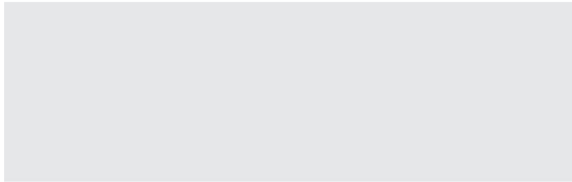




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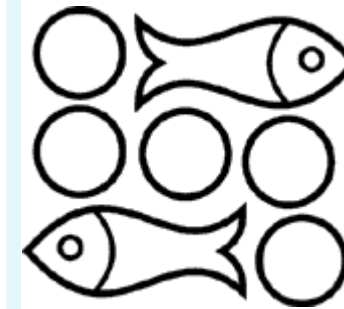
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SERVING THIS WEEK OF May 18

- Worship Leader:** Tim Adams
Elders: Mike Drake (bread), John Carden (cup)
Diaconate: Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Peggy West, Elizabeth Bailey, Rick Webster, Kim Cunningham
Balcony: Samantha Adams, Margaret Taylor, Natalie Workman
Preparatory: Marcia Higgins, Sherri Wagner, Sharon Butcher
Greeters: **Front** Judy Graves
Central East Mary Raymer
Balcony South Dan Reed
Elevator John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Jonelle Schauble
Children's Moment: Jan Rockwell
Children's Church: Jan Rockwell
Soundboard Tech: Larry Ellis
Coffee Fellowship Time: Jonelle Schauble
Hospital Caller: Jean Moore
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

- Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
 Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
 Carol Harmon,
Organist
 Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant
 Paul Huff,
Custodian
 Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director
 Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor
 Sydne Speziale,
Nursery Assistant

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PANTRY VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry currently has several volunteers coming multiple times a month to help fill gaps in schedules.

New volunteers are always welcome. A training and refresher session for volunteers has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the library/pantry area of First Presbyterian Church. Anyone wanting to volunteer and cannot attend that date may call Sally Roberts (837 9234), Susan Lawhorn (837 3515) or Janna Haworth (837 1586) to discuss options.

Food pantry hours are 1:15-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 1:15-3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Kelly's Korner

This week in worship we will deviate from the gospel stories of Jesus' resurrection. Instead, we will look at Acts. This is the book written by the same author as the gospel of Luke. Acts tells the story of what happened after the disciples' visits with the resurrected Jesus. This is the book where we get information about Pentecost, that holy experience when the church was birthed. This is the book which chronicles the earliest evangelistic efforts of the disciples and their helpers.

Our particular story will detail the events of the stoning of Stephen. Stephen was a martyr of the faith. He died a gruesome death. In dying, he spoke similar words as Jesus on the cross. Just before his stoning, Stephen preaches harsh words against the temple authorities. These were the same people that Jesus spoke harshly about. These were the same people who were seemingly intent to silence Jesus.

What are you passionate enough to die for? Relationships to spouse or child or friend? Country? Protecting your home or car or wallet? Having entered the season of Easter, the passages suggested by the lectionary sources have us thinking of the depth of our Christian conviction. Will we serve faithfully as God and Jesus have faithfully served us?

Holy Week is also called the passion. The movie *The Passion of Christ* details in dramatic fashion the last few days of Jesus' life. As we delve deeper into the Easter season, we are confronted with the question of our faithfulness. Can I be a true disciple of Jesus? Am I willing to be more like Stephen, speaking boldly about my beliefs no matter how much pain it causes me?

Ironically, a man representing the temple is present for Stephen's stoning. His name is Saul. Our story tells us that Saul carries out repeated attacks against the followers of Jesus. If we were to read a few chapters more, we would then read of Saul's conversion and name change—of his earliest efforts to help others become Christ's followers.

Faithfulness has little to do with perfection. Faithfulness has a lot to do with passion.

Peace,



Sunday, May 18

Eric Reed opens/closes church
drive(s) the van

- 8:00 AM Prayer Group
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Grand Prairie
Elders: Janet Shank
Deacons: Elise Cangro
Natalie Workman
- 4:00 PM Everly House
Elders: Mike Drake
Deacons: Elise Cangro
Natalie Workman

Monday, May 19

- 6:00 PM Trustees
- 6:00 PM Worship
- 7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, May 25

Rod Burg opens/closes church
drive(s) the van

- 8:30 AM Prayer Group
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Youth Group

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 18 Ellen Tingley
Tim & Sue Adams (a)
- 19 Griffin Taylor
- 20 Abby Dace
- 21 Joe & Teresa Meunier (a)

Sunday, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Stiff-Necked
Scripture: Acts 7:51-8:3

Lectionary Readings:

- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- I Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- I Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit? Do you crochet? We are organizing a Prayer Shawl Ministry at FCC and will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, May 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the church.

We will have books with patterns available for you to see and information concerning what a Prayer Shawl Ministry is.

Please come - even if it has been a while since you picked up those needles or crochet hooks.

See you Monday.

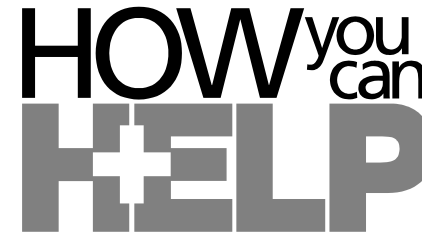
Christian Action & Outreach



We would like to extend a generous thank you to everyone for prayers, calls, visits at home and hospital, food, flowers, cards and caring gestures during Gail's hospital stay and recovery process.

He is progressing well and slowly returning to his daily routine. We are so grateful for such a caring and loving church family.

Gail & Joyce Randall



MAY RESPONSIBILITIES AT LOAVES & FISHES

During the month of May, First Christian Church is scheduled to manage the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Please double check the time(s) you have signed up to help so you will be sure to remember.

Rod Burg says the pantry needs plastic bags! If you have extras, please bring them to the church office. Loaves & Fishes appreciates very much having bags on hand to use when distributing food.

On Monday, May 19, Loaves & Fishes will be receiving a truck load of food from Aldi. If you would be available to help unload the food, be at First Presbyterian Church at 4:30 p.m.



Spring is here and the grass is growing!

If you would be interested in helping mow the church yard this year, please sign up in the Parlor.

The church has a mower and everything you need, making it convenient for everyone.

Questions: contact Bill Butcher (333 2071).

