



In Touch with FPCR



Lord, death could not hold You.

*And because of You, the resurrection, we,
too, can live.*

*Thank You that the grave is only a journey
into the presence of God.*

*You have removed the sting of death and
empowered this thing called life.*

*Now I will live in Your presence forever.
Amen.*

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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 am Sunday Services.

**MARCH 3
COMMUNION SERVICE**

MESSAGE: IT'S NOT ABOUT BINGO!

**MARCH 10
MESSAGE: THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE**

**MARCH 17
MESSAGE: WRITTEN WITHIN YOU**

**MARCH 24
PALM SUNDAY**

MESSAGE: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

**MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY**

MESSAGE: JESUS, IS THAT YOU?



ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

Carol Frank
Jim Frank
Debbie Heppe
Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

Emma Kujawa
Cathy Romanski



Life's more fun with a friend . . . and so is Church Worship!

Invite one or more of your friends to a Sunday service at FPCR.

See the panel on the left outlining services for March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

GRACIE IS BACK

Gracie, the black-and-white fish bank for One Great Hour of Sharing, has arrived at FPCR for 2024. As is FPCR's tradition, feel free to put your spare change into the bank's slot between now and Easter Sunday, March 31. Be sure to bring the bank to the Easter service, so your contribution may be added to the total for this year's donation. Of course, if Gracie is just a "little much" for you, you are welcome to place a check/cash in the OGHS envelopes (narthex table) and then drop the envelope in the offering plate on March 24 (Palm Sunday) or March 31 (Easter Sunday).



In the meantime, keep your ear to the ground. There may be more information about Gracie and her black-and-white scales between now and Easter Sunday.

The One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the four special collections taken during the year at FPCR. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. One hundred percent of your generous donations will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



SLINGER FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Current Needs: Hygiene Products

Examples: **Toothbrushes · Toothpaste · Body Wash · Shampoo · Conditioner · Deodorant · Mouth Wash · Hand Sanitizer**



WOW!! Thank you for your Souper-Bowl Sunday donations of

149 Cans of Soup

The soup was delivered to the Slinger Food Pantry on February 12 by **Rick and Cathy Romanski**.

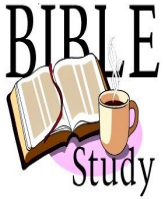
The Pantry is always very grateful for the donations from FPCR. At this time, the need is greatest for hygiene items. A few examples are listed above. Please place donations in the bin found in the Church's narthex.

Cash donations are also always welcome and appreciated! Please either send a check payable to FPCR to PO Box 22, Richfield WI 53076. Include SFP in the memo of your check.

OR

Make a cash donation at the church, by placing your donation in the offering plate using the special envelope found on the narthex table. Again, mark SFP in the memo section of your check.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY—JOHN 21 ON MARCH 20



The next Bible study group meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 20, at 6:35 pm, via Zoom.** A link to this online meeting will be sent prior to the meeting. On the 20th, the group will complete the final lesson in the present study book—Lesson 13 (John 21: A Walk with a Resurrected Man).

The February 28, study was Lesson 12, The Son is Up! Yes, we all know the Bible text from John 21—the empty tomb, “doubting” Thomas, appearances of the risen Christ—all culminating in the miracle of life in Jesus’s name for all of us. The study guide gave an opportunity to discuss some of the emotions that the people of the time possibly felt as well as some of the emotions we would have if we were faced with the scenarios found in John 21. Put yourself in the shoes of Mary Magdalene, or those of the disciples, or even Thomas? How might you have responded? How can we respond to those who doubt today?

After review and discussion, the group summarized the lesson stating that the

story played out exactly as it was promised in the Bible and that we have continuous life in Jesus’s name in the end.

Elaine Schoeni spoke to the group about her trip to the Holy Land and the awe she felt actually seeing and walking through places read about in the Bible.

The group enthusiastically decided to continue the study, but did not settle on a topic/study guide for that purpose. If you look at the back of our present study book, you will see many options available from this particular publisher. There are other possibilities as well. Elaine Schmidt would appreciate your input. Please take a bit of time and some prayerful thought as to what you might like to learn during the next round of Bible Study Meetings. We will need to make a decision at the March 20 session so new study books can be ordered.

Thought about joining the group? You can do so at any time, but April is perfect since the group will begin a new study book (which is provided). Please contact Pastor Cathy or Elaine Schmidt to become a “new” member of the group which meets via Zoom.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following individuals with birthdays in **March**. We wish you many years of God’s blessings.

25 - Jayden Schmidt

26 - Melissa Kujawa

31 - Jackson Kujawa

31 - Leslie Schmidt

Last Call for Directory Changes - Do you have a change you would like made in the FPCR directory but haven’t had a chance to request that change? Please email your change to: FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com or contact Alice Schmitz as soon as possible.

From Pastor Cathy: We are starting an “After-Church Lunch Bunch”. Each Sunday Mark and I will be proceeding to a local restaurant—**March 3** we are planning on meeting at Pleasant Hill Bar and Grill which is just south of the church—brunch foods available. We need to get out of the building and have people experience who we are (we are fun!! and we like each other—and FOOD) We hope some of you will come and have lunch with us!!!! LUNCH BUNCH!!



The next meeting of the Session for FPCR will be held on Sunday, **March 17**, immediately following the worship service. *Please contact Pastor Cathy or one of the Elders if you have a topic you would like added to the agenda for discussion by the group.*

IT PASSED

The well at FPCR passed its latest test with the Public Health Department thanks to the work of **Rick Romanski**. Thank you, Rick, for all the effort and time you gave to this project!



Time to Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time arrives at 2 am on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clock ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening or you might miss Sunday’s FPCR service! Yes, you will lose an hour of sleep but you will gain additional daylight!



Happy Easter
To You and Your
Families

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

Melissa Kujawa and Debbie Heppe for setting up and organizing the coffee hour on February 18.

Mark Manthei for the beautiful picture of the church steeple on the snowy Sunday morning in February.

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Though Scott and Shelley Schoeni will not leave Wisconsin for Florida until after Easter, the FPCR group took the opportunity to wish them well after the service on February 18. Top Left: Debbie Heppe serves cake to Shelley and Scott Schoeni. **Top Right:** Elaine Schmidt, Jean Zeller, Jim Frank and Carol Frank enjoy visiting. Jean Schoeni and Keith Clark in the background. **Second Row Left:** Jim Frank and Mike Heppe. **Right:** Pastor Cathy Manthei and Cathy Romanski with Rick Romanski and Allen Schoeni in the back. **Third Row Left:** June Neumann, Leslie Schmidt and Ken Schmidt enjoy the gathering. **Right:** Leslie Schmidt. **Bottom:** A prayer to Scott and Shelley offered by Pastor Cathy and FPCR.