

TOWER BELLS EXPRESS

April 2018

HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN!

First Presbyterian Church of Eustis

Matthew 28:6

CHURCH TEAMS: OUR NEXT STEPS FORWARD

In March, the elders announced a new organizational initiative to help make our church more effective in ministry. Every activity that our church does falls under one of six ministry teams, each of which is being led by a pair of elders. Those teams include the Christian education, worship, fellowship and membership, missions, administration, and nominating teams. The goal of these teams is not to micromanage existing ministries. Rather, it is to equip and support existing ministries, identify areas where we need to ministries, and help empower our new pastor to facilitate growth from the grass roots level. The emphasis is not on committees holding ministries accountable. The emphasis is on building supporting work groups to help our body of faith grow as we love, worship, grow, pray, and serve. In the coming months, we will detail the goals and objectives of these ministry teams, and how they are going to help first church to know Jesus in a better way and show Jesus to more people.

THE GREAT EASTER BONNET CHALLENGE

Just a friendly reminder to wear those Easter hats and bonnets on Easter Sunday. Our very own Mr. Anonymous has pledged to donate money to the church missions programs for every man, woman, and child to wear an Easter hat at any of our services. This is a fun, colorful, creative way to celebrate Easter and embrace the meaning of Easter by helping to make a difference in ministry. Can't wait to see you all in your finest Easter hats!

PNC UPDATE

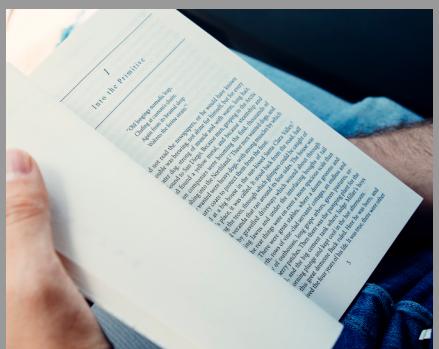
The PNC team is working hard for our congregation. Over a 100 PIFs have been reviewed, and a couple of Skype interviews have take place, with more in the coming weeks. We will continue to keep you informed periodically during Sunday worship, at all three services. Please keep praying for the members of the PNC, our future pastor, and his or her current congregation.

ELDERS

Current Ruling Elders

Barbara Yancey
Bryan Ferguson
Craig Brady
Don Brandt
Doris Barrell
Eric Medley
Ginger Babb
Jeanne Abernathy
Mark Bischoff
Mary Weikel
Peggy Berutich
Suzanne Bennett

If you would like to submit an email to our current ruling elders:
Session@fpceustis.com



WALK WITH JESUS



We can't wait to do it even bigger and better next year. We hope you can join us next Easter!



FINANCIAL REPORT

As of February 28, 2018:
Total Income: \$96,413.80
Total Expenses: \$108,999.18

THANK YOU FROM

Teen
MOPS



On behalf of all the volunteer leaders of the Golden Triangle Teen MOPS, I would like to thank the congregation for your continued support of this program. Many of you will be picking up pies for your Easter celebrations, but we hope you realize that your support for this and other fund-raisers has made this program possible.

Our goal is simple. We aim to show the heart of Christ in our love for young moms and their children. These young women, along with their children, meet here twice a month. It is such a blessing to have facilities and childcare to make these meetings possible. We feed these young families, offer programs relevant to life management, marriage and parenting, and offer emotional and spiritual support. As we get to know these women, we learn their stories and find ways to help during this important time in their lives. This could be a bus ticket, assistance in getting registered at Lake Tech, or simply picking up a couple of items at the grocery store. We are already seeing several young moms returning to help now that they have gotten on their feet.

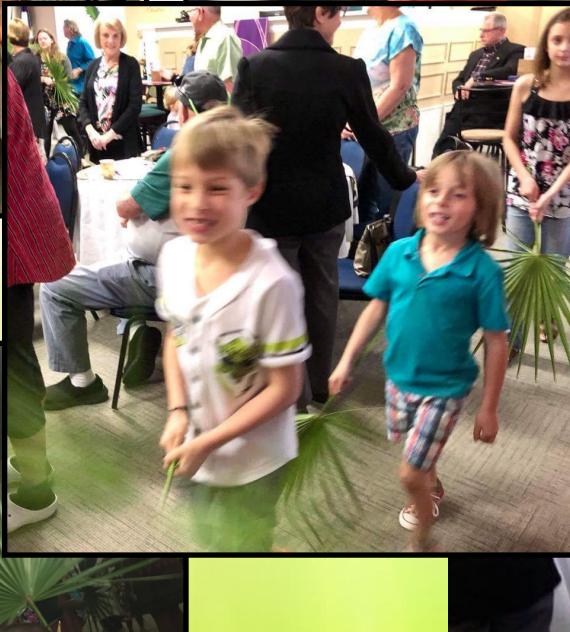
We appreciate all your support and contributions to keep our group going and growing. We couldn't do this without your prayers and support.

Sincerely,

The Teen MOPS volunteers

PALM SUNDAY

WHAT A JOYOUS CELEBRATION. OUR PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS DID A PALM PROCESSIONAL AND THE FLCE PRESCHOOL SANG AT THE 10 AM SERVICE. GREAT MEMORIES.





You Are Invited

**The FPC Preschool Would Love for You to Attend Our
Inaugural Spring Concert**

**Where We Will Be Singing Some of Our Favorite Chapel Songs
Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM on April 19**

Annual Spring Tea



SATURDAY • APRIL 28, 2018 • 11 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EUSTIS

117 S. CENTER ST. EUSTIS, FL 32726

YOUR ROYAL INHERITANCE

presented by

Candace Huber, R.N., BSN, MPH

Florida Hospital Waterman
Director, Mission Development
CREATION Health

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

\$12 for all ages • includes lunch, speaker & tea
Purchase tickets in person at the church office
or online at www.fpceustis.com

*Door Prizes
& Raffle* to benefit



GOLDEN TRIANGLE MOPS

sponsored by:

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER SUNDAY Communion/2 cents/meal 8:30 First Light 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Resounding Brass + 10:00 The Crossing 11:00 Trad. Worship	1 7:00 Lifetree Café at Uncorked	2 9:00 Mom's Morning Out 6:00 CS Kids	3 9:30 MOPS 5:00 Gold Handbells 6:00 Teen MOPS 6:00 KK Kids 6:00 Youth 6:30 Renew Bible Study	4 9:00 Moms Morning Out 11:00 Lifetree Café	5 11:00 Center Street Kitchen 11:30 Clothes Closet 5:30 Youth Lock-in 6:30 Friday Night Friends	6 7
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**DO YOU HAVE A GOOD PLACE TO HANG
POSTERS? IF SO, WE WANT YOUR HELP**

The Director of Communication is looking for people who work in high-traffic areas where we could hang posters to promote upcoming events, such as Lifetree Café, concerts, and fund-raisers. We average 2-4 posters per month. If you can help get the word out about what is happening at First Church, please contact communications@fpceustis.com. Thanks so much for considering way you can help us grow and serve our community.



WE WANT YOU!

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

01 B Grassel	16 Nancy Roller
01 Lisa Head	16 Joyce Russel
01 Irene Kell	17 Mary Jane Mitenius
01 Linda Sheets	18 Sam & Steven Broadway
02 Matthew Bradley	19 Wilma Anderson
03 Bryan Ferguson	20 April Von Maxey
03 Nancy MacDonald	22 Skip Babb
06 Winifred Begley	22 Patsy Irons
06 Joyce Ann McGregor	23 Kathy Honeycutt
07 Jessica Anderson	23 Brett Sutton
09 Nancy Richards	24 Darline Lane
10 Kate Entress	25 Brenna Broadway
11 Barbara Brandt	25 Ginny Dick
11 Ed Gilmore	26 Lily Bradley
12 Bob Speaks	26 Rick Tombs
13 Addie Garner	27 Michelle Endres
13 Ed Howard	28 Derrick De Yarman
15 Judy DelBosco	29 Dorothy Johnson



Wishes for a very happy birthday and a blessed year from your church family

GOLD HANDBELL CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 4:00 PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
117 SOUTH CENTER STREET
EUSTIS, FLORIDA
352-357-2833**



**FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE
FREE REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING CONCERT**

YOUTH SPONSORED SPAGHETTI

DINNER- \$7.00

SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS- 352-357-2833

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

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WED. APRIL 11, 6:30 PM

EUSTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
JAZZ BAND



Menu: King's Ranch Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Dinner \$6 per person or \$25 per family. Kids under 13 eat free!

Call 357-2833 for reservations

2018 YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- * April 6-7 Presbytery-wide Lock-In
- * April 25 Splash Night
- * May 9 Saturday Morning Cartoons Night
- * May 27 Summer Kick-Off Lake Party
- * June 11-15 - Vacation Bible School volunteering.
- * June 20 - VBS Volunteer Appreciation Night
- * July 4 - No Revolution Youth Happy Independence Day
- * July 9-13 - Student LIfe at the Beach Summer Camp
- * Aug. 5 - Back-to-School Lake Party***
- * Aug. 11 - Bioluminescence Paddle ***
- * Sept. 7-8 - Rock the Universe

We still have a couple openings for summer camp!!!

REVOLUTION YOUTH MINISTRY



Poor Man's Formal has become an annual event, and one of our favorites. We dress up in our finest attire for 3 courses of fine dining and live entertainment...the first course at McDonald's, the second at Burger King, (complete with crowns) and dessert at Dairy Queen. The entertainment? Bowling, of course. We laughed our tails off.



VBS WORK DAY

Due to our staff, our facility, and the pure awesomeness of our VBS, each year for the last few years, Group Publishing, who creates our Vacation Bible School curriculum, asks us to host a training day for other churches doing this year's "Shipwrecked" VBS. It is a lot of work, but our church gets a bid head start on building sets and props, and we get hundreds of dollars worth of free materials for hosting. Thanks to Shannon and her team for going the extra mile for our kids.



Volunteers Needed for VBS



Vacation Bible School

I know it is hard to believe, but Shannon is telling us that it is already time to start getting ready for VBS, and Locking in your favorite roles in the epic annual event!. She is getting a little excited...remarkably eager...VBS obsessed...who's to say. In any event, she has already begun working on VBS and is looking to assemble the VBS Dream Team to help kids have the experience of a lifetime this summer being shipwrecked on a desert island with a God who saves.



Join the fun!
June 11th-15th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Contact Shannon Walter
shannon@fpceustis.com

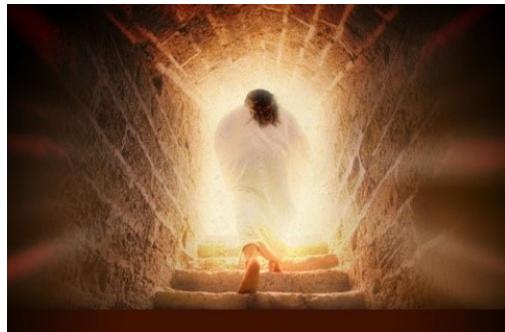
SEEN AROUND CAMPUS

Clockwise from top:

- * Mom's Morning Out Kids on Playground
- * Walk with Jesus
- * Preschool Easter Egg Hunt
- * Walk with Jesus
- * Preschool Easter Egg Hunt



RESURRECTION THOUGHTS



FPCE Friends,

I ended my February *TB Express* communication with these words:

We temper our Lenten efforts with the fact that we know the end of the story—that resurrection and life win! Our worship during Lent will take on a slightly more-subdued nature. But not too much. Try as we might, we remain Easter People, even through this time of reflection. My encouragement is that you make an honest consideration of your personal walk with Jesus more a part of the Lenten experience, even as you commit to growing in your faith as a joyful disciple of our Savior.

Poof! The season of Lent has come and gone, and we are rejoicing in the realization that we are *Resurrection People!* Even on our worst days, Jesus' victorious words cut through the haze of our confusion: *Because I live, you will live also* (John 14:19). I don't have a neat, clean theology of resurrection all worked out. I fall back on those clear words from Jesus. Some how, some way, in God's ineffable economy of salvation, death will not have the last word for me. Life will. This full, abundant life that Jesus promises

does not begin when I die. It has already begun. It started a long time ago when I accepted for myself the faith of my parents, and put my trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I will still die a physical death, but I need not fear that reality. Neither do I seek to hasten it. I am **already** living in the actuality of eternal life given to me as a gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Thus, the Avery and Marsh song of the Seventies is true for me and I happily sing it whatever the season:

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on;

Ev'ry day's Resurrection Day, the past is over and gone!

Resurrection is not a once-in-a-lifetime happening, either. For me, the fact that I run with Easter People comes to my mind on a regular basis. That's true of churches, too. We all, individually and communally, stumble through cycles of growth and decline, firing up and flaming out, joy and sorrow. As FPCE motors toward the end of this interim time, I hope that *resurrection and life* are key concepts that guide your thinking and planning. I trust that they do. If not, I will be around Eustis for a while longer to remind you of that fact and to encourage you to embrace it and live it as we move toward the new season of life God has in store for all of us.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Ecstatically,

Pastor Z



*An hour of stories and
conversation to feed your soul.*

MONTHLY DISCUSSION TOPICS

Week of April 1

The Struggle to Forgive: Finding a Way Forward

Week of April 8

In the News: A Godly Take on Modern Events

Week of April 15

How to Live Before You Die: Embracing Life to the Fullest

Week of April 22

Pass or Fail? The State of Education: A Student & Educator Crusade for Change

Week of April 29

Emergency: Make Room for God in a Crisis

JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS EACH WEEK:

WINE CELLARS UNCORKED

106 E. MAGNOLIA AVE.
EUSTIS, FL
MONDAYS @7PM

FIRST CHURCH

117 S. CENTER ST.
EUSTIS, FL
THURSDAYS @11AM

117 S. CENTER STREET

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