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Events That Shape our Lives

By Rev. Bill Pollack

“May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and He will do this.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Have you noticed that there are certain events that seem to have a profound influence on our lives? It could be the birth of a baby, a new job, an unfavorable diagnosis from the doctor or a sudden windfall that eases our financial woes. These events shape us as we continue through life.

This thought also has spiritual ramifications. The words spoken at the empty tomb still ring true for our lives today. “He is risen” is indeed the message that shook the world at its foundation. It continues to do so today.

Paul writes to the Thessalonian church and offers another word that has tremendous implications for the world. In his benediction (good word) he calls the people to remembrance of another event that will forever change our future in eternity. He directs their attention to the reality that Jesus will come again.

It seems to me that we are people who live in the midst of bookends that bind us together. These bookends, in my opinion, are the resurrection and Second Coming of Jesus. It is within these two events that will ultimately have the power to shape our lives for good.

Resurrection offers us hope for our day and floods our spirit with encouragement and life. And it points us in the direction and offers a why to it’s importance. As Paul says, the Lord is coming again. We must be prepared. We must ready ourselves for this event that will lead to eternal living in the presence of God.

In the meanwhile, we will observe Jesus’ Ascension and Pentecost. Two events that will help shape a deeper understanding of His purpose and love for us. The Lord will help us along this continued journey. God will do this for us because He desires our best.

As we continue forward, it is my hope that we will come to a deeper knowledge of God’s intention for us here at FPC. I am encouraged that He continues to call us into a deeper relationship with Him and each other. Nanette and I long to be with you in person. God is good! †



We Need Volunteers For VBS!

The CE committee is planning a one day VBS on **Saturday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. —**

2:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to transport the children back to Bible times through story telling, music, bread making, pottery, papyrus & pen craft activities. Other volunteers are needed for public relations, food manager, costume organizer and decorating. Please contact Lisa Stevens (571.9761) or Jane Justice (329.2423) to volunteer!

With Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Isaac Rigsby. He is the father of Melissa Rigsby. He passed away April 3, 2022. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given in memory of:
 † **William "Bill" Jackson** by Larry & Cathy Wilson
 † **Isaac Rigsby** by Larry & Cathy Wilson
 † **John Woods, III** by Karlene Putnam

Note of Gratitude

Thank you for all your love and support during our time of loss. The food was amazing and so to have family to gather and enjoy it with us. *(Melissa & Glenna Rigsby)*



- **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.
- **Men's Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- **Winchester Bells**, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- **National Day of Prayer**, Thursday, May 5, 6 p.m.
- **Sally Hermansdorfer Service**, Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.
- **Committee Meetings**, Monday, May 9, 5:30 p.m.

- **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, May 12, 11:30 p.m.
- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, May 15
- **Sew Blessed**, Monday, May 16, 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Finance Committee**, Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.
- **Bead Sorting**, Sunday, May 22 following Worship
- **Church Directory Photo Sessions**, **Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24**
- **Session Meeting**, Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 p.m.
- **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, May 26, 11:30 a.m.
- **Senior Recognition Sunday**, May 29

Congregational Meeting

Please remember that we will conduct our yearly Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, May 15**, immediately following Morning Worship. We will receive and affirm the nominations for our new class of Elders along with the Nominations Committee for 2023. We look forward to seeing you then!

Join Us For Bead Sorting

Join us on **Sunday, May 22** immediately following Morning Worship to help sort beads for the Chrismon Tree (Christmas tree). Bring a sack lunch and come fellowship and sort beads! See Lisa Stevens or Jane Justice for more information.

Schedule Your Photo Session Today!



It's time for a new Church Directory! The dates for the photography sessions are **May 23 and 24**. You may schedule your appointment today! Follow the instructions below:

▶ Go to the Universal Church Directories website: **www.ucdir.com**. Click on the

box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"

- ▶ Enter your church code: **ky378**
- ▶ Enter your church password: **photos**
- ▶ Click on the Enter button

- ▶ Click on the desired photography date
- ▶ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ▶ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ▶ Enter your email address if a confirmation email is desired
- ▶ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ▶ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment.

FPC Hosted a Shower for Laura & Adrian

Congratulations to Lura Frye and Adrian Adams on their upcoming wedding on August 27, 2022. FPC hosted a gift card shower for them on Sunday, April 24. A big thanks to all who participated and help make the shower a special event for the couple.





BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

- Ruth Ann Johnson: May 2
- Olivia Sublett: May 14
- Ellen Sharp: May 20
- Andrew Smithson: May 25
- Cassie Stevens: May 25
- Lura Frye: May 30