

# From the Pastor

## GOD MAKES THINGS NEW

**Dear Church Family,**

As we journey through the month of April, I am reminded of the eternal truth that God makes all things new. In the unfolding beauty of this season, we witness the power of transformation and renewal at every turn. The trees that stood bare in winter now bear blossoms, the earth that lay dormant now teems with life, and our hearts that felt weary find hope and strength once more.

Just as the springtime brings forth new life and growth, so too does our faith in God offer us the promise of renewal and transformation. In the presence of God's grace, we are invited to let go of the past, to release our burdens, and to embrace the possibilities of what is to come. God's love is a gentle force that breathes new life into our weary souls, guiding us towards a brighter future filled with hope and promise.

As we marvel at the beauty of creation unfolding around us, may we be reminded of the infinite power of God to bring forth beauty from ashes, to turn mourning into joy, and to transform our brokenness into wholeness. In the tender embrace of God's love, we find the courage to let go of old wounds, to forgive those who have hurt us, and to step boldly into the newness of life that awaits us.

Let us approach this month of April with hearts open to the renewal that God offers us. Let us seek out moments of quiet reflection, times of prayer and meditation, and opportunities for spiritual growth. As we walk this path of transformation, may we be reminded that we are never alone, for God walks beside us, guiding us with love and grace every step of the way.

May the month of April be a time of renewal, of transformation, and of rebirth for each and every one of us. May we trust in the promise that God makes all things new, and may we embrace the possibilities of new beginnings with joy and gratitude.

**With Love and Blessings,**

**Dr. Kerry**



# 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 6th - Youth's Miss, Moms, & Muffins, 9am-1pm, McCluer Highschool**

**April 7th - Communion Sunday, 10:15am**

**April 14th - Baptism Sunday, 10:15am, Novah & Malik Foreman**

**April 14th - Mini Health Fair, after services, located in library**

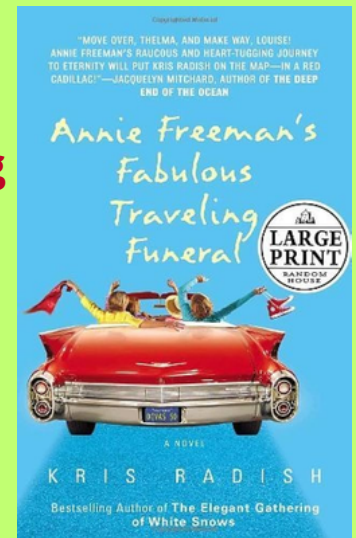
**Book Club meets  
April 2nd 7pm**

**Handle with Care  
By Jodi Picoult**

Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions



**Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral  
By Kris Radish**



**Coming up:  
Book Club meets  
May 7th 7pm**

# Palm Sunday Brunch



**Palm Sunday was a glorious day as we celebrated Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and ready ourselves for Holy Week. The Palm Sunday Brunch was a joyous event with a beautiful spread of various dishes and desserts provided by members and friends of Second Church. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the delicious ham, the clean-up crew, and those who came the day before to beautifully decorate Fellowship Hall, and to all those who stayed to enjoy the fellowship!**



# Easter Sunrise Service



# Easter Service



# Bible Study



## Wednesday **BIBLE STUDY**

WITH *Dr. Kerry*

TIME

12:00 pm

401 Darst Road, Ferguson, MO

# Youth Ministry

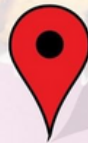
## MISS, MOMS, AND MUFFINS

Bring your favorite female figure  
and join us for muffins,  
refreshments, & real discussions.

Please register, so we can  
ensure enough refreshments for  
all attendees.

**SATURDAY | APR. 6**  
**9 AM - 1 PM**

McCluer High School  
1896 S. New Florissant Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63031



# Communion Sunday



*First Church of Ferguson*  
**HOLY**  
*Communion*

**Sunday**

401 Darst Road,  
Ferguson, MO

**7th**  
**APRIL 2024**  
**10:15 am**

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# Baptism Sunday



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE

## Baptism

DAUGHTER of Nicole & Malik

## Novah Inez

April

Sunday

**14**

2024

AT 10:15 am

*First Church of Ferguson*

401 Darst Road Ferguson MO

# Coffee Hour Needs Volunteers



Coffee hour has always been a time to say good morning, sit around some tables with coffee and enjoy coffee cake, cookies, fruit and other yummy morning treats and share in conversation before the morning worship service. One of the challenges we have had is getting people to sign up to bring goodies and serve/clean-up afterwards, resulting in Wendy Dean providing what is needed for most Sundays. After discussion about this at the last couple of Session meetings, we have decided that we will be serving coffee only prior to worship moving forward.

With so many of us serving in multiple ways, it has been increasingly difficult to meet the needs of some of the things we typically do. We are sad to make these kinds of decisions but feel we cannot keep up. Anyone is welcome to bring something for Sunday morning if you are willing to clean-up afterward. Thank you for your understanding and we hope you'll continue to join us for coffee.

# Thoughts and Prayers

## Prayers and Concerns for:

### Prayers:

- Diane Hayes
- Becky Henderson's daughter, Jane
- Those effected by the war in  
Palestine and Israel
- Lovene Hartman
- Anne Cox
- Deja Allison (Kerry's Daughter)
- Ukraine
- Irina Manata's son
- Ralph Coldewe's sister, Pat
- Cynthia Motley
- Blair, daughter of Andrew Hurlbut's friend
- The French family
- Kristin Miller - Cancer

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# 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
- 22 - Martin Allison
- 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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