

From the Pastor

Easter is a Time of Celebration

Greetings to you and yours,

This is the month that we celebrate Easter. It is the celebration of the resurrection of the Jesus from the tomb. Some see Easter as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy found in Isaiah and other prophetic literature.

Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew our hope in daily life. Easter teaches us that when it seems as if all hope is gone, there is still hope available. Easter is a message of hope for all situations and all people. The hope is not wishful thinking but committed action for a new way of being and living.

It is my prayer that you will receive the blessing of hope this Easter. I pray that your hope will be strengthened and renewed as you celebrate the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Happy Easter!



Many Blessings,
Dr. Kerry



Session has updated our COVID Protocols. Mask wearing is now optional. We will continue to make masks available. This is subject to change if COVID cases rise. The offering plate will continue to be at the front of the Sanctuary and bulletins will to yet be printed. Traditional Communion or Passing of the Peace will also not be restarted at this time.



Church Events

UKRAINE SPECIAL OFFERING

Beginning This Sunday, March 27, we will begin to collect for a special offering to help provide much needed aid to the people of Ukraine.

These funds will be used for humanitarian aid such as food, shelter, medicine, diapers, hygiene items, and more, which will be distributed by our ecumenical partners on the ground. These people need help now, and we pray that one day soon the people forced to flee will be able to return to their homes.

You may make gifts in cash or check to First Pres, clearly designated for "Ukraine". Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you in advance.



FERGUSON EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT JANUARY-WABASH MEMORIAL PARK

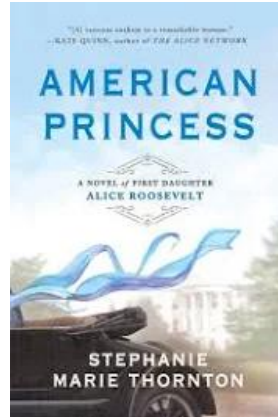
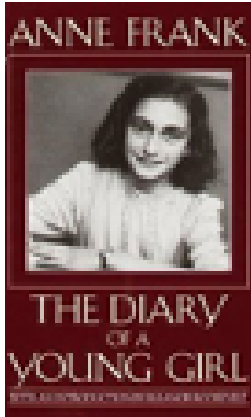
You are invited to come and celebrate Easter at the annual 2022 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 17 at 6:30am at January-Wabash Memorial Park, located at January Avenue and N. Florissant Road. The service will be held outside on the west side of the lake. Bring your own chair if desired. The Rev. Dr. Kerry Allison, first black pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson, will be giving a brief meditation for the informal service. Dr. Kerry's ministry with First Presbyterian Church is forging new ways to connect with and serve the Ferguson area. Clergy from various churches and ministries in Ferguson will also participate. This is a great way to begin the celebration of the resurrection and new life!

This special service is sponsored by the Ferguson Ministries Alliance. A free-will offering will be received for PAKT which benefits the Ferguson Community. For more information, please contact Rev. Ellie Stock (314) 521-8418 or elliestock@aol.com.

Church Events

Book Club

7PM in Memorial Lounge



April 5: We are meeting in person in the Memorial Lounge.

May 3: 3rd American Princess (A novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt) by Stephanie Marie Thornton.

Bring your own snack and drink. Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions.



Join the Bible Study at noon during Lent with Dr. Kerry leading the Lenten series, in person and on Zoom. If you would like to join the study by Zoom, contact Pastor Kerry to receive the Zoom link at soul.man66@icloud.com.



Confirmation Classes continue through May 15th. Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 22nd in the Sanctuary.



You are invited to join us the first Sunday of each month for Communion in the Sanctuary or streaming through our web site at www.faithinferguson.com



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the five special offerings of the PCUSA. It is an offering that is taken during the season of Lent. The purpose of this offering is threefold. 33% of the offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. 36% of the funds raised goes to Presbyterian Hunger Program. PHP takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. 32% of the offering goes to Self-Development of People. SDOP invests in low-income communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. SDOP projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; disabilities; and immigration/refugee issues.

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson will be participating in this special offering. There are special envelopes in the pews for you to use. You are encouraged to support this special offering of our denomination. It is one way that we, the disciples of Jesus Christ, can make a difference in the world.

Gifts by check or cash should be made to First Pres clearly designated to "OGHS". Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you!

"Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God. (Psalm 147:7)



Music is such a vital part of worship--helping us to glorify God and give Him praise. We have many opportunities here at First Presbyterian for you to serve in our music ministry. There is always room in the choir, handbell choir, vocal soloists and instrumentalists to bring special music. It is our goal to use all types of music for worship and praise. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please contact me.

May God receive all the glory!

Becky

Church Events & Other Information



The Confirmation Class is off and running! There are 14 young people attending classes on Sundays through May 15. Stay tuned for more information about the activities of the confirmation class and ways that we can get to know them. To begin introducing them, each one has been interviewed and you will notice their photos and a little info about them on signs hanging in the sanctuary. On May 22 they will make their Statement of Faith. Some will be baptized, and all will decide on being members of First Pres. Please pray for these young people and their leaders.

The Confirmands: *Courtney Cobb, Leo Downs, Isaiah Gardner, Adrian Harrold, Alijah Harrold, Aniyah Harrold, Ella Harrold, Summer Harrold, McKenna Koser, Mollie Koser, Emanuelle Smith, Journey Sutherland-Lewis, Dane Tallent, and Devon Tallent.*

The leaders: Rev. Dr. Kerry Allison, Albert Harrold, Quiana Harrold, Jan Foster, Jodie Hamer-Schlobohm, and Debby Koenig.



CELEBRATING SUSIE OWENS AT COFFEE HOUR ON APRIL 3!

Not only will we return to Coffee Hour at 9:30am on Sunday, April 3, we will also celebrate Susie Owens' 28 years as Nursery Coordinator. Susie is retiring and want to wish her all the best and thank her for her many years of service. Laura Koser will be the new Nursery Coordinator starting April 3 as well..



As you are walking toward the Church from the parking lot, please stop and look to the right as you approach the entrance doors and enjoy our beautiful Lenten Roses. This perennial, Helleborus, is an early spring bloomer--blooming usually during the season of Lent looking like a like a rose – the season of Lent is here.

Other Information

FACILITY USE REQUESTS REMINDER

If you wish to use space in the church building, you are required to fill out a Facility Use Request form. Your request will need approval so that there are no scheduling conflicts. Please contact the church office for the form. Thank you.

Karen Schriefer

Temporary Administrative Assistant

(314) 522-8542



Don't forget to submit your prayer requests before services on Sunday mornings. The Prayer Request Forms will be located in the offering plate as you enter through the sanctuary door. Please complete your prayer request and place it on the communion table before the service begins. Dr. Kerry will read the requests from the pulpit so all can hear.

April Birthday's

- 1 - Susan Knape
- 2 - Enoch Akakpo-Lado
- 3 - Aniyal Harrold
- 6 - Jodie Hamer Schlobohm1
- 6 - Glenda Wuertenberg
- 26 - Duane Mazzacavallo
- 28 - Kate Mazzacavallo
- 30 - Jan Foster

If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect,
please let the office know



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