



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS!

April 2022

## LAST WORDS

Rev. John White

I recently re-watched the classic film, CITIZEN KANE, in which the “last word” of the protagonist was “rosebud.” The story revolves around some reporters trying to determine why the protagonist would say this on his death bed. In addition to watching classic films, I have read a biography of every U.S. president. In each of these works, the author always reports the president’s “last words.” Obviously, much can be learned about people from the last words they utter in the here-and now, before they depart into the hereafter.

Why, one may ask, speak about death when Easter fast approaches? Easter is a time of joy and celebration, heralding the coming of spring with life and re-birth. It’s a day that awesomely affords Christians, the world over, an opportunity to gather and praise God that Jesus is risen. Why now talk about “last words, about death with so much sadness and grief enveloping our world?

The resurrection of Jesus from the tomb is only given meaning by what He accomplished on the Cross. One cannot truly appreciate the value of Jesus’ rising from the dead unless one first embraces the unsurpassing value of His earthly mission fulfilled on Calvary. For all who would believe and live out the Good News of the Gospel in the here-and-now, Jesus purchased an eternity of joy, praise, and celebration in the hereafter.

As Easter fast approaches, I invite you to join me in considering the “last words” of Jesus on the Cross. What did He say and to whom did He speak? How did they respond and, perhaps, most importantly, how are each of us impacted today by His words? I’m confident that if we trust the Holy Spirit, routinely meditate on the Cross, and listen closely for the beautiful voice of Jesus, He will fill us with joy, gratitude, humility, and He will lead us into a deeper love for Him and for others in His name. Amen!

---

---

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

Jackie Corbit

Hospitality Committee will once again host our annual Easter breakfast after canceling last year due to Covid-related church closing. The breakfast will be potluck, so begin looking for your favorite breakfast recipe to share with us! The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the back of the church. There are many opportunities that don't involve cooking for those of you who no longer enjoy that chore. Biscuits will be provided and cooked in the UPC kitchen. As our breakfast comes to a close, Prigmore family will supervise the placing of flowers on the cross that will then be taken to the sanctuary for worship. If you have flowers growing in your yard and don't mind sharing them or if you want to buy a bouquet at Walmart or Kroger, bring them so that we can make the cross a beautiful symbol of the new life that came with the resurrection of Christ.

**Breakfast begins at 9 AM. Hope to see all of you and your friends and family!**

## A WORD FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Sherri Howe Prigmore

A sign has been selected for the front of the church and has been approved by the city's historical preservation group. It will be ordered as soon as the installation details are finalized. A significant amount of plaster fell from the ceiling in the rear stairway during March's heavy rain events. We are reviewing estimates for roof and plaster repair. Property committee has also collected bids to improve the locks and refurbish the front entry doors. The nursery has undergone a refresh and is once again ready for youngsters. Landscaping plans are not complete but will take shape soon.



---

# MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Jackie Corbit

Though it's early to begin thinking about Memorial Day, Hospitality will be hosting some special events on Sunday, May 29. First, the worship service will give opportunity for us to remember those we have lost over the past two years during the closures due to Covid. Though we had no one of our congregation die due to this virus, there were those who passed into the church triumphant for other reasons. We want to invite family members and friends to join us for worship that Sunday so that we can remember these special people whose passing may not have gotten the attention it would have if the health conditions of our community had been different. If you have a relative or friend who died during the past 2 years, and you wish to honor that individual, please pass the name to Jackie Corbit. We are still working on just how we will make this a part of our service, but details will follow as they are determined. Second, a potluck will follow the service. We Presbyterians love our food, so this should be a wonderful time to meet and greet guests as well as catch up with church family. Mark this special day on your calendar and make plans to be present!

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE / APRIL 14TH**

**6:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

(Sign up for either one of the services at the church or RSVP by Monday 4/11 by contacting the office at 859-734-4710 or upcharrodsburg4710@gmail.com)

### **EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST / APRIL 17TH**

**9:30 AM**

**Downstairs, Fellowship Hall**

(Please Consider Bringing Fresh Flowers to Decorate our Giant Cross!)

### **EASTER MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

**10:45 AM**

(Child Care Available In The Downstairs Nursery!)

---

---

## STATED SESSION MEETINGS: ACTIONS TAKEN MARCH 16, 2022

1. Session was happy to accept Martha Brackett and Joyce Sanders as new members of UPC; Martha transfers her letter from Lebanon Presbyterian and Joyce transfers her letter from Harrodsburg Baptist.
2. Accepted the March financial statement as presented.
3. Approved Communion for Maundy Thursday.
4. Approved the carry over of one week of vacation time for secretary, Tara Barrett, from 2021 to 2022 since she worked 6 months of 2021 with no vacation.

Next Meeting: April 13th, 2022 at 4:00pm

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Balance 1-1-22		\$ 28,339.59
Received:		
January	\$ 4,689.73	
February	\$ 5,556.52	
		<u>\$ 10,246.25</u>
		\$ 38,585.84
Disbursed:		
January	\$ 10,776.02	
February	\$ 5,996.81	
		<u>(\$ 16,772.83)</u>
Balance 2-28-22		\$ 21,813.01

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



**5th - Helen Dedman**  
**11th - Gordon Woodard**  
**14th - Doug Ferguson**  
**23rd - Lisa Gilbert**  
**25th - David Weber**  
**28th - George Noe**  
**30th - Harry "Butch" Woodard**



**5th - Chuck & Helen Dedman**

---