

Memorial Gift Given

A memorial gift was given in memory of *Martha Gesling* by Bridget Scully.

Pastor Away

Pastor Bill and Nanette will be out of town **April 18—22**. They will be traveling to Chicago for a granddaughter’s birthday celebration. Rev. Jennifer Johnson will preach on Sunday, April 21. If a need should arise, please contact your shepherd or session president, Mitch Hall.

Kara’s Birthday Celebration!

Kara’s birthday is coming soon, and we are inviting you to join in the celebration, following Morning Worship on **Sunday, April 21**. Kara has a special ministry with our children. Help us say thanks! The celebration will be in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



Notes of Gratitude

- ♥ **Ashland Youth Service Center Drive:** THANK YOU CHURCH!! We received over 100+ items to donate to the AYSC food bank. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! (*Mission Team*)
- ♥ **Easter Jam:** The candy and small toys made our annual Easter Jam a great success! We had 56 children and their families enjoy lunch together, pet live bunnies (thanks Shay family), hunt bunny money filled plastic eggs, spend that money at the Bunny Store, and play games. Thanks to all who gave their support and gift of time! (*Jane Justice & Kelly Hanni*)
- ♥ **Easter Towels:** Thank you for purchasing Easter towels to support our 205-year Celebration luncheon. Special thanks to Toni Gabbert for sharing her talents and generosity. \$307.50 was raised to help cover the costs of our celebration meal. (*Congregational Life Team*)
- ♥ **College Boxes:** Our FPC collegiates will be truly blessed when they receive their college boxes as they complete their Spring semester finals. Thank you for your donations of snacks, school supplies and gift cards! Please continue to pray for our young adults as they prepare for their semester end finals and projects. Thanks again! (*FPC Empty Nesters*)



Parents Night Out

Parents! You enjoyed your “quiet” the last time. Here is another opportunity to get out and have some “you” time! Parents’ Night Out is **Friday, April 12 from 5:30—8 p.m.** Drop off the kids here at Church and then go shopping, out to eat or just go home and rest! There will be fun activities for the kids including crafts, snacks and a whole lot of fun! Mark your calendar and have some fun!



- Sunday Morning Study:** Sundays, 9:18 a.m.
- Armchair Theologians:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:50 a.m.
- Genesis Bible Study:** Sundays, 5:30 p.m.
- Men’s Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Winchester Bells:** Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- PW Coordinating Team:** Monday, April 1, 5 p.m.
- Horizons Bible Study:** Monday, April 1, 6 p.m.
- Open Sanctuary:** Wednesday, April 3, 5:30—8 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, April 4, 1 p.m.
- Child/Youth Membership Class:** Sunday, April 7, Noon
- Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.
- 205 Meeting:** Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, April 11, 11:30 a.m.
- Parents’ Night Out:** Friday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.
- PW Spring Gathering:** Saturday, April 13/Richmond, KY
- Child/Youth Membership Class:** Sunday, April 14, Noon
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, April 18, 1 p.m.
- Rummage Sale:** Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Kara’s Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, April 21, Noon
- Nancy Payne’s 95th Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, April 21, 2 —4 p.m.
- Sew Blessed:** Monday, April 22, 6 p.m.
- Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.
- Dames & Dinner:** Thursday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.
- Child/Youth Membership Class:** Sunday, April 28, Noon
- Empty Nesters:** Monday, April 29, 5:30 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.

Church Rummage Sale

The church is having a rummage sale on **Saturday, April 20** in the Bethesda Community Hall from **9 a.m.—1 p.m.** We are asking for donations to be dropped off at the church the week of the sale: **NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.**

- ▶ Monday (April 15): 11 a.m.—2 p.m.; 5—6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Tuesday (April 16): 11a.m.—2 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesday (April 17): 1 p.m.—3 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday (April 18): 11 a.m.—2 p.m.; 4—6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Friday (April 19): 11a.m.—2 p.m.

All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new kitchen supplies such as plates, pots and pans, etc. Share the word with your friends and family. Thank you for your kind support.



- Cammie Lambert**—April 7
- Scott Sanderson**—April 8
- Ashton Wheeler**—April 11
- Judy Eby**—April 14
- Don Lilly**—April 15
- Rachael Dillon**—April 15
- Judy Lilly**—April 17
- Nancy Payne**—April 21
- Bob Miller**—April 21
- Kara Adkins**—April 25
- Donna Isaacs**—April 25
- Jennifer Johnson**—April 26
- Lee Weidner**—April 27
- Jan Holbrook**—April 28

Children/Youth Membership Classes



Pastor Bill will conduct a membership class for our children/youth who desire to become members of First Presbyterian Church. The classes will meet **April 7, 14, 28** immediately following morning worship in the Bethesda Community Hall. A lunch will be provided for participants. If interested, contact Pastor Bill (email: pastor@fpcaky.org or cell: 606.547.1802).



FPC Presbyterian Women News!

The FPC PW Coordinating Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **5 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024.** The current FPC PW Coordinating Team (CT) officers are Ann Wiseman, moderator; Judy Lillie & Bettie George Frye, co-treasurers; Jennifer Johnson & Heather Shay, co-recorders; Jane Justice & Kathleen Filkins, co-historians. If you'd like to join the CT, please let me know! (*Bettie George Frye*)

An FPC Mural is coming to the Floodwall:

- The Women of First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, February 18, approved funding for a FPC mural on the Ashland Train Depot floodwall.
- Ashland Arts Council approved the mural to be painted by Elias Reynolds on March 5, 2024.
- Ashland Board of Commissioners approved the mural on March 14, 2024.
- Estimated completion: Summer 2024.



Saturday, April 13, 2024
First Presbyterian Church,
Richmond, KY
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING GATHERING

Celebrate how “Mother Earth provides food security” with keynote speaker, Jim Embry of Richmond, KY

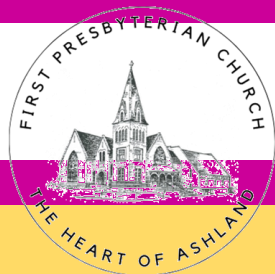
Jim Embry is a nationally recognized for his work for local-healthy-just food systems; winner of the 2023 Leadership award from the James Beard Foundation; leading civil rights activist, eco-activist farmer, educator, and speaker; UK grad; co-founded the Good Foods Co-op in Lexington; and was very involved in the startup of Glean, KY.

Fellowship and coffee time begins at 9:30 a.m.; and the Gathering will start at 10 in the sanctuary. After the program, there will be a box lunch at noon. **COME IN PERSON or ZOOM with us (see Registration Flyer for details).** We will then return to our churches (*hopefully*) on winged feet filled with enthusiasm for the work of women in our churches!

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes coffee and lunch. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION** is required by **April 5 to Emily Carroll,** Treasurer, 409 Cheyenne Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324, including check (payable to “PW of Transylvania Presbytery”). No refunds after April 5.

Additionally, there will be a worship service, information about PW in Transylvania Presbytery activities, an opportunity to learn about and share mission projects of interest for women in our churches, plus fellowship with interesting women dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ!

If interested in joining via Zoom, please contact Bettie George Frye ASAP (606.831.8579).



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**He is not here;
 he has RISEN!**

Mark 16:6

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.” (Mark 16:4–6a)

It began with a promise that one day the serpent would be crushed. (Genesis 3:15) It continued with the arrival of the One who would do the honors. (Galatians 4:4). It progressed through the events that framed Jesus’ life. Among these events were His dedication, baptism, temptation, teachings and healings. Ultimately, He allowed Himself to be betrayed, arrested and tried unjustly. This all ended with His conviction and crucifixion. When they took Him down from the tree (cross) and placed Him in the tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea; He was left to the processes of death. What a tragic end to a promising life, if only that was the end of the story.

However, to the glory of God, this story wasn’t ending. It was to have a new beginning. When the women approached the tomb that morning, they wondered how they would gain access to Jesus’ body to complete the burial with

the spices and anointments. They were amazed to see the massive stone rolled aside at the entrance to the tomb. They were going to be even more surprised as they entered the tomb. It was empty with the exception of the young man dressed in white! His words to them would forever change their world; and our world as well. “He has been raised; He is not here.”

And the promise of Genesis became the assurance of the Gospels through the resurrection of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. On the cross, Jesus raised His voice in declaring, “It is finished!” His earthly work was accomplished and He would soon be reunited with His heavenly Father. He was faithful to the end. As a result, we can know the favor of God’s grace and forgiveness. We can experience peace and joy beyond measure. We can receive the love we long for and the promise of eternal life offered by a loving God.

And so, the promise is continued. It continues through you and me as we seek to live as faithful followers of Jesus. In this, we join the millions who have gone before us in celebration of the good news – “He is risen!” Let us celebrate the empty tomb with our hearts full of joy and life! The promise has been fulfilled!

Pastor Bill