

# THE BRIDGE

## *April 2022*



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9:00  
AM

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

10:00  
AM

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

# April 2022

## SESSION

Bette Hoytink - Clerk of Session  
Jessica Harrison - Treasurer  
Kristina Mosley - Personnel  
Dave Struensee - BIG  
Dave Schafer - Mission and Outreach  
Marilyn Paulson- Faith Formation  
John Harmon- Worship  
Rev. Katie Estes- Moderator

## WORSHIP TEAM

John Harmon - Session Elder  
Linda Harmon  
Kristina Mosley

## MEMBER CARE TEAM

Kristina Mosley- Session Elder  
Anna Malek  
Annie Leonard  
Lonna Norton  
Dawn Schafer  
Deb Bartelt  
Karen Angell

## FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Marilyn Paulson - Session Elder  
Gina Struensee

## MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Dave Schafer - Session Elder  
Bette Hoytink  
Char Alecos

## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Dave Struensee - Session Elder  
Jack Wirsch  
Roger Hoytink  
Dennis Biggar

## PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### Celebrations:

- The choir will begin practice on March 30th and sing for Easter
- The musical offertory "Prayer for Ukraine" composed and played by John Harmon
- Upcoming celebration of life for the long-time choir director at the Green Bay church

Kristina Mosley presented the Ministry Information Form, which was completed by the Pastor Nominating Committee. Session approved the document, as well as an effective salary range of \$45,000 to \$52,000 for the three-quarter time pastor position.

Prior to ordering offering envelopes for 2023, all members will be contacted as to their need for envelopes. The number of regular electronic payments to the church has increased, thereby eliminating the need for weekly envelopes. Inactive persons on the membership roll will also be contacted as to their wishes to remain as members.

Following a lengthy discussion of the recent document from the Wisconsin Council of Churches regarding the safe return to in-person worship, Session passed a motion to follow the current CDC guidelines. Wearing a mask will be a personal choice. Those persons who feel more comfortable wearing a mask will always be welcome to worship in person.

The 2021 year-end financials showed that income exceeds expenses by a total of \$32,579. The surplus is due to the departure of Pastor Rose in July. December income was \$20,564; December expenses totaled \$12,675 for a net gain of \$7,889.

The BIG (Building, Grounds, and Infrastructure) Team will be conducting a review of the insurance coverage for the church.

The Member Care Team will host a special fellowship time following the Easter service.

### Pulpit coverage for April:

April 3 - Jessica Harrison  
April 10 - Gina Struensee  
April 17 - Jessica Harrison  
April 24 - Ellen Smith



Please gather items you wish to donate to the sale and drop them off at the church on Thursday, May 5 and/or Thursday, May 12 between 10am and 2pm. The Church will be open and staffed with people there to assist with intake.

We cannot accept electronics, and large or heavy items like televisions. Items that do not sell will be taken to Thrift 'n Gift following the weekend rummage sale.

Please be sure to clearly mark the price on your items before dropping them off!



**All are invited to the Easter Breakfast & Brunch,  
hosted by the Deacons.**

The breakfast event is being held on April 17, 2022, immediately following Sunday Service in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a large variety of egg bakes, french toast, oatmeal casserole, fruit, muffins, coffeecakes, coffee and juice.

We hope you'll join us for a meal and fellowship during this wonderful occasion!



# MEMBER CARE (CONT.)



## SEASONS OF FEAST AND FAMINE

In Genesis Chapter 41, Joseph was asked to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams. Joseph told Pharaoh what was going to happen. All of Egypt would have seven years of great plenty and then seven years of great famine. Because the Pharaoh had the dream twice, this established what was to come to pass. Pharaoh appointed Joseph to oversee the saving and storing of food during the seven years of plenty. Seven years of famine then occurred over all the face of the earth. Egypt was able to provide food for themselves and others during the seven years of famine because of their preparation and willingness to follow God's Word.

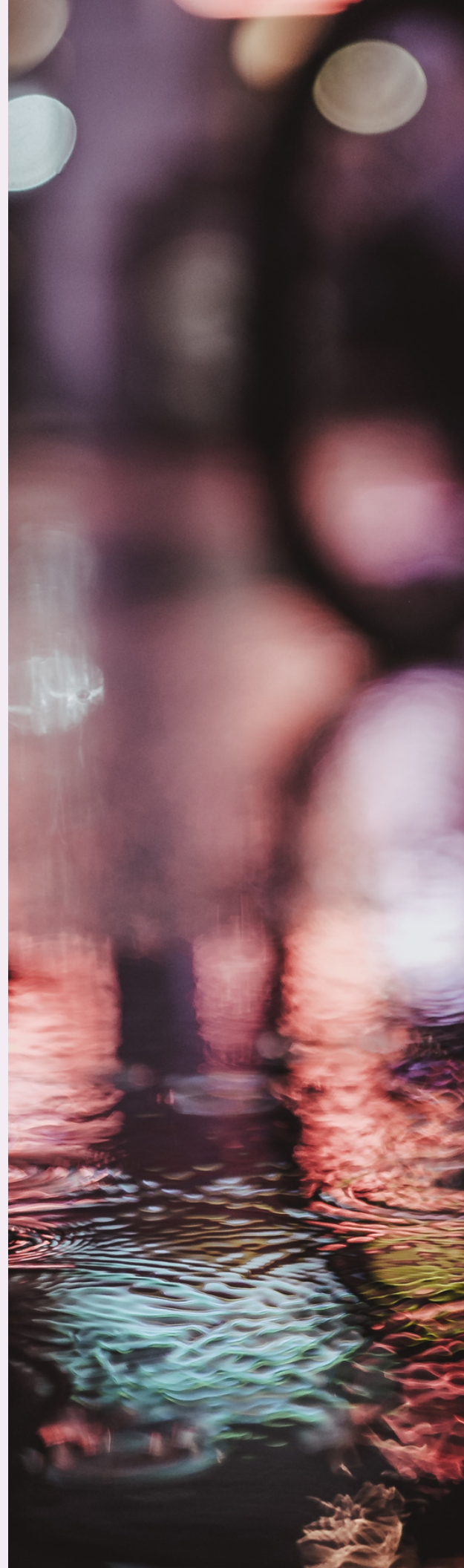
Years ago, the Board of Deacons asked the members to share of their sewing supply abundance. The Deacons' Room overflowed with material, thread, yarn, elastic, pins, needles, lace, and ribbon. The Deacons sewed clothing for the orphanage in Puerto Rico. Yarn was used to make prayer shawls, hats and mittens. We were able to provide mending services. It was a great time to work together to perform our mission of collecting and disbursing to those in need.

AND THEN two years ago the Pandemic occurred. The sewing supplies collected during the years of plenty were utilized during the years of shortage and need. Members made face masks from the store of elastic, thread and material. Members used yarn to make mittens and scarves. We were living Genesis Chapter 41.

So a great big thank you to all of you who gave of your abundance during our years of plenty in preparation for the years of the pandemic.

The Member Care Team has since been given a redefined mission and the sewing supplies have dwindled. However, if you need some mending done, a button sewed on, or a garment that needs hemming, please ask and we will see if we have the ability and supplies to help you out.

Anna Malek, Member Care Team Deacon





# MISSION & OUTREACH



During the season of Lent, our focus is One Great Hour of Sharing. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing help improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: This is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church. It enables our congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Hunger Program: This program embraces the Presbyterian Church vision of Matthew 25 that encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, imprisoned and oppressed, and to engage our work to “alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes” as a central way to live out our calling.

Self Development of People: We work with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; disabilities; immigration/refugee issues and capacity building.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Please give generously with the envelopes in each pew. An online gift is also welcome.



# FAITH FORMATION



Plans are underway to offer an Adult Bible Study opportunity later this spring. Two studies currently being considered are: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy" by Merryl Blair, and "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine.

We are interested to know: 1) who might want to participate in a study group, and 2) when and how it should meet (ie. weekday morning or evening, Sunday after worship, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.)

Please contact Marilyn or Bette with your thoughts:  
Marilyn Paulson ([marilyn.paulson1@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.paulson1@gmail.com))  
Bette Hoytink ([hoytink@charter.net](mailto:hoytink@charter.net))

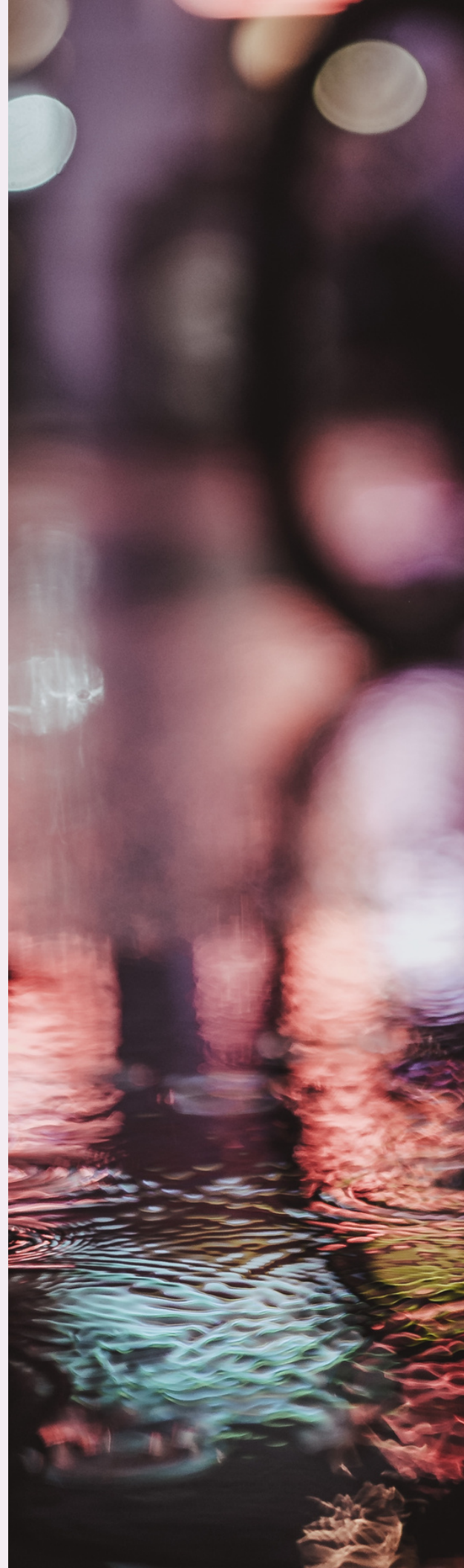
## APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
April 3	Jessica Harrison	Dave Schafer
April 10 (Palm Sunday)	Gina Struensee	John Harmon
April 17 (Easter Sunday)	Jessica Harrison	Marilyn Paulson
April 24 *	Ellen Smith *	Bette Hoytink

\* Ellen Smith is a member of First Presbyterian Church Green Bay and is the Regional Liaison for Central and Eastern Europe for the PCUSA. (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Poland).

She has been doing presentations on Ukraine and Russia since mid-February, before the war, and continues to be available since she cannot visit her ministry partners in Eastern Europe at this time. As our pulpit supply pastor on April 24, she will provide us with powerful witness and insights into the war in Ukraine and unrest in the region.

During Holy Week we will not be holding worship services at our church on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. We encourage you to consider attending worship services at other churches in your community, or on-line. You are also encouraged to spend reflection time with the devotional material that was provided by Member Care and Faith Formation teams in the March Bridge.





# PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Committee has completed the Ministry Informational Form and submitted it to the PC(USA).

They have received a few possible candidates and are in the process of contacting them.

Thank you for all your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we begin to reach out to applicants.



## WORSHIP TEAM



Choir will be performing on Easter Sunday. Please join us in our celebration of the Resurrection.

April 24th service will be led by Ellen Smith, a PC(USA) region liaison for Central and Eastern Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland). She is a member of Green Bay First Presbyterian Church.

Please join us for this timely presentation.



## ANNOUNCEMENT



Kristen, the Church Media and Communications Assistant, will share her last streaming, on-location day with us on April 24th.

Please join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for a Celebration of Kristen's service!



# JOB OPENING



## First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne Office Administrator

To provide administrative and clerical support services to the pastor and other designated church volunteers.

- Serves as point person for phone, written, electronic communications and weekly online media, routing inquiries to the appropriate individuals.
- Creates and shares organizational information via weekly emails, monthly newsletter, church calendar and other social media outlets.
- Maintains secure congregational database and disperses to ministry teams as needed.
- Orders and manages church office supplies and office equipment.
- Performs support work for church committees as directed.

### Qualifications:

- Experience in an office with ability to work with minimal directions preferred.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and willing to train in secure database Servant Keeper.
- Background check and pre-employment drug screening.

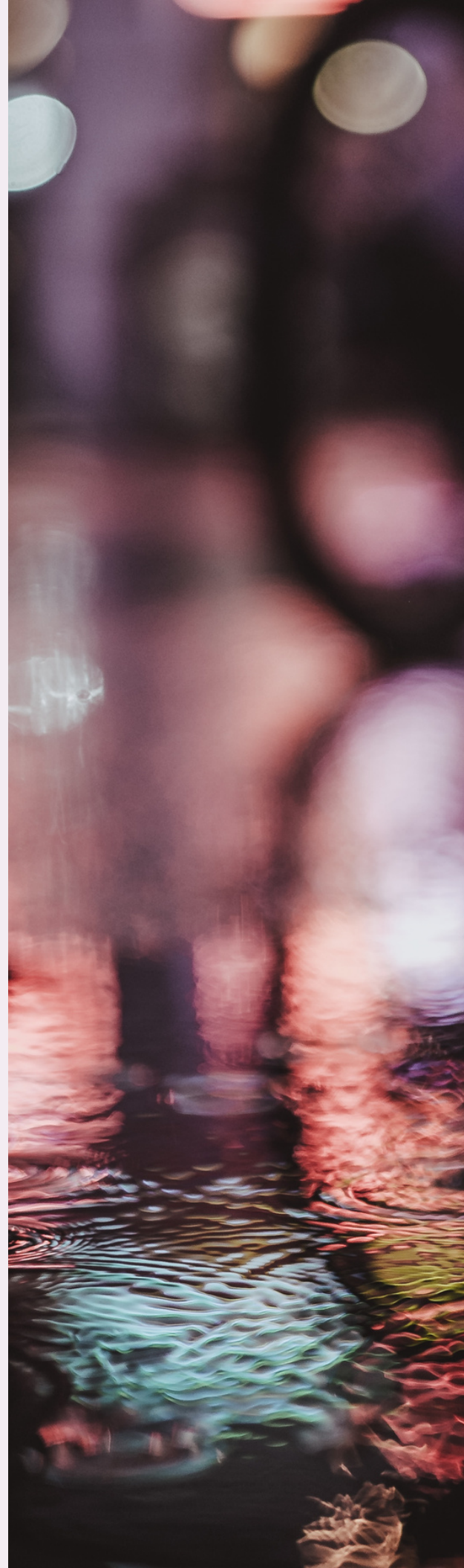
### Compensation:

Up to 20 hours a week. Pay Range commensurate with experience \$17-19 per/hour

### To Apply:

Applicants must submit a letter of intent, resume and contact information of three references.

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**WINNCHURCH.ORG**

CLICK THE LINK ABOVE  
THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"

# SHARED MINISTRY FUND

We are still accepting your weekly offering envelopes. You may mail your offering to church or donate online, or use the offering plate in worship. If you need help getting started online, you may contact the any Session member and we can walk you through it. Our counters meet every two weeks to make deposits so it may take a bit for your checks to get cashed.

<b>Total Income for January (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b>\$5,817.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses for January (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b><u>\$5,784.45</u></b>
<b>Gain for the month</b>	<b>\$32.55</b>
<b>Total Income for February (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b>\$9,951.20</b>
<b>Total Expenses for February (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b><u>\$6,257.12</u></b>
<b>Gain for the month</b>	<b>\$3,784.08</b>
<b>Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b>\$15,768.20</b>
<b>Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b><u>\$12,041.57</u></b>
<b>Gain for YTD</b>	<b>\$3,726.63</b>



**FPC WEBSITE**

Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

[OUR WEBSITE](#)

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If you don't want to worship in person, please join us in live worship every Sunday, streamed from our Facebook page at 9:00am. FPC of Winneconne regularly posts pictures, videos, church information, and events on our page. Please "like" our Facebook page for updates.

[FPC FACEBOOK](#)



YouTube gives you access to all of the videos we have produced. Here you can find past worship services and musical selections from the Harmons. Missed our live Sunday Service? Recordings are posted for viewing following the service on our YouTube Channel.

[FPC YOUTUBE](#)



Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.

The "Coffee with the King" Bible Study Group is on a short hiatus. Updates will be provided when the group has a plan for how they will proceed.



# APRIL 2022

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Communion Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	11	12 Session Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday Service 9:00am Fellowship & Easter Breakfast 10:00am	18	19	20	21	22	23 Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm
24 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Celebration of Service	25	26	27	28	29	30

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