

*What if there were an
Easter and nobody came?*

*Below is the schedule we **HOPE** to observe!*



† Sunday, April 5th 11:00 AM
Palm Sunday! Hosanna in the Highest!

† Thursday, April 9th 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae communion!

† Easter Sunday, April 12th 7:00 AM
Sunrise Service (bring a lawn chair and blanket!)

† Easter Breakfast *Our annual breakfast follows the
Sunrise Service and continues serving until 10:00 AM.*

† Easter Sunday, April 12th 11:00 AM
Traditional Easter worship!

Pray and hope, but do NOT despair! Remember, the very first Easter “Sun/Son Rise” was observed by only three faithful women, and, later, by only two apostles!

If we are able to gather for worship, WE WILL! If we are not able to gather, Easter will still happen! We will celebrate virtually, or individually, or with our households, but, certainly, there will be worship and praise in our hearts!



From the Pastor's Desk...

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying "Christian, follow me."*

~ Cecil Frances Alexander

Dear Lafayette family:

Storm clouds that first appeared distant are beginning to descend upon us. The order and routines of daily life have given way to anxiety, fear, isolation, and disruptions.

Amidst the gathering tumult, our church leaders have striven to build and maintain strong spiritual and social bonds within our fellowship. If we are forced to be physically distant, we are determined to be connected in prayer and regular contact.

The Lord is with us! Walking with the Lord through this unusual Lenten season will bless us with comfort and courage.

Consider with me the purpose of the forty days of Lent—to pray, to reflect, to ponder, to confess; and to show forth Christian virtues of kindness, generosity, patience, perseverance, and love. Are any of these denied us because of the current crisis? Certainly not! One might argue that Christ's call in our lives is now painted with bolder and more pointed brush-strokes!



Let us embrace the journey (though none of us would have invited it!) and look for opportunities to be forgiving, compassionate, and giving throughout this uncertain time.

Also, please stay in touch with your Elder or Deacon and take advantage of the daily content posted on our website,

fountainchurchtallahassee.org

and our two Facebook pages,

facebook.com/LafayetteLive

facebook.com/LPCTallahassee

In Christ,

Pastor Steve

Lafayette Connections

A Guide to “Presbyterian Procedures” During Uncertain Times

- **Contacting the Office**

Even though the building is closed, the Pastor and the Secretary remain available. Email is monitored regularly, and even when staff is working from home, the church phone is re-routed. You may need to leave a message, but we will respond.

Email: LPCTally@outlook.com

Phone: 850-877-4428

- **Accessing worship and daily content**

> The easiest way to view Pastor Steve’s daily messages and Sunday worship content is to go to our website:

fountainchurchtallahassee.org

> When you go to the website, right at the top there are obvious links to click. There is also more content as you scroll down the page.

> Even if you do not have a computer or tablet, if you have a smart-phone, you can view this content. It isn’t difficult, but it might be a little tricky if you haven’t tried before. We have several folks who would be glad to walk you through the process.



> If you have Facebook, just go to one of our two Facebook pages:

facebook.com/LafayetteLive OR

facebook.com/LPCTallahassee

- **Prayer concerns or other needs**

> Don’t hesitate to share a need or a concern. We are ALL in this together.

> As this article was written, there were few expressed needs by our congregation, but this is likely to change. We have volunteers ready to help with deliveries, transportation, chores, food, staple goods and supplies, and other needs.

> We encourage you to contact first your Elder or Deacon partner. If you don’t know who your partner is, or if you need their contact information, please email the office.



- **Tithing / Giving / Donating**

> Please be generous in your support of our church and consider a special donation to help the church weather this crisis.

> There are several ways to give:

Mail checks to the church address:
4220 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Use your bank’s online bill pay. Just go to “Add Payee” and enter the church’s mailing address. You may use your envelope number if they request your account number.

Use “Givelify”

- You can go to our church website and just click on the Givelify link; or...

- Download the Givelify app on your smart-phone. Contact the office if you need help.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

We hope and pray that on **Sunday, May 17th**, we will celebrate with bagpipes and tartans as we observe the “Kirkin' o' the Tartans” in partnership with the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee.



If you do not have a tartan banner, there is still time to order a tartan representing your family, your military service, your vocation, or any of several themes. Please see Pastor Steve for details.

Please invite friends, neighbors, and family to this inspiring worship service honoring our church, our traditions, and our families!

Laugh, Learn, and Lunch



Due to Westminster Oaks campus closures and restrictions, the April “*Laugh, Learn, and Lunch*” has been canceled. We look forward to resuming these wonderful luncheons in the near future.

**“We must accept
finite disappointment,
but we must never
lose infinite hope.”**

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

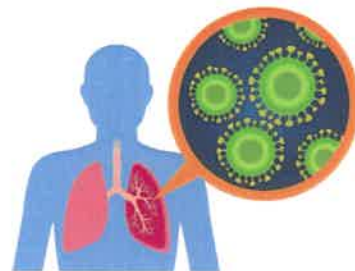
Givelocity

Tap. Give. Done.



The Latest on Coronavirus

Concerning coronavirus, the Florida Department of Health continues to emphasize the same simple steps we should take with the spread of influenza (flu,) such as washing our hands regularly and thoroughly.

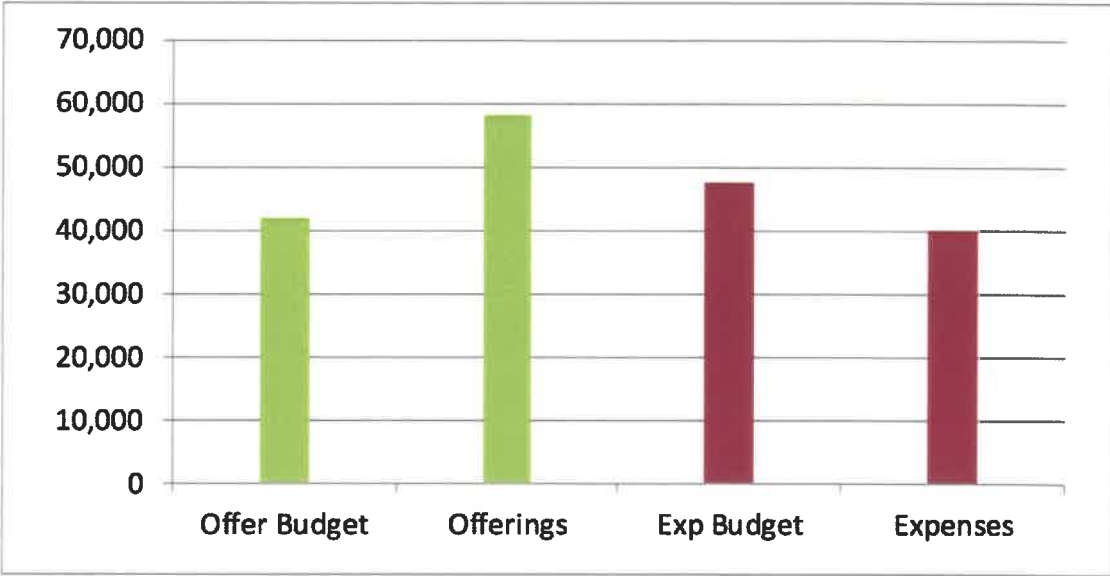


The FDH and the Center for Disease Control are also encouraging an increased emphasis on “social distancing,” including, but not limited to, avoiding groups of ten or more and staying home except when necessary.

Our church Session and Deacons stand ready to serve in any way necessary. (Please see the Session notes in this newsletter for further information.)

Everyone in the church family should have an Elder or Deacon in regular contact for prayer, news, help, and encouragement. If you do not know who your Elder or Deacon is, please email or call the church office.

FEBRUARY 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE			
Offering Budget February	Actual Offerings February	Expense Budget February	Actual Expenses February
\$42,000.00	\$58,319.36	\$47,554.67	\$40,006.10



Please note that the Offerings include other funds, such as interest income. These numbers may decrease in the coming months.

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS



The normal meeting date for Crafts for Missions will be **April 23rd at 1:30 PM**. This meeting will, however, depend on the status of the directives from our Presbytery and the CDC in regards to the Coronavirus. *In the mean time*, this is an excellent time to work on the items for the Christmas Child boxes, Disaster Assistance shipment, and the soft “chemo hats”. Working on the Christmas Box items all during the year will help us have a wonderful quantity to offer, will prevent the last minute rush, and will be fun too. Maybe we can discover another new featured item for this year as well. Last year we had the jump ropes and the paper beads. Keep your eyes and ears open for a fun idea for us and the children.



The **May Fellowship Luncheon** will be sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and will be held on the **THIRD Sunday, May 17th**. It is our tradition to move the luncheon to **the Sunday after Mothers Day**. May 17th is also our Sunday for the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan. The visiting St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee will once again be our special guests. Folks enjoyed the special format of the luncheon last year and **with the wonderful participation from our members**, it was a great success. Therefore, the committee will repeat the luncheon/buffet/reception format. The menu, as before, will be entree type hors d’oeuvre , finger sandwiches, other easy to serve dishes, and of course desserts. Plan to join the celebration and fun. More information will be announced at a later date.



Calendar Dates and Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday School	Sundays	9:45	AM
Sunday Worship	Sundays	11:00	AM
Pastor's Bible Study	Mondays	11:00	AM
Bible Study & Prayer	Mondays	6:00	PM
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00	PM
Kingdom Ringers	As announced		

MONTHLY EVENTS

Circle of Friends	2 nd Monday	6:30	PM
Contemporary Book	3 rd Monday	7:00	PM
Morning Circle	2 nd Tuesday	10:30	AM
Committee Night	2 nd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Session Meetings	3 rd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00	PM
Laugh, Learn, Lunch	3 rd Wednesday	12:00	N
WOW Circle	2 nd Thursday	11:00	AM
Crafts for Missions	4 th Thursday	1:30	PM
Men's Prayer Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	9:00	AM

SCOUTS

Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30	PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1 st , 3 rd Tuesdays	7:00	PM
Patrol Leaders Council	2 nd Tuesday	7:00	PM
Crew 10	3 rd Thursday	7:00	PM
Brownies 4023	E/O Sunday	2:00	PM

ALL CHURCH FUNCTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

WED	1		April Fool's / Atheist Day
SUN	5	11:00 AM	Palm Sunday
MON	6		Army Day
	6		Tartan Day
TUE	7		World Health Day
WED	8		Passover begins
THU	9	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion
SAT	11		Barbershop Quartet Day
SUN	12	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Worship
	12	7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast, Worship & Fellowship
	12	11:00 AM	Traditional Easter Worship, OGHs offering
MON	13		Thomas Jefferson Day
TUE	14		National Pecan Day
SUN	19		Pack 10 Pinewood Derby
	19		Bicycle Day
TUE	21	6:30 PM	Stated Session Meeting
	21		National Library Day
TUE	22		Earth Day
	22		Administrative Professionals Day
	22		Girl Scout Leaders Day
FRI	24		Arbor Day
SAT	25		Red Hat Society Day
SUN	26	12:10 AM	PW Spring Annual Gathering (?)
	26		Audubon Day



Summary of March 17th Session Meeting



- ⊕ Pastor Steve led a devotional on Psalm 23:4.
- ⊕ A letter was read from the Presbytery concerning the coronavirus pandemic.
- ⊕ The Clerk's report noted the deaths of Mabel Huffman and James Urquhart.
- ⊕ The Treasurer was authorized to open a bank account for Operation Christmas Child.
- ⊕ The Treasurer and Pastor were authorized to set up online giving.
- ⊕ Committee Reports were reviewed.
- ⊕ The Nominating Committee reported on their progress.
- ⊕ The Presbyterian Women birthday offering will be on Mother's Day.
- ⊕ The Session received reports from two solar energy assessments.
- ⊕ Based on recommendations from the Presbytery and the CDC, the Session took the following actions:
 - > All church events and groups have been canceled or postponed. The Session will reevaluate in two weeks.
 - > The secretary may work from home in consultation with the Pastor.
 - > The Pastor and others will produce worship content for web distribution.
 - > Staff will continue to be paid, subject to further reevaluation.
 - > The Elders agreed to support the Deacons in dividing up the congregation for regular contact, prayer, encouragement, and sharing.
- ⊕ April Elder on Call: Denise Vandiver
- ⊕ April Liturgist: Susan Graves
- ⊕ April (Easter) breakfast: Worship and Fellowship Committees
- ⊕ The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 PM.

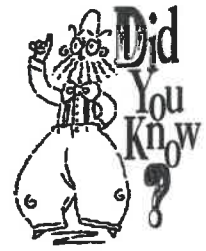
	<p><u>Christian Education</u> Rita Tucker *(2021)</p>	<p><u>Mission & Interpretation</u> Denise Pentecost *(2022)</p>
	<p><u>Finance</u> (unexpired 2021 term) Denise Vandiver (2020)</p>	<p><u>Property</u> Ken Johnson * (2020) John Kinneer (2020)</p>
	<p><u>Fellowship & Commitment</u> Joe Faragasso * (2021)</p>	<p><u>Worship</u> Sandi Herrington * (2022) Richard Loose (2022)</p>

We will schedule and announce **Committee Night** only if current circumstances change.



DID YOU KNOW?

BY PHIL FERGUSON



If you look for the word PLAGUE in a secular dictionary you would probably find a definition something like “An epidemic caused by a bacterium or virus becoming widespread in a particular area, or a pandemic affecting a particular country or the world”.

Some of the worst pandemics in history are as follows:

Black Death or Bubonic Plague from 1347 to 1351 (75-200 Million Deaths)

Small Pox in 1520 (56 Million Deaths)

Yellow Fever in the late 1800's (100-150 Thousand Deaths)

Asian Flu -- 1957 to 1958 (2 million Deaths)

SARS Virus (related to the 2020 COVID-19 virus) in 2002-2003 (774 Deaths)

Swine Flu – 2009-2010 (200 Thousand Deaths)

Ebola in 2014-2016 (11.3 Thousand Deaths).

If you look for the word PLAGUE in a Bible dictionary you will probably find a definition something like “An epidemic, calamity or judgment that God sends upon men”. You might also find that word followed by PLAGUES OF EGYPT, which are; turning the waters of the Nile River to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, death of cattle, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and death of the firstborn of Egypt, all sent to convince the Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

Unlike modern day plagues which are usually described in scientific terms with medically validated sources, the Plagues of Egypt could only be described as being in a divine or Godly category.



The adult Sunday school class will begin a new study using the book “He Still Moves Stones: Everyone Needs a Miracle” by Max Lucado. In his book, Lucado shares stories of persons in the Bible that demonstrate and proclaim God’s provision for and transformation of their lives. Through the study we also have the opportunity to reflect on ways in which God is providing for and transforming our lives.

All adults are invited and welcomed to participate. We hope to begin the study after Easter. For more information contact Linda Pitts.

*Book Club is
for...*



...you!

Coffee and a Cookie Contemporary Book Club

We meet the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. So please come and enjoy books, cookies, and friendship.

Please contact Martha McElveen or Denise Vandiver for more details or if you would like a ride to a meeting.

Monday, April 20 ~ The Devil in the Grove by Gilbert King at the home of Sharon Montgomery

Monday, May 18 ~ The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead at the home of Sandi Herrington

Monday, June 15 ~ Over the Plain Houses by Julia Franks at the home of Martha McElveen

We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

Prayers from 03/21/2020

- Audrey, Zurick, and Katie and every one who works in Health Care – Bonnie Burns
- Prayers for everyone-Charla Casey
- Pat Ingham
- Ken Norman

Prayers from 03/08/2020

- Jaya Herman
- Gail Allen, mother-in-law of Ned Stacey, Jr.
- Shelbey and family, niece of Pam Terry
- Donald & Jacqueline Neifert, parents of Denise Vandiver
- Wayne Warren

Prayers from 03/01/2020

- Regis & Laurel Korba, uncle & aunt of Patti Dickman and Faith Kinneer
- Ken Pineau, friend of Richard McElveen
- Zade (7 yrs), son of a friend of Ned Stacey, Sr.

Homebound/Assisted Living

- Grace Cook, aunt of Margaret Warren
- Perry & Ruth Dawson, Westminster Oaks
- Vicky Grafe, daughter-in-law of *Mary Lee Grafe*
- Pat Ingham
- Anne Logue, Westminster Gardens
- Victor Stimpson, Canterfield of Tallahassee

Continuing Prayers

- Our Armed Forces around the world
- Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- Kevin Askew, son of Donna Lou Askew
- Angela White, daughter of Donna Lou Askew
- Jerry White, son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- Father Jim Horton, nephew of Jean Brinson
- Ray Crickenberger
- Lamar Thomas, friend of Janet English
- Carole Ferguson
- LaVerne Gibson
- Anne Hebrock
- Hal Herman, father-in-law of Rachel Herman
- Jaya Herman
- Tony & Cheryl Hollingsworth, brother-in-law and sister of Sandi Herrington
- Jennifer Jackson, daughter of Billie Jackson
- Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- Chandler (Candy) Touchton, daughter of Martha Ann McCaskill
- Anita Moreno
- Carol Peele
- Leonard & Twila Phillips
- Jim & Carolyn Smith
- Gail Allen, mother-in-law of Ned Stacey, Jr.
- Russell Stovall
- Denny Chevillot, friend of Tyler & Nancy Telander
- Carolyn Wallace
- Gail Yates
- Those who have no one to pray for them

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)



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April Ushers

Garrett and Heather Brooks

Substitutes:

Ned and Christy Stacey

Phil Ferguson



April Birthdays

5 Charlane Casey

23 Sandy Saunders

6 Gaile Ortgies

27 Hannah Tucker

9 Frances Dennard

28 Ray Crickenberger

9 John Miller

29 David Miller

14 Rev. Robert Montgomery

30 Theo Weinell

18 Lori Longerbeam



May articles are due
Friday, April 24



Remember our church in your will.