

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN THE NAME OF THE GOD OF LIFE, THE RISEN JESUS, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO EMPOWERS OUR DISCIPLESHIP. AMEN.

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Katelyn Hickman**. 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.

The Gathering - The Deacons are providing a Taco Bar for this week's meal. Ground beef, shredded chicken and toppings will be furnished, and we are asking folks to bring sides, salads, or desserts. Please sign up in the foyer.

StoryTrek - To commemorate Earth Day (April 22) we have placed a new book in the StoryTrek in our Prayer Garden. It is titled *Something, Someday* by Amanda Gorman, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author, and illustrated by Christian Robinson. We invite you to take a walk in the garden and labyrinth to enjoy it.

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, with a cap of \$25 per family. Signups and a drop box for your ticket money are located in the foyer. Boarding begins at 2:30. The Valley Gem is located at 601 Front Street. The boat is docked on the Muskingum River, under the Washington Street Bridge. Parking is available under the bridge and on the street.

Graduate Recognition - In May we will honor our 2024 high school and college graduates in the newsletter and during worship on May 26. If you or a family member will be graduating this spring, please send the name, school and type of degree to the church office no later than **April 23**. Call 304-422-5426, or send an email to office@fpcpburgwv.org.

2024 Bluestone Events - There are several upcoming activities at Bluestone Camp and Retreat, beginning April 26. Pick up a flyer outside the Sanctuary or visit <https://bluestonecamp.org>.

Church Directories - Updated church directories are available outside the Sanctuary. Please take as many as you need. Contact the church office if you'd like an electronic copy.

In rural Nebraska in the early 20th century, three of the four Koontz children died of diphtheria in one week. On the following Easter morning, the parents and surviving child attended church. Because Mr. Koontz was the Sunday school superintendent, he read aloud the Easter message. Although many people wept, he and his wife stayed calm.

Later, a boy walking home said, "The Koontzes must really believe the Easter story."

His father answered, "All Christians do."
The boy replied, "Not the way they do!"

—Homiletics

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, 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

Monday, April 15

- 6:00 p.m. Session meets - Room 204

Wednesday, April 17

- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's office
- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Meal [Taco Bar] - Stevenson Hall

Thursday, April 18

- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21 **4th Sunday of Easter / Cents-Ability Offering**

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Valley Gem Cruise - boarding in Marietta

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

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