

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

Today	Sermon Series: Living Christ
	8:15am-12:15pm Childcare (Six Weeks-5 Years Old) (Upper Knox)
	8:30am & 11:00am Worship (including Late Service Livestream)
	9:30am Spiritual Growth Hour for ages 3 to Adult
	10:00am Earth Care Activities begin in Courtyard
	12:15pm Hike on Brooks Hummel Trail
Tuesday	10:30am PW Covenant Group
	4:00pm Bells on the Hill Rehearsal
	5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
	7:00pm Young Adult Gathering
Wednesday	6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	1:00pm Deacon Communion Delivery Preparation
	6:00pm Youth Group (Grade 5 and Up)
	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00pm Yoga
Friday	10:00am Hooks and Needles

Our worship theme this Easter season is "**LIVING CHRIST**." Each Sunday until Pentecost, we'll be reflecting on what it means for Jesus to be alive and living within and among us. How can our lives be evidence to the people around us that Jesus lives?

Today is **EARTH CARE SUNDAY**. We extend special thanks to the **EARTH CARE TASK FORCE** for their work on this event. Please be sure to visit their table in the courtyard. There are special activities for children, fact sheets for adults and cookies for all. If you wish to go on the hike after the 11:00 am service, please meet up with the **HAPPY HIKERS SMALL GROUP** in the courtyard after worship.

Three **ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH DISCUSSION GROUPS** meet on Sunday mornings.

- During April, the **PRESENT WORD** is covering a unit entitled "The Measure of Faith" using scriptures from the New Testament. New participants are always welcome. Calvin 201.
- The **THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIANS** group is using the book *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson as the basis for conversations about the resurrection, how we can embrace it with both our hearts and minds, and what impact it has on our Christian lives today. Church Library.
- **OPEN DOOR** is discussing *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey, a personal story of faith and life that invites us to know God through ordinary miracles and to hope in the face of evidence to the contrary. If you've been away for a while or have always wanted to come to these very informal conversations, we welcome you! Discussion starts at 9:45am.

Do you still have **ECLIPSE GLASSES** that are in good condition? Please drop them in the collection box in the Gathering Place today. We will be sending them on to Latin America so children there can view the next eclipse in October safely.

On Sunday, April 28, we will have a **MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY** to give thanks for all the beautiful music we are blessed with during worship throughout the year. The service will be focused around the theme, "When in Our Music God is Glorified," with selections from our children, choral interns, the chancel choir and the bell choir.

If you've been worshipping with us for a while and may be interested in joining the church, we invite you to a lunch and orientation called **EXPLORING FUPC** on April 28 after the late service in Upper Witherspoon. This is an opportunity to know others better, to learn about the exciting work and mission of this congregation, to hear what it means to be a follower of Christ and a Presbyterian, and to inquire about becoming a member. We will be receiving new members in worship on May 5.

Sunday, May 5, will be **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**. If you have a **HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR ADVANCE-DEGREE SPRING GRADUATE** in your family, we'd like to know! Please call the church office with their name, school, and degree for publication in the bulletin. Those able to attend worship will be recognized in person.

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED! Up to date photos are needed for the church website and social media posts. If you enjoy photography and would be willing to photograph various church events or you have photographs you are willing to share, please contact Amy Rossetti (communications@fupcfay.org).

We are working to keep our Church Family bulletin board up to date. **We would love to have birth, graduation, engagement, and marriage announcements to post.** If you or someone in your family have been recognized for an accomplishment, please let us know. Newspaper clippings, newsletters, screenshots of posts and pictures are welcome. Please send any church family news to communications@fupcfay.org.

The participants in the **ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS** have returned safely and are eager to share more about their experience with our congregation. Please plan to attend lunch and a program after worship on May 5 to learn more about the current situation in Honduras and how our church and other congregations in Arkansas are helping.

Thank you for **UPDATING CONTACT INFO AND PHOTOS** for our church directory! Membership Coordinator, Amy McCann, can take your picture today in the Gathering Place or if you prefer, you can send a newer photo of you/your family to her (amym409@yahoo.com).

It's time to think about **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES** for children and youth. FUPC provides a 30% discount for one week of camp or a conference for any PC(USA) camp or conference. Please contact Kristi Button (kbutton@fupcfay.org) for more information and to coordinate going to camp with others. Ferncliff also has **SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES** for teens/young adults between the ages of 16 and 25. Check their website for more details.

COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY OUTREACH (CEO) CURRENT NEEDS: chunky soup, healthy cereal (12-18 oz boxes), dish detergent (small bottles). **ALWAYS NEEDED:** canned beans (pinto, red beans, pork & beans, etc.). **DONATED ITEMS** may be placed in the blue bin at the north entrance to the Calvin building at any time. They are delivered to CEO regularly. Copies of the current issue of the CEO Newsletter are available in the blue bin.

The Annual United Campus Ministry **BIKE-A-THON** is April 27. You can join the group ride, bike on your own schedule, or creatively cover the miles any way you'd like-walk, run, bike or sleep in (ghost ride). For more information about this UCM events, email Kristi Button at ucmkristi@gmail.com.

The congregation is invited to **VERA LLOYD'S SPRING GARDEN PARTY**, Bubbly and Bingo, April 28, from 2:00-4:00pm at The Peel Mansion (400 South Walton Blvd. Bentonville, AR). Tickets may be purchased at their website: veralloyd.org/events/garden-party.

Join us for a **NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS PRESBYTERIANS!** The game is: Wednesday, June 5, 7:05pm (this is also \$1 hotdog night!) Tickets are \$9. **Contact Kristi Button TO REGISTER AND PAY FUPC FOR TICKETS by May 12.** Parking is \$5 per vehicle (payable at the park). If you would like to join other Presbyterians in singing the National Anthem on the field before the opening pitch, please let Kristi know. Email Kristi (kbutton@fupcfay.org) or talk to her after worship.

On Saturday, May 18, at 6:00pm, we will have a **HOLY GHOST WEENIE ROAST** to celebrate Pentecost. We will gather at the fire pit near the south end of the back parking lot for hot dogs, s'mores, and other treats! There will be **CRAFTS AND YARD GAMES** for all and a **BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION** to benefit the youth summer mission trip to Memphis, TN. If you would like to donate an item to the bake sale or silent auction, please contact Amanda McDonald (youthandyadults@fupcfay.org).

Exciting news!!! Recently, Session approved **CHANGES TO OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**. Beginning July 7, a more modern service will begin at 9:00am and will be led by Amanda McDonald, Kristi Button, and Isaac Thomas. The **NEW SERVICE** will incorporate worship elements to support the needs of our current members while attracting younger generations. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will begin at 10:00am, and our **TRADITIONAL BLENDED SERVICE** will remain at 11:00am. In July and August, during the Christian Education hour, there will be an intergenerational **CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING** designed for connection in a time of transition. Join us in the Gathering Place for food and opportunities for connection and community building.

The **PCUSA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE GATHERING** is happening in St Louis on August 8-11, 2024. The theme is "Do Everything in Love." For more information, please see the following link: www.2024pwcwg.org.

A **RETIREMENT RECEPTION** for our co-pastors Jan and Phil Butin is being planned for after the late service on June 30. Please save the date and watch for more details in upcoming announcements.