



“THE STARTER”

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Maundy Thursday – This moving night that recounts Christ’s last night on earth will be held this year in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Our 12:15 p.m. service remembers Christ’s last hours of crucifixion.

Saturday morning – Ladies are invited to help assemble our living cross with fresh and silk flowers at 9:00 a.m.

Resurrection Sunday – Our Chancel Choir will bring an anthem of praise for our risen Lord. There will be no Sunday School.



Sunday Funday

All of our kids and their friends are invited to our Sunday Funday on April 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be a Bible lesson, games, pizza and craft and more games.



Memorial Service

The Memorial service for Roger Gabrielse, who was called to the Lord’s side on January 6th will be held on April 24th. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 10:30. Masonic services will be held at the church. Private burial services will be held at Waltham cemetery with a 21 gun salute. Social distancing and masks required.

Pastoral Search Committee

We are assembling a pastoral search committee consisting of 9 members. This committee will update our church profile and start the process of searching for a new minister for FCC. After prayer and the Lord’s leading, please sign up on the Welcome Table.

It’s not too soon for all of us to be praying that the Lord will bring us the Pastor that is a perfect fit for this congregation. Pray! Pray! Pray!



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Luanne Ebner Viola, who passed away on March 8, 2021. Her memorial service was held here on March 13, with Pastor Alex Garncarz officiating.



Tentative Soup & Sandwich

We are planning to hopefully hold a soup and sandwich supper in later April. This would be a take- out event only. Watch your bulletins for further details.



Food Pantries

Please remember to support the Ill. Valley Food Pantry and the Hall Township Food Pantry as they prepare Easter baskets for Easter meals. Our collection baskets are in the hallway.



Unfolding the Rose

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he asked the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals. The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry.

But because of his great respect for the older preacher,, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem....

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
but I cannot unfold the petals
with these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
In each step of the way.

The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord knows.
I'll trust God to unfold the moment,
Just as He unfolds the rose.



***Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny Whittington, Marilyn Cobb, Diana Dornbusch, Cyndee Walters, Rita Tieman, Ellen's Mom Martha and Dawn's Mom Micki*

***Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:
Myrle Sapienza Beth Flaherty
Carol Edgcomb Don Walker
Jane McClintock Daryl & Lin Stuhr*

*** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows*

*** Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron*

*** Pray for Jews for Jesus*

*** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply*

*** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic*

*** Pray for Berean Prison Ministry*

*** Pray for Transport for Christ*

*** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless*



Just for Fun

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



The mark of a great church is not how many people come, but how many people live differently for having been there.



*No matter the storm, when you are with God,
There's always a rainbow waiting.*