

APRIL

Open Door 2022

As we sow seeds this spring, it helps to notice how hard, small, and unpromising they look. Parents, grandparents, and teachers are sometimes blessed to see a seed they planted—skill with numbers, a commitment to justice, or talent for music—emerge in a later generation. But some people never see the blossoms from the seeds they plant. Maybe the seed of the good news needs to lie fallow in us for a while, awaiting the right conditions to flourish. Maybe we need to tend the rich soil of grief, probing what we can learn from it. At such times, we pray that the tiny seed of hope may grow into the flowering tree of resurrection. If we look closely, we can probably see around us in nature a tangible symbol of hope. The laciest green fuzz appears on tree limbs. The blades of grass may be only one-eighth-inch high, but they soon will carpet the hillsides.

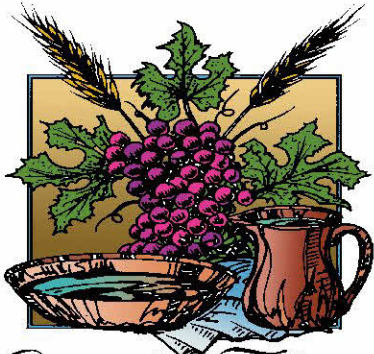
Easter comes to us as fitfully as it did to the first disciples. We carry to the tombs of our lives the same mixture of doubt, fear, certainty, anxiety, and joy that the disciples brought to Jesus' tomb. He always seems to choose for witnesses the most unlikely prospects, ourselves included. How will your life celebrate the good news of God's resurrection?

*Pastor Ray*



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross has been the subject of Sunday School during Lent. It has been fascinating to see all the works of Art from the Museum. To see how someone's imagination can bring forth such beautiful and sometimes different forms of art. A true gift from God.



## Maundy Thursday

Pastor Ray will be leading a Maundy Thursday service at 4:00pm on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Grove. It would be great to gather a group of people from Miami to join in worship with them. If enough people are interested in going, we will fill the church bus and leave Miami at 3:15pm. Please call the church office to let us know if you would like to participate.



## Easter Lilies

Easter will be here quicker than you know. So please have your Easter Lilies order in to the office by Monday, April 11th.



### Easter Lilies

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday just call the church office, costs will be \$18.50 each. Orders are due by Monday, Aril 11th.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

For example: "Jim Smith in Loving Memory of His wife Della"  
Or "Lee Price in Celebration of Family both here and in Heaven."



**April 3** I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

**April 10** I Am the True Vine

**April 17** I AM Returning to My Father

**April 24** Guest Preacher : Ross Tomlinson Jr.



### **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 6** Mark 13

**April 13** Mark 14

**April 20** Mark 15

**April 27** Mark 16

### **Adult Sunday School**

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

**April 3** Stations of the Cross 9 & 10

**April 10** Stations of the Cross 11& 12

**April 17** Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

**April 24** Stations of the Cross 13 & 14

## 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 45 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food. Your support is essential and appreciated.

The foods we give are single serving, easy open containers, no cooking required, and without nut products. The food can be divided into two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.



The Mission Committee met on March 15, 2022. Those present discussed some different places and organizations that may benefit from our donations. This month the committee decided to donate \$300.00 to EOP for Malawi health/medical supplies, \$200.00 to Serving Christ Ministries, \$300.00 to the Boys & Girls Club, and \$300.00 to the Community Crisis Center.

For the entire year, the Mission Committee has made gifts of \$500.00 to Global Missions and \$600.00 to Local Missions. In addition to a founding bequest from the Meyers Sisters, other church members supplement these gifts each year. Consider a gift to the Mission giving of your local congregation!

FPC Miami Church ministries of the Backpack program and the food pantry have been a blessing to our community. 40 food pantry bags and 360 backpacks have been handed out so far this year.



As I was looking online for something a few weeks ago I found this acronym.

P.R.A.Y. Pause, Rejoice, Ask and Yield. So, I wrote this quick little poem.

**P**.ause is required as we enter in prayer, God who is Holy  
To lay prostrate on the ground before You in humility  
In the quiet we hear Your voice's resonance  
As we are safe and secure within your presence

**R**.ejoicing we praise You as our voices raise and sing  
To magnify You and give you power for you are Lord over everything.  
Glory and honor be unto you God Almighty  
For it is in Your righteousness that we may find piety

**A**.sking you to heal, deliver, and comfort those around us  
For your works and Holy Spirit are boundless  
Your compassion and grace flow from Your throne  
We ask that You make the world a better place as your Presence is known

**Y**.ielding to Your Spirit to let Your works be known  
We follow Your lead as You guide us through valley, hill, and stone  
Across oceans, deserts, and mountains, wherever You trod  
Make us willing vessels to be used by You Almighty God

3/3/22  
Ross Tomlinson Jr.





April

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Open Door

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10-12 Food Pantry	2
3 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Choir Practice	4 10-12 Food Pantry  6:00 4States 4 Equality	5 10-12 Food Pantry	6 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 KumBaZoom	7 10-12 Food Pantry  2:30 Backpack  7:00 GA	8 10-12 Food Pantry	9
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BIRTHDAYS

- Melba Cordell.....4/2
- Jacob Karleskint.....4/2
- Shawn Spencer.....4/7
- Kai Liwai.....4/8
- Jerry Wyrick.....4/13
- Tim Keith.....4/17
- Jake Gray.....4/18
- Sarah Lomax.....4/23
- Elia Rendel.....4/24
- Howard Condren.....4/27
- Kiara Richards.....4/30

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

#### 4-State youth 4 Equality

A new group has formed to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this new group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and rejection by his local church. We look forward to learning and growing together.

The group will be making crafts on Monday 3/27 which will then be used in a town wide scavenger hunt just in time for Easter. If anyone has suggestions of a good hiding spot around town to hide any of the craft items for the scavenger hunt, please let Ross or Ray know.

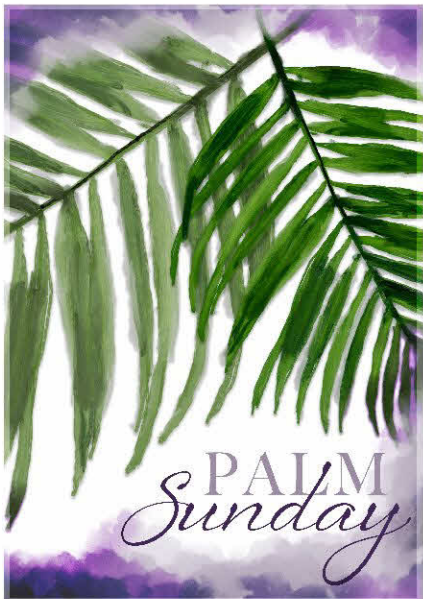
With the school year almost coming to a close, and another summer almost upon us, the group is planning on restructuring meeting times. The schedule is that the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month for a 2 hour meeting.



<b>Servers in the Lord's House</b>			
	<b>Coffee Host</b>	<b>4 States Youth 4 Equality</b>	
<b>April 3</b>	Open	<b>April 4</b>	Open
<b>April 10</b>	Open		
<b>April 17</b>	Open	<b>April 18</b>	Open
<b>April 24</b>	Open		

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

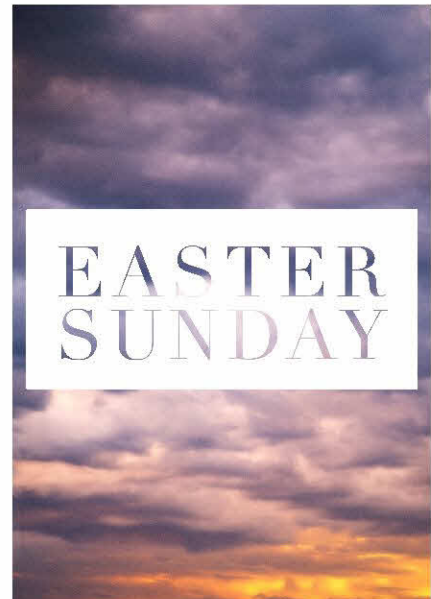
<b>Backpack Helper Schedule</b>		
<b>Thursday April 7</b>	Melinda	John
<b>Wednesday April 13</b>	Open	Open
<b>Thursday April 21</b>	Open	Open
<b>Thursday April 28</b>	Open	Open



*Palm Sunday  
April 10th*



*Easter Sunday  
April 17th*







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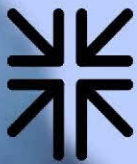


**2022 Requirements:**

- *55 & older (Native Americans) or 60 & older (Non-Natives)*
- *Resident of Ottawa County*
- *Income of less than 185%\* the federal poverty limit*

**CALL: (918) 332-4344**

\* \$23,828/year or \$1,986/month for a household of one  
\$32,227/year or \$2,686/month for a household of two



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— ISAIAH 58

Thank You everyone for your joyful, humble, compassionate giving to OGHS. As of 3/20/22 we have collected \$487.33 in offerings for OGHS. We still have a couple of weeks of giving left this Lenten season.

Let us be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and give as He directs.





**11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:11



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