

# The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

## Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

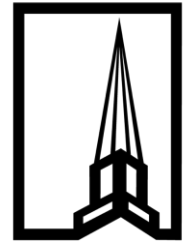
On Easter Sunday, Christians greet each other with this call and response, declaring Jesus's victory over death. As we prepare to celebrate His resurrection, plan on joining us for the special services that mark this Holy Week in the life of Jesus.

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday, when we commemorate Jesus's joyful reception and welcome into the city Jerusalem with a grand parade. Crowds welcomed Jesus as King – spreading their coats on the road to smooth his ride, and waving palm branches, symbols of victory. Each of the Gospels record some version of this event. (see Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40, or John 12:12-19.)

The celebration didn't last long, however. Those who saw Jesus as a threat to their power and position conspired about how to get him arrested. They were assisted in their plan by one of Jesus's own disciples, Judas Iscariot. (We'll hear more about him this Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>!)

On the night that the Jews gathered in homes to celebrate the Passover feast (see Exodus 12), Jesus and his closest followers met in a rented room to eat the supper together. That night, according to John, Jesus gave them a "new commandment" that they "love one another, even as he loved them." In Latin, this "*mandatum novum*" gives us the name for Maundy Thursday.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, we will hold a service of "darkness", or "*tenebrae*," remembering that Jesus predicted his betrayal and death, and how those events unfolded the night of their Last Supper. Like the disciples



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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27**

6:30 p.m. **Bell Choir Practice**

**Thursday, April 7**

5:30 p.m. **Dinner By the River**

**Thursday, April 14**

7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae Service**

**Friday, April 15**

10:30 a.m. **Community Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 17**

7:00 a.m. **Sunrise Service**

7:30 a.m. **Easter Breakfast**

10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**



## April Meetings

**Tuesday, April 5**

7:00 p.m. Session Planning  
Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 19**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

## April Ushers

Mark Temple

Terry Light

Ryan Graver

did, we will celebrate Communion, sharing the broken bread and the poured-out cup, the body and blood of Christ that secures our salvation.

On “Good” Friday, Jesus was crucified, executed with a pair of common criminals. He was buried in a borrowed grave, where his body would lay for two long, dark nights.

We mark this day with an Easter egg hunt for our children (all ages!), held indoors, starting in the Great Hall at 10:30am on April 15<sup>th</sup>. What does Jesus’s sealed up tomb have in common with an Easter egg? Both hold a treasure inside – just waiting to be revealed and discovered!

On Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we’ll begin our celebration early, with a 7:00am service in Soldier’s Memorial Park, on Water Street, Lewisburg. Like the women who first saw and proclaimed that Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ll stand in awe of what God has done, freeing us from the curse of death and sin, and raising us into new life through Jesus Christ.

Following the service, we’ll continue our fellowship with breakfast in the Great Hall. Join us again for our 10:30am worship service and celebration of Communion in our flower-decorated sanctuary. (Contact the church office if you’d like to order a flower – there’s still time!)

Easter is God’s most wonderful gift of love, won for us by the faithfulness of Jesus the Son. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

Pastor Ryan

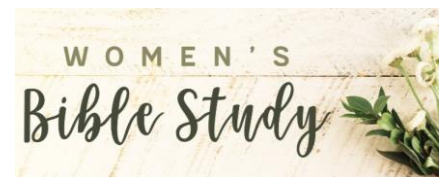
## Confirmation Class / New Members

Starting Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, during our 9:00am Sunday School hour, Pastor Ryan invites **any students in Grade 6 or higher** to join him in the Chapel for a **Confirmation Class**. We will explore what it means to follow Jesus, and to prepare to make a personal statement of faith in Him, thus becoming an Active Member of our congregation. We will meet on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am, those who are ready to make a profession of faith will meet with our Session, who are responsible for receiving new members into our congregation. The congregation will welcome you during worship that morning.



## Let’s Keep Coffee Hour Brewing!

Volunteers are needed to ensure coffee hour continues every Sunday from 10:00–10:30 a.m. Coffee and treats provided, or you can bake/buy your own. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you!



All are welcome to join a women's Bible study in the Chapel on **Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Led by Bea Heid.

**If you are an adult who desires to join our church**, either by transfer from your previous congregation, or by publicly professing, or by reaffirming your faith, please contact Pastor Ryan. You will also be invited meet with the Session on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and be welcomed during worship that day. Please give Ryan a call at (570) 524-4419, or email [pastor@first-presby.org](mailto:pastor@first-presby.org)

### Update on Pastor Ryan's upcoming deployment

Pastor Ryan's Pennsylvania Army National Guard unit, where he serves as a Chaplain, is still scheduled to deploy overseas this September. The Session is actively planning not just how to fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings, but also to provide for pastoral care and administrative leadership until his return.

With the help of the Presbytery of Northumberland, retired Pastors in our area, and the multitude God-given abilities of this church family, we trust that God will provide abundantly and continue growing the depth and reach of our ministry. Please keep the Session's process and plans in your prayers, and as you feel God calling you to participate in a new way during this upcoming season, please share your thoughts with an Elder, or with Pastor Ryan.

## FAQ

# How does the UC Giving Closet

*Work?*

- We gather donations of children's clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, etc.
- Families enrolled in the Union County Food Bank fill out a simple request form during one of the food bank distributions (1st & 3rd Fridays of each month)
- We collect their requests and pack a bag for each child that includes a week's worth of clothing, a pair of shoes, and new socks, underwear, and pajamas
- We deliver the bags to the Union County Food Bank for the next distribution
- Families pick up the bag labeled with their child's name

union county  
giving closet

Questions??? Please contact Alison Collins at the church office at 570-524-4419 or [ucgivingcloset@gmail.com](mailto:ucgivingcloset@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook @ucgivingcloset.

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

### April Birthdays

2 Nolan Jusko  
4 Shannon Wright  
5 Hayden Heid, Nick Kovaschetz, Brian Zaiser  
7 David McSween, Cate Remmey  
12 Craig Harley  
14 Paul Miller  
15 Claire Leshar, Natalie Van Fleet  
16 Annie Collins, Mitchell McSween  
18 Linda Cox  
19 Ralph Starkey  
20 Simon Barlett, Terry Light, Holly Moore,  
Jessie Walsh  
22 Mark Heid, Ruthie Kraus  
23 Claire Graver  
25 Rylee Jarrett  
26 April Shrom  
28 Alexander Friedberg, Gabriel Friedberg, Thomas Graver, Amanda Kovaschetz  
29 Katie Cavanagh  
30 Martha Gill



### April Anniversaries

7 Joseph & Barb Yorks  
12 Rick & Kathy Gathman  
22 George & Dustine Koons  
23 Tom & Jeanette Campbell,  
Eric & Barb Schmidt



### **UPCOMING USHERS:**

<u>May 2022</u>	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>July 2022</u>
Dan Wagner	Rob Guissanie	Dave Thomas
Bill Black	Sharon Pearce	Katie Mebius
Brent Papson	Mark Reif	Jessie Walsh

\*If the month isn't convenient for you, let the Office know. If you will be absent one week, please find a substitute.





First, I want to thank everyone who has supported Dinner by the River through the two years of the pandemic. With your help and the help from several other churches, we have served a take-out meal the first Thursday of every month. We are now cooking for about 60 people. In order to add more Thursdays, we need more teams. We currently have 5. If you want to be involved, please contact me for details.

Thanks!,  
Mary Kay Torretti  
(570-713-8157)

### **Capital Campaign Update**

During 2019, we began a campaign to raise additional funds necessary for the maintenance of our church building, which due to their size fall outside our annual operating budget. Our needs were focused on replacing our heating and air conditioning equipment, repairing and/or replacing exterior doors and painting all exterior woodwork.

Since the beginning of the campaign, we have replaced all but one of our heating/air conditioning units maintaining comfort in our Sanctuary, Great Hall, Parlor, Chapel, Chorus and Sunday School rooms. We have repaired our exterior and interior doors and installed two new doors increasing our security and easing operation for all. We also have completed a long overdue painting of the exterior of our entire facility including the steeple.

As with any property, there is always more to be done. However, the immediate needs, for which the campaign was established, have been met. We thank all of those who have honored their pledges of support as well as all of those who have contributed in some way. Additional donations to building projects are most welcome at any time.

Through your generosity, First Pres is able to provide facilities that allow us to continue to fulfill our mission to our congregation, the greater community and the world, Thank you!!!

Kathy Storm, campaign co-chair  
Randy Strom, campaign co-chair  
Bill Black, Trustee



# First Presby Kids News

APRIL 2022

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Psalm 118:26a*

**It's a season of renewal, expectation, and resurrection!** The children of our congregation will continue to learn of Jesus' final days, his death, and his resurrection. We hope you can join us!

**Nursery care is available** for children from birth through age 3.

**Sunday School classes are available** for children from age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Kids Church is open** to children from age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## **Our Sunday schedule remains as follows:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Education Wing

10:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the Great Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary; Kids are dismissed to Kids' Church after the Children's Message

\*\*On the last Sunday of every month we honor Family Sunday. All children age 3 and up are invited to stay and participate in our full worship service. But we know that can be challenging for some of the littles, so our Himmelreich Library volunteers have graciously offered to host story time after the Children's Message for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

## **DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN COMING UP...**

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, April 15 @ 10:30 am.** Rain or shine – bring an Easter basket and enjoy Easter stories, crafts, activities and an egg hunt! Appropriate for children through age 11.

**First Friday @ First Presby – Friday, May 6, 5:30 – 8:00 pm.** This will be our final First Friday for the 2021/2022 school year. We'll celebrate all things spring!

**Vacation Bible School – June 27-July 1, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Make Waves with us as we learn that what we do today can change the world around us. Kids entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. Youth and Adult volunteers are needed!

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Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

[firstpresbykids@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbykids@gmail.com)

## 2022 Youth Summer Mission Trip

July 24 – 30 we head to Frederick, Maryland (2 ½ hours from Lewisburg, 1 hour west of Baltimore) to serve again with Group Missions. We have seats reserved for 12 youth (ages 14 – high school graduate) and 3 adults. You can find more information about Group Mission workcamps, and watch videos from previous summers at

<https://groupmissiontrips.com/>

During the week we will assist low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners with improvement projects that often include indoor and outdoor painting, roofing, and ramp and stair building. No prior construction experience is needed – we'll teach you everything you need to know! We will also enjoy time for worship, fellowship, and fun. You can reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit (made out to FPC Lewisburg). The deadline for deposits is April 24th.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at [pastor@first-presby.org](mailto:pastor@first-presby.org) or (570) 524-4419.

## From the Himmelreich

I love seeking for hidden treasure. The possibility of finding something new and exciting. I think of the Himmelreich as a treasure and I realize that for some at the church and certainly in the community, it has not yet been discovered.

Regularly I am met with a questioning expression when I share where I work. Persons have wandered in from the street and been pleasantly surprised by our library. Even if they've lived in Lewisburg for years, they didn't know we were here.

God has given us a special blessing through this great resource, It is also a beautiful architectural structure as BILL students discovered in their current class with Bill Brosbst.

I invite you to stop by to peruse our books, DvD's and CD's. If you just want a quiet place to rest and refuel, please stop in during library hours. We also offer Bible Study at 2 on Wednesdays during Lent, Prayer for our nation at 12 on Wednesdays, Moms in Prayer at 9 on Fridays and on fourth Sundays, Story Hour during the church hour for preschoolers and those in first and second grade.

Please come and see or see anew this wonderful treasure.

We welcome you: Monday: 11-2, Wednesday: 11-2, Thursday: 6-8 and Friday: 2-6.

Blessings,

Barb Yorks, Head Librarian



## Upcoming Event sponsored by FCA at Bucknell University:

### "RUNNING ON FAITH; NEVER GIVE UP"

GUEST SPEAKER: DON BEEBE

7:30pm April 22nd at Bucknell University



### PLEASE JOIN FCA IN WELCOMING DON BEEBE AS OUR 2022 GUEST SPEAKER

Don Beebe has one of the most remarkable stories in pro-football history. After high school, Don worked for three years in the construction trades industry prior to a two-year college football career. Noticed for his world-class speed at the NFL combine, Don was the number one draft pick by the Buffalo Bills. Don then went on to play in six Super Bowls; four with the Bills and two with the Packers.

Don Beebe's story of reaching and excelling in the NFL is considered to be one of the greatest inspirational professional sports stories.

Come and hear his story.  
Learn to run on faith and to never give up.

- Friday, April 22nd
  - Doors open at 7pm, program begins 7:30pm
- Rooke Chapel - Bucknell University
  - Moore Avenue, Lewisburg, PA 17837
- Contact: Bill Morrow, FCA Area Director at [bmorrow@fca.org](mailto:bmorrow@fca.org)



*"In my 30 years of coaching major college football, I've had the opportunity to hear many top speakers. Don is among the very best and it is an honor to call him my friend. A man of faith and character. We are fortunate to have him coming to our area. His 'never give up' message will inspire, will impact and one you will want to hear."  
- Charlie Fisher*