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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Journeying To The Cross and Beyond

By Rev. Bill Pollack

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead...'" (Matthew 28:1-7b)

The journey continues for us as we make our way to the cross. Once we get there, the journey will continue through an empty tomb and a resurrected Jesus! What an exciting time for us as we continue our faith walk with the Lord. In the midst of our transition from grief to joy, pain to relief and death to life; I would like to offer some words of encouragement found in the words we read on Easter Sunday. They are a set of three and completely share the story that our lives need to hear and reflect.

The first is "**He is risen.**" The second is "**Come and see.**" The final set is "**Go and tell.**" Can you

hear the direction for our hearts and lives today? The vibrancy of the first words are that which gives our hope a powerful assurance. "**He is risen**" communicates the reality of God's power and purpose for the world. Jesus who was crucified, died and buried is alive now and forever! "**Come and see**" is the invitation of a God who wants us to believe without doubting. He desires that we be assured that His word is true and His power to overcome is unshakable! "**Go and tell**" is the charge we are given to tell our story that is rooted in His story. We are given the joyful response of telling the resurrection story that fills our hearts today. Is Jesus real in our hearts? Then we must tell it to everyone who will hear. We have hope, joy and life flooding our spirits and overflowing in the love of God. We cannot keep it to ourselves.

Over the next few weeks, we are privileged to participate in the passion, power and promise of God. It is why He created you and me. It is why He offered Himself for us. It is why we can sing with jubilant hearts and voices the words of a great hymn— "*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives!*"

In these encouraging days of Lent/Easter— "**He is risen! Come and see! Go and tell!**" The world must know there is still hope for them! †

FPC Welcomes New Members!

FPC welcomes John & Kay Ferguson and Nanette Pollack to the life of our church. They joined the church on Sunday, March 27. The Fergusons transferred their membership from First Presbyterian of Berkeley, CA. Nanette transferred from FCC, Sioux Falls, SD. Be sure to welcome them to our church family!



With Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Anna Calvert Adkins. She passed away March 8, 2022. She is the mother-in-law of Yohana Calvert. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given in memory of:

- † **Anna Calvert Adkins** by Judy Fannin
- † **William "Bill" Jackson** by Jim & Ann Wiseman
- † **Rev. James Rucker** by Janet Winans; Jim & Ann Wiseman



→ **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.

→ **Men's Bible Study**,
Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans

→ **Winchester Bells**, Wednesdays,
5:45 p.m.

→ **Adult Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

→ **24 Hour Prayer Vigil**, Monday, April 4, begins at 5 a.m.

→ **Committee Meetings**, Monday, April 11, 5:30 p.m.

→ **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, April 14, 11:30 p.m.

→ **Maundy Thursday Service**, at Normal Presbyterian Church, April 14, 7 p.m.

→ **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 17

→ **Easter Sunrise Service**, at Normal Presbyterian Church, April 17, 6:30 a.m.

→ **Sew Blessed**, Monday, April 18, 6 – 8 p.m.

→ **Finance Committee**, Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 p.m.

→ **Session Meeting**, Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.

→ **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.

APRIL



Brent Goodwin: 4/4

Nancy Payne: 4/11

Judy Eby: 4/14

Don Lilly: 4/15

Judy Lilly: 4/17

Bob Miller: 4/21

Kara Adkins: 4/25

Rev. Jennifer Johnson: 4/26

Jan Holbrook: 4/28

Pulpit Supply

April 3 – John Ferguson

April 10 – John Ferguson

April 17 – Rev. Jennifer Johnson

April 24 – Rev. Tom Chafin

May 1 – Rev. Jennifer Johnson

May 8 – Chaplain Jimm Smedley

May 15 – Chaplain Jimm Smedley

Sunday School News!

The Poage Sunday School Class will be studying "Men of the New Testament" starting on April 3. We will begin with Joseph on page 318 of your study book. If you have any questions, contact Jane Justice.

Notes of Gratitude

Words run short in expressing our thanks to the FPC Church family for your overwhelming love and support for us as we approach the day of my surgery (April 4). We are grateful for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement. We are truly blessed to be with you all and look forward to what God is leading our congregation to be in the coming days and years. The Lord bless you richly in every way. *(Pastor Bill & Nanette)*

Thank you for your support of the Community Hospice Care Center snack ministry. Families and friends greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. *(Sandy Lemaster, CHCC Volunteer)*



Heather Whitman, Curator/Registrar, Highlands Museum and Discovery Center

In 2020 the Highlands Museum hosted an exhibit dedicated to Anita Madden. She is an Ashland native who married Preston Madden, heir to the Hamburg Place Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Hamburg Place was a prominent horse breeding farm. It raised many champion horses including the very first triple crown winner, Sir Barton. For decades the Maddens hosted lavish parties every Kentucky Derby Eve. Each year the black tie

event had a different theme, and attracted actors, athletes and even royalty. The Derby Eve party was ticketed with proceeds going to charity. The museum borrowed items from the estate at Hamburg Place. The exhibit items will be on display at the International Museum of the Horse in Lexington. Heather has been asked to guest curate the exhibit. Heather says, "this is a great compliment to me and great opportunity as well. I am excited and honored to represent my museum." FPC is proud of all Heather's dedicated work!

If you have some news to share with us; please send to the FPC office via email or phone. We are always looking for ways to celebrate our church family and friends here at FPC.

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