**CHURCH CHAT**

“Any or all information is subject to change without notification”

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

In the sanctuary on April 13th and 20th at 9:25 a.m.



**Good Friday Walk for Peace and Justice using the format of the**

**Stations of the Cross.**

**First United Methodist Parking Lot,**

**Franklin and 7th**

We have been invited to join 1st United Methodist for Good Friday this year. This interactive worship experience will give us the opportunity to walk, give witness to our faith, and pray for our community, world, churches, and selves. While the stations will be up all day, Pastors Nancy and Ericka will be present at the stations between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

There are several items that are still needed to make the breakfast a success. Please sign up on the list hanging on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge. Please consider bringing one of the items on the list. Thank you for your contribution.

**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

April 20th in the Edith Boyd Lounge at 8:30 am

**Please have your food donation in the “Edith Boyd Lounge” kitchenette by 8:15 a.m. to allow time for set up.**

Thank you and hope to see you there.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**

If you are interested, as of now, we have open dates on June 8, June 15 June 29, July 6,

 July 20, July 27, August 3, August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 19, October 26, November 9 and November 30. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is $35.00. Thank you.

**Coffee Hour Sign-Up**

Our 2025 Coffee Hour sign-up chart is posted on the Edith Boyd Lounge door, ready for you along with your family, friends, or committee to pick a date to sponsor coffee hour. Remember, it doesn't have to be extravagant. Coffee, a drink for the kids, and a treat is all that's needed. Most of the year is covered by the Women's Circles, Deacons, and the Mission Committee but every other third Sunday and the fifth Sundays need volunteers. It would be really great if one group would volunteer for all the 5th Sundays, there are 4. If you are willing to do this, see Jeanette Tyrrell. In the meantime please consider serving your fellow congregants by signing up for a coffee hour Sunday.

**GRIEF GROUP**

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance,” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)

This spring, Pastor Ericka is hosting a Grief Group, which will meet twice a month on Sundays, after worship. Whether your grief is new or has been for many years, whether you are grieving a loved one or a situation, our God offers compassion through scripture, prayer, and through conversation with others. Copies of the “Grieving Change Loss” Lenten devotional are available in the Narthex for your personal use or for use in a group.  If you would like to join and attend, please speak with Janice Casper, Brock Vinson, or Pastor Ericka.



* April 13 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* April 13 Sunday 9.25 a.m. choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
* April 13 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Palm Sunday. Holy Week Begins
* April 13 Sunday Teens and Tweens meet after worship
* April 14 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* April 15 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle meeting
* April 16 Wednesday NO Bible Study (Will resume on April 30.)
* April 16 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
* April 17 Thursday Maundy Thursday
* April 17 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
* April 18 Friday Office Closed **Good Friday Pastor off**
* April 19 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* April 20 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* April 20 Sunday 9 a.m. choir practice in the sanctuary
* April 20 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Edith Boyd Lounge
* April 20 Sunday 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship service
* April 20 Sunday after worship – Coffee Hour
* April 20 Sunday after worship (approximately 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

 **(Meet by the garden doors)**

* April 21 Monday **OFFICE CLOSED**-**PASTOR OFF**
* April 22 Tuesday through Saturday April 26 **PASTOR ON VACATION**
* April 23 Wednesday NO Bible Study (Will resume on April 30)
* April 23 Wednesday 4 p.m. Deacons meeting
* April 26 Saturday 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Bible Study
* April 26 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* April 27 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* April 27 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service NOISY OFFERING
* April 28 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* April 30 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study resumes
* May 01 Thursday
* May 02 Friday Office Closed **Good Friday Pastor off**
* **May 03** Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

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Through your generous gifts, we help rebuild lives after natural disasters, combat hunger and poverty, and empower communities to create lasting change. When we give, we proclaim that “God’s love is overflowing”—reaching those in need and transforming lives.

**Ways to Give:**

* During Worship: Use the OGHS blue-colored envelope.
* Online: Give securely at [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).
* By Mail: Send a check to the church with “OGHS” in the memo line.
* Text-to-Give: Text OGHS to 91999 to make a donation.

**A Special Invitation for Kids!**

Children are also invited to participate in this offering through the “Gracie” fish banks! These colorful fish-shaped banks help teach children about giving and compassion. Kids can collect coins throughout Lent and bring their filled fish banks on as an offering of love and generosity.

Join us in making a difference! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8*

**FINANCIALS**



**ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN**

As of April 7th, the numbers are:

* We anticipate the final cost of the project is going to come in around $142,000 (about 8K under the original budget).
* We have raised $133,689 (includes a $50K grant).

In order to avoid dipping into our savings, we are still looking to raise an additional $8,311.

Please continue to donate to the elevator fund, and/or buy a brick or two for our heritage garden. Bricks are $100.00 each and can be purchased via this link. You can also pick up a paper form at the display by the garden door or contact Diane for one. Thank you for your generosity!

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