



The CHIMES Newsletter

April 1, 2023



Before he was Risen, there were Three Days...

On April 9th we will gather in the sanctuary and rejoice in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. But before we get to that day, there are a number of other events that we know took place in Jesus' last days that are included in his Passion – Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. There is a tradition in the church that celebrates these events called the "Three Days" (or, if you are Catholic, the Paschal Triduum). Traditionally, it includes the evenings of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil. To make it confusing, however, celebrations can focus on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter itself, as the evening denotes a new day in the Jewish calendar. If you would like to hold some observance of the Three days, consider using the ideas and prayers below to aid you:

Maundy Thursday: Traditionally, observances on this day occur in the evening. Consider coming to the Maundy Thursday service to celebrate communion in remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. Note that at the end of the service, the elders "strip the

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altar," removing from the Lord's Table and various areas at the front of the sanctuary decorations such as banners or flowers, and replacing them with a cross and black fabric. This is to recognize that Jesus finished the Last Supper and was then betrayed by Judas, arrested, and brought to trial. If you are observing at home, clear a space for you to use as a location for prayer and meditation for the Three Days and set out a cross. Don't decorate – keep it simple. Read the devotion for the day, and offer this prayer: *Holy God, this is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting me free from sin and death forever. Help me to surrender myself to your guidance. This is the day when Christ, my Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciple's feet, showing me how to love and serve others. Help me to lay down my pride and seek to serve as Jesus served. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all. Help me to find ways to welcome others into my life, and to share with them blessings of hope and grace. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.*

Good Friday: This is the day we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus, which took place at mid-day.

Take time to consider the pain and suffering that our sin caused Christ, and his great love for us that led him to choose to suffer on our behalf. Read the meditation for the day and consider reading other scriptures like Isaiah 52:13-53:12 or Psalm 22. Offer up this prayer: *Holy God, on this most challenging day, be with me. Open my eyes to see the suffering that sin has caused, and help me face the pain and death that Jesus took on my behalf. Help me to feel the weight of what Christ has done, and help me to embrace the reality of the love he felt for me that led him to sacrifice himself for my sake. Help me to appreciate my salvation, and to be eager to share with others the freedom he won for me. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.*

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Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 2:
Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m.
with communion

Thursday, April 6:
Maundy Thursday service with
communion at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 9:
Easter service at 10 a.m.

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Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil: This is a day when the world held its breath to see what would happen next. It was a day of despair for the disciples, and one of mystery from God as he raised Jesus from the dead. Sorrow lasted for the night, but joy came with the morning as women snuck to the tomb of Jesus and discovered it was empty. This day can be celebrated as a solemn occasion or as a transition from darkness to light. At home, burn a candle and “keep vigil” with some of the following scriptures: Psalm 42, Jonah 2:2-9, Psalm 98. Pray the following prayer: *Holy Lord, this night may seem dark, but light shines through it, and the darkness does not overcome the light. Help me to hold onto the light of my salvation, and to shine as a light in the world, trusting that our great longing for you will be answered, and joy will come with the morning. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.*



EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Inez Rose
In honor of our Risen Savior

Mark & Vicki Cather
In memory of Calvin & Laura Ball & Robert & Patricia Cather

Clyde & Marylynn Yust
In memory of Charles & Jean Yust, James & Eleanor Berry

Evelyn Moon
In honor of Patti Loyd and Tom Glew

James Corton
In memory of Virginia Corton

Judy Rutter
In memory of all our loved ones who have gone to the Lord.

Vince & Sue D'Imperio
In memory of Mary D'Imperio & Joanne Warwick

Lenten Study Class Thank you for coming!

Thank you to all who attended and made the Lenten Study classes possible! We had wonderful turnouts each week, averaging 27 participants over the two class sessions. It is very meaningful that so many engaged in this series to discuss more in-depth different images and theories of Atonement. A special thank you to all those who made sure we had something to eat by making soup or bringing bread: Connie Brazee, Marsha Carter, Vickie Cather, Evelyn, Debra, and Chris Cox, Sue D’Imperio, Ronnie Dayton, Judy Irvine, Barbara Musgrave, Inez Rose, Judy Rutter, Terry Twardzik, and Marylynn Yust. Finally, a special thank you to Sue Clark, who organized all the food, and to Judy Irvine, Sue Clark, and Barbara Musgrave, who all worked regularly on setting up, making tea and lemonade, bringing over supplies, and cleaning up after study sessions!



The Sharing Center is once again accepting donation of non-perishable food, clothing, and items for their thrift shop. We have a donation box in the sanctuary and office.

In particular, the following food pantry items are needed:

- Baby Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Canned Fruits (even better if pop tops)
- Peanut Butter
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Canned Veggies
- Rice
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Crackers
- Canned Beans
- Canned Soup
- Instant Tea
- Drink Mixes

With Great Appreciation!

Thank you to all who supported FPC Palm Bay’s Shoe Mission through the special offering in March. Each year we work with the guidance counselors in as many as a dozen local elementary schools to identify students who need assistance in obtaining new shoes for school. A pair of shoes may seem like a small thing, but the confidence boost they give and the care they represent mean the world to the students who are part of the Shoe Mission program. Thank you again for your generosity and support of this program!



Hi Debra. It’s official: I’m typing this email from my office in The Firehouse. It feels surreal. A project that took years feels like it has suddenly come together in the span of days. Because of your belief in our mission, your support of our programs, and your contributions to our vision, we’ve made it this far. Thank you doesn’t seem like enough to express how much your partnership means to us.

We’re spending the next couple of weeks getting used to the new space and then the doors will fully open to the public! Starting on March 28th, I’ll begin hosting “Tours with Tara” every Tuesday at 12 PM. I hope you’ll be one of the first to join us!

We’re hosting our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, April 1st (it’s no joke!) from 10AM to 1PM. The official invitations will be sent out next week, but we wanted to make sure you had the date ASAP to add this celebratory occasion to your calendar.

If you’re interested in ways to continue to support this project please review the list below.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for continuing to help local families grow.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Tara Pagliarini
Executive Director
Family Promise of Brevard

Ways to support The Firehouse Project

- Shop our Amazon or Target Wish Lists
- Purchase a plant for the Community Plant Wall
- Volunteer to remove carpet & seal concrete in the roundhouse
- Volunteer to add shelves to family storage closets

Special Offering in April: One Great Hour of Sharing



We will be taking up an offering on April 9th, Easter Sunday, for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Project, and the Self-Development of People program. These three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Word from the Herd

A memorial service for Ed Riedesel, a former interim pastor here at FPC, will be held on April 1st at 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd.

The Deacons are recruiting drivers to assist Danny Paul to be able to get to and from dialysis three days a week. Danny drove many people in the church to doctors’ appointments in his time as a deacon, and we would like to be a blessing to him and his family as he now is the one in need of assistance. The appointments are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and you can sign up to take him to dialysis, bring him home, or both. Judy Rutter is organizing the schedule with Danny’s wife, Pamela. You can reach Judy to sign up as a driver by calling her at 321-543-3190.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School class has launched into their new study, the New Testament book of Galatians, one of Paul's most impassioned and eloquent letters. It warns Christians of the dangers of both legalism and lawlessness, calling believers to live gospel-shaped lives. The study book walks readers through the promises, warnings, and gospel declarations found in Galatians, and the class discussion adds insight and personal application, as well as laughter. All are welcome to come at 8:45 Sunday mornings to participate!



With the Lenten Studies coming to an end, it is time for the regular Wednesday group to start meeting again. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 12th and we will be sharing in a devotion and deciding what to study next. Bring a lunch, your questions, and your curiosity about the Bible and share them with Pastor Debra and one another. All are welcome!

Flower Chart Sign-Up Calendar

Do you enjoy the flowers we have in the sanctuary each Sunday? Are there special people or occasions in your life you wish to honor with flowers? There are still dates available in June, July, and October. Please sign up on the new chart in the sanctuary or call the office at (321) 725-8484 to reserve your desired spot(s).



Clyde & Marylynn Yust
April 10

Lorraine & Blair Burns
April 11

Harry & Donna Wolford
April 16

Vincent & Sue D'Imperio
April 19

Art & Judy Irvine
April 30

The Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon for April will be held Thursday the 27th, 11:30 a.m. at Frigate's Waterfront Bar and Grill, 1120 N. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, 32935. Please contact Marsha Carter at macarter1950@yahoo.com for more information. Last day for sign up will be April 24th.



Thank You to those who blessed us in worship in March

Elders of Month: Clyde Yust

Ushers: Judy Rutter, Jim Corton, Brian & Sue Clark, Marsha Carter, Evelyn Cox

Flowers Donated By: Mike Nardelli, Brian Young & Carolyn Teal, Anna Wood, Ron & Georgia Shane



Marlin Fausey
April 2

Patti Loyd
April 11

Winston Melbourne
April 12

Robert Ritter
April 12

Judy Quirico
April 15

Mike Keen
April 16

Monia Yust
April 19

John Yust
April 21

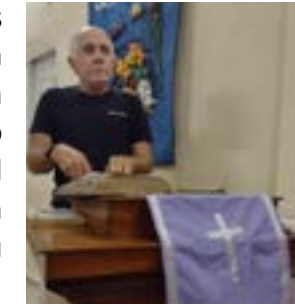
Evelyn Moon
April 27

Nancy Hudack
May 5



Cuba Mission Report...by John Yust

On March 14th I traveled to Cuba with 10 others from our Presbytery. Most of those people were from churches that had a partnership with another church in Cuba. Our church does not have such a partnership, so I partnered with Patricia Zinn from Pineda. We carried with us donated OTC medicines and other items, such as crafts for the children. Many thanks to those of you who donated. In all we had 22 large suitcases.



The 14th was a long travel day. I left home at 7:30 AM. We arrived at the Santa Clara airport at 7:00 PM, then traveled by bus and car to our place for the night. Pat and I arrived at 10:00 PM at the town of Menenses. I stayed with one family, Pat with another. In the morning, the 15th, we went to the church to unpack and sort our suitcases. In the afternoon there was a Bible study. There was supposed to be a service in the evening, but it was rained out.



The next day we went to the town of Remedios. Some of our group were there. We visited some families, then had lunch. In the afternoon there was a craft activity for the kids – 26 kids came!!

The 17th we moved to the town of Iguara. Pat and I were together this time in the home of one of the elders. Some visitations in the afternoon. Some of the houses are very basic. We visited one where the windows were just holes in the walls; no glass, screens, or shutters. There was no ceiling, just the underside of the roof.

The 18th we had a similar craft activity with kids – 13 this time. In the afternoon there was a church service with a baptism.

Sunday the 19th was an off day. In the morning we walked to the "market." A few scattered stores selling only food. We passed a pharmacy with shelves that were almost bare. More visitation in the afternoon.



The 20th we all moved to Santa Clara, our final destination. Stayed in a nice dormitory. In the afternoon there was a meeting with some members of the Presbytery leadership. They presented a report. Some highlights:

- There are 12 churches but only 10 pastors.
- In 2022 they received \$10,000 from the U.S. This money goes to the various committees.
- The Presbytery has 5 cars, 4 motorcycles, and two school buses.

Overall impressions:

A very poor country. Almost impossible to buy clothes and medicine. We met someone from a hospital who said there is no anesthesia for surgery. In spite of everything, the people are cheerful and happy.

Session Summary

The session met on March 21st. Matters discussed included the following:

- Reported the transfer of Mike and Celia Keen's membership to Morton Memorial UMC in Tennessee. Approved the Pastor's request for two weeks off starting May 30th.
- Approved the Mission Committee's motion to donate Family Promise hosting materials to the organization Heard a report of the March Presbytery meeting
- Confirmed an email vote to allow the school to put up cameras that oversee areas used by the school for recreation.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Average Monthly Expenses: \$19,718.35
 - Actual Expenses in February: \$14,665.18
 - Contributions in February: \$13,957.94
 - Income for 2023: \$42,392.76
 - Expenses for 2023 \$29,993.49
 - Surplus year-to-date:
 - \$12,399.27

Happy Easter from the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay!

The church office will be closed Monday, April 10th in observance of Easter Monday.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 am WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SUNDAY	3 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	4 10:30 pm DAILY BREAD 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	5 12:00 & 6:00 pm LENTEN BIBLE STUDY 1:30 pm CHOIR PRACTICE	6 6:15 pm NA 7:00 pm MAUNDY THURSDAY	7 GOOD FRIDAY 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	8 HOLY SATURDAY
9 10:00 am EASTER WORSHIP SPECIAL COLLECTION ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	11 11:30 am CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	12 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 ADMIN 7:00 pm BAND	13 6:15 pm NA	14 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	15
16 10:00 am WORSHIP DEACONS MEETING WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING	17 CHIMES DEADLINE 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	18 11:30 am CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm SESSION 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	19 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 pm BAND	20 6:15 pm NA	21 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	22
23 10:00 am WORSHIP OPERATION HOPE BEGINS	24 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	25 11:30 am CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	26 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 pm BAND	27 11:30 am SENIOR LUNCHEON 6:15 pm NA	28 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	29
30 10:00 am WORSHIP 5 PER MEAL						

Let your Joy burst forth like flowers in the Spring!

Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19

IN THE WORD

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<p>April 1 Read John 11:43-45 Jesus commands Lazarus to come out, and he does! Now they must "unbind" him - touching him to remove the grave cloths and, symbolically, welcoming him back.</p>	<p>April 2 Read John 11:55-12:25 In the days before Passover, Jesus is hunted, loved, and celebrated. Jesus does not worry about how he is being received, he is focused on what his death and calls it glory.</p>	<p>April 3 Read John 12:37-50 Though many believed in Jesus and welcomed him to Jerusalem as a king, others did not believe, or were afraid to do so openly. What obstacles prevent us from being openly faithful?</p>
<p>April 4 Read John 14:1-11 Jesus proclaims that he is the way, the truth, and the life. What do each of these statements mean to you? How is Jesus your way? Your truth? Your life? How do you show this each day?</p>	<p>April 5 Read John 15:1-8 Jesus commands his disciples to abide in him, as a branch does to the vine, and to bear fruit. What do these commandments mean to you? What fruit do you bear for Jesus?</p>	<p>April 6 : Maundy Thursday Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35 As his final lesson to the disciples, Jesus washes their feet and commands them to love one another. How can you show someone love through service in response?</p>
<p>April 7 : Good Friday Read John 19:1-30 John depicts Jesus as the perfect sacrifice - not angry, not sad, but loving and faithful even unto death. But he is not weak - with his final words, he ends the tyranny of sin.</p>	<p>April 8 : Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil Read John 19:31-42 Nicodemus, the man who once came to Jesus by night, now honors Jesus openly, and helps prepare his body for burial. How can we find ways to honor Jesus in ways that others see?</p>	<p>April 9 : Easter Sunday He is Risen! Happy Easter!</p> 
<p>April 10 Read John 20:1-2 When Mary Magdalene first saw the empty tomb, she did not think of resurrection, but theft. When have you mistaken a blessing for a curse? What helped you see the truth?</p>	<p>April 11 Read John 20:3-5 Peter and John race to the tomb, but when John gets there first, he does not enter. Why do you think he hesitated at the door instead of going in? Why are we afraid of miracles?</p>	<p>April 12 Read John 20:6-9 Peter goes into the tomb and finds a mystery - the wrappings and cloth are present, but Jesus' body is not, They did not yet understand what happened - why do you think that is?</p>
<p>April 13 Read John 20:11-13 While the men returned home, Mary stayed at the tomb, grieving, and was the only one who saw the angels in the tomb. Her tears confuse the angels, who know this is a day of joy.</p>	<p>April 14 Read John 20:14-15 Even though Jesus speaks to her, Mary does not recognize him. In part, it could be her grief and expectations blind her. Even so, she is determined to honor Jesus by caring for his body.</p>	<p>April 15 Read John 20:16-18 It is when Jesus calls Mary by her name that she sees him for who he is and realizes he is alive. When we have a personal connection to Jesus, it is easier to understand his love for us.</p>

Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.

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<p>April 16 Read John 20:19 What a moment! The disciples are locked in their house in fear, and Jesus appears proclaiming, "peace." What situation do you want Jesus to speak peace to in your life?</p>	<p>April 17 Read John 20:20-21 Jesus doesn't just say the word peace, he shows them why they should trust him - in showing the marks of his crucifixion, Jesus proves that all he said and did was not a trick.</p>	<p>April 18 Read John 20:22-23 John tells the story of the Holy Spirit differently, and his way is more personal, as Jesus himself breathes the Spirit into the disciples. Imagine the Spirit coming to you from Christ!</p>
<p>April 19 Read John 20:24-25 Thomas was ready to follow Jesus to death at the raising of Lazarus, but now is unwilling to trust that Jesus is alive. Why do you think he is afraid to hope in Jesus or trust the disciples?</p>	<p>April 20 Read John 20:26-27 Jesus returns to the disciples and makes sure not to leave Thomas out, inviting him to seek the reassurance he needs that all of this is real. What do you do for reassurance?</p>	<p>April 21 Read John 20:28-29 Thomas answers in faith, and even though Jesus commends those who believe without seeing him, he does not condemn Thomas or reject him. We also should be patient with doubt.</p>
<p>April 22 Read John 20:30-31 John says there are other signs that are not recorded, but that the ones present in the gospel are so that we might believe and have life. How can we choose our words to do the same?</p>	<p>April 23 Read Luke 24:13-16 Luke tells the story of two disciples who talk with Jesus after the resurrection without recognizing him. If you talked with Jesus unaware, what might you say about him?</p>	<p>April 24 Read Luke 24:17-20 It is interesting to hear the summary of events - Jesus' ministry and death are the most important piece of news. They start off well in how they focus on Jesus.</p>
<p>April 25 Read Luke 24:21-24 As the report continues, we see the flaws in expectation and belief. They thought Jesus to be a prophet and hoped for more. They also don't know what to think about the empty tomb.</p>	<p>April 26 Read Luke 24:25-27 Jesus takes the time to teach these men the truth of who he is. Even though they are wrong in their understanding, they have open hearts, and Jesus can work with that.</p>	<p>April 27 Read Luke 24:28-29 It speaks well of the men that they invite Jesus to stay with them - again, a sign of their open hearts. They did not take offence at being corrected, but welcome the teachings of Christ.</p>
<p>April 28 Read Luke 24:30-32 When Jesus breaks bread with them, they understand who he is, even though these men were not at the Last Supper. What is it about that sacrament that helps them see Jesus?</p>	<p>April 29 Read Luke 24:33-35 The final proof of the worthiness of these disciples is that they immediately act to share the good news, returning to Jerusalem and proclaiming that Christ is risen!</p>	<p>April 30 Read Acts 2:42-43 The early church, upon receiving the Spirit, acts in ways that awe everyone, not just because of the signs they perform, but because their way of life stands out as different and blessed.</p>
<p>May 1 Read Acts 2:44-45 The selling of possessions and communal support was a sign of faith and commitment in the early church, and that supporting one another more important than personal care.</p>	<p>May 2 Read Acts 2:46-47 The believers' lives were marked by praise, worship, generosity, fellowship, prayer, and community. They inspired others around them and were attracting others to join.</p>	<p>May 3 Read 1 Peter 2:19-20 Peter offers a teaching on how to understand persecution from others rather than approbation. We need to seek to do good, not to be popular with others.</p>