



TO PRAISE GOD, WELCOME ALL, SERVE OTHERS,
GROW IN FAITH, BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Good News Banner

April 2024

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3

Friday 9-1

Worship

9:00 am

Casual Service

Sanctuary

11:00 am

Traditional Service

Sanctuary

<https://tingurl.com/fpclivestream>

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



Resurrection

In the immediate aftermath of Easter, it's good to pause for a moment and see where we are. We've journeyed to the cross during Lent, finding ourselves like the disciples—flawed but eager to be faithful in following Jesus. We made it to the cross, where we once again witnessed a Savior endure the greatest of sufferings and pay a heavy price for our missteps.

And then, we went to the tomb to see that the stone was rolled away and that Jesus was not in it. He has risen. Life has overcome death, darkness has been defeated by light. Christ wins, and because of that, so do we.

That's such an appropriate message at any time, but especially at the death of someone we love. At the funeral or at the graveside, maybe the only thing we should say is that Christ is victorious and so are we.

Former Presbyterian Outlook editor Jack Haberer, in a 2010 column in the magazine, titled, "In Death and In Life," said this:

"For those who gather with us in the pews on Palm Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry is tinged with dread over what we know lies just a few days down the road. The Maundy Thursday's sharing in the Lord's Supper carries an extra vividness as we remember our way back to the upper room and the ensuing garden sojourn. The darkness of Good Friday...overwhelms. And the silence of Saturday haunts.

Then comes Sunday.

Easter's glory rises with a bright sunshine—regardless of what the local meteorologist forecast the day before. And the celebration of Jesus' resurrection—enhanced by hymns sung with extra oomph, thanks to those holiday visitors—blows the darkness of death away.

Jesus came not to pretend death away but to embrace its isolation, to suffer its pain, and to give life through it. His resurrection is today's post-funeral reception, or, more specifically, it makes the post-funeral reception one that can be filled not just with fond memories but also with hope for a bright tomorrow.

"Like a funeral, holy week shocks us out of our invincibility and feigned immortality, and it introduces us to resurrection, if we will allow it."

Allow the reality of resurrection to blossom this Easter season.

CHAT WITH MATT IS BACK!!!

Pastor Matt is leading INQUIRER CLASSES on Sunday, April 21 and 28 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Church members are always welcome to come as well. This is a chance to find out more about Farragut Presbyterian Church: our beliefs, our mission, our outreach programs, and on how you might be called to be a part of our ongoing church life. For further information, call the church office or email Mikie Lancaster at mikielancaster@gmail.com.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



The VOLUNTEER spirit has always been at the heart of Farragut Presbyterian. We thank Irene Rice for her many years of service coordinating these two projects. It is now time to pass the baton. Please consider where you might best fit. Contact Irene Rice at 865-675-4804 for any questions or to sign up.

Mobile Meals:

FPC two-person teams deliver meals every Friday of the month. Additional volunteer teams are needed to serve as subs for the regular delivery teams. It is estimated that a sub would have to serve only one Friday a month, and not every month.

Rockers:

This lively over 50's group needs a person to take over as leader. Primary responsibility would be arranging for dining out at a local restaurant once a month. Additional activities would be at the discretion of the leader.



THE THRIFT STORE WITH A MISSION

Corners Of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between Knox Area Rescue Ministries and local churches and non-profit organizations.

How does this partnership work?

The process is quite simple.

- Individuals or families donate their gently used items to KARM Stores
- The KARM Stores employee serving them will ask the name of your church or organization
- Quarterly, your church or organization will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to anyone who comes to your organization in need of help

Donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to KARM Stores. Next time you donate to KARM, be sure to mention Farragut Presbyterian Church with your donation.

For more information visit <https://karm.org/corners-of-your-field/>

Sunday Morning Volunteers Are Needed

Before we were affected by COVID causing us to cease in-person worship services, we had a robust team of volunteers who helped with various duties needed on Sunday morning. We believe it is time to return to a regular schedule. If you would help in any of these categories, please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up in the appropriate available time slot.

Categories are: Usher, Scripture Reader, Communion Server, or Coffee Crew.

If you have any questions, please contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865-966-9547). Thank you for your help!

75 YEARS |  ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT
FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. This PC(USA) Special Offering support outreach programs in over 100 countries. 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.

Each gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs. You can give using a specially-designated pew envelope, by mail, or visit our website at: <https://www.fpctn.org/electronic-giving-e-giving/>.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Posies for the Pantry

Saturday April 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(rain or shine)

Farragut Presbyterian Church

209 Jamestowne Blvd. ~ Farragut, TN 37934

**Shop for spring plants, flowers, crafts,
garden decor & more!**

**KARM's Urban Table Food Truck,
bargain shed & crafts for kids, too!**

Community churches supporting the pantry:

Faith Lutheran~Concord Methodist~Farragut Presbyterian~First Baptist, Concord & Grassy Valley Baptist

fundraiser
proceeds
benefit:



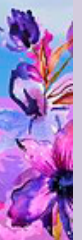
Jan Darnell is our *Posies for the Pantry*

coordinator this year. We are going to need 2 more trucks on Friday morning, April 26, to help pick up plants. We also need volunteers to help with pricing and organization on Friday. On Saturday we will need volunteers to help set up, water plants, help shoppers to their cars, and take down tables and clean up. Please call Jan at 865-356-0057 if you can help.

time to clean out the garden shed and donate unused items to the

Posies for the Pantry
BARGAIN SHED

drop off **gently-used** items to the
church rear parking lot picnic tables by April 19th
contact **Beth Honey** for more information



Are You Being Called To Serve?

There are many volunteer opportunities at FPC.

Are you being called to serve as God's hands in our community?

Meal Ministry - For someone coming home after surgery, for someone temporarily unable to cook for themselves and/or family due to injury or continued treatment, or for someone grieving the loss of someone dear, a home-cooked meal is a comforting gesture of care and concern our church family can provide. Contact Gayle Williams.

Mobile Meals - FPC two-person teams deliver meals every Friday to people who are in most cases, unable to get out for meals and groceries. Additional volunteer teams are needed to serve as substitutes for the regular delivery teams. It is estimated that a substitute would have to serve only one Friday a month, and not every month. FPC Program Coordinator is Irene Rice - contact her at 865-675-4804 with any questions or to sign up.

Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry - Open two days per month, first and third Mondays. FPC Program Coordinator is Betty Nicholls.

Sunset Gap - Two main opportunities per year - the Back to School backpack program and Christmas gifts giving. FPC Program Coordinator is Debbie Long.

Volunteer Ministry Center - Once per month throughout the year, we serve meals to clients of the Volunteer Ministry Center on Broadway Ave in Knoxville. FPC Program Coordinator is Jean Peretz.

Knoxville Areas Rescue Ministry (KARM) - Individually donate clothing and household items to one of the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry stores. When doing so, mention you want the value of the items to be credited to Farragut Presbyterian Church. These credits are accumulated by KARM, and once per quarter we are provided with cards for discounts on items at the KARM store. The Outreach Committee then donates these cards to designated missions to provide assistance to those using their services. FPC Program Coordinator is Bill Nelson.

Outreach Committee Member - The FPC Outreach Committee is a seven person committee who make decisions about expenditure of Outreach funds and mission agencies to support. We are looking for fresh voices and perspectives from new members. Reach out to Elders Kirk Morris or Scott McKinney for more information.

Farragut Presbyterian Church Women Birthday Offering Gathering



Ofrenda de Cumpleaños DEL 2024 DE MUJERES PRESBITERIANAS

JOIN US

2024 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2024 총회 여성연합회 생일헌금



"Así que no tengan miedo. Yo les daré de comer a ustedes y a sus hijos." Así José los tranquilizó, pues les habló con mucho cariño.

- Génesis 50:21*

"So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

- Genesis 50:21*

"당신들은 두려워하지 마소서 내가 당신들과 당신들의 자녀를 기르리이다 하고 그들을 간곡한 말로 위로하였더라."

- 창세기 50:21*

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m Fellowship Hall

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Farragut Presbyterian Church Women will celebrate with our Birthday Offering Gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the catered luncheon will be available in the narthex following both worship services on March 17, March 24 and March 31.

Our guest speaker will be Janis Pardue Hill, PhD, author of the book "Telling His Story, POW #1000", the story of hers and our own Gayle Williams' father's experience as a POW. Please plan on joining us.

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

The first recipient of the 2024 Birthday Offering is Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area in Marthasville, MO. Many adults with intellectual/development disabilities experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of these individuals by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide a supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.

The second recipient of the 2024 Birthday Offering is Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Ginkgo in Louisville, KY. Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church started addressing this need in August 2019. The small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Ginkgo named for the ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Ginkgo will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals, improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities such as tutoring for elementary ages, Ginkgo Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops.

The 2024 FPC golf season will begin at Avalon Golf Course on April 3rd. Tee times will start at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the season. The cost is \$35/person and includes 9-hole greens fee and cart. This enjoyable group meets at the club grill afterwards for good food, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in playing, contact Wayne Walls for more information.

Golf Season is Here!!



Family Trivia and Soup Potluck is back on the schedule for Sunday, April 7 at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall, immediately following Linda Stutzenberger's special Spring Concert in the Sanctuary. Trivia questions for ALL ages! Bring soup, bread, salad or another food item to share in the potluck. Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCTriviaNight>.

ROANE STATE PLAYMAKERS
PRESENTS

The SOUND of MUSIC

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
RICHARD ROGERS &
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN

DIRECTED BY COURTNEY MINTON MUSICAL DIRECTION BY BRENDA LUGGIE

Thursday, April 11 - 7 pm
Friday, April 12 - 7 pm
Saturday, April 13 - 2 pm & 7 pm
Sunday, April 14 - 2 pm

O'BRIEN THEATRE, ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HARRIMAN, TN

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FOR TICKETS AND INFO, SCAN HERE:



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*The Hills are Alive
with the Sound of Music...*

... and those sounds are by some of our own including Brenda Luggie, Krista Belding, LisaKay Matchen and Nancy Pevey in the Roane State Playmakers production of "The Sound of Music!"

RSCC Theatre and Music students combine with Roane County Children's Theatre and Roane Choral Society members and community to perform one of the most beloved musicals of all time! In Austria, 1938, an exuberant young governess brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power. Music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II and presented in collaboration with Concord Theatricals, NY.

Tickets for the five April 11-14 shows can be purchased here: <https://tinyurl.com/ms3mnaum>.

Defying all belief, Belding, Matchen, and Pevey will be portraying nuns. Don't miss it!



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

“Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace”

I love hymns. We have quite a collection in our house – an entire bookcase teeming with hymnals from many centuries, cultures, languages, and denominations. Singing the historic hymns of our faith reminds us we are not the first generation who have wrestled and prayed, asked, and believed. We are not the first to write hymns of praise to God. We walk gladly in the footsteps of those who have written praises to Christ that have stood the test of time. Classic Western hymns grew out of devotional poetry. Many churches have as a normal practice given hymnals to persons or families at baptisms and at confirmations. Many people have purchased their own hymnals. Hymnals can often be found in piano benches, on pianos, next to kitchen or dining room tables, on nearby shelves or end tables, or on nightstands next to beds. During the height of the pandemic and its confinement, those with hymnals were happy to have them as they sang along with livestream worship services.

Hymnals are remarkable books. Some of them contain only hymns. Others, like ours at FPC, contain hymns and worship services and resources. A hymnal provides a full-orbed snapshot of the church’s song. Hymns are poems which usually highlight one theme, but invariably weave in related ones. Music is organized sound that moves in relation to us in time. Singing hymns takes us on a journey. When successive stanzas are sung to the same tune, the circular spin forward moves together as known and unknown. The journey does not stop to systematize themes. If you lay out the hymns of a hymnal in a sequential fashion, you get the whole story of God’s grace and mercy, while the individual hymns move across the fabric and context of the whole tapestry.

Many of the texts sung on Sunday are full of scriptural allusions and poetic craft. These, as well as cultural and historical foundations, cannot be absorbed only by one singing, but through additional meditation and study. Hymns as texts alone or sung with their music provide rich sources for continued devotion, meditation, and study. Hymns are portable sermons that articulate, exegete, and pronounce biblical truths. They shape the way we view God, man and Christ, and how we are to live in light of the gospel. The truths they communicate continue to preach to us throughout the week. Singing for the Christian is formative and responsive, and therefore must be informed by Scripture. The importance of hymns is we learn what we sing. Singing hymns of God’s character reminds us of his greatness. Singing hymns of our sin reminds us of the role of confession. By singing hymns of the atonement, we remind one another of the efficacy of the work of Jesus. Hymns of consecration remind us of the dependence of the Christian upon the steadfast grace of God. We sing to admonish the weak and weary their salvation is in God. We sing to admonish the doubting to believe and be renewed. We sing to admonish the suffering they have a hope which is unwavering. Singing is a form of teaching which uses poetry to open to us the word of God. When Isaac Watts, author of over 750 hymns, published *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, his intention was not to sing scripture line by line, but to create poetic and emotive renditions of scripture enabling the church to sing the truths of scripture.

Hymns should inspire worship. One of the aims of singing hymns is engaging both the head and the heart. Just as we read and meditate on the scriptures to see and worship God, so we choose songs which teach robust theological truth and causes our hearts to erupt with praise. In singing historic hymns for corporate worship, we use those that make our hearts sing. From the content of the lyric to the movement of the melody, we want beauty and transcendence to come together and serve the people of God. In our pursuit of theological precision, we must not neglect the pursuit of heartfelt response. Hymn-singing is not simply an opening act for the sermon. It should not be obligatory filler-time to warm up a congregation. Singing is a holy practice with texts to be focused on God – not on us. We sing because God has commanded us, and our songs should fill our hearts with thankfulness and delight in God.

Part of the beauty of hymns is they tend to be simple and easy to learn thanks to a preponderance of familiar rhythms and tuneful melodies. Hymns transcend generations - the fact we still sing hymns from centuries ago is a testimony of their sustaining power. We pass them down through generations. I remember a few years ago one of the younger members of our church was rehearsing *Amazing Grace*, a John Newton hymn published in 1779. It is a beautiful thing when multiple generations sing songs that pre-date them by centuries. I think about the book of Psalms as being the hymnbook of Israel. The Psalms were conserved through the generations for the people of God. Additionally, I believe the hymn is something to be conserved within the church. Hymns have a way of moving us out of the now and into the long line of faithful saints; there is a continuity of theological reflection being passed down as well. If we uphold the ancient creeds and confessions of the faith, then why would we not declare the rich theological reflection of hymns as a means of personal spiritual transformation?

Hymns, can profoundly inform a worshipper in rich theological reflection and engagement. Take for example the theological thinking of Isaac Watts in *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. He moves from the wondrous reality of the cross to a personal reflection in the line, "Love so amazing, so divine. Demands my soul, my life, my all." The intention is simple: hymns function as a means of catechetical theological reflection, rehearsing the great truths of the Christian faith.

One of the major reasons' hymns are important is because they tell a theological story. Hymn texts tend not to repeat ad infinitum, but intentionally tell a story. Take for example the aforementioned *Amazing Grace*. Newton's original lyrics contain a series of six stanzas. The story begins at conversion, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound...How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed," and then moves to the present experience of, "Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come..." Then, there is an expression of hope in God's Word, "The Lord has promis'd good to me, His Word my hope secures..." and then finally concludes with eschatology, "Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail...The earth shall soon dissolve like snow...Will be forever mine."

God is glorified by congregational singing. As Paul states, "so you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice" (Romans 15:6). Hymns are written in such a way to allow for the entire congregation to join into the corporate voice of worship. As a Director of Music, there are times when I stop singing so I can hear the congregation with their various voices expressing one voice of praise to God. Being trained in music, I understand why hymns are so beautiful. But for the person who is not thusly trained, they can still experience the one voice of worship. This is the beauty of the hymn. I might be naïve or old fashioned, but I believe the sustainability of hymns is evidence of the powerful truths they contain. Hymns reach the affections, stir the mind, and move the will.

I encourage you to regularly sing the songs of the saints who came before us. In our hymns of praise and prayer, contrition and confession, we see the breadth and inclusiveness of the hymns the church has sung for ages. Regardless of the median age or church experience of a congregation, when I experience in worship the singing of historic hymns together, a sense of identity and reverence seems to rest upon the people. These songs unite the body of Christ as they have for generations, joining the youngest and oldest of our congregation and everyone in between, as they consider and hope in the same truths of God and his grace.



Spring Concert Series!

SUNDAY, APRIL 07

3:00 PM

DR. LINDA STUTZENBERGER, HARP

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

April 23

11:00 am

Room D

Join this wonderful group of knitters and crocheters to make shawls for FPC members who need extra comfort during a difficult time.

Patterns and yarn are provided.

WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



Call someone who cares

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

865/966-9547

Our Stephen Ministry Leaders can help:

Beth Martin
(865) 776-3132

Matt Nieman
(865) 966-9547

Jeanie Oakley
(256) 468-4501

Elizabeth Wilson
(865) 382-6786

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Janet Tinder

865-556-8193

Kathy Emmerson

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Becky Thomason

865-607-0727

Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am

Leaders: Mikie Lancaster

865-675-0360

Jo McElhaney

865-966-5424

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a vehicle for making the world a better place for all of God's children. Consider joining an FPC Circle.

Check us out on Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) or on Instagram: PWPCUSA, Inc.
www.presbyterianwomen.org

Men's Bible Study

April 11 and 25

8 a.m. / Narthex

The men of FPC gather twice a month for fellowship and a time of bible study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the narthex at 8am. If you would like to join us, please contact John Neighbors or the church office to get on the contact list. Breakfast, coffee, and great fellowship provided!

Chair Yoga

MONDAY AND FRIDAY

10:00 - 10:30 AM

NARTHEX

Class designed for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

TGIF Gentle Yoga

FRIDAY 7:00 - 8:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gentle, slow flow class. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. For beginner and experienced yogis.

Contact Jenny Trussell at CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for additional information or a private introductory session!

No childcare available, but both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.



**American
Red Cross**

Be prepared to “spring into action” with **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING** offered at FPC! On Sunday, April 14th after the 9 am and 11 am services – the American Red Cross will be offering training for children and adults who have an interest.

Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCEmergencyPreparedness> so enough instructors and hand-outs are available. Here’s the line-up:

- **Childrens Preparedness** 10 am - Jenny Trussell and friends will be teaching the “Prepare with Pedro the Penguin” program designed to teach children how to **BE PREPARED** and **TAKE ACTION** for home fires or local hazards (such as weather events). The 30 minute program is specifically for children in Pre-K – 2nd grade (older children, visitors, and parents are welcome to attend). (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/teaching-kids-about-emergency-preparedness/prepare-with-pedro.html>).
- **Family Preparedness** 10 am and 12:30 pm – Red Cross representatives will be giving a 20 – 30 minute presentation about simple steps you can take in advance to ensure you and your family are safe during bad weather or other emergencies. (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>)
- **Hands Only CPR** 10:30 am and 12 pm – Red Cross representatives will be teaching “Hand Only CPR” for anyone with an interest. This is approximately a 30 minute course, which includes hands-on practice. Although this is not a formal CPR certification course, it teaches individuals how to deliver life-saving care until professional responders arrive. (<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/hands-only-cpr.html>).

UARK UT Knoxville

April 1 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

We've set a bold goal of raising \$20,000 in the month of April. We're hoping to do this by getting 2,024 people to donate at least \$10 in honor of our 2024 graduates. Keep your eyes open for more Info coming soon!

A group photo of a sports team, likely the UTK football team, posing on a field at night. Two players are standing in the back row, one holding a football. The rest of the team is lying on the grass in the front row, some with their arms raised in celebration.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pastor Matt's Class Library

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples as part of our "Wandering Heart" Lenten series.. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Youth Cafe (Parlor)

Led by Mason Warren

The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Outdoors/Room D

Led by Elizabeth Wilson

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. There's an optional lesson handout, but you can also join us for the conversation.



Thursday Evening Bible Study Meetings on Zoom at 7pm Led by Elizabeth Wilson

Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we're turning to the shortest Gospel this year. The Gospel of Mark is the second of the four canonical gospels and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial, and the discovery of his empty tomb. If you're interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we'd love to have you join us (even if you can't make every week). For more information contact Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



**We're so grateful for the prayers and cards of encouragement during my long wait for and recovery from knee replacement. We are truly blessed by the love and support of our church family.
—Lois & Nathan Burris**

April Anniversaries

04/09 Steve and Janet Tinder
04/13 Greg and Carol Kraft
04/16 Joel and Leigh Ann Neely
04/19 Jeff and Lisa Gary
04/24 Bob and Gwen Mitchell
04/26 Dennis and Betsy Starr
04/26 Ronny and Bev Lomax

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Lois Burris, Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Kathy Emmerson, Billy Fain, Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina,, John Montgomery, Tami Newsom, Jim Rich, Steve Tinder, Dee Robinson, Helen Weaver

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

Church member Kathryn Robinson died on March 1 at the age of 104. Sympathy cards can be mailed to her daughter, Dee, who is struggling with health issues as well: Dee Robinson, 432 Sugarwood Dr., Knoxville TN 37934

The family of John Duffy, brother of Mary Lutz. Cards can be sent to: Mary and Allen Lutz, 221 Windham Hill Road. Knoxville TN 37934

Blessings

Ronny and Bev Lomax are blessed with a beautiful new granddaughter, *Hallie Elizabeth Malinowski*, born March 19 and weighing 7 lb. 5 oz.

Congratulations to Van and Dixie Heflin who recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary!

Congratulations to Carolyn and Jim Caldwell as they welcome their 9th grandchild, *Aaron Blake Lund*, born on 03/11 at 8 lbs. 5 oz. Parents are Bradford and Leslie Lund of Chicago. Dad and baby are doing great, but mom is in isolation after coming down with the flu. She was also recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will have to start treatments once she recovers from the flu and her C-section.

April Birthdays

4/01 Bryan Nunley
4/01 Jim Rooney
4/02 Jean Peretz
4/02 Mitchell Adams
4/04 Greg Kraft
4/04 Tami Newsom
4/04 Lisa Bradney
4/05 Larry Byars
4/05 Marilyn Felts
4/06 Bob Bowman
4/06 Barbara Emery
4/06 Thom Haig
4/07 Sue Berry
4/08 Tom Koch
4/09 Lucy Fleming
4/09 Connie Begovich
4/09 Elaine Jackson
4/10 Alan White
4/10 Chuck Gonzalez
4/11 Sandra Hipsher
4/11 Jane Byars
4/12 Jack Rightmyer
4/16 Buck Jones
4/16 Dave Greaser
4/16 Thomas Maley
4/17 Jim Caldwell
4/18 Chuck Gentry
4/20 Denise Griffin
4/20 Gayle Williams
4/21 Chris Patterson
4/21 David Manning
4/21 Nancy Huntley
4/23 Sam Wilbanks
4/26 Dawn Zilles
4/26 Denian Ge
4/27 Wesson Schult

If you have updated information about our prayer recipients you would like to share, please email office@fpctn.org or call the church office at 865-966-9547.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

A Fresh Look II update

The Session continues to receive input from the congregation about a potential Fresh Look II – a project to improve our worship and narthex space. In February and March, several focus groups were held. And soon an online survey will be presented for each person to confidentially complete. Feedback from the focus groups and the survey will be presented to the Session to aid in decisions about the parameters of such a project in the near future. Thank you for your contributions to this effort.

Financial Report as of February 2024			
	Actual for February	YTD February	YTD February Budget
Operating Income	\$56,439	\$108,238	\$107,928
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total Income	\$58,439	\$112,238	\$111,928
Operating Expenses	\$47,199	\$96,041	\$103,390
Total Expenses	\$47,199	\$96,041	\$103,390
Total Income less Expenses	\$11,240	\$16,197	\$8,538

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