

April  
2017

# The Connection

# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday: April 9**

Our 10:30am worship service will include a procession of the palms. We will have Lunch and an Easter Egg Hunt after worship (page 7).

## **Maundy Thursday: April 13**

The evening will begin with a Fellowship Dinner at 5:30pm, followed by a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30pm. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

## **Good Friday: April 14**

The Sanctuary will be open for meditation between 12pm and 3pm. The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday.

## **Easter Sunday: April 16**

We will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am at our outdoor worship area, weather permitting; there will be a continental breakfast afterwards. We will also hold a 10:30am Worship Service in the Sanctuary, with communion served at both services. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30am.

# WORSHIP WITH US

## An Attitude of Gratitude – a COMPASS Blog by Timothy Siberg

One of the roles I end up in often is facilitating and consulting in faith communities. Given the nature of this though, these roles and opportunities are occasional and not entirely consistent. I like to claim that I always live abundantly and gratefully. I strive to give thanks often and to show appreciation and gratitude. I find that life is always richer when I take the time to say thank you to someone, to write a thank you note, or to acknowledge the good work someone has done. That said, it's not always easy.

What happens in life can sometimes distract from living abundantly. Job and income situations can change. They certainly have a lot over the past couple of years for my wife Allison and me. We have lived into this. I would be lying though if I said there weren't times when I was a bit nervous about if we could make ends meet, pay student loans, and still give financially to our faith communities and to those causes and organizations we love to support. These hard times can lead to a feeling that we don't have enough: that our resources and means are scarce.

When this is the case, I have found it important to take a step back. Yes, looking over our budget and finances helps ease my mind, but more importantly, having a conversation with my wife about our finances usually helps. She reminds me, and I her, that we're okay. In creating a practice that works for us, we review our finances and budget together over a homemade pancake breakfast on a Saturday morning at least once a month. We call those our "budget breakfasts."



This taking a step back is not just a financial thing. It's a faith practice. There is prayer involved, and giving thanks. I give thanks that my wife and I, though our income levels have fluctuated, for the most part have meaningful work. I give thanks for all of the people who have helped us get to this point as friends, mentors, cheerleaders and collaborators. I give thanks for the gentle but important reminders of why we took on student loans and moved from Washington to California and Minnesota. **We did so because of a sense that we wanted to be part of something bigger than ourselves.** We wanted to be part of God's work in the world, and felt like God created us and is calling us to be a part of that work in some way.

When I am able to remember that, being grateful is easy. The challenge comes in that moment where I **briefly forget the why** which has led to this point in life. That why is grounded in the love of God, and the feeling that all I can do about that love and the gospel is live life abundantly and share that love with others. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and for the ability to help others see their gifts, strengths, and passions. I am grateful for meaning and purpose. But most importantly, I am grateful for hope and love.

**How have you gotten to this point in your life?**

**What are you grateful for?**

**How can you be a part of something God is doing that is bigger than yourself?**

**Who are the other people with you in this endeavor with God?**

**If you have a sense that you are a part of what God is doing, how does that affect how you manage your money and resources?**

### Fight Song...

If you have ever participated in any sport or attended a pep rally or turned on the TV during college football season, you know exactly what a fight song is. The ones we are most familiar with in Metro Atlanta are probably "Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech" and "Glory, Glory" for the UGA Bulldogs (although the official UGA fight song is "Hail to Georgia").

Before sports teams picked up the idea of fight songs, the concept was called Martial Music. As you might have guessed, that means music for wartime inspiration. Think about the energy and excitement that music can generate when facing a tremendous task or opponent. These songs were meant to instill a sense of purpose and emotional momentum that would carry even the most timid of soldiers into heated, dangerous confrontations.

The Church has its own fight songs too, although we do not typically view them as such. In fact, the church has a HUGE number of pieces that would qualify as fight songs. Lead on, O King Eternal, Lift High the Cross, and Go to the World are a few older ones off the top of my head. In This Place, Cover the Earth, and Live the Difference are some of the newer songs we sing here at FPC.

The hard thing to do however is to keep in mind the *what* we are fighting against and *how* we go about fighting. In sports, we compete against another team or individual; in war we do violence against those who attempt to do violence against us. The Church's greatest, most dangerous, and most elusive adversary (unfortunately) is the inner struggle within each individual member to submit to God's way of doing things. The now famous Pogo comic strip from 1971 concludes "We have met the enemy, and he is us". In Ephesians 6 it is put forth in this way- "12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the (*spiritual*) rulers, against the (*spiritual*) authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (NRSV, *italics added*)

What are the things that tend to *rule* over you in the place of the way of Jesus? What are some attitudes and perspectives that you might have given authority to over the way of Jesus? Only when we vigorously do battle within our own selves to align with the way of Christ can we then do proper battle with the issues on the outside. Only then can we truly identify things like hunger, thirst, injustice, apathy, and complacency as our primary opponents outside of ourselves. As we move forward from Easter, let us sing the most powerful fight song that ever existed, any song that declares Christ as *already* the victor over all that is, was, and is to come.

In Christ,  
Jacob Winslett

### MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

#### CHANCEL CHOIR

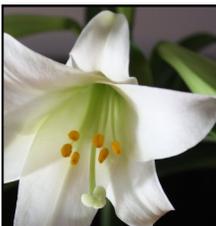
Rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

#### PRAISE BAND

Rehearses Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On Wednesday evenings as part of Kids' Club, beginning after dinner, at 6:15pm in the Choir Room.



Decorate the Worship Spaces for Easter by purchasing lilies for \$10 each, and, as always, you may dedicate the flowers to your loved one. Lilies may be taken home after the late worship service on Easter.

You will find an Easter Lily display in the main hallway.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 2p GriefShare 7p Cub Scout's Den Meeting	<b>3</b> 10a Friends & Neighbors Board 6p AA 7p PW Circle: Linda Weller	<b>4</b> 10:30a Al-Anon 6:30p PW Circle: Nightingales 7p Committee Mtgs 8p AA	<b>5</b> 9:30am PW Circle: Homebuilders 12n AA 7:30p Choir  <b>No ReFuel Programs</b>	<b>6</b> 10a Ladies Bible Study 10:30a Al-Anon 7p Quilter's (FH) 8p AA	<b>7</b> 8p AA	<b>1</b> 8a Men's Mtg 9:30a Grounds WORK DAY 11a AA 5:30p Calvary Refuge Dinner Serving: Box of Chocolates Class  <b>8</b> 11a AA
<b>9</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:45a Easter Egg Hunt with Lunch 7p Cub Scout's Den Meeting   <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>10</b> 6p AA	<b>11</b> 10:30a Al-Anon 11a PW Circle: Good Fruit 2p PW Circle: Morning Glories 6p Praise Band 8p AA	<b>12</b> 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast 12n AA	<b>13</b> 10a Ladies Bible Study 10:30a Al-Anon 5:30p Dinner 6:30p Maundy Thursday Svc 7:30p Choir 8p AA <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>14</b> 12pm to 3pm Sanctuary open for Meditation 8p AA  Office Closed <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>15</b> 11a AA
<b>16</b> 6:30a Easter Sunrise Service and Continental Breakfast 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Easter Worship  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>17</b> 9a Friends & Neighbors (FH) 6p AA	<b>18</b> 7p PW CT 6p Praise Band 8p AA	<b>19</b> 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast 12n AA 5:00p Family Game Night at Truett's! 7:30p Choir	<b>20</b> 9:30a DAR Mtg 10:30a Al-Anon 8p AA	<b>21</b> 8p AA  Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b> 11a AA
<b>23</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering 5:30p Youth Cook-Out at Lake Horton 7p Cub Scout's Pack Meeting	<b>24</b> 6p AA 7p Committee Mtgs (Worship)	<b>25</b> 10:30a Al-Anon 6p Praise Band 7p Session 8p AA (FH)	<b>26</b> 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast 12n AA 5:30p ReFuel Dinner 6:30p ReFuel Programs 7:30p Choir	<b>27</b> 7:45a Roar Store 9a ESP Trip 10a Visitation Team Meeting 6p CG/Youth Committee Mtg 7p Quilter's (FH) 8p AA	<b>28</b> 7:45a Roar Store 10a-4pm Quilter's (FH) 8p AA	<b>29</b> 10a-4pm Quilter's (FH) 11a AA
<b>30</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 3:30p Youth Outing: Tim Hawkins Comedy	 <b>A P R I L 2 0 1 7</b>					

**Nurture Coordinators**  
 Cindy Phillips and Malline Austin coordinate our nurture needs.  
 Cindy: 404-610-0603  
 Malline: 678-793-6588

## Presbyterian Women's Circles

**Nightingales Circle** will meet at Pat Sackett's home. Their mission is to supply for the PDA hygiene kits plus ongoing mission of non-perishable food for Fayette Samaritans.

**Good Fruit Circle** will meet at Liz Bowen-Moore's; 190 Innsbrook Way.

**Morning Glories Circle** will meet in room A-2 at the Church.

**Linda Weller Circle** will meet at the church.

**Homebuilders Circle** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at FPC.

# Celebrating with you!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6 Greg Ross  
 4/7 Michelle Smith  
 4/9 Rob Schueffner  
 Charles Prouty  
 Tony Mrozinski  
 4/12 Isaiah Smith  
 4/13 Jack Laton  
 4/15 Jessica Donaldson  
 Lauren Baez  
 4/16 Drew McMahon  
 Mason McMahon  
 4/19 Addison Moses  
 4/21 Katie McMahon  
 4/22 Allison Moore  
 4/24 Elizabeth Thomas  
 4/25 Janet Salters  
 Mary Lou Masters  
 4/26 Samuel Barger  
 4/30 Yale McManus  
 Martha Jackson

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/12 Ray & Betty Chally  
 Ed & Rebecca McKeogh  
 4/19 Naved & Jennifer Blake-Mahmud  
 Richard & Dianna Morris  
 4/20 Lynette Peterson & Dale Blackburn  
 4/30 Chick & Michelle Smith

**Meet our New Members!**



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## *Wear Your Blue With Us!*

We are wearing blue again on April 23 to celebrate our congregation standing in the GAP (Giving, Action, Prayer) in our community and all over the world with disaster relief. On this Sunday, we'll hear a Moment for Mission from a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance representative. If you have a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), *Out of Chaos, Hope* t-shirt, please wear it. If not, you can still be part of the Blue-Out by wearing something blue. Learn more about PDA and their current disaster relief efforts at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

**Participation in the Prayer Ministry** of Fayette Presbyterian is one way we *Grow in our Encounter with Christ*. Prayer is one of the most powerful things we can do in life! Be a part of this ministry and see how God works in our lives. *Please update us as concerns change*. Prayer request cards are available in the pews. Requests may be given to our **Prayer Chain Leader** Caroline Applegate at 404-405-5893 or by email to [csapples@bellsouth.net](mailto:csapples@bellsouth.net).

## **Please be in prayer for...**

All those serving our country  
 Beit Sahour Lutheran, sister church in Palestine  
 Jessica Donaldson, recovery from gallbladder surgery  
 Sam Eldridge, recovering from parathyroid surgery  
 Robert Whitley, recovering from knee replacement  
 Tony, the Eldridge's nephew, battling cancer  
 Sherrill, Don Holder's father, blood clots, in rehab  
 Judy, Linda McNeill's cousin's wife, COPD  
 Tim, Glenda Hasty's cousin, cancer  
 Jan Eldridge, chemotherapy, breast cancer  
 Pat Skelton, continued recovery  
 Jeani Holder, continued recovery  
 Rosa Lee Worth, continued effectiveness of chemotherapy

## **Ongoing Health Concerns:**

Betsy Apel; Corey Leonhard; Joe McNeill; Vivian Russell and son, Allen; Duane, Yvonne, and son, Larry Olson; Lillie Mazur; Esther Wright; John Sackett; Hettie White; Sarah Klett; John Lamble; Maye Parkinson; Jeani Holder; Elaina (Melissa Allen's mother-in-law); Bernice (Roy Westerfield's sister-in-law); Sarah, MS (Jim Jacob's daughter-in-law); Nan (Rob Smith's grandmother); Susan (Hettie White's daughter); Ed (Jim Jacobs' brother); Claudia (Jim Jacobs' sister-in-law); Thomas (Pat Cantoni's nephew); Tommy (Nancy Bartlett's cousin's husband).

# Updates and *Announcements*

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**Sunday, April 2 & 9**—No youth activities.

*Watch your emails, we'll have a prayer lunch together the week of Spring Break.*

**Easter Sunday, April 16**—No youth.

**Sunday, April 23**—Earth Day cookout at Lake Horton and community cleanup.

**Sunday, April 30**—Tim Hawkins comedy show in Woodstock.

**Sunday, May 7**—Youth Potato Bar

**PW's "Come See Columbia Day" is on April 27!** Plan to come along and carpool with us that day. All our invited to donate monetarily to Columbia Friendship Circle, who gives scholarships and awards for Columbia Seminary students. For questions or to donate, please see Susan Holcombe, PW Coordinating Team Missions Committee.

## MEN OF THE CHURCH

Our meeting will be on **Saturday, April 1.** Fellowship at 8am, Meeting at 8:30am.

We plan to discuss meeting at local restaurants in the future and be seen in our FPC Tees. **Stay after for the workday!**

## ESP's

The Oakland Cemetery tour is an opportunity to learn about the people who shaped the City of Atlanta. The ESPs will be going on Thursday, April 27, leaving the church at 8am. Please pay Phyllis King for tour by April 17.

**The tour fees are: Adults=\$12 | 65+=\$6**

**All are welcome, not just Seniors!**

Lunch afterwards will be at Six Feet Under close to the Cemetery; price range is \$10-\$15.

*All Women of the Church are Invited to  
Our Presbyterian Women's  
Spring Gathering!*

*Please join us on Sunday, April 23 at noon  
for lunch, fellowship, and a little PW  
business. Childcare will be arranged  
upon request to Mary Lou Montgomery,  
770-630-3326*

## Grounds Work Day!

On Saturday, APRIL 1, we're having a church grounds' work day! Starting around 9:30am—right after the monthly men's meeting—we'll do some other spring maintenance to the grounds and beautify our landscaping in preparation for Easter. Bring gloves and water!





## Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday, April 9 after worship

We are having a **PALM SUNDAY LUNCH** together right before the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Please sign up in the main hallway so we prepare enough food!

Kids up through 5th Grade are invited to join in our hunt. Parents, please bring at least a dozen treat-filled eggs per child to the church—preferably before Sunday School! (No nuts please). **The hunt will begin after lunch;** kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall to head outside together. Don't forget your baskets!

## Fayetteville Elementary: Roar Store! A Local Mission

The store will reopen April 27 and April 28 (a Thursday and Friday), 7:45am to 2:00pm each day! There will be a sign up sheet in the main hallway This is a fulfilling experience, with interactions with the students as they choose small reward items and spend their "Cub Cash" incentives. Our volunteers make this enriching program possible for this wonderful school and we're excited to be able to help!



### April 9: Focus on Fayette Samaritans

The Fayette Samaritan's most needed items are:

*Canned Beef Stew, Canned Potatoes, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Saltine or Ritz Crackers, Pasta Sauce, Boxed Cereal, Soup, Toiletries (hand soap, toothpaste, etc.), Laundry Detergent, Feminine Products.*

## Come Pack for a Cause!

On Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 pm, following ReFuel dinner, the Outreach Missions Committee is sponsoring a **Hygiene Kit Packing Night!** These kits will be sent to the Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. We need your help to pack the kits and/or to donate! The following list of items will be included in the kits. Any of these items you wish to donate will be appreciated; *we can accept new items only, no used items please!* The donation box is in the hallway.

- Hand towels (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- Washcloths
- Wide-tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Bars of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips
- Gallon-sized "Hefty" slider bags

*"Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events."*



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Monday-Thursday: 9am-5pm  
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## Fayette's Relay for Life is on Friday, May 5!

Our display will be up soon in the main hallway! The Fayette Presbyterian Church Team is up to 12 members this year. We are raising funds for the 2017 Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Our team will take turns walking the track, selling items at our booth, and having a GREAT time at the RFL at McCurry Park. The whole community is invited to come to the festival-like event beginning at 6pm on May 5; there are tons of food choices—homemade BBQ, smoothies, ice cream, hamburgers, and sometimes specialty items like tamales—you just never know, and the best part is, it's all sold to raise money for the American Cancer Society! There's music, dancing, bouncy houses, all sorts of fun things for sale, and *more...*

*Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and just relax for an hour or two!*



**We're team Fayette Presbyterian Church!**

**Our Team Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/FPCRelayForLife](https://facebook.com/FPCRelayForLife)

**Contact Pam Lewin for more information,  
to sign up as a team member, or to donate!**