



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From our Pastor

Recently we asked you to make lots of cookies for our booth at the Flavor of Duncanville. This request was unusual, no doubt! But you did it! Your cookies—all homemade—made a splash. We gave away cookies to EVERYONE because when attendees and people who were there working booths heard that First Presbyterian had homemade cookies, they visited our booth.

You probably wondered why we needed cookies for this once-a-year citywide event, the purpose of which is to display what Duncanville people do best. Booths included local businesses, restaurants, the Duncanville city government, and small business entrepreneurs. Why did we even need to be there? How is Flavor of Duncanville a ministry?

Did you know that First Presbyterian was **the only church** represented there? Why are churches in Duncanville so hidden? Aren't we part of the "flavor" of Duncanville? So, we asked, *what do the people of Duncanville need to think about the Church (at large) in Duncanville?* Our answer:

At this booth, **we wanted to make people feel good** and send them away with something—expose them to ministries at FPCD and invite them to join us. We gave out FPCD brochures, pens, and cookies to make them smile! We wanted **to interact with them** where they are, and so we did a survey with these two questions:

*What do you need from your local church?
How can our church serve you best?*

Here are some of the answers to the questions. People need:

Prayer, a safe place, a place to belong, to meet friends, fellowship, support, healing of America's divisions, acceptance, a place to serve, group worship, a place for meditation and focus on connection with God;

peace, outreach programs, an understanding pastor, phone calls and visits with seniors and bereaved; to help find your unique outreach ministry for your community. A safe place for children and a safe place to be friends.

There were more comments than these but space prevents me from listing them all! One restaurant owner told me "Come by!" I said, "Yes, I need to eat at your restaurant more!" He replied, "No, not that. Just check on us. See how we are doing." How wonderful that a business owner wants people from a church (including their pastor!) to check on his employees.

What is your vision of ministry? To whom are we to minister? Yes, those less fortunate. And to those who are ill, have experienced a tragedy, or are having a temporary crisis. But there are so many opportunities for us to minister to everyday people going about life, when we are in the stream of the things happening on our streets; when we get out of the doors of the church.

Written on our bulletin, website, and all our brochures is our mission:

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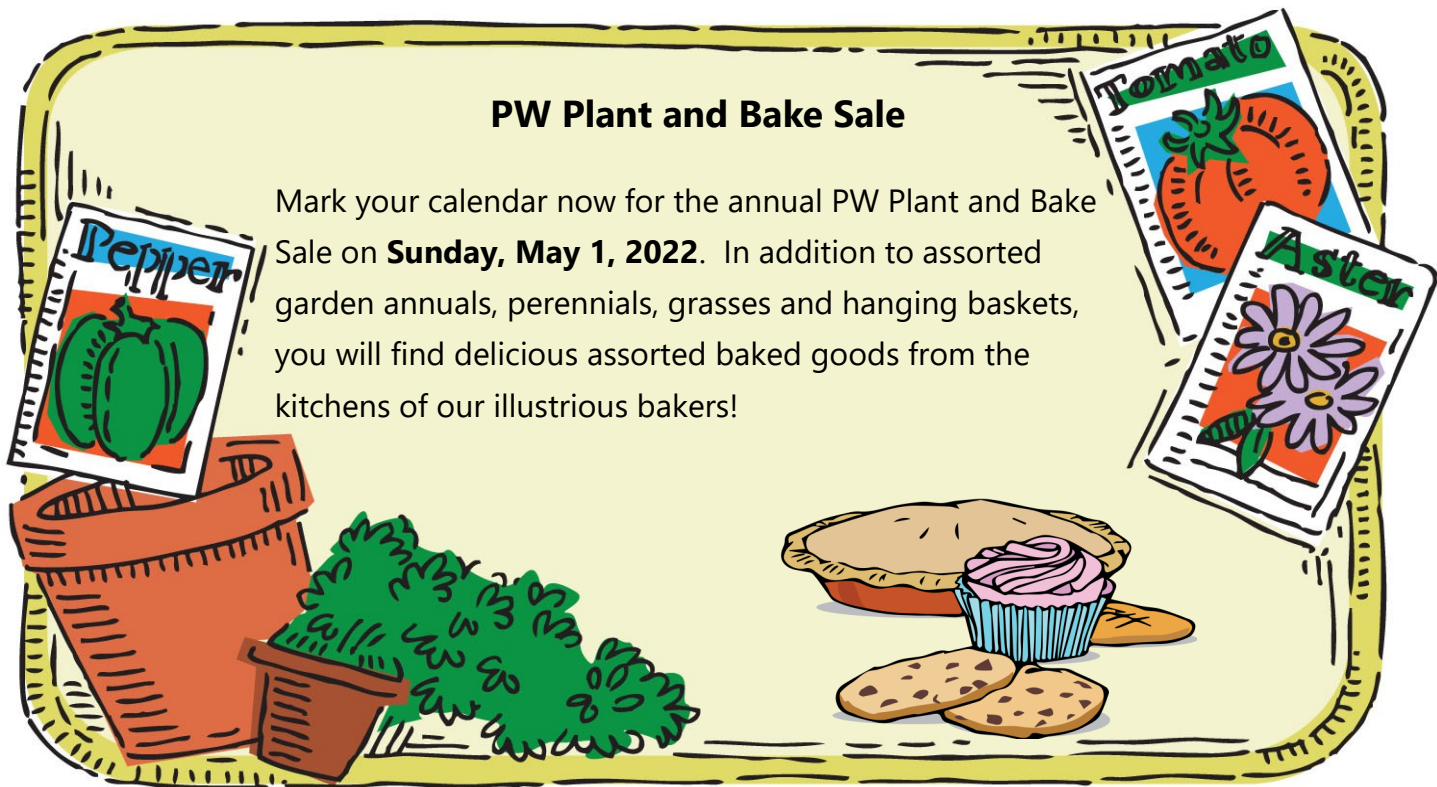
This holy season and all seasons let us continue connecting with God and look for ways we can share the good news with our community every day. We can do it with a cookie and a smile first. But we must be out there on the streets and in our neighborhoods. Wherever you are—even when you may not realize it, you are the face of Jesus. Happy Easter!

Pastor Ginger



PW Plant and Bake Sale

Mark your calendar now for the annual PW Plant and Bake Sale on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**. In addition to assorted garden annuals, perennials, grasses and hanging baskets, you will find delicious assorted baked goods from the kitchens of our illustrious bakers!



Easter Week 2022

APRIL 10 - PALM SUNDAY

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

APRIL 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service at 7 PM

APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

Worship Service at 7 PM

APRIL 16 - HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil—All Day.
Sign up for a time to pray!

APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM

Breakfast at 8 AM

Sunday School at 9:15 AM

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM

Worship Service at 10:30 AM



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April 2022

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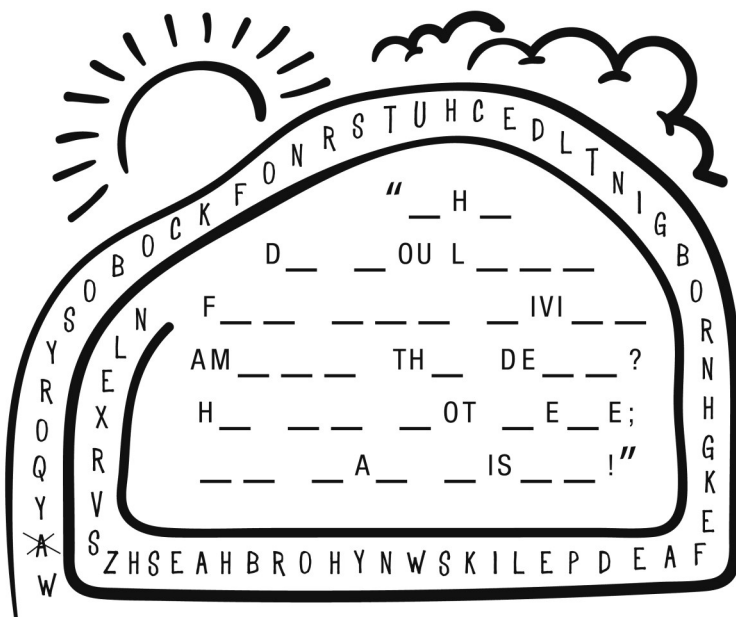
Puzzle Page



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.


Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

1. Brave: E O U
2. A dark profile: O U E
3. Circular: O U
4. Running away: E E
5. Savage, fierce: I O U
6. Odd or nostalgic: U A I
7. A person from the 50th state: A I A
8. Compress, push together: U E E
9. A large tree in California: U I A
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: O E I
11. Upright, moral and righteous: U O U
12. Lining up in a row: U E U
13. Gorgeous: E A U E U
14. Precipitation: A I
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Easter phrase:

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Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!



**Worship Volunteer Schedule
April 2022**

April 3	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation COMMUNION Servers	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Jimmy Cordova Jeff Thorpe & Jocelyn Bolles
April 10	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Jennifer McWilliams
April 17 (EASTER)	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Allen Conley
April 24	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Logan Russell

Christ is Risen Indeed

Alleluia

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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April Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Anna Murphy, April 2
Weston Russell, April 2
Bob Harrison, April 7

Evelyn Walters, April 15
Sandy Gaskins, April 16
Destinee Hertenstein, April 18



2022 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Feb 2022	\$21,904	\$20,890
Jan - Feb	\$43,184	\$42,126