

*April*  
*Open Door*   
2024

We will be very near to the path of a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. At a little after noon on that day, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun, and we will experience an eerie and unnatural darkness for a time. It's good to know that it's coming. It's good to know what makes it happen. People haven't always been so well informed about that. I can imagine the surprise and terror of people watching the always reliable sun disappearing in the middle of the day!

It's a good time to remember the most common phrase in scripture: Do not be afraid. On the day of the eclipse, it's a great mantra to remember. Do not be afraid. And it's also a good thing to remember on every other day of our lives as well.

So often we are paralyzed by the fear of things we can't control. It's good to remember that God can control them. And God watches over us. And God will make a way.

Do not be afraid. You are precious to God. You are loved by God. God will never let you go.

*Pastor Ray*

# St Patrick's Day Dinner



# Palm Sunday





**April 7** What Happens When Jesus Shows Up?

**April 14** We Will Be Like Jesus

**April 21** Laying Down Our Lives

**April 28** What Does Love Look Like

**APRIL**

**Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday email each week.

**Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**April 3** I Peter 1

**April 10** I Peter 2

**April 17** I Peter 3

**April 24** I Peter 4

**Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**April 7** Revelation 1-2

**April 14** Revelation 3-4

**April 21** Revelation 5-6

**April 28** Revelation 7-8

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 47 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today. We have given **531 backpacks** since the beginning of the year.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on March 19, 2024. In Global Mission we gave a gift of **\$200 to Serving Christ Ministries**. For the Local Mission we gave a gift of **\$250 to CASA**.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacons Shoe ministry has delivered **6** pairs of shoes in the year 2024.



The Food Pantry distribution average for last year (2023) was 54 bags/month. So far, in 2024, we have given out **95** bags of food through the end of February. As of March 20th, we have given out another **29** bags of food.

### FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon Thursday, March 7, 2024

As you can tell, the only serious aspect of this lunch was the food! All the ladies had a great time of fellowship. Please join us next month for the fun and fellowship at the FPC Miami's Ladies Luncheon.

Next Luncheon - Thursday, April, 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am



Cindy Holt brought VERY OLD Miami News Record papers. They were found in an attic, perhaps in hers. The papers are dated in the 1940's. Nancy clipped articles she thought would be interesting.....they are on a table in Fellowship Hall. News articles are interesting and the ads bring a smile. By today's standards, the prices are extremely low!  
 Enjoy ! ..... Nancy Gee

### What Is Christianity?

For a challenging answer, what it does for you, what you should do with it, see the sound motion picture

## "THE POWER OF GOD"

Two Showings, 4:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. Today

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## Remember?

20 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Harry W. Curtis, pastor of First Presbyterian church, has left for Muskogee, where he will be principal speaker at the installation of a new pastor in the Presbyterian church there.

### Phones



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 DRESSED RABBITS — Each . . . . . 50c  
 SPAGHETTI — Van Camp's, 17 Oz. Jar . . . . . 10c  
 KRAUT — No. 2 1/2 Can . . . . . 15c  
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Army, Navy Bands on Installation of Armed Forces

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"The Great Escape" - Variety

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# APRIL

# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-12 Food Pantry  	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 KumBaZoom	4 10-12 Food Pantry  2:30 Backpack  7:00 GA	5 10-12 Food Pantry	6
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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Melba Cordell.....4/2    Jake Gray.....4/18  
 Jacob Karleskint.....4/2    Mikhila Zabel.....4/19  
 Sophia Shaffer.....4/4    Sarah Lomax.....4/23  
 Shawn Spencer.....4/7    Elia Rendel.....4/24  
 Kai Liwai.....4/8    Howard Condren.....4/27  
 Tim Keith.....4/17    Kiara Richards.....4/30

*Should your name be here?  
 Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*



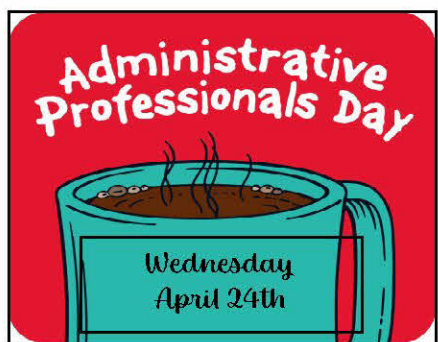
I just wanted to share something with you. While working on the April Open Door, I was reminded of a song I sang in my high school choir for a state competition. It was called "All in the April Evening," and the lyrics were taken from a poem "Sheep and Lambs" written by Katharine Tynan Hinkson. The poem is truly beautiful, and the song is just as gorgeous. I thought you might enjoy reading the poem, and if you have a moment, I highly recommend googling the song and giving it a listen. It's definitely worth it. Best regards, Ross.



Sheep and Lambs  
 All in the April evening,  
 April airs were abroad;  
 The sheep with their little lambs  
 Pass'd me by on the road.



The sheep with their little lambs  
 Pass'd me by on the road;  
 All in the April evening  
 I thought on the Lamb of God.



Up in the blue, blue mountains  
 Dewy pastures are sweet;  
 Rest for the little bodies,  
 Rest for the little feet.  
 All in the April evening,  
 April airs were abroad;  
 I saw the sheep with their lambs,  
 And thought on the Lamb of God.  
 by Katharine Tynan Hinkson

## Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack	
<b>April 7</b>	Cari & Shawn	<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>April 14</b>	Open	<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Diana S. &amp; Cindy H.</b>
<b>April 21</b>	Open	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>April 28</b>	Open	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Open</b>

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!







Thanks Kit, Chuck, & Berkeley

- 6 Cans Corn
- 6 Cans Green Beans
- 12 Boxes Mac & Cheese
- 12 Boxes Spaghetti
- 12 Jars Pasta Sauce
- 3 Boxes Oatmeal
- 12 Cans Black Beans
- 12 Cans Pinto Beans
- 12 Cans Dark Red Kidney Beans
- 12 Cans Light Red Kidney Beans



*Congrats Grace!*

*Keep Volunteering!*

*Wear your pin proudly!*

Jo Ann C. Jenkins  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



February 15, 2024

Dear Grace Goodeagle,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are having a wonderful start to 2024. As we embark on a new year, we appreciate you being a part of our AARP family and for working with us to enrich the lives of older adults, their families, and their communities.

As a token of our appreciation, please find enclosed a recognition pin – a small symbol of our profound gratitude for all you do to improve the experience of aging for millions of people nationwide.

Thank you for your extraordinary contributions as a valued AARP volunteer. We look forward to another year of making a difference together!

With gratitude,

*Jo Ann Jenkins*

## A call to prayer for the people of Haiti

March 8, 2024

As people of faith, members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have walked with the people of Haiti for decades. Together, we have helped construct hospitals and schools, forged connections and friendships. We are concerned as we witness the people of Haiti again watch as their fate and the fate of their island nation play out.

Gangs have controlled the capital city of Port-au-Prince since 2021. Gang violence has left more than 1,000 people killed or injured in January alone. Many thousands have fled their neighborhoods. Just as plans were finalized for an armed foreign intervention to restore order last week, gangs gathered forces to break open prisons and attack airports.

The de facto prime minister is holding onto power in a bid to improve the prospects of his unpopular political party in the upcoming election. His resignation appears imminent. It is likely that either the well-armed gangs controlling the capital or external governments will install a new leader.

This power vacuum leaves the already exhausted people of Haiti even more unsettled. Trapped in their homes by violence and uncertainty, they wait and pray. Will they ever have their chance to be at the table, able to decide their own fate at last?

Please join me in praying for a peace that lasts, a peace the Haitian people have sought since 1804.

God of justice,  
You know the strength and courage of your children of Haiti,  
How they rose against the evils of enslavement even while they wore shackles,  
How they etched their love of freedom for all in the inaugural constitution of this  
First Free Black Republic,  
How they were tricked into making an unjust and outrageous commitment  
to pay their enslavers,  
And how they struggled to pay that debt only by taking on more debt,  
And meeting the 20th century as a Black nation under the knee of the white world.

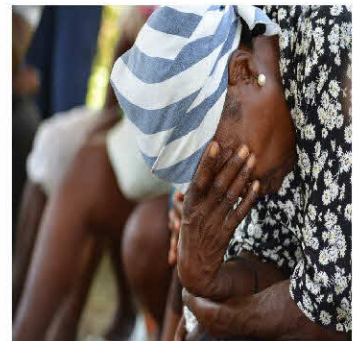


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Cindy Corell

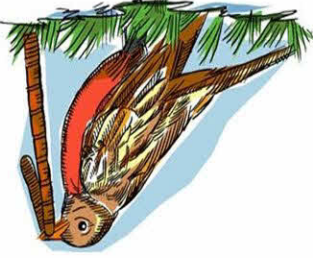
God of righteousness,  
You have watched as Haitian descendants of freedom fighters  
suffer under dictatorships, economic exploitation, violent unrest, international interference, and an  
ever-more fragile existence.

As violent gangs attempt to overthrow the fragile government,  
We pray for peace rooted in justice,  
For righteousness grounded in truth,  
For laws founded in your love that sets us free.

We pray in the Name of the One who came that they may have life and have it abundantly. Amen.

Rev. Bronwen Boswell  
Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

APRIL



## Deuteronomy 32:1-3

I Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.  
2 May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew,  
like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.  
3 For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;  
ascribe greatness to our God!



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