

# The Pew'sletter

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## Message from Rev. Cannon

This message is timeless and conveys the meaning of the Lenten/Easter Season.

*April 1, 2010 An Easter reflection*

*From Presbyterian News Service by the Rev. Jose Luis Casal*

The Reformed tradition has a particular way to interpret the events of Holy Week. Our focus is not the cross or the suffering of Jesus but his resurrection. Easter is the center of the celebration. Good Friday and Maundy Thursday are meaningless without Easter.

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during his three-year ministry.

If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

Some people say that New Year's Eve is the time to make commitments for our future, but I believe Easter is the right time to think in the future with a positive attitude. After a year full of problems and difficulties, what we need is not a new beginning or fresh start — we need the example of Jesus, who proved with his own life that we have a new opportunity thanks to his death and resurrection. We can live because he lives!

It is my prayer that you may look at the future with hope because the One who triumphed over the death is our Lord and Master. Let us look at the future with optimism and trust because the Lord our God is still in charge and lives forever!



YOU ARE  
INVITED

## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHES

First United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Noon, Wednesdays beginning  
March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CANNON

Continues on Wednesdays,  
through April 9th at 6:00 pm.  
Bring your Bible, snack, and a  
friend...or two. Location in the  
Kitchen.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
6:00 PM

READERS AND SERVICE HELPERS  
NEEDED. PLEASE CALL  
THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY:

4 ELDERS FOR COMMUNION;  
4 FOOT-WASHERS;  
4 SANCTUARY ASS'TS.

GOOD FRIDAY: 3 READERS

SATURDAY: 12 READERS;

4 ELDERS FOR COMMUNION

## Christian Education

*from Jan Duncan*

### Easter Egg Hunt - April 13th

Palm Sunday after worship there will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt—rain or shine! Starting at noon a light lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Games, stories and then the Hunt for ages 3—12 years old. All are welcome to search for the TWO golden eggs. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs.



**Vacation Bible School planning is also under way!** If you would like to be part of the planning process, please contact Jan Duncan. 704-748-9719.

## Session Update

Last month the Nominations Committee received the names of 20 members for consideration. Those people were personally contacted by the Committee and nine agreed to continue the nomination process.

Those members received more information about what is expected of a Ruling Elder. The Nominating Committee met with each of them on March 2<sup>nd</sup> after Worship Service to explore their possible role as a member of the new Session.

After prayer and meditation the Committee presented a slate of five members to the Leadership Council on March 25<sup>th</sup>. **A Congregational Meeting has been called to formally elect the new Session on April 6th during the Service.**

## AMY'S HOUSE NEEDS

The following supplies on a regular basis: Clorox; washing powder; liquid hand soap; hand sanitizer; toothpaste; tooth brushes; mouthwash; sanitary napkins; deodorant; shampoo/conditioner; baby shampoo/wash powder; Pampers (bigger sizes); diaper rash crème (butt paste); cough medicine; fever reducer; Midol; Motrin; Tylenol (extra strength); trash bags (45, 39 and 13 gallon); light bulbs(40, 75 watts); aluminum foil; salt and pepper; toilet tissue; paper towels; children's socks; children's underwear; teen bra and underwear; brushes and combs; bedroom slippers. Bring to Church and we'll deliver to Amy's House.

# APRIL 2014

Tues. April 1st	6:30-7:30 pm	<b>T'ai Chi classes</b> Every Tuesday in April and May	Fellowship Hall
Wed., April 2nd	Noon 6:00pm	<b>Lenten Lunch</b> — Michael Collins <b>Bible Study</b> with Rev. Cannon	1st UMC Kitchen
Sunday, April 6th	9:15am 10:30am	<b>Church School</b> <b>Worship, 5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Congregational Meeting—as part of worship</b> <i>After Worship</i> <b>Christian Education Meeting</b>	Apple Classroom Sanctuary Apple Classroom
Tues. April 8th	6:30-7:30 pm	<b>T'ai Chi classes</b> Every Tuesday in April and May	Fellowship Hall
Wed., April 9th	Noon 6:00pm	<b>Lenten Lunch</b> — Veronica Cannon <b>Bible Study</b> with Rev. Cannon	1st UMC Kitchen
Saturday, April 12th	10:00 am	<b>Machpelah Church preparation</b>	Macpelah Church
Sunday, April 13th	9:15am 10:30am Noon	<b>Church School</b> <b>Worship, Palm Sunday</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	Apple Classroom Sanctuary Fellowship Hall & Park
Tues. April 15th	6:30-7:30 pm	<b>T'ai Chi classes</b> Every Tuesday in April and May	Fellowship Hall
Wed., April 16th	Noon	<b>Lenten Lunch</b> — Last One	1st UMC
Thursday, April 17th	6:00 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	Sanctuary
Friday, April 18th	6:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 19th	6:00 pm	<b>Great Vigil of Easter</b>	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 20th	6:30 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> <b>Church School</b> <b>Worship, Palm Sunday</b>	Macpelah Apple Classroom Sanctuary



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**SCHEDULE**  
**Church School: 9:15am**  
**Worship: 10:30 am**  
**Choir Rehearsal-  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm**

**MISSION:**  
**REACH.  
TEACH.  
FEED.  
LOVE.**

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**Piano Lessons at FPC**  
Dr. Parker offers private piano instruction **Wednesdays from 3-5 pm.** Contact Patricia, 704-877-7418, or drpgpaker@gmail.com.

**Girl Scouts** meet at FPC. Contact Tina Cloer, 704-732-8187

**FPC's Calendar** is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.

**LAWN MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED**  
Must have your own equipment. Please call the office to volunteer.



**April:** Joe, Joseph, and Melynda Berrier, friends Megan and Donna, and Betty Beaver.  
May through the end of the year still needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Greg McBryde 704-530-8075, Gregory.mcbride@gmail.com, or the office: 704-735 8671. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## Register Now for Preschool

If you would like for your child to attend Fall FPC Preschool, please call us as soon as possible: 704-735-2275.

**SUMMER PROGRAM:** Register for an 8-wk summer camp, for all 2's, 3's, 4's and early elementary children. Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon.

## April Worship Team

Leaders ..... Betty Beaver, Judy Roberts

### April 6th

Greeters & Offering.....John / Peggy Lafferty  
Worship Leader.....Sandy Eldridge  
Nursery.....Pat Carpenter  
Children's Time .....Christy Nishek  
Lock-up..... Denis Dunbar

### April 13th Palm Sunday

Greeters & Offering ..... Rick and Myra Jane Ramseur  
Worship Leader..... Mike Randleman  
Nursery..... Pam Sipe  
Children's Time ..... Barbara Crumley  
Lock-up..... Betty Beaver

### April 20th—EASTER

Greeters & Offering.....Leona Dellinger  
.....and Cynthia Randleman  
Worship Leader..... Thad Cloer  
Nursery..... Adrienne Hodges  
Children's Time ..... BAPTISM  
Lock-up..... Pam Sipe

### April 27th

Greeters & Offering ..... Scott Nishek / Alice Jean Abrams  
Worship Leader..... Jamie Hodges  
Nursery..... McBrydes  
Children's Time ..... Greg McBryde  
Lock-up..... Joe Morgan