



# Glad Tidings

April 2025

WEKIVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
211 WEKIVA SPRINGS LANE LONGWOOD, FL 32779-6123



Rev. Olivia Haney at  
Gifts of Women Sunday



## Deacons on Ash Wednesday 2025

Standing: Ken Lasseter, Kim Freeman, MinhMan Lavigne,  
Becki Markoff, Carolyn Halvorsen, & Gary Smith  
Sitting: Lynn Favero, Heidi Beavers, Stephanie Hebert,  
Sylvia Ballerstein, & Bim Arowolo



This year's recipient of the PW  
Honorary Lifetime Membership,  
Lynn Favero



The Greeters at  
Gifts of Women Sunday:  
Kathy Sinclair, Lillian Lasseter,  
Trina Laing, & Lynn Favero



Commissioning Cuba Mission Trip/Water Project members:  
Eric Saegebarth, Ken Lasseter, and Chris Polly!



CCC Water Safety Class

## Holy Week

I trust that many of you have found the Lenten Season to be both meaningful and an opportunity for spiritual growth through scripture and prayer. These moments with God are intended to guide us to a place where burdens, joys, fears, and hope intersect in the life of Jesus. Thus, Holy Week is a time when we encounter the God who is for us.



Rev. Oscar Clavel  
Pastor

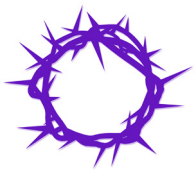
Our schedule for Holy Week will be full, encompassing both solemn and celebratory aspects of worship.



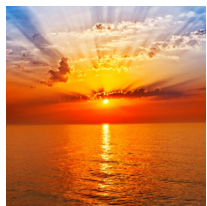
First, on **Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10am**, our Kids Club and Cherub Choirs will be singing and parading in with palms to celebrate the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. The Beginning Handbells group will also be featured.



On **Thursday, April 17th at 7pm**, we hold the Maundy Thursday Service full of text, song, and meditations. To fulfill the covenant God made with the people of Israel, God sent his only son, Jesus, Word made flesh, to walk upon this earth, to redeem us from our sinful selves. It was a cross only Jesus could bear. He walks with us even now, his precious children, calling us by name, and stands before his Father on our behalf.



On **Friday, April 18th at 7pm**, we will observe **Good Friday** with a Service of Tenebrae, a service of darkness. This solemn event includes a brief meditation, gospel readings of the crucifixion, and extinguishing candles after each reading. We will leave the sanctuary in darkness, reflecting on the great sacrifice made for us.



Then on **Sunday, April 20th**, we will celebrate Easter with two worship services. The first will be a **Sunrise Service at 8am in Memorial Garden**. This outdoor service symbolizes the dawn of a new day, akin to Jesus rising from the dead and proclaiming new life and power to his people. At **10 am**, we will hold our traditional Easter service featuring bells, our full choir, and beloved Easter hymns, as we joyfully declare that our God lives and reigns.

We invite you to join us in worship as we commemorate the pinnacle of our Christian calendar, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection serves as the foundation of our faith and stands as a concrete assurance that God's words and actions are indeed truthful.

Blessings,

*Oscar*



**CNC  
Nurture  
Notes**

Congregational Nurture Committee is looking for a few new members. We oversee **Small Groups**, **The Armed Service Board**, maintain a **Card Ministry**, keep in touch with the **Home-Bound**, and update the **Church Rolls**.

If you would like to join us, we would be happy to have you.

If you are interested, please contact **Eric Saegebarth**, chair or **Becki Markoff**, **Lois Brown**, **Lynn Favero** or **Kathy Sinclair**.



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**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 2 - 6, 2025**  
9:00am- 12:30pm  
**Ages PreK-5th Grade**

*Cokesbury Kids*  
**ROAD TRIP**  
**ON THE GO WITH GOD**

**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs/](http://www.wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs/)

The graphic features a cartoon dog wearing a red cap and a yellow scarf, holding a blue license plate that says 'ROAD TRIP' and 'ON THE GO WITH GOD'. The background shows a winding road through green hills under a blue sky with a sun and an 'EXIT' sign.

**NEW SCAM EMAILS**

The church has heard from many, many folks that another phishing email was sent to our membership. Please remember Pastor Oscar would never ask for money or help without an in-person conversation. Also, look for his correct email address which is:

[oscar@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:oscar@wekivapresbyterian.org)



The deadline for the **MAY 2025 GLAD TIDINGS** is **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

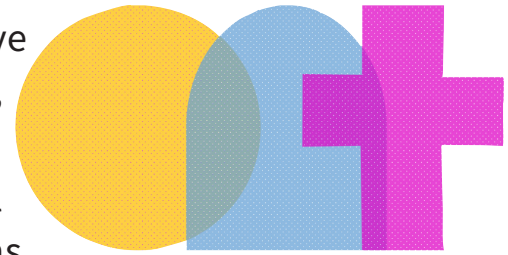
Send your submissions to [abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org)



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community*

The month of April can always be counted on to remove any doubts that winter is finally over. The warm weather, fragrant blooming flowers, and melodious chirping of birds are a delight to behold! And this year in April, another joyful experience occurs– the celebration of Easter! As Christians we find special symbolism between a glorious Spring and The Resurrection at Easter in that they both represent the gift of new life made possible only by God. In response to this wonderful gift, we show our gratitude by serving as God’s faithful disciples– not only in the Spring or at Easter, but all year round. Presbyterian Women, like many other Christian groups, believe in keeping God’s work a priority all the time.



## *Gifts of Women Sunday*

On March 9th, Presbyterian Women prepared and conducted the worship service for Gifts of Women Sunday to celebrate the many gifts that women bring to the church. Our special guest, the **Rev. Olivia Haney**, interim co-Presbyter of Central Florida Presbytery, delivered a sermon on the special women of 2024 who went to extraordinary efforts to solve complicated problems of people with special needs. **Lillian and Ken Lasseter** had the honor of presenting **Lynn Favero** with the PW Honorary Life Membership award. Following the worship service, PW hosted a special reception to honor all women of the church.



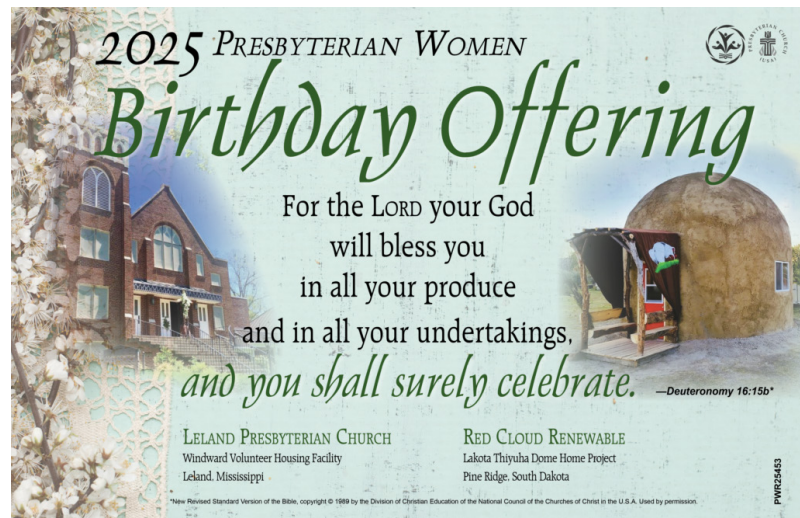


*"Through the Decades"***April 6th, 2025 11:30 a.m., Education Hall**

This year's Birthday Offering Luncheon promises to be a time filled with great fun, fashion, and nostalgia. We'll be visiting the decades of yesteryear, wearing the clothing styles of our youth. And we'll have great fun listening to the classic Golden Oldies to see who can correctly name the most song titles. A highlight of our afternoon will be a PowerPoint presentation of the childhood photos of our own Wekiva Women. Guessing the names of the children in the photos will certainly be challenging, but it's sure to be filled with laughs and surprises!

We'll also be enjoying a catered lunch by Olive Garden® of lasagna, salad, and breadsticks. And, of course, there will be a birthday cake!

The PW Birthday Offering will be collected at the luncheon. This offering raises funds for improvement projects and ministries that work to serve people in need. This year the offering will support the **Windward Volunteer Housing Facility** of Leland Presbyterian Church in Leeland, Mississippi, and the **Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project** in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.



If you would like to come, there **may** be a few spaces available. Call **Anne White** at 407-739-5700.

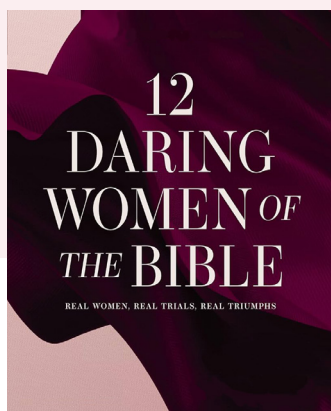


Heidi Beavers and Carolyn Halvorsen at the May 2024 Plant Sale

### ***Plant Sale - May 4th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm***

Don't miss the PW Plant Sale, which will be one week before Mother's Day. It's the perfect time to find mom her favorite household plant or colorful potted flowers! There will also be succulents, perennials, and outdoor plants.

Also don't forget to check out the lovely collection of hand-painted greeting cards on sale in Reception Hall. If you have any special requests, be sure to let **Martha Newhart** know. Hope to see you there!



## LOFT BIBLE STUDY for 2025

In this twelve-session video Bible study, some of today's best-loved Christian authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve daring women in the Bible and what they mean for you today.

As you look at each of these women's lives, you will discover how to:

- Apply biblical lessons to your own modern-day struggles.
- Live through your failures as well as your successes.
- Draw near to God in a world filled with trials.
- Find lasting contentment in every situation.
- Overcome rejection and insecurity . . . and much more.

We meet every other Thursday in Reception Hall

**Mornings 9:30-11:30am and**

**Evenings 6:30-8:30pm on these dates:**

**Jan 9 & 23, Feb 6 & 20, Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17, May 1 & 15**

Need more Info? Email Lisa Prewitt at:

[lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org)

**D Group** begins their study of the **book of Romans**. D Group is a weekly Discipleship Group that meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** in the **Wekiva Heritage Room**.

If you are interested in joining, email **Tara Dalles** at: [tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)



**The Bible Recap** continues all year.

The Bible Recap is a chronological Bible reading plan with a short daily recap that highlights and summarizes that day's Bible reading in a casual, easy to understand way. Each day's Bible reading is approximately 12 minutes long and each recap is about 8 minutes long. With the Bible Recap, you can **READ, UNDERSTAND, and LOVE** the Bible!

<https://www.thebiblerecap.com/start>



## Adult Sunday School

**FOUNDATIONS Class:** though Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, we are studying *From This Day Forward: Five Commitments to Fail-Proof Your Marriage* by Craig and Amy Groeschel.

Everyone dreams of a fairytale marriage--the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect family. But reality tells us that these expectations don't hold up very long.

If you earnestly choose to do all five of these things, you will discover a richer, deeper, more authentic marriage. Starting right now--from this day forward.

Then from **April 13<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will be doing a service project and we are calling this "*Moved to Serve.*" Help us do mission work that will help someone locally or regionally.

Join us upstairs in the **Wekiva Heritage Room** on Sunday mornings. Contact information for the leader and registration information: **John & Tara Dalles** at: [tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)




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**JOY Class:** exploring a unique and different approach in the study of Bible Scripture called *The Serendipity Bible*.

This group meets in the Reformation Room led by **Don Beavers**.

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**SEEKERS Class:** is beginning a new study titled *Think Like Jesus* by Randy Frazee. It is an 8-week study and will run through May 25<sup>th</sup>.

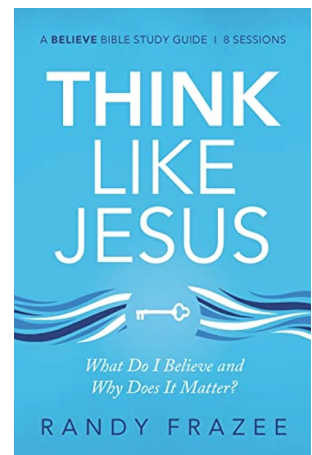
Think about the last time someone put you on the spot and questioned what this whole Christianity thing is all about. Maybe they asked you why going to church matters, or how you could possibly believe the Bible, or how God could really care if there's so much bad happening in the world.

Do you feel unsettled by questions like these?

In this 8-session, video-based Bible study, you'll dig into eight key beliefs about a Jesus-follower's relationship with God and with others. And you'll explore the answers to essential questions like:

- Who Is God?
- Does God Care About Me?
- How Do I Have a Relationship with God?
- How Does the Bible Guide My Life?
- Who Am I in Christ?
- What Is the Purpose of the Church?
- How Does God Value People?
- What Is Eternity Going to Be Like?

This group meets in **Pioneers of Faith Room** at 9:00 am led by **Jack & Jenny Perry**.







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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

***You're Invited!***

# **Church Picnic**

**Sunday, April 27th**

**after worship**

**in the back Parking Lot**

**or Education Hall if it rains.**

SIGN UP  
IN RECEPTION HALL.  
BRING A DISH TO  
PASS!



**WEKIVA**  
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**Join us for a cowboy and western themed BBQ lunch to celebrate our community. Bring your friends and loved ones.**



**TUE APR 1, 2025**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 11:30am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary**WED APR 2, 2025**

9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

1pm - 2pm Book Club

**Where:** Reception Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Children's Music Room

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club

**Where:** Sanc., Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

**Where:** Choir Room

7pm - 8pm CE Committee Meeting

**Where:** via ZOOM

7pm - 8:30pm Deacon's Meeting

**Where:** Reformation Room**THU APR 3, 2025**

9:30am - 11:30am Loft Morning Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall6:30pm - 8:30pm D Group Study *The Book of Acts***Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

6:30pm - 7:30pm HR Committee

**Where:** Pastor's Office

6:30pm - 8:30pm Loft Evening Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

7pm - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Sanctuary**SAT APR 5, 2025**

10am - 5pm Prep for PW Birthday Lunch

**Where:** Education Hall**SUN APR 6, 2025**

11:30am PW Birthday Offering Luncheon

**Where:** Education Hall9am - 9:45am Sunday School 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**Where:** Crow's Nest9am - 9:45am Sunday School PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**Where:** Room 110

9am - 9:45am Foundations Group

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

9am - 9:45am Joy Group

**Where:** Reformation Room

9am - 9:45am Seeker's Class

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

10am - 11am Children's Worship

**Where:** Room 107

10am - 11am Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary

11:15am - 12pm Beginning Handbells Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room**MON APR 7, 2025**

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room**TUE APR 8, 2025**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 11:30am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

10am - 11:30am PW CT MEETING

**Where:** Reception Hall

6:30pm - 7:30pm Comm Committee Meeting

**Where:** ZOOM

6:30pm - 7:30pm Property Committee

**Where:** Reception Hall**WED APR 9, 2025**

9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Children's Music Room

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club Program

**Where:** Sanc., Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

**Where:** Choir Room

6:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

7pm - 8pm Mission &amp; Benevolence Committee

**Where:** Reformation Room**THU APR 10, 2025**

9am - 1pm CCC PreK-K Airplane Rides

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

1pm - 2pm Cong Nurture Committee

**Where:** North Transept

2pm - 3pm Caring Friends of Wekiva

**Where:** Reformation Room6:30pm - 8:30pm D Group Study *The Book of Romans***Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

7pm - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Sanctuary**FRI APR 11, 2025**

9am - 1pm CCC PreK-K Airplane Rides

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

11am - 1pm Memorial Service Marge Pazman

**Where:** Sanctuary, Reception Hall**SUN APR 13, 2025**9am - 9:45am Sunday School 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**Where:** Crow's Nest9am - 9:45am Sunday School PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**Where:** Room 110

9am - 9:45am Foundations Group

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

9am - 9:45am Joy Group

**Where:** Reformation Room

9am - 9:45am Seeker's Class

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

10am - 11am Children's Worship

**Where:** Education Hall

10am - 11am Worship Service - Palm Sunday

**Where:** Sanctuary**MON APR 14, 2025**

7pm - 8:30pm CCC Board Meeting

**Where:** via Zoom

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room**TUE APR 15, 2025**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 11:30am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

10am - 12:30pm PW Morning Circle

**Where:** Reception Hall, Small Kitchen

2pm - 4pm PW Afternoon Circle

**Where:** Reception Hall, Small Kitchen

6:30pm - 8pm PW Evening Circle

**Where:** Reception Hall, Small Kitchen

### WED APR 16, 2025

8am - 2pm CCC Easter Egg Hunts

**Where:** grass area @ Gazebo & Mem. Garden

9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Children's Music Room

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club Program

**Where:** Sanc., Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

**Where:** Choir Room

5:30pm - 7:30pm Finance Committee

**Where:** Reformation Room

### THU APR 17, 2025

8am - 2pm CCC Easter Egg Hunts

**Where:** grass area @ Gazebo & Mem. Garden

9:30am - 11:30am Loft Morning Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

6:30pm - 8:30pm D Group Study *The Book of Romans*

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

6:30pm - 8:30pm Loft Evening Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

7pm - 8pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary



### FRI APR 18, 2025

7pm - 8pm Good Friday Service

**Where:** Sanctuary



### SUN APR 20, 2025

8am - 9am Easter Sunday Worship

**Where:** Memorial Garden

9am - 9:45am Sunday School 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Where:** Crow's Nest

9am - 9:45am Sunday School PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Where:** Room 110

9am - 9:45am Foundations Group

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

9am - 9:45am Joy Group

**Where:** Reformation Room

9am - 9:45am Seeker's Class

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

10am - 11am Children's Worship

**Where:** Education Hall

10am - 11am Worship Service - Easter

**Where:** Sanctuary



### MON APR 21, 2025

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room

### TUE APR 22, 2025

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 11:30am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

### WED APR 23, 2025

9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Children's Music Room

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club Program

**Where:** Sanc., Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

**Where:** Choir Room

7pm - 9pm Session Meeting

**Where:** Reformation Room

### THU APR 24, 2025

6:30pm - 8:30pm D Group Study *The Book of Romans*

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

7pm - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Sanctuary

### SAT APR 26, 2025

10am - 1pm Church Volunteer Work Day

### SUN APR 27, 2025

9am - 9:45am Sunday School 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Where:** Crow's Nest

9am - 9:45am Sunday School PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Where:** Room 110

9am - 9:45am Foundations Group

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

9am - 9:45am Joy Group

**Where:** Reformation Room

9am - 9:45am Seeker's Class

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith Room

10am - 11am Children's Worship

**Where:** Room 107

10am - 11am Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary

11am - 1pm Church Picnic

**Where:** Parking Lot, Big Kit., Education Hall

11:15am - 12pm Beginning Handbells Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room

### MON APR 28, 2025

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

**Where:** South Transept Room

### TUE APR 29, 2025

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 11:30am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

### WED APR 30, 2025

9:30am - 10:45am CCC Chapel

**Where:** Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal

**Where:** Children's Music Room

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club Program

**Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

**Where:** Choir Room

### SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL 2025

Apr 13 — Palm Sunday Worship 10am

Apr 15 — PW Circle Meetings

Apr 17 — Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

Apr 18 — Good Friday Worship 7pm

Apr 20 — Easter Worship 8am and 10am

Apr 23 — Session Meeting

Apr 27 — Church Picnic

