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## *INSTALLATION OF PASTOR KATIE RIVERA TOREA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH*





## Pastor's Page

Thank you to every person who had a hand in bringing about my Installation Service and the spectacular reception afterwards. What a really wonderful event! And thank you all for the beautiful Carruth cross. It is truly, truly lovely.

Juan Pablo and I are heading off to a wedding in Mexico this week. I will be back in the office on Thursday, April 7th. The Sunday I am away, April 3rd, we will not celebrate communion. We *will* celebrate communion on Easter Sunday.

*Holy Week* begins the following Sunday, April 10th, with *Palm Sunday*. Our theme is: "Full to the Brim—even the stones cry out."

*Mourndy Thursday* we will meet for a simple meal and worship that will begin in the sanctuary and move to the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is: "Full to the Brim—a cup of sorrow."

*Easter Sunday* is April 17th. As I mentioned we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Our Easter theme is: "Full to the Brim—an expansive life."

In the months after Easter we will have two memorial services, a wedding, and an infant baptism. So, hold onto your hats!

You may have noticed that we have been experiencing technical difficulties if you have tried to worship with us Sunday morning from home. Please bear with us, we are working on the problems diligently. We are also turning our attention to the church website, to bring it up to date. And we hope to revive the church Facebook page.

We have noticed that a lot of people are discovering church related emails in their junk folders when they go looking for them. We, in the office, cannot really say why that is happening, we just know that it is. Please take a look at your junk email folder and see if emails from the church office or me are there. If yes, remove them from your junk folder and place them in your inbox. In my experience, that tends to fix the situation going forward. In some cases there is even a button to click indicating "not spam."

*Finally*, remember to bring you One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes to worship on Palm Sunday. You still have plenty of time to decorate your fish. Don't leave me hanging out there all alone with the only decorated fish!

*Pastor KRT*

# Christian Education

***By Julie Lindsey***

Spring is one of our busiest seasons in the life of the church. We are "Full to the Brim" with wonderful lessons for our youth that follow along with the scripture readings, children's message, and class studies. We are all being filled each Sunday as we move through this season together.

Please remember to return your One Great Hour of Sharing fish full to the brim with your donations on Easter Sunday. This world-wide mission collection contributes to so much good to those most in need.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the youth on Easter Sunday immediately following the service. Color coded eggs will be hidden for each child so that everyone has an opportunity to fill their bags with bright colored eggs.

On May 1st, we will continue our tradition of delivering May baskets to our neighbors at Elm House across the street from the church. This will be our 40th year! The residents of Elm House are always so grateful for this lovely gesture of kindness and the children can see that they are making a difference in a person's life with every flower delivered.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Marco and Ronin Chavez and Fiona Davies will receive their personal Bibles during the service. This is a special experience for these wonderful children as they continue in their faith journey.

Plans continue for VBS that will be held July 8-10th. We will keep you updated with details as plans firm up. Remember, this event is open to not only the children of our church but the community. So spread the word! We will have flyers available with the details as we get closer to the date.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

***By Selinda Schultz***

During the season of Lent, we have been savoring the insights in the book of Lenten devotions by Marilyn McEntyre, [Where the Eye Alights](#). After we finish it on April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will take a brief break before moving on to the challenging book of Revelation on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will use the study: "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today", to guide us through this mysterious letter to the early Christian churches and see how it can bring hope to us today.

Please join our faithful group on Tuesday mornings at 10AM either on Zoom or in person at church.



# MISSION

Randy Phillips, Team Leader



“The great gift of Easter is hope.” Basil C. Hume



**APRIL PCU COLLECTION ITEM:** Canned Fruit,  
Canned Meat for “Feed The 5000.” Ends on Easter.



**HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER:** Hygiene & Cleaning Products. Receptacles located in the church vestibule. Drop in a few items!

**PCU UPDATE:** Doing great financially! “Crisis Assistance” helped 27 clients in January, totaling \$7,745.00. The money mostly went towards rent and utility bills.

Next Blood Drive is May 20th, at Zoar Church from 12 noon to 6PM.

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND:** In February, Linda, our special secretary, helped three needy individuals. One received a bag of groceries, the other two requested gas cards for doctor visits.

**COFFEE CAKE MINISTRY:** In February and March, Eileen’s oven has been working overtime with a variety of bakery goods. The smiles, conversations, interactions and thank you’s from members of our church family were priceless!

**MISSION MEAL:** Last month’s chili was the perfect choice, due to the frigid cold weather! Big success! Having the traditional Easter dinner this month: slice ham, cheesy potatoes, dinner roll, applesauce, candy filled Easter eggs, and can’t forget that bottled water! Prayer cards will be included. Samples of the Prayer cards can be found on the Mission bulletin board.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Please remember to feed your fish with loose coins and dollars and use the donation envelopes in the pews. Thanks to Eileen Phillips for the OGHS poster she prepared, located in Fellowship Hall. Please return your fish and envelopes on Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2022 MISSION PLEDGE:** The mission team pledged \$2,500 (\$1,750 – Presbytery, \$75 – Synod, \$675 – General Assembly) in 2022 to mark our church’s Christian commitment and discipleship.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** In June, we will be teaming up with Marion Medical Mission **once again** to help provide the extreme poor in Africa with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water. Our church has supported this ministry since 2010 when Jan Martell first launched this project! In 2014, we donated sufficient funds for eight wells. This year we can financially support the digging of individual wells for \$450 per well. More information will be available in the near future on how we can all be part of this great



## ***WORSHIP/MUSIC***

***By Marty Sloan***



**Worship:** Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Pastor Katie has been leading our church through a reflective Lenten season following the Sanctified Art theme entitled: “Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent.” Please join us in worship as Pastor Katie continues to challenge us on our journey to contemplate our lives and consider making adjustments to our spiritual course. As we move forward in our preparation for the glory of the Easter reality of Christ’s Resurrection, we are called to an internal reflection of faith to external actions.

**Palm Sunday:** Worship service April 10, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Eco-Palms for waving being provided!

**Maundy Thursday:** Worship service April 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. including Light Supper and special music!

**Easter Sunday:** Worship service April 17, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Living Cross, special music and Easter Egg Hunt after church! Remember to bring flowers for the living cross!

**Music:** Jordan Karrigan will continue as our musician for a few more months. We thank Jordan for his dedication and assistance over the last year. Pastor Katie and the Worship Music team continue in the search to fill the Music Director position and getting the choir back in church.

**Flowers:** There is still time to get your order in for Easter flowers! We will be purchasing flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday! Please see the order forms on the bulletin board and get your order into the office as soon as possible.



# *Dinners for Six are back!*

*This is an opportunity to gather with a small group of church friends for fellowship as you dine out together once a month during May, June, and July. Sign up on the bulletin board at church, and we will create the groups. You then decide where and when you would like to meet.*



## SERVING CHART FOR APRIL, 2022

	<b>HEAD USHER</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>LITURGIST</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<b>JR. WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>POWER POINT</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
3	Don Youel	Mary Beth Gilts / Rick Gilts	Kathy East	Gretchen Downs	TBD	Nancy Gates	
10	Don Youel	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Randy Phillips	Pastor Katie	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
17	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Marty Sloan	Allison Mackin	Sarah Magoun	TBD	Stephen Potts	Jack-Linda Simmons / Matt Hollar Michelle Chavez
24	Don Youel	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Rusty Phlegar	Don Youel	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	

If you have a conflict with assigned date, please try to trade with another volunteer and inform Marty Sloan. Call 419.973.0623 or email [mssloan107@me.com](mailto:mssloan107@me.com). If unable to resolve conflict, contact Marty as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to FPC.



## SERVING CHART FOR MAY, 2022

	<b>HEAD USHER</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>LITURGIST</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<b>JR. WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>POWER POINT</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
1	Don Youel	Selinda Schultz / Kathy Jarosz	Kathy East	Megan Merrell	TBD	Nancy Gates	Jay-Jo Salvage Tom-Chris Stuart
8	Don Youel	Chelsea Grimm / Jackson Grimm	Jon Grimm	Pastor Katie	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
15	Don Youel	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Mary Beth Gilts	Sarah Magoun	TBD	Stephen Potts	
22	Don Youel	Lowrie Gilmore / Carol Sprague	Jo Salvage	Kathy East	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	
29	Don Youel	Rhyn Davies / Isla Davies	Kathy Jarosz	Melinda Gallant	TBD	Marty Sloan	

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# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am Worship No Communion  11:15 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study	6  6:00 pm Mission Team Mtg.	7  6:30 p.m. Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am Worship	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study  6:30 pm Session	13	14  6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 GOOD FRIDAY (no Worship Service)	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 am Worship/ Communion  Easter Egg Hunt	18	19 10:00 am Bible Study	20	21 4:00 pm Finance/ Stewardship Team Mtg.	22	23 Noon Jim Gilmore's Memorial Service
24 10:00 am Worship	25	26 10:00 am Bible Study  6:00 p.m. JoyBelles	27	28	29	30

# Birthday Wishes

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 7 Marty Sloan  
April 12 Hannah Maloney  
April 13 Robert Jarosz  
April 14 Robert Gates  
April 17 Joe Brainard  
April 17 Barry Murr  
April 18 Mike Cain  
April 18 Julie Lindsey  
April 21 Jim Haas  
April 21 Nathaniel Martin  
April 25 Linda Simmons  
April 26 Ron Huling

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Chris Stuart  
May 9 Darcy Metcalfe  
May 10 Emma Dennis  
May 13 John Celley  
May 17 Doris Currie  
May 17 Pat Lindsey  
May 20 Tara Gilts  
May 21 Gillian Mitchell

If you have a birthday that is not listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

## PARISH CONCERNS

**Please remember these members and friends in your daily prayers:**

**Joe Brainard**  
**Dorothy Darr**  
**Eva Lengel**  
**Barb Modrzynski**  
**Pat Sheridan**

**Doris Currie**  
**Lowrie Gilmore**  
**Geraldine McGue**  
**Rick Modrzynski**  
**Ed & Sue Williams**

## SAVE THE DATE

The Gilmore Family would like to invite you to attend the Memorial Service for Jim Gilmore who passed away on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the sanctuary with a luncheon to follow.

# April 2022 Newsletter

## Service Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children are excused during the worship  
service to attend Sunday School

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month

## *Session Members*

### Jo Salvage – Clerk

Nancy Gates, Co-Clerk

Molly Chalfin

Mary Beth Gilts

Allison Mackin

Stephen Potts

Marty Sloan

Melissa Cain, Co-Clerk

Kathy East

Jon Grimm

Randy Phillips

Jay Salvage

## *Staff*

Pastor .....

Adult Education Director .....

Musician .....

Treasurer .....

Secretary .....

Financial Secretary .....

Custodian .....

Nursery Attendant .....

Rev. Katie Rivera Torea

Selinda Schultz

Jordan Karrigan

Don Youel

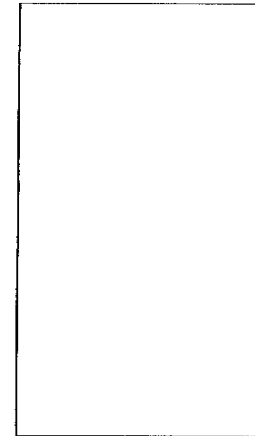
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