



# April 2023

## PresbyNews

First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, IN

Dear Church Family,

What a privilege it is to preach the gospel together! Holy week is here, and we have a holy story to tell. On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem by waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!" The crowds expected a mighty warrior savior, but Jesus rides in on a humble donkey and turns all their expectations upside down. On Maundy Thursday, we will remember how Jesus washed his disciples' feet, giving them the command to love one another and serve one another. Again, all expectations are turned upside down when the master becomes the servant. Then, on Good Friday, everything anyone hoped for and expected seems lost. Jesus, the one who came to save the world, is put to death. We will enter into the story and grieve with those gathered at the foot of the cross. Then, with the disciples, we will rest in stunned silence on Saturday. Finally, on Sunday morning, we will arise and encounter a miracle that turns the world upside down.

Come join us! You are most welcome. Beloved ones, we know the good news, and this news is too good to keep to ourselves. Jesus has won for us victory over death! May we be faithful to tell the holy story together.

With Love,





Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:30 AM  
Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM  
Good Friday, April 7, 12 Noon  
*(joint service at St. Paul's Episcopal)*



## Here & There



**DONATIONS** – when making donations to outside organizations, Food Pantry, Genesis, Hope House, etc. *please make checks payable or send cash directly to that organization (not to the church).*

**Please let us know!** If you, or anyone you know, are in the hospital, grieving, or need our prayers, please call the office, 765.966.2234. This church family **cares for you and yours!**

**Session** did not meet in March due to illness, next meeting scheduled for April 18, 5:30 PM

## Coffee Hour AED Experience

On Sunday, April 16, in the parlor after worship, the Deacons will sponsor a 15 minute orientation and training session on using our church's **AED**. It will be simultaneous with the coffee/fellowship time and open to anyone interested in attending or observing. In March 2018, at FPC's request, Reid Health generously donated an Automated External Defibrillator (**AED**) worth over \$2,000. Then, Deacon Pat Murrah provided initial training on this portable, potentially life-saving device. Our **AED** is located, marked, and stored in the library section of the parlor.

During "Heart Month" in February, public awareness of heart disease and emergency preparedness was raised when a pro football player, in a nationally televised game in Cincinnati, suffered a life-threatening heart episode. Our Deacons began discussing our church's ability to respond to a heart emergency in our own building, utilizing our **AED**. With simple, built-in audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be used by laypersons. They work in conjunction with making 911 calls and administering CPR while waiting for first responders to arrive. **AEDs** are used in cases of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias which lead to sudden cardiac arrest.

Members of FPC's Stewardship & Facilities Commission have checked the status and procedures of our **AED** and will lead this valuable orientation session. Come, enjoy fellowship, and learn together about this Blessing. (Watch for a future CPR training opportunity.)



## Special Diaper & Hygiene Products Collection May 9

The Deacons hope you will participate in a one-day drive for baby diapers and hygiene products on Tuesday, May 9 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in our FPC parking lot. With Genesis now gone, this special "lunch hour" collection is an opportunity for our church family to help provide support for needy single moms or for dads with custody, young couples or even grandparents who are struggling financially to raise infants and toddlers. Our neighbor, the Dwyer Community Center, 1417 North A, operates (like Bridges for Life) under the Wayne County Trustee's umbrella. Among Dwyer's services is a monthly diaper and hygiene product distribution project from their North A Street location, for financially qualified and registered recipients. FPC's first Dwyer Diaper Collection was held in October 2022. It was a greatly successful project for our church as we found a new way to "serve human need." (The existing Dwyer Project container for added collection will remain in the hall outside the church office.) All donations will be delivered to the Dwyer Center on May 9th by the Deacons. Diapers in size 4 are especially requested, but any size will be extremely appreciated. Such items as shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste and feminine hygiene products are also needed and most welcome. This Diaper Collection project, along with a \$50 check to the Dwyer Community Center from the Deacons Fund will combine to honor Mother's Day. If you have questions, contact Chris Hilkert, 765-966-4276.

# GriefShare

The next sessions of GriefShare begin on Thursday, April 13 (thirteen weeks), 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., at First English Lutheran Church, 2727 East Main in Richmond. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide child care or transportation for these sessions.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "The Journey of Grief", "The Effects of Grief", "Your Family and Grief", "Why?" and "Stuck in Grief". The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video.

We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again.

Your facilitators are all alumni of at least one, or perhaps several, GriefShare sessions.

Facilitators for this program include:

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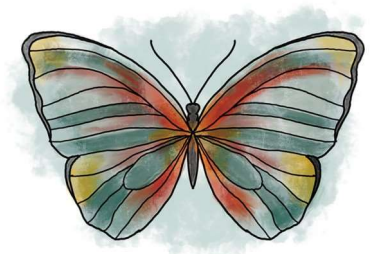
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Pre-registration is encouraged and you may do so by contacting:

Jessica at First English Lutheran Church – 765/965-2700 or  
[parishadministrator@felconline.org](mailto:parishadministrator@felconline.org).

Blessings,

Your GriefShare Team



## One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

1. PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.
2. PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM – takes action to alleviate hunger and the systematic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
3. SELF=DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE – invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of societal ills.

As we prayerfully consider our 2023 offering to One Great Hour of Sharing that will be received during Lent and on Easter Sunday, we are reminded that “sharing brings joy to others, to God, and to us.” You can also mail your offering to the church.

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

Mission and Evangelism Commission



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday or Anniversary  
to all those celebrating in April!

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## Deadlines for Church Office

PresbyNews articles need to be received in the Church Office by **8 AM** on the Thursday after a regular Session meeting. The deadline for the May newsletter is 8 AM, April 20, 2023

Also, *reminder*, the bulletin information needs to be received by Thursday, 12 Noon. This same deadline applies for any check request. Checks are made up on Friday, signed on Sunday, mailed on Monday. If you need something, please submit the check request one week before it's needed.

Glorify & Enjoy God

Make Disciples

Meet Human Need

