

Another Word April 5, 2022

To Our Family and Friends of First Christian

Our in depth look of the last two days of Jesus' life has touched us in so many ways. We thank Pastor Rich and Brian for all they are doing to make these services so meaningful. We are coming closer each week and though next Sunday, April 4th should be Palm Sunday, we won't be experiencing the normal Palm Sunday rituals. We will instead move to the tomb.

Our scripture for this coming Sunday is Mark 15: 40-47 read by Bill Freytag. Pastor Rich's message is titled "The Garden of Tombs". Ellie Wells is serving Elder and will be reading Psalm 22: 1-5, 22-31.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 6:00. Pastor Rich has invited Pastor Matt Potosky and his congregation from Albion Brethren Church to join us. If you cannot join us in the sanctuary, the service will be live streamed.

We would like to take small Easter baskets to our shut-ins. If you would like to add wrapped candy to these baskets, please just bring that in by April 10th.

As you know, we have all been praying for people of Ukraine. We have a chance to do more for them through a donation to Church World Service. CWS sponsors a food bank in Moldova, a small country in Eastern Europe, which is next to Ukraine. They are now taking care of more than 100,000 Ukrainians who have escaped to Moldova. If you care to donate to Church World Service to help maintain supplies for this much needed food bank, please write your check to FCC and mark for CWS. If you want to give cash please mark your envelope for CWS. The church will match any monies collected for this outreach. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,

All-seeing God, we are troubled by this story of your Son's betrayal. As Jesus was beaten and abused, one of his closest friends denied him. Help us, when confronted with the truth, to stand boldly with our Redeemer. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen

We have so many talented members in this Church, we have found a lovely poem written by Ken Bee. He has given us permission to use this in our newsletter:

My Testimony

I do believe, God created man
Gave him a home, in Eden's land
But sin crept in, man lost his home
God cast him out, condemned to roam.

I do believe, God had a plan
He came to earth, to atone for man
To give His life, on Calvary's tree
To shed His blood, to set man free.

Is this the day, we kneel and pray
Forgive us Lord, we've gone astray
We praise you Lord, for the grace You give
You died for us, that we might live.

I do believe, up from the dead
That Christ arose, just like he said
He conquered death, ascended home
Is now with God, sits on the throne.

I do believe, Christ will return
And will declare the victory's won
Lay up your sword, hang up your shield
The battles over, we're going home

Is this the day, we hear Him say
You've stayed the course, you've found your way
Is this the day He claims His own
And says well done, we're going home

I do believe, we're going home
We're going home, no more to roam
We're going home, our Heavenly home
We praise you Lord we're going home.

In His Peace.

Ellie & Linda