



# e-News

April 6th, 2022

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## Lent Soup Nights

Last Soup Night is tonight from 6—7pm!  
You don't want to miss it!

## Philippians 4:6-7 Prayer Group

April 15th at 9:30 am.

The full schedule is available on our website.

## EASTER EGG HUNT!

This Saturday 4/9 at 9 to 10:30 am!

Bring your friends and your family! We'll have food, crafts, story time, singing, even photos with the Easter Bunny! And of course, a big egg hunt! Just bring your own basket and have a blast!

## PALM SUNDAY IS HERE!

Our Night Deacons are cooking up a Special Breakfast this Sunday at 8:30 so make sure to join us for food before worship begins at 10 am.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30

Good Friday Worship at 6:30

Resurrection Sunday Worship at 10 am

## LITURGISTS NEEDED!

Our liturgists read a bible passage on Sunday mornings - please prayerfully consider joining our ranks! This opportunity to actively participate in worship as a liturgist would involve reading only two or three times a year.

If interested, please contact Joan Schultz at: [joanschultz27@gmail.com](mailto:joanschultz27@gmail.com) or call the church office and leave your name, phone number and email address -

**THANK YOU!!**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing and recovery for Marilyn Bisching.

Prayers of thanks that Jane Vercellotti is home and healing.

Prayers of thanks and continued healing for Maureen Fumagalli as she is on the mend and has completed the last of her cancer treatments.

Prayers for Kim Belfield as she battles with Alzheimer's.

Prayers of strength for the children of the world, for strength against the pressures of today's world.

If you would like to send a card or reach out to anyone on our prayer list but don't have their contact information feel free to call or email the church office.

## Ladies Kentucky Derby Progressive Luncheon

**Save the Date! May 7th from 11am to 2 pm**

Mint Juleps, southern food, and Derby fun! We'll even be making our own Derby hats!

More info on our website and registration is coming soon!

## PLEDGE CARDS

If you haven't yet, don't forget to mail in your pledge cards as we start this new fiscal year!

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### **Stewardship Report**

<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	\$772,600
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	\$7,580
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$7,429

Income includes \$450 received for Ukrainian refugee relief

Per Capita: \$40.00

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

**Thank you** for your generosity.

## Hello Beloved of God!

This is it! Tonight is our last Lenten Soup where we have our souls are filled with God's Holy Word and our stomachs are filled with Jody and Keith's amazing soup creations (plus bread, crackers, sandwiches and desert!). This short hour with the people of our faith family, when we study the Word and enjoy Christian fellowship, has been precious and lovely. If you have not, as yet, attended one please come tonight from 6:00-7:00pm. I am sorry to see them end, but we must keep in mind that as Lent draws to a close, it is with excitement and joy we anticipate Christ's victory over sin and death on Easter Morning! Alleluia!!!

Holy Week is upon us and the beauty of this coming week of worship and remembrance, of sharing the Bread and the Cup on Maundy Thursday and Easter, will remind us of God's Divine Love. A love that would not let us go into the darkness of sin by paying its price – a price that was and is rightfully ours to pay.

Oh Jesus! He was with God in the beginning of all things (John 1). Part of the God head who chose to be born as one of the creatures He created. All out of love for us.

It is beyond my comprehension to understand why God is so mindful of us...

*When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?  
You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:*

Psalm 8:3-6

As we enter into Holy Week let us worship and glorify the lover of our souls, our redeemer and our friend! This week, and always, let us worship our Great GOD!

In God's Love,  
Dr. Jen

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR BO:

Mulch and other stories from church!

When you think about ministry, mulching or trimming rose bushes is not something you learn about in any seminary classroom. But it is something you quickly learn to watch for, especially during spring time and right before Easter. I know, I know, we all want to have a great place to come and worship, we love to take pride in how nice the church looks, and it should be that way. Even more so, we should always remember that the church is more like a place where the familiar and the unfamiliar come to meet on any given Sunday. It is a place that is filled with life, not just because of the great landscaping, or building, but because of the love and care that defines this place. In the last few months there has been quite a bit of activity around this place, to beautify the bathrooms, floors, trimming bushes, and all that good work, but I feel like we are missing a great opportunity if we are not inviting people to come and join us for a worship service, or a dinner, or even a prayer group. With Palm Sunday, Easter, and Holy Week, this will be a great time for you to reach out to someone in your circle and bring them along.

At the end of the day that's what we are here for: Bringing people closer to God.

#### Reminders:

1. **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP & BREAKFAST** - this Sunday at 8: 30am come ready for worship and bring your appetite. Night deacons are the perfect host for this, and they will be cooking up French toast, ham, and eggs. We will also take a free will donation that will be matched by the Night Deacons to help with the Ukrainian Refugees.
2. **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - Living God's Grace - Thank you for sending in the pledge cards for this year. If you still have yours on the kitchen counter is not too late to send it in.
3. **EGG HUNT** - This Saturday 9 am to 10:30 am. - Bring the kids and their friends and plan on being here on Sunday morning. The kids will have an important place in our service on Sunday. P.S. If you can help with the Easter Egg hunt, maybe serve food, or help with the crafts, please let me know, would love to have few more people here on Saturday.
4. **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP** - Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services are both at 6:30 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you this weekend!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bo