

# PBPC news

## DEAR PBPC FAMILY & FRIENDS

Welcome to the season of Eastertide! We celebrate a risen Savior all year long, but it's helpful for me to remember that, when Easter is over, the 50 days of Eastertide have just begun.

This season in our church calendar lasts until the celebration of Pentecost (Sunday, May 19, this year). In many parts of the world, Christians engage traditions we associate with Easter – Easter egg decorating, flowering crosses, wearing Easter bonnets, and hosting sunrise services – throughout Eastertide as a way of keeping the victory of Christ's resurrection front and center in their lives and worship. I love that, and I hope you will find ways to do the same.

Maybe someday we'll try the Eastertide tradition known as "clipping the church." It's not about trimming back bushes or cutting out coupons for discount sermons. According to the Colorado Education Association, clipping the church "involves either the church congregation or local children holding hands in an inward-facing ring around the church, and can then be reversed to an outward-facing ring if a prayer for the wider world beyond the congregations is said. Once the circle is completed, onlookers will often cheer and sometimes hymns are sung. Often there is dancing. Following the ceremony, a sermon is delivered in the church and there are sometimes refreshments. Christians adopted this tradition to show their love for their church and the surrounding people." How cool is that! Maybe we should clip PB Pres some Sunday and see if we end up with cheering onlookers.

While I always look forward to a new month, I have to confess that it's hard for me to say goodbye to March this year. What a wonderful month we had! Our Holy Week events of Palm Sunday, the Preschool Easter Party, Good Friday Tenebrae, and Easter Sunday were each rich and meaningful. Our commissioning of Larry Cox after 31 years of his faithful involvement in music and church life was a blessing of community love. And, I will never forget the joy that Jonah Daskalakis brought to his baptism on the day Tony, Haley, and our Youth Group

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led the Sunday service. Jonah busted into the family of faith with all of the presence and enthusiasm of the Kool-Aid Man... "OH, YEAH!!!" This pastor wishes every person being baptized had that level of excitement and spirit.

April will be wonderful too, I'm sure, filled with continued worship, mission, ministry, and opportunities for God to surprise us. There are inspiring and exciting conversations happening at the Session table about how to best use our parking lot and office spaces, how to inspire leaders to step forward for the upcoming officer elections, how to partner with other faith-based organizations in the area, and how to engage even more fully with our wonderful ministries to Preschoolers, students, and the homeless men and women in our community.

Don't forget to check out the PB Pres website and our accounts on Instagram and Facebook for the latest reports and upcoming events. It's your church with Christ as our Head. How will you be involved?

With gratitude for our shared journey~

Pastor Bill



## APRIL SERMON SCHEDULE

- April 7: "Identity and Activity, Unite!" Joshua 24:1-5, 13-15; 1 John 3:1-10  
Lord's Supper Sunday
- April 14: "Hospitality in the Second Mile" Matthew 5:38-45; 9:35-38
- April 21: "O, For Sheep's Sake!" Psalm 23; John 10:11-18  
Earth Day Sunday
- April 28: "Look! Here is Water!" Acts 8:28-40

# BIRTHDAYS AND ATTENDANCE

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

April 4

Fiona Williams

April 9

Barb McDonald

April 10

Leslie Ritz

April 14

Bridgette Cota

April 19

Marie Keineth

## **ATTENDANCE**

February 25: 79

March 3: 72

March 10: 47

March 17: 82

March 24: 82

## **DEACON NEWS**



**Spring**



**The Deacon's Spring Luncheon will be held in Calvin Hall on  
Sunday, April 21,  
following the morning service.**

**A free-will offering basket will be available to help defray the cost  
of the event.**

# DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Hi everyone!

What an incredible month we've had in our youth ministry! March has been a busy one, but it's been full of so much fun. Between student concerts, karaoke battles (for the worst rendition of "I'm Just Ken" you've ever heard, be sure to ask me for the video!), youth led service, to a youth led community dinner, it's been a blessing to serve as the minister to our students... not to mention the baptism of my young son Jonah! God has been at work, and let me tell you, the work has been good.

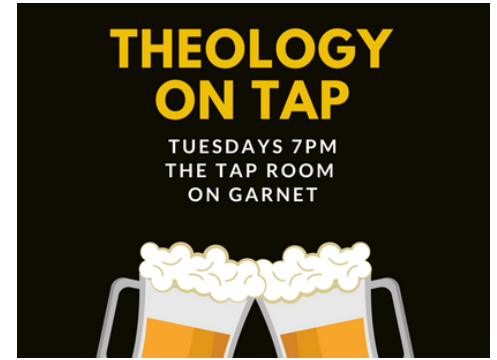
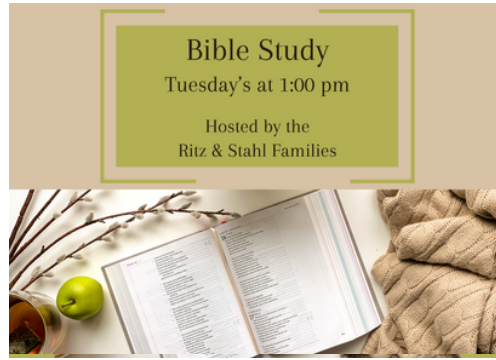
I can't even begin to put into words how proud I am of our students. They've shown up for one another, for our church, and for our community. I want to specifically highlight that nearly the entire Youth Group attended the Sunday dinner on March 17 and helped me cook over 100 servings of "breakfast for dinner" to feed over 50 unhoused members of our community firsts, seconds, and even thirds! Not just that, they sat at the tables and learned the names, stories, and struggles of many at the dinner - putting the love of Christ into practice. I couldn't be prouder!

I just want to also shout out just some of the incredible people who've poured into our Youth Group this month: First, Irene Forbes, who helped the students pull off our dinner and joined us for some ice cream and fellowship to celebrate a job well done! Further - Haley Petersen and Ty Smith who support the Youth Group every week with their time, love, and faith, but went above and beyond joining me at concerts for four students in one week!



Tony Daskalakis

# LIFE GROUPS



# CHILDREN'S/PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

We got to add an upgrade to the music portion of Chapel time when Miss Haley started joining us! She's been leading the children in some new, fun songs, which they have been enjoying - along with having another leader to hug :). Haley was also a big help to Tony and I at the Easter Egg Hunt & dinner for the Preschool families. With the help of Erah, we provided a fun Easter photo booth. There was a great turn out with a lot of chatter and laughter. One parent told me, "We are fairly new to the community, but these events and the coffee carts have made us feel so welcome."

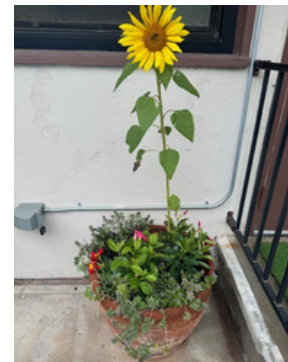


# PRECHOOL NEWS

We have been so busy this past month. In chapel, we learned about the miracle of the five loaves and two fish. We also learned about the good news of Easter...how Jesus is alive! The children are excited about the dinner and egg hunt the church is sponsoring tomorrow evening and cannot wait for the preschool festivities on Friday. Preschool will be closed 4/1-4/5 for Easter.



Spring is a time for new beginnings and new life. The children are maintaining their flower and vegetables beds and we are noticing birds, insects and worms! We had the landscaping trimmed and refreshed the courtyard flowers. We also added a new tree and flowers to the toddler playground.



The children have enjoyed all of the demo and construction across the street which have prompted many discussions and books on tractors, trucks, jackhammers, and demolition! The photos below are of the friendly construction workers holding up their air hose so we could get through to chapel and our two year olds working together to build a jeweled tower and a very tall garage which was filled with cars!



## **Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Friends in Christ,

Please join me in thanking all the members of Sounds of Worship, Chancel Choir and Crusader Bells for their wonderful music, especially for this Holy Week. A lot of preparation goes into making these services special and we are so blessed to have a dedicated team of musicians who work for the glory of God not just for Easter but every single week.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, I hope you will reflect on the lyrics of the song "This is the Day":

This is the day that the Lord has made  
We will rejoice as we lift His name  
This is the day that the Lord has made  
Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it

Whether the sun will shine  
Whether the skies will rain  
I know that You are good  
And this is the day You made  
Whether in life or death  
Whether in joy or pain  
I know this truth remains  
That this is the day You made

This is the day  
Come and sing your praise  
For the Lord now reigns  
On the throne of grace  
Soon is the day  
He will bring us home  
And we have this hope  
For we are His own

The greatest gift of Easter Sunday is our hearing and experiencing God's amazing love for us. This amazing love of God gives us everything. No matter what we experience we must remember that the Lord is good and will never leave us alone. We have the freedom to live our lives as God intended and experience real joy and happiness. Even when we are buried in our sorrows, we can hold onto the hope that eternal joy is coming, and God shall comfort us in our sufferings. I hope you have a blessed Easter and let the declaration "Alleluia! He is risen!" resound not only in these walls but touch the lives of all we meet.

Well, it's been an exciting 1st quarter already, with more coming in the next quarter; plenty of opportunities for everyone to participate in whatever fits your fancy.

Here's some of what's happening:

## **Weekly Sunday Night Ministries**

For the past 30 plus years we have provided neighbors in need a place to get a warm meal every Sunday evening. If you want to get involved, here are the ways to do it:

- Support through donating to our weekly dinner. Needed weekly are:
  - Whole Milk (2 gallons each week),
  - ½ gallon almond or soy milk,
  - four heads of iceberg lettuce,
  - 2 lbs. of mixed or other lettuces,
  - four carrots, three bell peppers, two cucumbers, other veggies,
  - fresh fruit, anything fresh from your garden,
  - boxes of pasta (any kind),
  - rice,
  - homemade cookies, cupcakes, pies or other desserts.
- Support by volunteering your time once a month:
  - If you are one of the more behind the scenes type, we could use help anytime 2pm-5pm preparing, and heating up the food donated.
  - If you want to be more personally involved, come at 4:45-5:00pm, and you can help serve our guests at the main dinner service, at the drink station, at the dessert station, or just walking around or sitting at the table just greeting our guests.

Please contact Irene Forbes and let her know what you would like to offer.... she will make sure it's not already covered and will get right back to you. Text her at (858) 722-4660 or you can call and leave a voice mail message.

## **Monthly San Diego Rescue Mission Assistance**

We meet the second Friday of each month at San Diego Rescue Mission, corner of 2nd & Elm downtown, 9am – 11:30am. Come join us as we do little projects around the building to help out. Next events are April 12 and May 10.

## **Graffiti Clean Up Event**

This year's annual Graffiti Clean Up event is Saturday May 11. This is an annual event we have hosted for 19 years. It's fairly easy on our part. We are the central collection point for community volunteers to pick up their graffiti cleaning supplies, maps of graffiti in the PB area, snack and water, and go... Come join the fun, we can even teach you how easy it is to clean up some graffiti so you and your family or friends can become involved in the actual clean up event itself.