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Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Facebook Video Available 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events Monday, April 4

1:00 Prayers & Squares

Tuesday, April 5 1:00 Blood Drive 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, April 6 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 12 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, April 13 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 6:00 Youth

Thursday, April 14 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship Service

Friday, April 15 Good Friday Office Closed

Sunday, April 17 Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 18 1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, April 20 11:00 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Youth

Tuesday, April 26 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, April 27 11:00 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Mother/Daughter Banquet

A Note from Our Pastor

Ukraine Offering

We are currently accepting offerings for Ukraine through our partnership with The Outreach Foundation. This is their latest update.

Ukraine Appeal from the Outreach Foundation



As the world watched in horror, Ukraine was invaded by Russia on February 25. In less than a month, more than 3 million Ukrainians have joined millions of other refugees in Europe. On the nightly news, we have witnessed the tragic fallout from this catastrophe including bombings and sniper attacks, deprivation of basic necessities, the terror of families being separated. Heartbreaking.

But we have also witnessed hope. The Outreach Foundation is blessed to have relationships with several partners in Eastern Europe. Several partners share their thoughts:

Marina and her 5-year-old son Zachar, the first refugees to arrive at City Church. On February 24th at 6:00 a.m. Marina was teaching an online class to Ukrainian kids in the U.S. when a bomb exploded right in front of

her house. They immediately moved to the basement of their 12-story building and spent two days there. Then her husband found a ride for Marina and her son, and they spent four days on the road until they got to Lithuania. Her husband stayed behind with their 20-year-old son to fight in the resistance. City Church has opened its church buildings for women and children to gather and talk with each other. There is much heaviness, but also joy that people really do care.

Father Oleh Kindii, professor of philosophy at Lviv University, parish priest. Oleh's story is one of many stories of faithful church leaders helping people experience God's love in the darkest of nights. The church will not close there. Quite the opposite, it has become a hub of relief work and spiritual care. Worship continues throughout the day, as priests pray with and listen to people's questions, hurts, and fears. At the same time, Oleh and others try to meet the enormous physical needs people have. Since the outbreak of war, thousands of people have come to the church and Oleh says "many who lost their faith are regaining it."



Lena Vasilevsky, who was in Warsaw with 17 women and children from Kyiv but is now on the way to Spain. Out-

reach Executive Director Mark Mueller and Associate Director Tom Boone were recently in Warsaw. They met Lena and shared, "Each of these women and children has had to say goodbye to husbands and friends back in Ukraine. For them, everything is very raw. They are exhausted yet cannot sleep well. Their hearts are filled with guilt and shame at having left. They anxiously await phone calls in the morning from friends and family in Ukraine and are heartbroken when those calls never come because of what that likely means."

The stories continue to be shared by so many people who are sad but (continued on page 2)

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have not lost hope in the Lord. Father Oleh said, "When it's darkest, that is when we can see the stars." Oleh continues, "In scripture, we hear that God suffers with us. 'In all their suffering he also suffered, and he personally rescued them. In his love and mercy, he redeemed them. He lifted them up and carried them through all the years.' Isaiah 63:9"

Many of you have asked how we can reach out to the people of Ukraine. Naturally, the first thing we do is pray. If you would like to give a donation, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church and designate it to Ukraine and we will send those gifts to The Outreach Foundation Ukraine Appeal. If you give on-line, designate missions and note it for Ukraine.

For more information you can go to, www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal.





Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, March 21 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer led by Elder David Harris
- Held discussion of "gaps in our discipleship formation"
- Approved minutes from the February Session meeting
- Approved Everly Rose Harris for believer's baptism
- Received Ministry Team reports
- Closed with prayer

The next Session meeting will be Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m.



Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church

The Walk & Roll is a fundraising walk that will take place in multiple locations with people from all around our community and beyond coming together to raise awareness and support for the special needs community. How you participate is up to you — walk, push a stroller, pull a wagon, ride a wheelchair. The whole idea is to have fun for a great cause! The goal of the Walk & Roll is to raise awareness of our non-profit, but also to inspire our communities to **#SeeAbility.**

Our Walk Party will be here at First Presbyterian. Come and join us.

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If you would like to remember Worship Services this Easter, offering plate or leave on the schecks should be made <i>payab</i> <i>Lilies</i> . Deadline is Wednesd		
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Community Lenten Services

12:00pm each Wednesday at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

April 6 Preaching — Pastor Pinopolis United Methodist Church

> **April 13** tor Mary Ellen Doran

Preaching—Pastor Mary Ellen Doran, Trinity Church Liturgist—Pastor Darien Jones, Moncks Corner AME Church



Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m.

We're excited to be back after a long 2 years. Come help us celebrate our banquet, "Birds of a Feather", Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Sherry Schumann, President of the Christian Grandparenting Network. Sherry is a well known speaker from our local area.

Tickets will be on sale each Sunday until the event. To purchase tickets, contact Elaine Hewitt, Cindy Orvin, Mary Nettles, or Mickey Smith. Adult tickets are \$10 each, children 6 and under are \$5 each. A nursery will be provided during the banquet.

Come help us celebrate!

Church Work Day, March 5





Youth

D-NOW (Discipleship Weekend) March 18--20



We partnered with Community Hope Impact Center to distribute food and diapers.



We gathered with other local congregations to worship, serve, and play!

We extend Christian Sympathy to the following: George Greenwell and his family. George's wife, Joyce, passed away on March 2; Kim Brewer and her family. Kim's mother, Flora Jones, passed away on Saturday, March 5; Kyndra Buitenhuis and her family. Kyndra's mother, Donna Harris, passed away on Saturday, March 5.

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the cards and encouragement during this challenging time. They are helping me keep going! My prayer quilt is such a comfort, knowing all the prayers that were said for me. I am definitely thankful, appreciative and blessed.

Love, Kelli Perkins (Sally Harvey's daughter)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you from John and me for the flowers you sent concerning the loss of my mother (Ruby R. Williams) and a thank you for all the notes, emails, and phone calls I received. This meant so much to us and our love to the church family. Love, Pamela Loesch

Dear Cooks of the Church,

Thank you for making meals and delivering them. The gentleman who delivered the meals said that the meal was delivered in God's love from the Presbyterian Church. All meals delivered to me will be accepted in God's love. I enjoyed the meal. The same for all meals.

Love, Debbie (Debbie receives meals from our Soup Kitchen)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your words of kindness and the prayers offered for me and my family during this difficult time. The beautiful peace plant you sent is now in boom. Green and white was a favorite color combination of my mom's and the plant is a lovely reminder of her.

Thank you on behalf of the family of Jean D. Guerry.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely peace lily in remembrance of my mom, Flora Jones MacNeil. The church has always been so kind to write her on a regular basis and then to send this gorgeous plant. Thank you so much for all you have done for her and us. Sincerely, Brantley and Kim Brewer

Dear Visitation Group,

Just a note today to say thank you all so very much for all the cards, thoughts, prayers for Bill and me. We have started on a different program and maybe some day we will be able to get moving and back to church. Thank you all so very much for thinking about us. Much Love, Bill and Connie Brinson



We need volunteers to help with the visual displays during Sunday morning worship (9am and 11am). **This is a super easy and helpful way to serve the church.** We will gladly train you. If you can help, please contact the church office at 843-761-8469 or David Brown at 843 -834-8642 or fiddlindave.brown@gmail.com.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
Budget Offering Weekly Budget Requirements	<u>March 20</u> \$ 3,780.44 \$ 8,907.00	<u>Year to Date</u> \$ 84,875.63 \$ 106,884.00



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6 Devlin Worten
8 Pearl Miller
9 Will Davis

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Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The blood supply is low and blood is needed now more than ever.

You can do the amazing.



Call Doris Partlow at 843-312-4325 to set up an appointment or just come in, no appointment necessary.

save lives. donate blood.

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