



April

Open Door 2026



“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times. So Peter went out and wept bitterly” (Luke 22:61-62).

It doesn't happen often, thankfully, but it does happen. We make a mistake so ghastly that it costs us a job or a relationship, our reputation or our freedom.

God has a different perspective on our failures. It doesn't matter if they're big or small. It doesn't matter if we broke a glass or denied Jesus. In every instance God is ready to forgive us. Grace. Undeserved mercy.

If God judged us on our works, none of us could be saved. But God doesn't deal in retribution and punishment. God offers grace. Before Peter understood that grace, he thought he was finished. He denied Jesus three times after promising that he would never do that.

But John 21 sees Jesus embracing Peter, loving him, and commissioning him to serve God with a message of hope. Never forget. We are saved by grace.

Pastor Ray

Sheep and Lambs

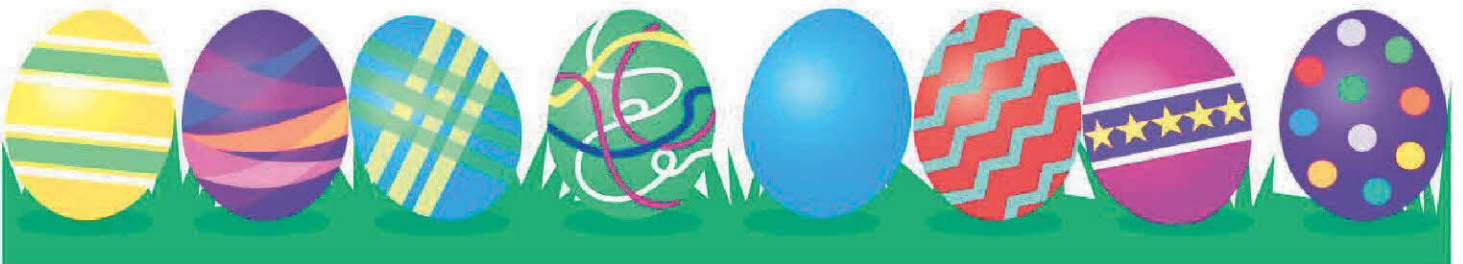
by Katharine Tynan Hinkson

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.



The church has newer, better, and faster Wi-Fi available.

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April 5 Easter Sunday	I Have Seen the Lord	Isaiah 65:17-25, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18
April 12	"Can We Believe without Seeing?"	I Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31
April 19	"What Happened on the Way"	Luke 24:13-35
April 26	"What Does Resurrection Look Like?"	Acts 2:42-47, I Peter 2:19-25

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 1	No KBZ on Wednesday, April 1 st . Instead, join us on Thursday, April 2 nd , for our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
April 8	God, Peace, and the Old Testament
April 15	God, Peace, and the New Testament
April 22	Peace in the Lives of Believers
April 29	TBA

Adult Sunday School

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

April 5 Easter Sunday	Easter Egg Hunt
April 12	Lord's Prayer
April 19	Lord's Prayer
April 26	Lord's Prayer

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. Since school started this year, we are averaging about **29** backpacks per week.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave Foster or the office. Thank you to the congregants who have helped pack backpacks this year. The Shaffers, the Schmiedekes, David Foster, and Janice Johnson.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission program is partly sustained by gifts from the Myers Sisters' bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission." In April, the committee gave to Local Missions: **\$300 Community Crisis Center**, and Global Missions: **\$300 World Central Kitchen**

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: The Deacons have delivered 11 pairs of shoes in 2026.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served **55 households** and **120 individuals** from March 1st through March 25, 2026.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Cindy brought a scrumptious lasagna for lunch. **Mm...Mm...Mm Good!**
Everyone else brought sides to complement the lasagna.



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30 am

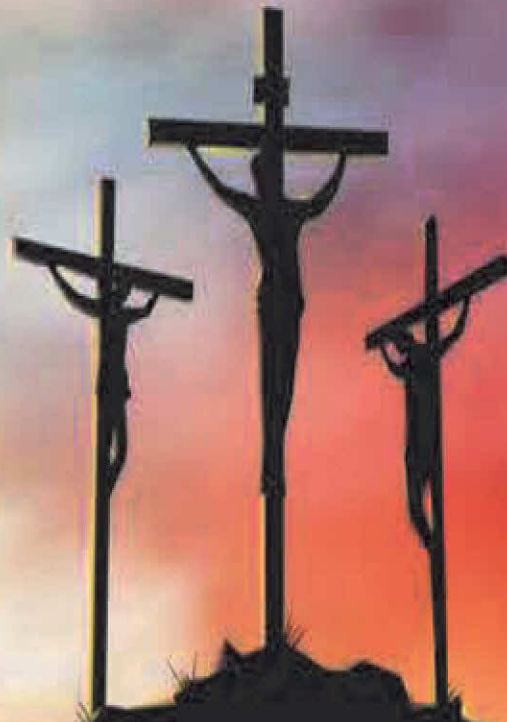


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10 - Noon Food Pantry NO KBZ	2 Maundy Thursday 10 - Noon Food Pantry Service 7:00pm	3 Good Friday Office Closed	4
Easter Sunday 5 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	6 10 - Noon Food Pantry	7 10 - Noon Food Pantry	8 10 - Noon Food Pantry KBZ 7:00pm	9 10 - Noon Food Pantry G.A. 7:00pm	10 10 - Noon Food Pantry	11
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Jacob Karlesdkint	4/2
Sophia Shaffer	4/4
Shawn Spencer	4/7
Kai Liwai	4/8
Tim Keith	4/17
Jake Gray	4/18
Sarah Lomax	4/23
Elia Rendel	4/24
Howard Condren	4/27

**GOOD
FRIDAY**



The office will be closed on Friday,
April 3rd, in observance of
Good Friday.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Join us at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary on Thursday, April 2nd, for a special celebration of the Lord's Supper as we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

There will be no KBZ on Wednesday, April 1st. Instead, please join us on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM for our Maundy Thursday Service.



“Given for you...”

Offertory Collection Schedule



April 5	Open & Open
April 12	Open & Open
April 19	Open & Open
April 26	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
April 5	Tim & Ross	Thu April 2 – The Schmiedekes
April 12	B-Day Sunday (Cari & Shawn)	Thu April 9 – Open & Open
April 19	Open	Thu April 16 – Open & Open
April 26	Open	Thu April 23 – Open & Open
		Thu April 30 – Open & Open

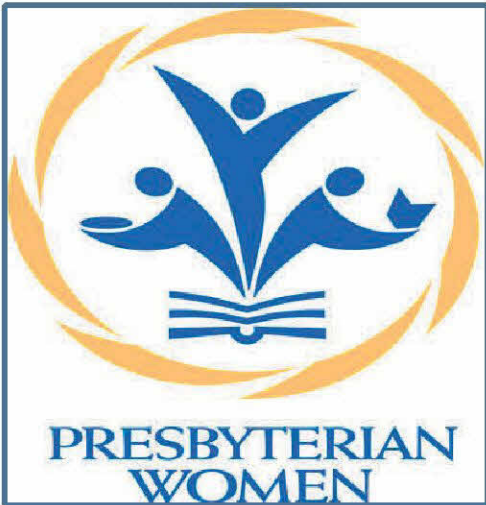


April 5	Abbey Ankenman
April 12	Grace Goodeagle
April 19	Tim Keith
April 26	Ross Tomlinson



Easter Sunday, April 5th.

There will be no Sunday School because we will have an Easter Egg Hunt.



Saturday April 18th

There is a meeting for Presbyterian Women in Claremore. Please contact Karin or Grace for details about attending this meeting.



Wednesday at Windridge

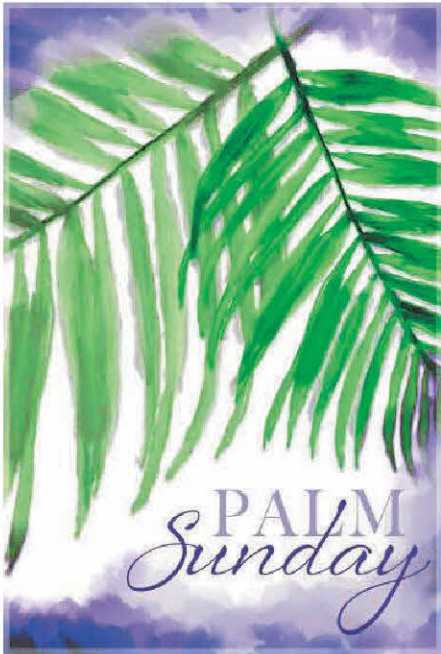
Please plan to join us as we travel to Windridge Nursing Home in Miami on the first Wednesday of every month. **April 1, at 10:00 am,** will be our next day to lead worship. The residents are thankful that we come. It's a good-sized group that comes to listen and join in with us as we worship.



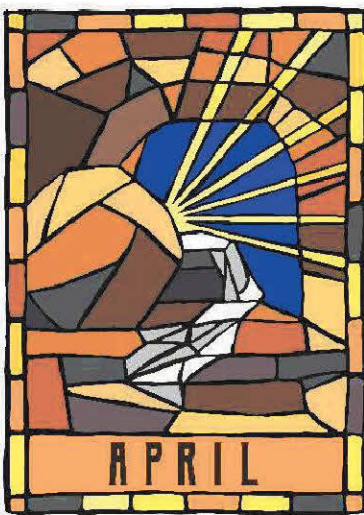
Earth Day
Wednesday April 22nd

Let us strive to be
good stewards of the
planet entrusted to
us by God.

We will have pictures of Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday, in the May edition of the Open Door.



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John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid".