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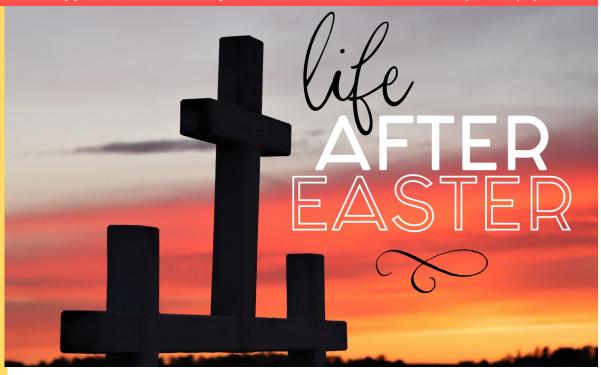
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By Rev. Bill Pollack

"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words..." (Luke 24:5b–8)

Remember – a word with power to keep and transform; a word to base our future hope upon. This is the word that challenged the women's response to the open and empty tomb. As they saw the incredible power of God revealed through the stone rolled away; their faith was renewed as they went to the eleven disciples with the "news."

Continuing with the news of the resurrection received, two disciples – Peter and John – went to see for themselves and finding everything as the women had reported, they went to their homes. (John 20:1-10) Imagine their incredulous response to the empty tomb. The words Jesus had spoken (three times) to the disciples on the way to Jerusalem and a cross were now validated through their eyes. They remembered His words!

However, in spite of their "seeing" they will

still need to have the reality of resurrection confirmed. Jesus would do this through some appearances to the disciples in other settings. Jesus would help them to **remember His words**.

As we continue forward though Easter heading to Pentecost, may we as well remember **His words.** Let us open our minds and hearts to the reality of the resurrection event that shook the foundations of all creation with power to change! Resurrection is the moment that announces the "old is gone and the new is here." (2 Corinthians 5:17) Resurrection invites us to consider, and reconsider, a familiar story with eternal implications. The words of the two men to the women at the tomb compel us to continue the journey with Jesus. Their words remind us that His word is true. We can remember His words in confidence as we journey from the empty to tomb to the promise of eternal life.

I invite you to continue this journey and the discovery that being His disciple is a reality that will forever change our future for the best. Will you join me and others on the way to experiencing the Way? I look forward to walking with you as we together **remember His words!** †



Sunday Morning Study: 9:18 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m. Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays,

7 a.m., Bob Evans Bell Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Easter Jam: Saturday, April 1, 1 p.m. at Church Drew McClelland Celebration: Sunday, April 2, Noon

Maundy Thursday: April 6, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service (Normal): Sunday, April 9, 6:30 a.m. Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, April 10, 5:30 p.m. Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.

Sew Blessed: Monday, April 17, 6 p.m.



- **EASTER FLOWERS:** You can order Easter flowers online at fpcaky.org or pick up an order form at the church.
- **EASTER JAM:** Calling all kids from ages 1–grade 6. We are having an Easter Egg Hunt here at the Church on Saturday, April 1 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Make plans to join us for a fun time!
- MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will host the Maundy Thursday Service for area Presbyterian Churches, April 6, at 7 p.m. This service observes the Lord's Supper and events leading through the burial of Jesus following Hs crucifixion and death. It is a solemn service that touches our souls. Join us for this memorable occasion.
- ► EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Normal Presbyterian will host the Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow.

Love Makes a Family!

Following our **April 2** Worship, we will host a reception for Drew McClelland as her family rejoices following the completion of Drew's adoption process. Congratulations to Keith and Holli and welcome to FPC Miss Drew! There will be a basket for cards.



Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. Dames & Dinner: Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Concert by Denine LeBlanc & Kathy Karr: Saturday, April

22. 12:30 p.m.

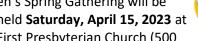
Kara's birthday celebration: Sunday, April 23, Noon Session Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.



Scott Sanderson—April 8 Judy Eby—April 14 Don Lilly-April 15 Judy Lilly—April 17 Bob Miller—April 21 Nancy Payne—April 21 Kara Adkins—April 25 Jennifer Johnson—April 26 Jan Holbrook — April 28

Camie Lambert—April 7

The Annual Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church (500





W. Main Street, Danville, KY). All women of the church are invited to fellowship with other women from across our Presbytery. This year's theme is: "Meeting in the Middle: Using Our Voices to Make a Difference" Registration deadline is Friday, April 7. For additional information and to register please contact Bettie George Frye at 606.831.8579.

Join Us For a Concert!



FPC will host a free concert by Denine LeBlanc, pianist and Kathy Karr, flutist on Saturday, April 22 from 12:30—1:30 p.m. The concert will be in the upstairs choir room. There will be a

reception following in the Narthex.

Denine LeBlanc, piano, holds a D.M.A from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, a M.M. from the University of Louisville and a B.M. from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She has played both traditional and contemporary concerts throughout the United States and in Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Poland.

Kathleen Karr is the Principal Flutist of the Louisville Orchestra and Flute Professor at the University of Louisville. In 2012, she was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Professor Award for the University of Louisville. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University and her Master of Music degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.