

In Touch with FPCR

SOAP DONATIONS ARE HANDMADE

One of the categories of donations the Slinger Food Pantry often has on their list is *Personal Hygiene Products*—one of the many items donated by the FPCR family. What you may not know is that the soap donated in April to the Slinger Food Pantry was handmade with natural ingredients by **Jean Schoeni**. Jean, whose background is in microbiology, loves to experiment with a variety of crafts—none of which are more exciting to her than those using her science lab skills.



The soaps donated for the April FPCR drop off were beautiful. They included bars without scent while others were made with soothing fragrances like Warm Woods, Cucumber-Melon, Grapefruit-Rosemary-Peppermint, or even Orange-Vanilla to name a few. Pantry visitors will be able to select from a variety of colors such as Lake Blue, Bright Golden, Jade, Orange, Bronze or a mixture of colors, all created with mica powders.

Jean mixes a variety of oils/fats, lye, and

glycerin to provide soap that is moisturizing, soothing, and cleansing. Sometimes the bars include exfoliants (coffee grounds, poppy seeds, oatmeal, dried mint leaves). After carefully mixing the base recipe, the batch can be poured into a mold as is or colored and poured. When fragrance is added, the batch needs to be cooled to a temperature that will not destroy the scent upon addition. Bars with multiple colors and fragrances are made by

Top Left: Lemon-Poppyseed, **Top Right:** Orange-Clove, and **Bottom:** Lavender-Peppermint.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR services **May 8** and **May 22**.

The next **Bible Study** is **May 15** to discuss John 7:53-8:11.

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline:
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.

MAY 8

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
AND MOTHER'S DAY

SERMON:
FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD

MAY 22

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SERMON:

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

JUNE 5

JUNE 12

JUNE 26 (COMMUNION)

Check the website for updated information:
FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

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NEXT BIBLE STUDY IS MAY 15

The next adult Bible Study will be held **Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m.** via **Zoom**. The group will discuss John 7:53 to 8:11.

Since this is an online meeting, a link to participate will be sent on Thursday, May 12. To join for the first time, please email FPCR or contact **Elaine Schmidt**. The group would love to include you.

April's discussion was from John 7. It centered on the confusion over Jesus's actual identity and how he was treated. The objective of the lesson was to demonstrate how we can respond in a Christlike manner to those who attack our faith in Jesus.



DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR JEFFREY ZELLER

Please mark your calendars to attend the 10 a.m. service on **June 12** to honor our friend **Jeffrey Zeller** who passed on May 20, 2021. His loving wife **Jean** has been working with **Paul Zachow** and **Ryan and Melissa Kujawa** to make this a very special service. It will be a time to honor Jeff's memory and present a memorial gift to FPCR.

WASHROOM IMPROVEMENTS

As everyone who has been to the Fellowship Hall to use the washrooms knows, a rust problem often rears its head! This time it was most obvious in the Men's Washroom. Several solutions have been discussed from closing the bathroom completely to purchasing a water softener and possibly an iron filter.

In April, **Mike Heppe** and **Rick Romanski** once again strapped on their toolbelts to see if there might be yet another solution. They changed old piping and traps and removed built-up rust in a day-long project which included a few trips to the shelves of some local hardware stores.

To date, the project is a SUCCESS! Thank you Mike and Rick.

**Wrinkled with Burdens?
Come to the Church for a Faith Lift!**

OGHS UPDATE

A recent check was sent to the Presbytery from FPCR to forward your donations for One Great Hour of Sharing. Once again, your giving hearts donated **\$405** for this special offering.





SERMON JOTTINGS

Following are summary notes from April's sermons by Pulpit Supply Mr. Paul Zachow, MAPS/Chaplain.

Date: **April 10, 2022** (Palm Sunday)

Text: **Luke 19:28-40**

Sermon: ***The Stones Shout Out***

On Palm Sunday, the Scripture reading was the familiar story of Jesus riding a donkey with his disciples and multitudes of people laying down their coats on the road while shouting praises. They are proclaiming him king and are amazed at the things he has done. Jesus is bringing a new power to the world—God's power. Jesus was a different kind of king from Caesar and Herod, who were greedy for power and money, oppressive,

dictatorial, and unkind and unloving. We are back to the controversy—Power of God vs. Power of the Roman Empire! Palm Sunday is not the end of this story.

- This is the point where we need to ask ourselves, "What kind of Jesus do we need in our broken lives, broken church, broken country, society, community, and world during this passion and Easter season?"
- Jesus came to liberate those who were oppressed and set them free. Jesus does the same for us.
- Peace can only come from God in Christ.
- Following Jesus can help to bring God's peace to our world and to us.
- There continues to be a clash of kingdoms—Caesar or Christ. Whom and what do we follow—today's world or the world Jesus can bring?

Date: **April 17, 2022** (Easter Sunday)

Text: **John 20:1-18**

Sermon: ***Resurrection Joy!***

Easter—the day of resurrection! Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and is distraught because Jesus's body is gone. She fears someone has stolen his body. A gardener appears. She recognizes him as Jesus. He explains that he must still ascend to God. She is tasked with informing the disciples of Jesus's resurrection. This is the beginning of the Jesus movement.

- In spite of darkness and death, there is hope.
- Where do we need to let go of things which no longer serve us?
- Where have you had darkness in your life interrupted by the recognition of a "resurrection" of new life and new hope? This can give us awe as it did Mary.
- Jesus calls God, "Father." God works through Jesus; Jesus is the Father's "Son". Through this gospel, we recognize that those who have faith become beloved "Children of God".



SLINGER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

*SFP is looking for **tuna, breakfast bars, cake mixes** and **personal hygiene products**. All donations, however, are appreciated including cash donations. The Pantry says, "They all go too quickly!"*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **May**. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

16 - Jason Tutkowski

18 - Jim Frank

19 - Debbie Heppe

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol Frank
Carol Frank's son, Jim
Jim Frank
Jim Frank's son, Tom
Ron Grunke
Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley
Joyce Koehn
Daryl Schmidt



Please also pray for the people of Ukraine as they face ongoing political pressures and personal struggles.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...

REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in making Lent and Easter a special time of year at FPCR.

Thank you **Scott Schoeni** and **Kate Kujawa** for "Special Music."

Thank you **Shira Gui** for playing the keyboard on a regular basis.

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THANK YOU, READERS

Thank you **Cheryl Weber, Elaine Schmidt, Emma Kujawa, Debbie Heppe, Jackson Kujawa, Melissa Kujawa, and Carol Frank**. The thoughtful Lenten and Easter passages read by each of you added to our worship services. Also, thank you to **Elaine Schmidt** and **Paul Zachow** for coordinating the selections and to **Cheryl Weber** for candle lighting and CD operation!

SOAP DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY

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dividing the batch. Each portion is individually tempered, colored, and scented before pouring. After about 24 hours wrapped in a blanket or insulated in a Styrofoam container, the soap can be unmolded. If made in a loaf mold, bars must be cut. This is Jean's husband, Keith Clark's job because he can cut straight! Curing, hardening, and rying the soap takes four to six weeks. When it was announced that the Romanskis would be making a delivery to the Slinger Food Pantry, the soap was wrapped, labeled, and added to the donations collected at the church.

Jean's goal is to fill the Pantry's ongoing soap needs. The Slinger Food Pantry is thrilled to receive the soap, along with all of the other donations from the FPCR family.