



Steeple Notes

April 2026

A Message from Pastor Sara

“He is going ahead of you.”

Have you ever thought about that sentence from the Easter story? It’s from Matthew 28. The two Marys have just arrived at the tomb to find the stone rolled away. The angel sitting on the stone tells the two Marys that Jesus cannot be found in the tomb, that he is risen, and that he has gone ahead of them to Galilee.

“He is going ahead of you.” We all need to hear this, don’t we? We live in uncertain economic times; war never seems to take a break, and the evening news always seems awful. We don’t know what is next. We worry about our families. We worry about the direction of the world and what the future holds. We live at the intersection of fear and uncertainty.

Having seen Jesus arrested, falsely accused and tried, and then crucified and buried, the disciples were living at that intersection. By this time in the Gospel, they are all locked up in a room together, wondering if they would be next on the list for arrest.

But now, on Easter morning, they are given the message, “Jesus is going ahead of you, to Galilee.”

On Easter, we celebrate Jesus bursting

out of the tomb, alive again. But Easter isn’t just about that. It’s also about how the risen Christ is already present in the places we are called to go.

Before the disciples take a single step—Jesus is ahead of them. Before they return to their work, their relationships, their questions—Jesus is already there waiting.

And the same is true for us.

Wherever you are going in this season—into uncertainty, into change, into something new or something difficult—you are not walking into it alone.

Christ is already ahead of you.

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Perseverance in Prayer

Elijah the prophet shows us the importance of persevering in prayer, for he had to pray repeatedly for the drought to end in ancient Israel (1 Kings 18:41–46). Sometimes we do not see the power of prayer because we pray once or twice and then give up. Yet effectual prayer sometimes involves not only praying according to God’s will but also persevering in prayer over time. Let us not grow weary in praying until we get an answer.

Please pray for...

Kim Medina (Sister of Dawn Fleming) The family and friends of Ron Vanatsky, the family and friends of Bob Metzger, Martha & Ray Casten, Eldon Zimmer, Owen Fleming, Jennifer Kelley, Angie Kwok, David Andrews (Gail Burke’s Son-in-Law), Fr. Steve Taylor, Steve Kuhl, John Van Meter, Brian Goff, Bob Ashcraft, The Family of Rev. Mike Leonard, Rita Phillips, Larry Klaiber, Zac, The family of Thomas Litz, Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welser, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Harry Wright, Eldon Zimmer, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Carol Kopkas, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Roberta Leimbach, and Billie Urie.

Huron prayer calendar...

- 4/5 Salvation Army
- 4/12 Christ Episcopal Church
Father Michael Floyd
- 4/19 St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Doug Garrand
- 4/26 Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

Pray for our Military...

Ben DeLamatre, and Emily Stellpflug



What's Happening

Ladies Lunch

This month Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Mulberry creek on Bogart rd at 12 p.m. Please contact Marcie or Dawn to R.S.V.P.



Text Updates

There is still time to sign up for text alerts! Go to:
fpchuron.churchtrac.com/textsignup
to sign up!



Our New email address is now active.
The church email is:
office@firstpresbychurchhuron.org

If you need help, please stop by or call the office, and Dawn will be able to assist you.



Maundy Thursday: April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday: April 3rd at 12:15 p.m. at
First United Methodist Church
Easter Breakfast: April 5th at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship: April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Happy Easter!



Join us for Easter Breakfast at 9 a.m.
with worship following at 10 a.m.



Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Feeding 5000 campaign.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

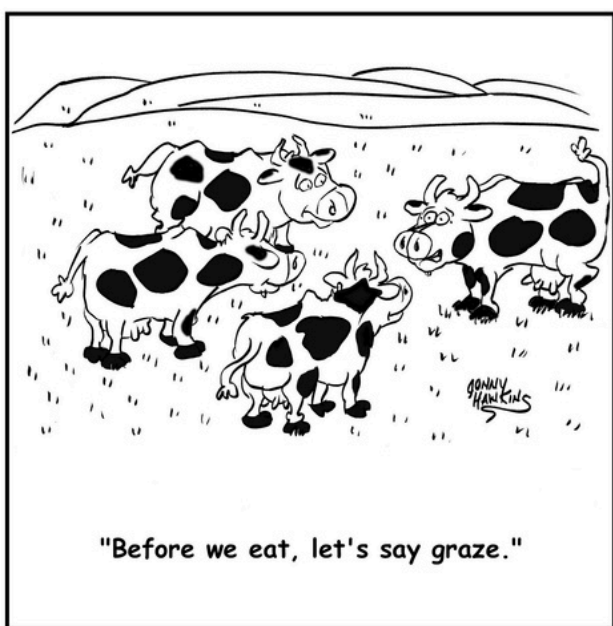
Thank you for your generosity in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing! Our winner will be announced at the worship service on Easter Sunday.



May 5th Election
Voting 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fellowship hall. Want to help
feed to poll workers? Contact
Sarah Blakeman.



Save the date! The spring rummage sale is
set for Saturday, May 16th. This will be the
same day as the Huron Community sale.
Stay tuned for more details to come.



"Before we eat, let's say graze."



C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in
Atlanta, once shared a story about
the woman who prepared his
worship bulletin. She was faithful in
her work but didn't have much
background in church hymns. One
week, Pastor Norsworthy handed
her a draft of the service and hoped
she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished
bulletin, he noticed the final hymn
was titled "Just As I Am, Without a
Clue."

Whether it's "without a clue" or
"without a plea," the truth remains
the same: we all come to Jesus just
as we are — and we all need him.

Sesion Members

- Building and Grounds: John Bickell
- Christian Education: Deb Schippel
- Finance: Jack Arthur and Susan Martter
- Nurture and Mission: Chris Hakeman and Katy McGraw
- Stewardship: Francesca Lendrum
- Worship: Cynthia Brown Mathews and Steve Koenig
- Clerk of Session: Marcia Arthur
- Treasurer: John Blakeman
- Moderator: Rev. Sara Hodsden



BRICK BY BRICK



A LEGO VBS

WHEN: JUNE 16-18, 2026

9:30-11:30 A.M.

WHERE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

225 WILLIAMS ST. HURON

WHO: RISING PRE-K THROUGH 4TH GRADE

YOUTH WHO ARE RISING 5TH GRADE AND UP ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

HURON COMMUNITY CHURCHES

REGISTRATION LINK UP APRIL 13TH



**LEGO VBS SIGN UP LINKS WILL BE SHARED ON
APRIL 13TH VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:
FACEBOOK.COM/FPCHURON.
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER A CHILD!**



Audio/Visual Upgrades

The Session has approved upgrades to the audio and video systems in the fellowship hall and sanctuary to enhance sound clarity, visibility, and participation during worship and gatherings.

- *Fellowship Hall Upgrades:**
- New audio system with ceiling-mounted speakers and wireless microphones.
- Improved sound clarity despite some remaining echo due to hard surfaces.
- New video system with large screens for presentations and content, integrating audio for even distribution.
- Increased flexibility for summer worship and space rentals with strong audio-visual capabilities.
- *Sanctuary Upgrades:**
- Addition of a screen to aid visibility for worshipers, located to the left of the pulpit.
- Screens will support, not replace, hymnals and Scripture, enhancing accessibility for all, especially the visually impaired and younger generations.

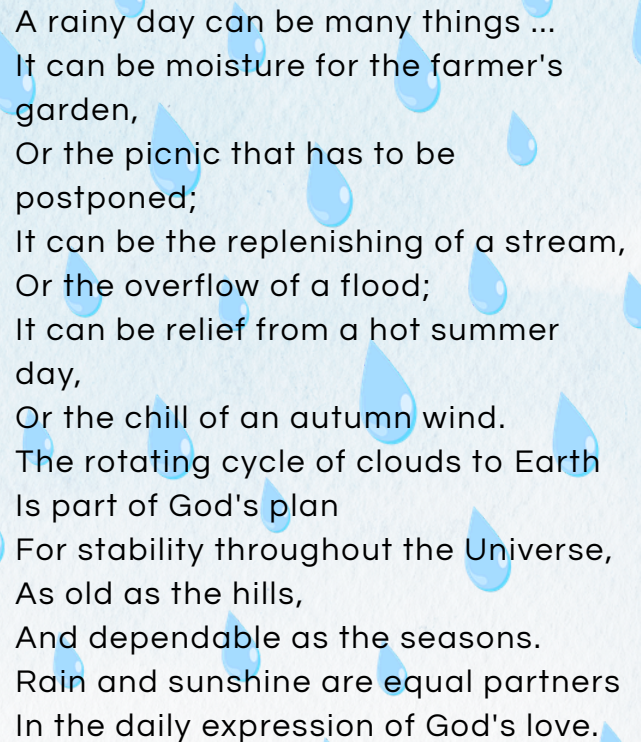
The technology will be used intentionally, maintaining focus on worship elements like the cross and communion table while fostering connection within the community.

Estimated costs are \$8,900–\$9,700 for the audio system and \$5,300–\$5,800 for each video system. Overall, the project aims to create welcoming spaces for engagement and outreach.

Spring Cleaning Coming Soon!

Our Building and Grounds Committee is preparing a spring cleaning project to help all committees refresh and tidy their storage areas. A warm thank-you to John Bickell for leading the effort. Anyone with the time and a love for organizing is invited to reach out to John to get involved.

Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care



A rainy day can be many things ...
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;
It can be the replenishing of a stream,
Or the overflow of a flood;
It can be relief from a hot summer day,
Or the chill of an autumn wind.
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
Is part of God's plan
For stability throughout the Universe,
As old as the hills,
And dependable as the seasons.
Rain and sunshine are equal partners
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell

Community Happenings



Good Friday services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at 1 p.m.



Charlie Chaplin Cinema Concert
April 11, 2026 | 7:30 P.M.
SAWMILL CREEK CONVENTION CENTER

Tickets \$44.00



"kids crafts, live animals, food trucks, retail vendors, free face painting, the Ohio Wildlife Youth Art Show, and so much more! This is a FREE event! This event will happen rain or shine."

SATURDAY • APRIL 25, 2026
OSBORN METROPARK
3910 PERKINS AVE., HURON, OH
11AM-3PM



Dates & chedules

Liturgists

Ushers

Counters

April 5	Chuck Kaman	Marcie Muntz & Betty Reed	Ellen Drumm & Francesca Lendurm
April 12	Sarah Blakeman	Phillip Hopkins & Kitty Cunningham	John & Sarah Blakeman
April 19	Marcie Muntz	Kathy Kirby & Janet Mueller	Bob & Marcie Muntz
April 26	Wendy Quinn	Chuck & Clndy Kaman	Chuck & Cindy Kaman

Communion Preparation and Servers

April 5	Kathy Kirby (set up & server) , Janet Mueller, Doug Quinn, and Ann Pullano
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Flowers

April 5	Francesca Lendrum
April 12	Katy McGraw





Easter Flowers

Ellen Drumm: In Memory of John & Dot Kaiser

William & Lee Marsh: In Honor of their grandchildren.

Chuck & Cindy Kaman: In Memory of John Phillips (Cindy's Father) and Rosemary Andres (Chuck's mother)

John & Martha Dorrance: To God's Glory

Janeane Hopkins: In Honor of Kitty Cunningham

Michael & Sarah Prout: In Honor of Grandchildren, Harry, Jack, Charlie, Addison, and Henry.

Jann, Kerry & John Glann: In Honor of Pastor Sara and all our "Music Makers." In Memory of many relatives and friends.

Kathy Kirby: In Honor of children and grandson.

Betty Reed: In Memory of Parker Reed & Scott Reed

Don & Kris Quartermaine: In Memory of Jim & Maxine Quartermaine

John Bickell: In Memory of Marybarbara & Paul Bickell, and Gladys and Arch Kochrane.

Bethany Schippel: In Honor of Daughter, Maesie

James & Sara Hodsden: In Memory of Charles Bontempo, Deanna Bontempo, and Robert Hodsden.

Jeanne Smith: In Honor of children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren.

Jeanne & Doug Goodman: In Honor of John & Martha Dorrance

Katy McGraw: In Honor of John & Dot Kaiser





April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 5	Nancy Luke
April 6	Judi Perry
April 13	Paul Todd
April 15	Kimberly Ryu
April 19	Beverly Johnon
April 21	Sarah Prout
April 24	Clark Culbertson
April 26	Ethan Ransom
April 29	Jann Glann, Missy Sprankel



March Happenings

Doughnuts with Dad/grandpas/ someone special

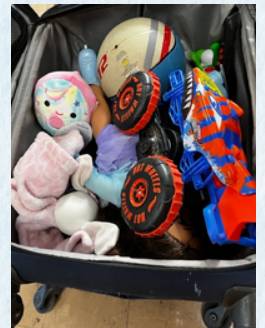


Little Wonders Preschool

“Trip to the moon”



Using their imagination, the children took a trip into space! Suitcase packed with their special items, they hopped in the rocket ship headed to the moon. Once they returned, they enjoyed astronaut ice cream



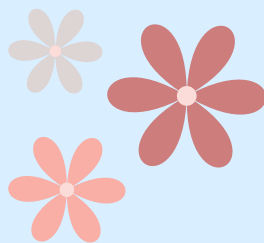
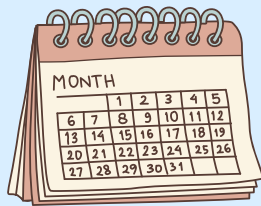
UPCOMING:

Spring Break: Little Wonders Preschool will be on spring break Friday, April 3rd - Monday April 13th.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 5	9 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10 a.m. Worship,
April 5, 12,19,26	10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Fellowship hour
April 6	OFFICE CLOSED
April 6, 13, 20, 27	12 p.m. Christ Community Meal 6 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Boy Scouts
April 7, 14, 21, 28	7 p.m. AA
April 8, 22	5 p.m. Christ Community Meal
April 15	6:30 p.m. Session
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. AA
April 10	12 p.m. Ladies Lunch @ Mulberry Creek

