



First Presbyterian News

April 2010

Behold! I shall make all things new!

“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’”

Rev. 21: 5-6

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! These ancient words open the church’s celebration of God’s resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ every Easter Sunday all around the world in many different languages. Easter is the most holy of all Christian celebrations, for on Easter God changed all the rules by which human beings had been living for aeons. The poor shall inherit the earth, the first shall be last, people shall be judged not only by what they say but what they do, and people who live a life of faith will be rewarded not with riches, but with the satisfaction of knowing that they have been faithful servants.

The wonderful reality that we celebrate on Easter and during the season of Easter until Pentecost is that, indeed, all things have been made new. The invitation that God extends to the community of faith through the Holy Spirit of Christ every year is to open ourselves to the possibilities of newness that are all around us. The risen Christ not only walks with us along our faith journey as a community, but has gone out way ahead of us to prepare the way. Christ is above us, below us, on either side, in front of us, in back of us, and ahead of us on the journey. Christ beckons us on . . . encouraging us and challenging us to stretch the boundaries of the possible, to imagine creative and effective ways of being faithful in our time.

With every **Hallelujah!** we proclaim our faith in God’s ways and God’s plans for the future. We trust deeply in the Lord who gave his life that we might be forgiven and forgiven and forgiven again. Out of our deep gratitude, we minister to the world and proclaim the good news of the resurrected Lord.

Together, let us look to the risen Lord for guidance as our congregation begins our transformation journey with 27 other congregations in our Presbytery. Let us be open to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Pastor Mary Ann Banning



Easter music will include: Anthem: *“The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now”*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Arise, Your Light Is Come, We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light.
 Offertory: Disciple’s Tree House children singing an Easter version of *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Date	Ushers			Acolyte	Communion
April 4	Ethan DeMaegd	Jack Bruner	Andy Wiseman		
April 11	Gifts of Women	Gifts of Women	Gifts of Women		Shelby Frick
April 18	Michael Green	Bob Sloan	Judy Sulak		Victoria Green
April 25	Dan Bruner	Dave Tschida	Justin Tschida		Roger Delouf

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**Lectionary for
April 2010**

Lectionary for Sundays

April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

April 4 (Easter / Resurrection of the Lord)

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 114

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49

April 11 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

April 18 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

April 25 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9-17

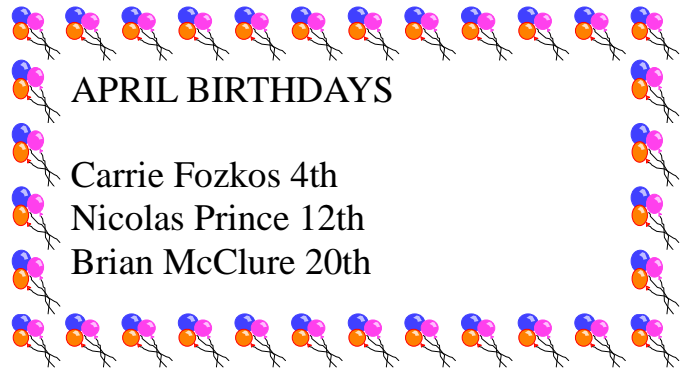
John 10:22-30

Send newsletter information by e-mail to Suce@aol.com or by U.S. Mail in care of Kathy at the church. The next deadline: noon on April 17.

Art Work from ChristArt.com

Bible through the Year Readers, December readings in April and May. This class meets at 10:45 on Sundays. Betty Favorite leads the class. Any one wishing to join us, please do.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Fozkos 4th

Nicolas Prince 12th

Brian McClure 20th

The Disciples TreeHouse children will stay in church on Easter Sunday. They will be singing the following song to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me".

Jesus Christ is risen today.
"Alleluia!" Christians say.
Living in my mind and heart,
Helping me to do my part,

Yes, Christ is risen!
Yes, Christ is risen!
Yes, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!



The **Scrapbook Club** will meet Friday, April 9th from 6 pm to 11 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 and includes pizza, drinks, snacks, goodies, set-up, and clean-up. All you have to do is bring your scrapbook or card-making supplies and enjoy a relaxing evening. Are you new to scrapbooking? Bring some pictures and come by to see what all the fun is about. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 7th so that I can plan accordingly. Prepayment is appreciated. I hope to see you there! Brittany Rice

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 24 8:00 - 9:00 am

The men's breakfast for April will include a guest speaker to be announced. Please watch bulletins for updates. Hope to have a full table.

Alan Camren

M I S S I O N N O T E S F R O M :


 R e v . M a r y A n n B a n n i n g M a r y A n n D e n t i n o C l a u d i a R i g g s
 J a n e t F r e e m a n B e t t y J o h n s o n A n n a B o w e r s

MEALS FOR HOPE

Don't miss out on preparing or serving a meal at Hope Ministries. Our next date to prepare is April 30 and serve on May 1. Be sure to sign up on the way to the sanctuary

MISSION TRIP TO CEDAR RAPIDS

Join Pastor Mary Ann and Mary Ann Dentino on a mission trip to Cedar Rapids Iowa from June 13-19. We will be rebuilding homes destroyed by flooding. Get your name on the list ASAP and fill out the skills list. Don't worry if your skills are limited as we plan on taking a class at Home Depot to learn how to do dry wall. Pastor Mary Ann says it is not difficult. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

PARTNERSHIP WITH BATTELL

There is still room for you to join the tutoring team at Battell. If interested see Susan May. These children look forward to your visit each week.

HELP WANTED

Do you have an hour or two on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm or Fridays from 10:00 am. until noon? Any Tuesday or Friday, **NOT EVERY TUESDAY OR FRIDAY**, perhaps one or two each month.

The Albright Food Pantry is in need of a few volunteers for several important tasks in order to keep the Pantry running smoothly and give some relief to the dedicated folks who have been serving for several years.

The tasks needing coverage are: Record keeping of clients' visits to the Pantry
Loading and unloading items to be shelved at the Pantry
 (the above requires some lifting)

Shopping for food for the Pantry. Funds are available to "shoppers" to be used at local food markets. Oftentimes food can be purchased at a better price at local food markets using newspaper ads, along with cents off coupons rather than purchasing food from the Food Bank in South Bend, which now charges 18 cents per pound. At times there is not a great variety of items available. Some local stores will sell food in quantities or in bulk making donations go further. Shopping for the Pantry can be done on the volunteer's time schedule.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE CLIP BOARD IN THE CE LOBBY. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN HOUR OR TWO PER MONTH FOR THIS WORTHY SERVICE.

News of Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian

Sunday April 11 Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday Special Guest: Judith Lovejoy, PW Global Exchange participant. The women will be greeting, ushering and liturgist today.

Saturday, April 24 Spring Gathering Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville
 We will carpool for a fun day with PW from around our presbytery! See Pam Camren for signing up and arranging a ride.

PW BASEMENT SALE: This month is the Presbyterian Women's Basement Sale. Please bring your recyclable items to us. All items that are being donated **MUST BE CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** items. Please **NO** broken items or stained clothing! If you have special items please call Judy Green or Lynett Heritz. We will be accepting **ALL** other donations after Easter Sunday (April 5) downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

April 11-14th **Basement Sale WORK DAYS**
 April 14th Pre-Sale Church Members only 4-7 p.m.
April 15th SALE 9 a.m.— 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.
April 16th SALE 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 17th SALE 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Clean up to follow!

We need all available hands (Men are welcome too) to work this event. Please call Judy, Carole or Lynett if you are interested in working. And thank you to all who do donate their time and stuff to our sale.

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The **Worship and Music Committee** would like to remind members of the following **Lenten services**:

Maundy Thursday, April 1: A Jewish Seder that includes Christian communion in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm. This will be a learning experience for all those who have never experienced the symbolic meaning of the items served during the Jewish Passover. Families are encourage to bring their children.

Good Friday Community Service, April 2: FPC will be hosting the community Good Friday commemoration. Come experience a moving Lutheran liturgy led by Rev. Len Jepson of First English Lutheran Church. Susan May will be directing a community choir for this worship service in our sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4: Come and rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior at the 9:30 am worship service. Children will remain in worship with their families. We will enjoy hot beverages before the service and a special Easter fellowship time after worship in Memorial Lounge while the children ages toddler to 9 years old hunt for Easter eggs in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful worship service!

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Book Group: the next meeting will be April 18 at 4:30
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. Lynett Heritz will lead the discussion.

DO SOMETHING DIRTY: Inside and Out

Get your gloves, hats and sweaters on and get ready for a really great day outside (if the weather cooperates, inside if the weather does not cooperate)

We will be doing such things as raking leaves, trimming bushes, weeding flower beds and edging sidewalks, spreading mulch, as well as other tasks that we see need to be done. If you prefer working inside there are always windows to wash, pews to dust and wax, and lots of other tasks.

Saturday April 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM is when it will happen.

A lunch will be served, and you are welcome to bring family, friends, and neighbors. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall soon but you are welcome to come even if you did not sign up. If you can't make it for the whole session, we welcome any help you can give us.

Most tools and supplies will be at the site, but if you have a specific project in mind, let any trustee know to be sure we have the supplies and tools needed.

If there is time, I would bet that Ethan D. would be willing to give guided tours of the bell tower (at least the lower levels. Board of Trustees

Defibrillate Me!!!!

The Board of Trustees is in process of obtaining a defibrillator for the church. It is not difficult to operate, but the Red Cross has offered to provide a one hour class to give as many people as possible in our congregation a working knowledge of when and how to operate it. The class lasts only one hour. In addition to the defibrillator class the Red Cross recommends and will provide our congregation members a CPR class. Although the class lasts longer than the defibrillator class, it is important enough that it might allow you to save someone's life not just in our congregation but in any other setting.

Sign up sheets for both classes are on the clip boards by the East door. We hope to have enough people take the classes that there will always be one or more people who attended both training sessions at the church services and other church activities.

If you have any questions, contact any member of the Trustee Board.

The PRAYER PAGE

“Spring Cleaning”

~ prepared by Susan May ~

It’s time for spring cleaning at my house. It’s past time, to be honest. It’s not an easy job, and it’s one I have to want to do or it will never happen. Right now I only want to “want to.” I wish one of my sisters would show up to help. Better yet, I wish a magic genie would appear and solve this for me! But then, she would surely pester me with questions. “What do you want me to throw out to make room for these newer things?” “Where do you want this stored?” “What in the world is this used for?” “What cleaning supplies do you have around for me?” “This is a bad stain. Will you tell me what happened, so I know how to remove it?” “These piles of stuff that are completely covering your work space—do I purge them or pass them on to someone who will want them?” “Do you want this broken chair restored?” “Don’t you want me to bring out these beautiful, special things where everyone can enjoy them?”

Prayer can be a spring cleaning for the soul. In Psalm 57, we hear the writer telling God what to clean, how to wash the corners and purge the piles. For this kind of spring cleaning, God is the very best help there is. God is the only one who knows how to safely clean our really fragile, precious things. God knows the questions to ask us so the job gets done right.

Really listen to the Psalmist. He doesn’t just want to “want to.” This is an expression of more than desire; it is a plea for life. ... new life. God is able to tackle such a job, if we ask God to, and even to help us answer the many questions involved.

Sometimes a prayer partner helps, too. Our church family has many, both men and women.

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Psalm 51:

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God...blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School will be celebrating Easter, weather, outside fun and the zoo. Next year’s enrollment will begin this month. Please share this news with friends who may be looking for a wonderful pre-school. The church office has brochures with more information
Thank you for helping the PWNS dinner be a success last month. Your continued support is a blessing. PWNS Board

Congregational Meeting
April 11, after worship.

Session has called this meeting to elect a replacement deacon.

