

Sharing the Life of the Church

ON THIS SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, THE JOY REMAINS AND THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES. THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! AND YOU ARE EACH WARMLY WELCOMED TO WORSHIP HIM. BLESSINGS UPON YOU!

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Sharon Flanagan**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up on the roster outside the Harris Room, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205.

Volunteer Recognition - Today is the last day you may nominate a church volunteer for "Volunteer of the Quarter" ending March 31. Pick up a nomination form from the foyer, fill it out and return to the offering plate or the Office mailbox.

The Gathering - Our Gathering meal this week, April 10, will be a Sandwich Bar. The church will provide rolls, cold cuts and cheese, and we are asking folks to bring condiments, sides, chips, or desserts. Please sign up in the foyer.

Valley Gem Cruise - On **Sunday, April 21, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** we will join with other Presbyterian cluster churches for a cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. We will share a potluck meal and enjoy a spring day on the river. Cost per person is \$5, and \$25 maximum per family. Signups and a drop box for your ticket money are in the foyer.

Boarding begins at 2:30. The Valley Gem is located at 601 Front St. The boat is docked on the Muskingum River, under the Washington Street Bridge. Parking is available under the bridge and on the street.

2024 Bluestone Events - There are several upcoming activities at Bluestone Camp and Retreat, including The Guys Weekend April 26-28, Spring Getaway May 3-5, and Summer Camp for youth and children in June/July. Flyers are available outside the Sanctuary. For more details visit <https://bluestonecamp.org>.

Church Directories - Updated church directories are available outside the Sanctuary. Please take as many as you need. You may also get an electronic version by contacting the church office at 304-422-5426, or office@fpcburgwv.org.

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THE JOY OF JESUS

The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Lifesigns*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Sunday, April 7 **2nd Sunday of Easter** / *Communion*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Monday, April 8

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons - Room 204

Tuesday, April 9

- 12:30 p.m. Esther Circle - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Wednesday, April 10

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Meal [Sandwich Bar] - Stevenson Hall

Thursday, April 11

- 3:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack meeting - Rooms 123/124
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, April 14 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bill Elkins	Pat & Ann Patterson	Elsie Coleman
Jean Singer	Melanie Thompson	Dennis Bolten
Bill Nolen	Trevor & Jayda Hinojosa	Mary Withum
Pat Douglass	Cunningham Family	Juli Springer
Peace in Israel	Ruth Ann Huddle	Lynn Linville
Kathy Schlarb	Fleming Family	Susan Miller
Butch Shepherd	Marianne Mason	Peter Headlee
Harriet Litteral	Becky Holdren & Family	Vince Eades
Karen Vanoster	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
Wayne Sanders	Troops – World Peace	Brad Carter