

Happenings at FPCHS

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Please join us for worship on Palm Sunday, April 10.

- Our worship service at 10am and is in person and via our live stream.
- To access our streamed service, go to our website fpchs.org and click on the blue "FPCHS Live Streaming" on the left.
- Pastor Kip's sermon is "Good News—Even Better than Expected."
The scripture is: Mark 11:1-11.
- Our Good News Guest will be Jan Stewart!
- Sunday School for children meets at 10am in the lower level.
- Our Nursery is open and is located right off the narthex.
- Fellowship Hour follows worship in the Gathering Place.

One Great Hour of Sharing Collection Sunday, April 10

- OGHS is received during the season of Lent.
- Presbyterians share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.
- OGHS envelopes will be available in the pews that morning.

Invitation to Our Good Friday Service

Following in the footsteps of God's faithful followers through the ages and in spiritual communion with Christendom around the world, we will gather together for our Good Friday service in our church on Friday, April 15, at 7 pm and this service will be live streamed also. This very special holy day, in the final hours of the Lenten Season, begins our Easter Weekend, the most profound weekend of the Christian calendar. We urge you to join us, and encourage you to invite friends and neighbors, for this deeply meaningful evening service.

It seems so wrong and yet so right that we call this day Good Friday. In human terms, it represents a terrible day of profound tragedy and unthinkable darkness when the Son of God was crucified because of our rebellion against the truth of the Word and Light who came to us full of "grace and truth" (John 1). Through the years and in other languages, this day also has been called Sorrowful Friday (in German), God's Friday (possibly the original English description), Holy Friday, Black Friday, and Great Friday. But in God's eternal

terms, it was a profoundly good day because it was necessary in God's perfect plan of Salvation for a fallen world, demonstrating His perfect love for each of us. The apostle Peter proclaimed "He Himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." (I Peter 2:24)

Our faith leads us to the cross. Catholic cathedrals feature the crucifix depicting Christ on the cross in agony and painful passion to save us from our sins. It is the cross of Good Friday. Our church and most protestant churches feature the empty cross of the Resurrection. It is the cross of Easter Morning, signifying Christ's Resurrection triumph over sin and death. Both crosses symbolize essential and unfathomable steps in God's great gift of Salvation. In a single weekend our hearts go from the deepest desolation and sorrow to the greatest joy and hope.

We pray that our Good Friday Service on April 15 will draw each of us to the cross in preparing our hearts for the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection on the Easter Sunday to follow.

Easter Flower Fund

- You are invited to make a donation to help cover the cost for palms, flowers and other items used to decorate the sanctuary.
- Please use the form attached to this email to make a donation "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one.
- Dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletin.
- **The deadline for donations is April 13.**
- Email to linda@fpchs.org or mail to FPCHS, P.O. Box 866, H.S.

Your Voice Counts Survey coming May 2!

- Stay tuned for more information after Easter.

It's Gardening Time!

Sign up for a garden bed in the FPCHS Community Garden. The beds are located next to the FPCHS parking lot with fencing and soil ready to be tended. Beds come in three sizes 6'x8', 5'x12' and 5'x14' and will cost \$25 each.

If interested, simply click on this link to send Linda O'Dell linda@fpchs.org a note to let us know you are interested with your name, phone number and email. It will cost you nothing to get on this list.

We will first honor interest from our returning gardeners and then all others will be contacted on a first come first served basis to discuss which beds are still available, collect the fee and guarantee your reservation. The dirt is calling!

Christian Ed Director

- First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs is seeking a Christian Education Director for 15-20 hours a week, as needed, at \$20 an hour.
- Duties include connecting with children, youth and their families, planning future programs, implementing a Sunday School, a mid-week after school program, staffing the nursery on Sundays, and a week of VBS in the summer.

- Applicants should be a person of strong Christian faith and have experience working with children.
- Send resume to pastorkip@fpchs.org or mail to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 866, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, Attention: Pastor Kip Murphy.

Stephen Ministry at FPCHS

"I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister.

When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life. Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one- it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere!" ~ Stephen Ministry Care Receiver

Covid Policy at FPCHS:

- We no longer require masking in the church.
- We ask that everyone please be respectful of both those who choose to continue masking and those who do not.
- We also ask that anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms remain home as this is good practice regardless.

Events Coming Up This Coming Week

Sun. Apr. 10:

- Worship Service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary and Streamed also.
- Sunday School at 10:00am in the Lower Level
- Fellowship Hour at 11:00am in the Gathering Place.

Mon. Apr. 11

- University Club at 2:00pm in the Gathering Place.

Tue. Apr. 12:

- Men's Fellowship at 8:00am on Zoom. Apr. 12 scripture is Luke 11:1-23. Contact David Crouse for link: david@crouseentertainment.com.
- Women in the Word at 9:30am in the Gathering Place.
- Personnel Team at 11:00am in the Gathering Place.
- Caregiver Support at 5:30pm in the Gathering Place.
- AA at 7:00pm in the lower level.

Wed. Apr. 13:

- Community Bible Study at 2:00pm at Perry Farm.
- Women's Chorus at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary.
- Kirk Ringers at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Thu. Apr. 14:

- Men's Bible Study at 8:30am in the Gathering Place.
- Worship Team at 3:30pm in the Gathering Place.

Fri. Apr. 15:

- Alanon at 12:00pm in the lower level.

- Building & Grounds Team at 12:00pm in the Gathering Place.
- **Good Friday Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.**

Sat. Apr. 16:

- AA at 8:00am in the lower level.