

FIRST THINGS FIRST

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STERLING, COLORADO

APRIL 2023



Come see our new silk Easter arrangements on Easter Sunday.

*Thank you for your generous donations,
And thank you, Sue Weingardt, for creating the beautiful arrangements!*

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE. . .



Celebrating the Easter Season...

We began the season of Lent with a snowy Ash Wednesday on February 22. It's technically Spring now, but the snow doesn't seem quite finished with us yet. In terms of church seasons, we've been in the season of Lent — a season marked by penitence and discipline. Palm Sunday (April 2) marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. And, then, of course, we come to Easter Sunday! We celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life. But, Easter isn't limited to one Sunday. Like Lent, Easter is a **season**. The Easter season takes us all the way to Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

I invite you to make this shift in seasons in your mind and heart. Let's turn from a season of penitence and disciple to a season of joy, renewal, and new life as we shift from Lent into Easter. Soon we'll start seeing signs of life springing forth in nature. The snow will give way (it will!), and color and life will begin popping up around us. May we be reminded through the glories of God's good creation of God's promise of resurrection — not just the resurrection on the last day, but all the opportunities God gives us for fresh starts and new beginnings *in this life*.

May the Easter season renew our faith and refresh our souls.

Rev. Michelle

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)
Cameron Venn (Doris Ramsel's grandson)

For those with special needs or concerns....

Carl Anderson	Aline Marquez
Florence Annan	(Becky Cranwell's friend)
Grace Ann	Rev Betsy & Eric Moe & the
(Connie Clark's relative)	people of Guatemala
Tye Bennett	Jeni Porter
(Neblett's grandson)	(In-law of Blackburn's)
Norm Blackburn	Frances Rhodes
Brenda Boeff	(Dave's mother)
Paul Budin	Jerry Rich (Gary's brother)
Gabe Chapin	Agnus Rundus
Confirmants & Mentors	Betty Scharf
Cooperating Ministry	Steve Shinn
Jeanne Crouch & Family	(friend of Jim Leh)
Cierra Davis	Darrell Smith
(friend of Becky Cranwell)	AJ, Sara, & Baby Leo
Andrew DeSouza	Sonnenberg
(Michelle Hawkin's son)	(friends of Weingardt's)
Gary Espinoza	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin
(Arden Fennell's family)	(friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Family Resource Center	Charlie & Roseanne Thompson
Norman Foos	(friends of Neblett's)
Koehn Gertner	Peggy Thompson
(Mike's grandson)	(Carol Arnold's daughter)
Meredith Goodwin	Mike Tyson
(friend of Propst's)	Amy & Byron Uhrich
David Hashman, SCF Inmate	(Jill Vollmer's parents)
Highlands Camp	Under the Umbrella
Sonja Holden	Robert Vance
(friend of Arden Fennell)	(Michelle White's dad)
Hollis Jackson	Norma Wagner
Chris Jutz	(Jana Lock's mom)
Josh Jutz & Kaylee	Declan Nash Warner
Janae (Klindt) Kerr	(Jason Rose's Grandson)
Robert Koehler	Derek Weingardt (nephew of
(friend of Laura Guenzi)	Rhodes and Weingardts)
Debby Korrey	Masi Wells
(Darla's and Delinda's sister)	(friend of Taylor Cranwell)
Patty Moriarity Korrey	Jeff Weskamp
(Delinda's and Darla's sister-	Deb White
in-law)	(Ellen Miles' daughter)
Jimmie McCaffree	Joan Whitney
Emerson McClanahan	Jim & Jean Williamson
(Ellen Bernard's daughter)	
Delinda Korrey McDowell	

APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3	Jocelyn Knutson
	Ashley Roberts
4	Emily Werner
6	John Guenzi
7	Rena Morrison
9	Kaleb Knutson
10	Katharine Nelson
	Timothy Lister
11	Grayson Steele
	Mike Burnham
14	Cory Jackson
	Robert Hall
15	Adalyn Sonnenberg
16	Quentin Roberts
	Austin Foos
20	Ted Propst
21	Melissa Kaan
23	Layton Miller
26	Hadley Jackson
28	Pam Trimble
29	Darla Korrey Gertner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
May your day be blessed!

Maundy Thursday Seder Supper

Come...

*not because you are strong,
but because you seek God's strength.
not because you must,
but because you may.*



THIS IS THE LORD'S TABLE

April 6

6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome | Please RSVP: 970-522-2708

easter

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:30am Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am Easter Celebration

April 9



You shall be called
Repairers
of the breach

— ISAIAH 58



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

MATTHEW



in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

**Millions of people lack
access to sustainable food
sources, clean water,
sanitation, education, and
opportunity.**

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

OGHS offering envelopes are available on the table outside the church office.

Presbyterian Church

Rummage Sale

130 S. 4th St.

Sterling, Colorado

Wednesday, April 26 at 6 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

(\$2 per person, early buyer's fee)

Thursday, April 27, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Friday, April 28, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

(Purchase a bag and fill it for one flat fee of \$3 or \$5, based upon the size of bag!)

**Look for interesting Clothing, collectibles, dishes, appliances,
unusual household items or furniture at this well organized sale.**

***** Please join us at this fun, semi-annual event *****

*****WE NEED OUR CHURCH FAMILY*****



The rummage sale is coming up April 24-29, 2023

Please consider helping in the following ways and note the dates and times on your calendars.

Sunday April 23rd following worship we will need to carry racks and rummage from Janet's office to Milligan Hall

Donations will be accepted beginning on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday April 25th from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M.

We need many helpers to unpack and mark donations between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday and Tuesday and to mark items until noon on Wednesday

The sale begins on Wednesday evening, April 26th, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. (There will be an early buyer's fee of \$2 per person.) We need people to help sell on Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday April 27th from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. items will be sold as marked.

On Friday April 28th from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. items will sell for \$3-\$5 per bag, depending on the size of the bag.

At 4:00 P.M. on Friday remaining items will be bagged and sent to a charitable organization. We need help to pack them and to clean Milligan Hall.

Contact the church if you need some help transporting your rummage or if you would like to volunteer. We look forward to working with you and always enjoy seeing new faces among our volunteers.

Dear Church Family:

Back in Fall 2007 I felt God calling me to be your Office Admin. It was the best job I ever had. Now I feel God calling me to something new – I don't know what yet – but it will be good.

Thank you for all the blessings you have given me over the years and lately. Thank you for the beautiful worship service, flowers and engraved lantern, the lovely lunch, gifts and cards, and friendships.

I pray that you will find the right person to take my place and know that it will also be good.

See you at church!

Bev Cumming.

2023 VBS: July 10-14

HERO HOTLINE ~ Called Together to Serve God

Calling ALL First Presbyterian Church volunteer heroes! We are so excited to begin working towards our 2023 Vacation Bible School – Hero Hotline! As you know it takes many, many hands to offer VBS to the children in our community and I am praying for an abundance of volunteers this year! VBS will take place at the church the week of **July 10 – 14** from 9 am-noon each day. The volunteer needs are many including: group leaders, station leaders, breakfast providers, behind the scenes help, registration, video/sound help, marketing and promotion.....the list goes on and on! Regardless of your gifts, talents or time availability, we can find a place for you to be a part of this ministry! Most importantly, I ask for your prayers as we begin planning for this important outreach in our community. Thank you so much, in advance, for prayerfully considering being a part of Hero Hotline ~ Called Together to Serve God.

Please let me know via e-mail (klbr1956@yahoo.com), phone call or text (970-571-0766), or watch for the sign-up sheet outside the church office.



In Person & on Facebook

**First Friday @
First Presbyterian**

Emily Singer

Classical Piano

April 7, 2023

12:05 to 12:35

**South 4th and Ash, Sterling
Free & Open to the Public**

facebook.com/fpc.sterling




Please pray for...

Mission Co-workers
Rev. Betsey and Eric Moe
and the people of Guatemala

pcusa.org/betsey-and-eric-moe
betsey.moe@pcusa.org | eric.moe@pcusa.org

Address: c/o CEDEPCA Guatemala, 8a Avenida 7-57,
Zona 2 Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala 01901

 Presbyterian Mission
World Mission



Food Pantry Needs

You may bring your donations to the church, put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

**Cooperating Ministry:
April
Instant or Canned Potatoes
would be very welcome!**

NJC Food Pantry needs:
Nuts, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix;
Jerky; Tuna or Salmon (cans/
packets); Protein Bars; Peanut
Butter; Nut Butter; Crackers;
Granola; Fruit/Nut Bars;
Instant Oatmeal; Popcorn;
Microwavable meals.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Confirmation 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee		5:15 Fellowship Committee	12:00 Community Lent Service (First English Lutheran)	6:00 SEDER SUPPER 7:00 Choir	GOOD FRIDAY 12:05 First Friday – Emily Singer	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
EASTER 9:30 Brunch/ Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship/ Communion		5:15 Finance Committee		5:30 Bell Choir		Newsletter Deadline
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 Confirmation 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee		5:30 Session		1:30 Women's Book/Bible Study 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	Resonance Retreat	Resonance Retreat
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Resonance Retreat 10:30 Worship with Fred Crawford as Guest Minister 11:30 Fellowship Coffee	RUMMAGE SALE	RUMMAGE SALE	RUMMAGE SALE	RUMMAGE SALE 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	RUMMAGE SALE	
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10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee						

SERVING IN CHURCH

USHERS

April 2	Sue Weingardt, Alie Sheldon, Dean Boeff
April 9	Kim Weingardt, Traci Reeves, Audrey Reeves
April 16	Justin Cranwell, Michelle Hawkins
April 23	Ken McDowell, Delinda Korrey McDowell
April 30	Dean Boeff, Tammie Malone

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

April 2	Property Committee
April 9	Easter Breakfast—Fellowship
April 16	Steward/Membership Committee
April 23	Chancel Choir
April 30	Women's Bible Study

COUNT OFFERING

April 2	Linda Meisner
April 9	BJ Eaton
April 16	Bob Smith
April 23	Connie Ham
April 30	Bev Cumming

AV TECHS

April 2	Justin Cranwell, Myra Westfall
April 9	Jeff Christenson, George Witherspoon
April 16	Dean Boeff
April 23	Justin Cranwell, Jeff Christenson
April 30	Tanna Prince, Rex Witherspoon, Callie Jackson

Remember to let the church office know if you trade serving dates with someone (522-2708).

FIRST RESPONSE

April	Dean Boeff
May	Delinda Korrey McDowell

LITURGISTS

April 2	Connie Sue Clark
April 9	Dean Boeff
April 16	Bev Cumming
April 23	Jill Vollmer
April 30	Ann Blackburn

BULLETIN DELIVERY

April	Dean Boeff
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COMMUNION APRIL 9, 2023

Traditional elements will be served from trays.

PREPARING/SERVING COMMUNION

April 9
Ava Reeves
Becky Cranwell
Pam Werner
Linda Meisner
Tara Guenzi
Jackie Reynolds
Bob Smith
Tanna Prince

Serving schedules subject to change. Check the website for most up-to-date schedules.
www.firstpressterling.org/servingschedules



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship in person or
on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/fpc.sterling

RADIO MINISTRY

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. On KSTC (AM 1230)

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