

Palm Sunday Celebration

Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday on April 2! Children of all ages are invited to join in the joy of “palm waving” during the Palm Sunday processional. Children will gather at the back of the church just prior to each service to receive palms and instructions. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as told in the New Testament.

Maundy Thursday - April 6

The Maundy Thursday service will be April 6 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. The service will also be livestreamed.

Good Friday - April 7

Good Friday Worship service will be April 7 at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Good Friday is the day we remember Christ’s crucifixion. The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. This service will not be livestreamed.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter celebrates the presence of the crucified and risen Christ, who is now among us, reconciling us as one people. The 10:30 a.m. service will be livestreamed. In addition, the Faith & Flour group will bake a special batch of hot cross buns to share with those who worship in person on Easter.

Lenten Devotionals Available

The 2023 Lenten Devotionals are now available at the front desk and on the table in Disciples Hall. The 40 devotions will combine the practices of examen — honest assessment and reflection — with meditation, visualization, and short prayers. Each week features a different theme focusing on our true relationship with God.

Blessing Box Needs

Spring is around the corner! Don’t forget our local residents still need our help. Please consider donating canned goods, snack items, hygiene items, and bottled water so we can help those in need in our own neighborhood.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 19

New Member Sunday

Usher Team 2

Nursery and Childcare Open

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion, Library
- 10:00 a.m. Called Session Meeting, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 12:00 p.m. 3rd Sunday Lunch (Youth Group)
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. “Bless This Mess” Women’s Lenten Bible study

Monday, March 20

- 4:00 p.m. Kansas Youth Chorale
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Topeka Festival Singers

Tuesday, March 21

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. FoodShare Ministry

Thursday, March 23

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 24

Pastors’ Day Off

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Flour
- 1:00 p.m. Faith & Flour
- 3:00 p.m. Parents’ Night Out
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Sunday, March 26

Usher Team 3

Nursery and Childcare Open

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 12:30 p.m. Stuff Egg Hunt treat bags, Grace Cathedral
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. “Bless This Mess” Women’s Lenten Bible study

Like & Share FPC Facebook Posts

Please help spread the word about all the great things happening at FPC! Follow us on Facebook and LIKE and SHARE our posts on your own Facebook page. #thankyou

Welcome, Guests!

Please take a moment to fill out an FPC Connection Card (found in the pew backs) and drop it in one of our offering boxes.

3rd Sunday Lunch

Be sure to stick around after worship this morning for 3rd Sunday Lunch. The youth group will be serving a delicious spaghetti meal including salad and breadsticks! This is also a great opportunity to meet our new members. A free-will offering will be collected at lunch.

“Bless This Mess” Women’s Lenten Devotion - Tonight

All women are invited to join the special 6-week Sunday night Lenten devotion called “Bless This Mess.” This study is open to all women in the Topeka community. Invite a friend! Each Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. you will be pampered with a light supper and equipped with simple daily practices to do throughout the week. Childcare will be available each week if needed. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Allison Brewer.

Parents’ Night Out - March 25

Register now for Parents’ Night Out on March 25, for children ages 1 through 12! The event will be from 3 to 8 p.m., and the theme for the night will be March Madness! We will have dinner, a movie, and lots of fun with our church youth group! Registration closes March 18. Drop-off begins at 3 p.m. at FPC with pick-up by 8 p.m. Families are asked to make a base donation of \$20 per family with \$10 for each additional child (max of \$40 per family). Proceeds will go to help the youth finance their mission trips this summer. You can register at: forms.gle/EHSbbFH7ii54FuD2A or by contacting Allison Brewer at abrewer@fpctopeka.org.

Faith & Flour - March 25

March’s Faith & Flour baking group will be making hot cross buns. Hot cross buns have a long history in the Christian faith with followers eating them on Good Friday to represent the crucifixion of Jesus. The morning session is full, but there is still space in the afternoon session! Please sign up by March 20 in Disciples Hall.

Widows, Tea, and Fellowship - March 28

This month’s Widows, Tea, and Fellowship meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Brown. Feel free to bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

We’re collecting candy for the April 1 Easter Egg Hunt at the Capitol and need your generous donations of Easter candy! Donations can be brought to the church on Sundays or during business hours before March 24. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

We will host the community Easter Egg Hunt at the Kansas Capitol with our downtown church partners on Saturday, April 1. Last year we hosted over 500 children and their families (about 1,000 people!) and expect at least that many again this year. It takes MANY wonderful volunteers like you to make this event a success. There are two opportunities for you to help with pre-event preparation: March 26, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Episcopal filling treat bags, and Friday, March 31, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church for a variety of tasks. MANY volunteers will be needed on Saturday, April 1, between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Egg Hunt itself will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteer sign-up and descriptions of available volunteer roles can be found online at <https://rb.gy/qipzil>, or you can call the church office and sign up that way. Please contact Allison Brewer at abrewer@fpctopeka.org with any questions. Thank you for helping make this a wonderful event!

FoodShare Volunteers Needed on Wednesdays

Volunteers are needed to help with our FoodShare Ministry on Wednesdays. Neighborhood Ministries is looking for volunteers to help pick up food from Aldi at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. They also need volunteers to help prepare the food bags beginning at 4:15 p.m. Distribution begins in the north parking lot at 5 p.m. Even if you can only help once a month, it’s a great feeling to offer our community assistance, especially at this time of year. A sign-up sheet is in Disciples Hall.

In Our Prayers

Joys: Welcoming new members!

Concerns: Mark Alexander; Charlotte Brewer; Polly Collins; Sharron Jordan, Melba Banion’s daughter and Linda Mets’ sister; H.B. Marshall; Marge Robards; Mark Mueller; those affected by natural disasters worldwide; those affected by gun violence.

Sympathy: The family of Jim Pettygrove, who passed away on March 11.

New Daily 4:00 Prayer!

Dear God, open our eyes to the amazing things you are doing in our lives. In all that we do, make us more like Jesus. Heal the broken places within us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might boldly share the good news of your love with those who need to hear it. Amen!