
9:30 a.m. at the
home of
Betty Ezell

Circle 3
April 10 at
1:00 p.m. at
Butterfield Trail
Village in the
Green Room

Circle 5
April 6 and 20 at
1:00 p.m. in
Upper
Witherspoon

Circle 4
April 3 at
1:30 p.m. at the
home of
Lina Long

**Second
Sunday Bible
Study**
April 9 at
9:30 a.m. in
the Library

**Covenant
Group**
April 25 at
10:30 a.m. in
Upper
Witherspoon



PW 2017 Spring Gathering “Sisters in Faith”

This year's gathering will be held on Saturday, April 22, at First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs, AR. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 9:20 a.m. Registration (due April 17) is \$10 and includes lunch. Please send your registration to:

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Presbyterian Women
213 Whittington Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Our Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Laura Fleetwood. Worship will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard. An offering will be taken for Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services. Please bring non-perishable pantry goods to be given to Jackson House, Hot Springs Community Food Pantry.

For more information please contact Moderator Jeanne Lloyd (jlloyd12@sbcglobal.net, 501-227-4404, or 501-231-6719).

PW Annual Spring Dinner and Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards

When: Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: \$10.00 (catered by Grant Gullett)
Speaker: Catherine Luck from Oasis in Bella Vista

Please contact PW Moderator Katie Jackson (www.scribner@yahoo.com) for more information.



This newer connection has been a wonderful way for FUPC friends of all ages to get together once a month for fellowship over a meal. We have been to Grub's Uptown on a Wednesday and Mariachi's on a Monday. We hope to see many new people in the

coming months. Our plan is to add some “thoughts for food” in the coming months, which will offer some table-talk questions to discuss with those near you, some ideas for your faith journey and a take-home opportunity. Each Meet and Eat night will be scheduled during the first full week of each month. The night of the week will vary so that we can make sure to accommodate different schedules.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

April 5- Wednesday at Village Inn, 6:00 p.m.
We will be able to enjoy free pie slice day.

May 1- Monday at McAllister's, 6:00 p.m.
We will be able to enjoy kids eat free night.

June 8- Thursday at JJ's off Wedington, 6:00 p.m.
We will enjoy several dinner specials with kids eat free night and plan to reserve space on the patio (weather permitting)

July 2- Sunday at Sassy's, 12:30 p.m.
this is our *ONLY* Sunday meal planned for the year. With vacations and the holiday week, we thought lunch after church would be good for July.

You're Invited!

April 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Jones Center for Families,
922 E Emma Ave, Springdale, AR

The League of Women Voters of Washington County, the OMNI Center, Hispanic Women of Arkansas and Ozark Indivisible are inviting the public to learn about voter suppression and see the documentary, *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*. The program is open to the public at no charge. For more information call Joyce Hale (479-527-2777).

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Clerk of Session Report • Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting – March 12, 2017

Session approved...

- * Update of Church Rolls:

Transfer of Membership:

Request by affiliate member Tony Stankus for transfer of membership from FUPC to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, AR.

- * **Building Use Request:** The League of Women Voters of Washington County requests the use of the sanctuary on April 8, 2017, from 6:00-8:30pm for a screening of the documentary "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy." (*Note: This event will be at the Jones Center. See related article.*)

- * **Building Use Request:** Michael Shuman requests the use of the Activity Center and Activity Center kitchen to serve lunch for the JBU Cathedral Choir on April 23, 2017, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

- * **Building Use Request:** Rev. Joyce Daniel is requesting use of the Parlor to provide Spiritual Direction for individuals in the congregation who are referred to her by one of our pastors or who contact her personally.

- * a motion to begin a relationship with Milestone Construction Company to do the pricing for any possible Sanctuary Area Renovation.

- * a motion that the Session allocate \$3000 out of the previous capital campaign as a pricing fee to be credited against future contract expenses in the event that Milestone Construction Company continues as the general contractor.

- * a motion for the Outreach and Properties Committees to bring forth proposed budgets and projects for potential use of funds derived from the Stalker Estate to be presented at the June Stated Session meeting.

- * a motion by the Outreach Committee that the Session hereby authorizes and sponsors a mission trip to Honduras on July 14-22, 2017.

- * a motion by the Outreach Committee that the Session hereby approves a total expenditure not to exceed \$6000 to support scholarships to offset the participation costs of persons approved to go on the mission trip to Honduras on July 14-22, 2017. Participants are expected to provide funds to support from 20-100% of their own costs, depending on financial need.

Session received...

- * a report from Elder Tom Verdery on the activities of the Planning Committee this spring.

- * a report from Treasurer Fred Shefte on a meeting between the Trustees and Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

- * a report from Elder Carol Van Scyoc on the 134th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Session Minutes are available to members of the congregation by request in the church office and will be provided through the Clerk of Session.

Phillip Harrington, Clerk of Session

Sanctuary Area Renovation Task Force Update

The Session has voted to delay any construction work that may be done until a more complete financial plan can be agreed upon. This will allow for additional commitments to mission, endowment, and long-term property maintenance funding. The decision is to wait until we know the total additional amount that will be received from the sale of Hi-Acres before any firm financial commitments are made.

Even though we will not begin any construction work this year, the Task Force will continue to work with the architects to complete the design development phase of the project to create a menu of pricing for the various ideas proposed. This will help to determine what we can afford to do. We have interviewed and selected a potential contractor to provide pricing information and potentially work with us, MileStone Construction Company. The pricing fee of \$3,000 would be credited back to the church if and when construction happens.

We anticipate completing the design development phase in May and should have pricing options to review this summer. We continue to be excited about the changes we are proposing and feel the plan will only get better. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Ted Belden

April Birthdays

* indicates children and youth

4/1 Susan Hovey	4/14 Randy Werner	4/25 Cole Jackson *
4/1 Maris Sisco *	4/15 Brock Davidson	4/25 Sara Kate Stokenbury*
4/2 Dorothy Clinehens	4/16 Joseph Jabo	4/26 Sarah Huntsinger
4/2 Laney Daniels *	4/18 Bill Mitchell	4/26 Ronald Curry
4/2 Bronwyn Dixon	4/19 Bob Frans	4/26 Katie Walker *
4/3 Frank Johnson	4/19 Julie Olsen	4/26 Lexie Walker *
4/3 Drew Parker *	4/20 Jude Acree *	4/27 Frank Kerr
4/7 Rex Garrett	4/20 Cael Dempsie *	4/27 Robert Ross *
4/7 Sandra Kuntz	4/20 Jim Harvey	4/28 Rice Brooks
4/7 Olivia McClung *	4/21 Ellie Dugan	4/28 Edward-Alan Young
4/8 Beth Owen	4/21 Debbie Oliver	4/29 John Boushelle *
4/9 Amy McCann	4/21 Jack Schulte	4/29 Katherine Boushelle *
4/10 Cooper McClung *	4/21 Jane Steinkraus	4/29 Rebecca Boushelle *
4/11 Vickie Kinsey	4/22 Bob Harriell	4/29 Janet Jenner
4/11 Joe Rouse	4/22 Emily Huntsinger	4/29 Judy Marino
4/11 Jane Scroggs	4/22 Ed Jackson	4/29 Laurie Reh
4/11 Clark Thiesse	4/23 Ed Piper	4/30 Martha Mitchell
4/12 Mark Power	4/23 Larry Purcell	4/30 Ron Warren
4/13 Maxine Ward	4/24 David Bell	
4/14 Judy Stokenberry	4/25 Cathy Irwin	



Please keep these congregations and individuals of our Presbytery your prayers this month:

April 2	Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, and First Presbyterian Church, Dardanelle
April 9	Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, and Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista
April 16	Central Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith, and Active Deacons
April 23	Alpine Presbyterian Church, Amity, and Cleburne Avenue Presbyterian Church, West Helena
April 30	First Presbyterian Church, Lonoke, and Vaughn Presbyterian Church, Bentonville



PASTORS AND STAFF

Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors

Amy McCann, Childcare Coordinator
 Brianne and Jacob Christiansen, Co-Directors of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
 Cathy Hairston, Director, First School
 Dan Schapke, Sound System Coordinator
 Heidi Nash, Membership Secretary/Food Events Coordinator
 Jeannie Lee, Organist
 Katie Jackson, Director of Children's and Youth Music
 Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education
 Laura Winburn, Financial Administrator
 Leslie Belden, Parish Associate
 Michael Shuman, Director of Music Ministry
 Molly Murray, Office Manager
 Tiffany Finch, Facilities Associate



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The Focus deadline is Wednesday, April 17, for the May, 2017, issue.

FUPC VISION STATEMENT

Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace, we will meet people where they are, inviting all into Christ's family through engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.

CORE VALUES

Inspiring Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

Prayerfully praising God together and being touched and changed by the Spirit

Spiritual Growth

Colossians 2:6-7

Encouraging growth by prayerfully studying scripture and the Christian faith

Loving Relationships

I John 4:11

Nurturing connections in a joyful and safe environment

Faithful Service

I John 3:18

Working together to reflect and demonstrate God's love to all people

Generous Stewardship

II Corinthians 9:8

Sharing our gifts and cultivating our resources for God's purposes

Welcoming Community

I Thessalonians 2:8

Striving to be an inviting and supportive Christian family