

From the Pastor

Easter Hope

Hello Family and Friends,

How For You? I De Fine, (Cameroonian Pidgin)

Thomas Fuller says, "Great hope makes great people."

Easter is all about hope. When things seem impossible, in the perfect time, hope appears with the possibilities of life and love. The narrative of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ centers on the loving hope of God. God provides life, love, grace, mercy, bliss, rest, and hope for the human soul. The God of hope through Jesus Christ gives intangible peace and joy to navigate through the vicissitudes of reality. Hope is the gift of the Easter that conveys you can make it. Hope says resolutely tough times do not last always, but tough people who believe in Christ do. During the lonely night of tears and pain, hope is the assurance that joy comes in the morning. It is Easter time! It is the time of hope! Many blessings.

Please join us for our Holy Week Services and our Celebration on Easter morning.

See you on Sunday,

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 aren't being printed. Traditional Communion or Passing of the Peace will also not be restarted at this time.



Up Coming Events

****Please be sure to turn in all Newsletter information NO LATER than 5 business days before the 1st of the month!**

APRIL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 5th - Final Week Lent in Plain Sight with Kerry Via Zoom **5pm**

April 6th - Maundy Thursday Service **6:30pm** via in-person & livestream

April 7th - Good Friday Service **7pm** at **St. Barnaba's Church, 2900 St. Catherine Florissant, MO.** Phone Number #314-837-7113

April 9th - Easter Sunrise Service **6:30am** at January Wabash Park

April 9th - Easter Sunday Service in-person & livestream, Children's Egg Hunt to follow normal service

April 15th- Tom Clayton's Memorial **2pm** in Sanctuary

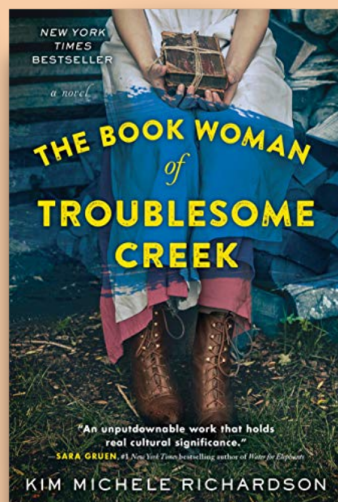
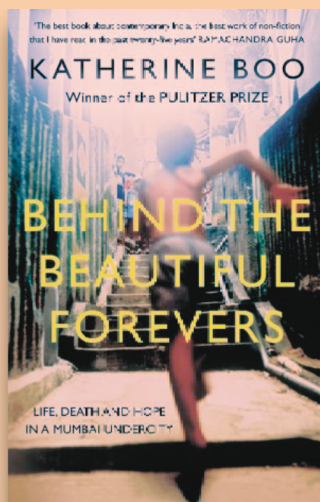
April 23rd - Organ Recital **2pm** in Sanctuary

April 23rd - Free Author Event, **2pm** at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church

April 28th - Coffee Klatsch, **10-11:30am**

***Special Entry Request*- June 26th-30th: Vacation Bible School** **9:30am - 12pm**

Mark Your
CALENDAR



Book Club

7pm in Memorial Lounge

April 4: Review

Behind the Beautiful Forevers By Katherine Boo

May 2: Review

The Book Women of Troublesome Creek By Kim Michele Richardson

Bring your own snack and drink. Contact Karen Schriefer at

314-522-6842 if you have any questions.

2023 Lent Calendar

HOLY WEEK

- APR 2 - PALM SUNDAY** 10:15AM
INPERSON, LIVE STREAM, FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE
- APR 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** 6:30PM
INPERSON, LIVE STREAM, FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE
- APR 7 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** 7:00PM
- APR 9 - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** 6:30 AM
JANUARY WABASH PARK
- APR 9 - EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP** 10:15AM
INPERSON, LIVE STREAM
- APR 9 - CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT** FOLLOWING WORSHIP

****The Church will be accepting candy until Easter Sunday****

Health Gathering

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson's Health Gathering was a Success!





Bible Study

Lent in Plain Sight

Final Wednesday April 5th, 5:00PM-5:45 PM on Zoom

You are invited to join us on a very meaningful Lenten journey using the devotional, *Lent in Plain Sight*, by Jill J.

Duffield. In this devotional, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, *Lent in Plain Sight* reminds us to open ourselves to the kingdom of God. Lenten journeys are not meant to be solitary excursions into self but a long walk with good companions along the way of the cross. Like prayer itself, the journey is hard, and we need help to sustain us along the way.

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

We hope you will join us for these five -- 45 minute sessions in March, led by Pastor Kerry. There's no need to buy the book. We will email you the material for each session as we approach it. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the library. Be sure to include your email address for the Zoom invite. Also, if you are not typically in church on Sunday to sign up, just email Paula at pbj1018@att.net to be added to the Zoom invite list.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86129295801>

Meeting ID: 861 2929 5801

One tap mobile

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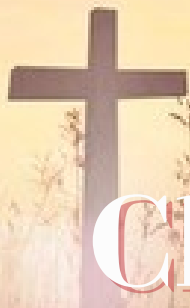
Donation Opportunity

One Great Hour of Sharing



In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - 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. Your impact restores hope, feeds the hungry, and empowers the oppressed. This offering, received during the season of Lent, supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



Church Event

You Are Invited

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson

*Farewell
Organ
Recital*

Our organ is moving to Milwaukee, WI
to begin a new season of service.

This organ has played a very important
role in our worship services. We will
celebrate its role with a
Farewell Organ Recital.

Two very distinguished organists,
Dr. Richard Thompson and Dr. Bill Wade
will be performing.

A reception will immediately follow.

April 23, 2023

2:00PM

401 Darst Road Ferguson, MO



Outside Event

**FIRST TO FALL
BY KEN ELLINGWOOD**

**FREE
AUTHOR
EVENT**

Sunday, April 23rd

2:00 PM



If slavery is America's original sin, then perhaps suppression of a free press is its second. Ellingwood's chronicle of the life of Elijah Lovejoy shows how both were intertwined on the Southern frontier of the 1830s. While a meticulously researched historical account, the story unfolds like a mystery. Despite knowing beforehand the fate that awaits Lovejoy, the reader is drawn in to the what-ifs and might-have-beens that may have kept him alive.

**FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11155 CLAYTON RD., FRONTENAC, MO 63131**

*The Story of
Giddings Lovejoy
and the struggle for a free press*

Brought to you by the History Work Group of the
Presbytery & Faith DesPeres Presbyterian Church

Guest Speaker Fundraiser

Join your friends at our



Coffee Klatsch

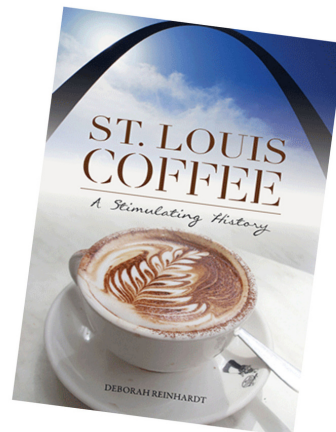
Enjoy coffee, donuts and speaker
Deborah Reinhardt, talking about her new book,
St. Louis Coffee: A Stimulating History

Friday, April 28, 2023
10 - 11:30 AM



\$15 in Advance
\$17 at Door

***Tickets available
from any Chapter IM
member, by calling
Kelly at 314-753-1116,
or by email at
PEOChapterIM@gmail.com***



Did you know St. Louis was once the coffee capital of the U.S.? This fascinating book traces the history of this wake-up favorite in the Gateway City. Books may be purchased at this event!

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national and local scholarships, grants and
educational loans for women of all ages.**

Donation Opportunity

VBS Partnership

Summer is just a few months away!

Below is information for the **VBS Partnership**.

When: Monday, June 26th - Friday, June 30th

Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Theme: Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!



Committee Highlight

Nominating

Chair Person:

Debby Koenig

Purpose:

This Committee nominates individuals in the life of the church to serve as elders and trustees.

Responsibilities:

Recruits elders and trustees in accordance with the Book of Order and the By-Laws of this congregation.

Committee News and Updates

- **Hans Knape has agreed to stay on as trustee**
- **Monica Barks will continue for another years session**

New Session Members to date:

- **Jean Bryant and Jan Foster**
- **2 slots for session members still available**





Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers and Concerns for:

Concerns

**Lyn Dismuke (friend of Jan's), Steve (son of Lois Andrew),
Esme and Dagny Hurlbut's family, Deja Allison (Pastor
Kerry's daughter), Chris and Dina O'Brien**



Joyful News

**Elaine and Lee would like to congratulate their daughter,
Jackie, and Husband, Lee, for having a baby girl named
Layna Marie last Friday.**



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.

Holly Turner

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-Schlobohm
- 15- Dagny Hurlbut
- 16- 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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