



# Stirling Stuff

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## Pastor's Letter

I've always enjoyed walking through cemeteries. I guess it's because the first 11 years of my life were lived right next to the big cemetery in our city of Richmond, Indiana. I remember walking through the cemetery with my mom and dad on Sunday afternoons. Mom, who grew up in Richmond, would share memories of people as we looked at their graves.

As I think about Easter, I'm mindful of the fact it's easy to find cemeteries as morbid reminders that we all are going to die and be in one someday. However, as we walk through cemeteries, we remember people, we celebrate their lives. They are for us a great cloud of witnesses, especially when they celebrate the resurrection with sayings on their stones. As Christians, we know that those graves are not the end. Life continues in the hearts and minds of those left behind and in the presence of God, the Father and Mother of us all. There are churches that have Easter celebrations in cemeteries for this very reason.

As we celebrate Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter, this year, like other years, we will make the journey from the triumphal entry, to the grave in the garden, to the empty grave on the third day. Tombstones in cemeteries are only the first half of the story. I've shared this piece entitled, *The Dash*; this is a portion of it:

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth  
And spoke of the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.*



Easter reminds us that there is another dash after the year of death, and there is no length of time after that dash. That is the promise of the one whose life, death, and resurrection we celebrate each and every day of our lives.

He is risen!  
*Tom*



## Worship Services and Scripture Passages for April

**April 7, 2019****Service in Stirling**

- *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
- *Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- *Non-Perishable Food Collection*  
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8  
*What Are We Praying For Again?*  
4. *Overcoming Temptation's Power*  
Genesis 45:1-5; James 1:12-16; Matthew 6:12-13

**April 14, 2019**

- *Palm Sunday, Passion Sunday*  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40;  
Luke 22:14-23:56  
*The Passion According to the Gospel of Luke*

**April 18, 2019****Service in Meyersville**

- *Maundy Thursday*
- *Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- **6:30 p.m. – Potluck Supper**
- **7:30 p.m. – Communion Service**  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Rev. Aspinall preaching

*Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings,  
followed by Fellowship Hour in Pollard Hall.  
Child Care is provided in the Nursery.*

*Children join their families in church and then leave for  
Christian Education classes after the Children's Talk.*

**April 19, 2019****Service in Stirling**

- *Good Friday, Tenebrae Service*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:14  
*How Certain Are You?*

**April 21, 2019**

- *The Day of Resurrection*
- **7:00 a.m. – Service at Kielblock's Hillview Farm**
- **10:00 a.m. – Service at FPC-Stirling**
- **Travnicek Memorial Ringers Handbell Choir**  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12  
*Finding Light in Darkness*

**April 28, 2019**

- *Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31  
*Will the Real Disciple Please Stand Up*

**During Lent, the scriptures listed below the sermon title are the ones that will be used during worship. The readings above the sermon titles are the lectionary readings for that Sunday and are provided for your own personal meditation and reflection.**

Rev. Peters' sermons and the scripture readings are posted on the church website.  
Visit: [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org), click on:  
"Sermon Archive," then select the sermon and/or scripture reading date you would like.

**Pastor's Coffee Klatch**

Our first Saturday of the month Coffee Klatch will be held on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Stirling House Diner**. We will gather at 9:00 AM for fellowship and food. The conversation will be about whatever you want it to be about.



## **In Remembrance of Connie Riggins**



On **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.**, we will be celebrating the life of former member, Connie Riggins, with a special Memorial Service. Connie and her husband, Ed, were members of our church from 1961 to 2010, when they moved to Florida. They were actively involved in the life of our church as well as in the local community. Connie was a member of the choir for many years and participated in the women's group and annual retreats. Following the service, the Deacons will host a reception in Pollard Hall where you can share your remembrances of Connie with her family and friends.

## **Family Promise of Morris County**

**- Jan Somers**

Thank you to everyone who helped with hosting Family Promise on March 19<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity House in Stirling. Our guests, 6 adults and 6 children, enjoyed a dinner of pizza, salad, and dessert. Thank you, also, to Ciro's Pizza and Deli, 101 Reinman Rd., Warren, for their generous discount on the pizza. Please thank them in person if you happen to stop by.



## **Brunch and Program**

**- Tom Peters**



On **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, following morning worship, we will gather in Pollard Hall for a potluck brunch with our friends from the Meyersville church. The program has changed as my daughter, Ali, will not be able to lead a discussion on not being afraid of people of other religions. We hope to reschedule Ali for June or July.

Instead, my wife, the Rev. Barbara Peters, will be presenting a program entitled, *What is Spiritual Direction, and Why am I a Spiritual Director?* This is a topic that is near and dear to her heart, and she has spent a lot of time becoming a spiritual director. Come and hear what spiritual direction is all about. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.

## **Stirling Street Fair**

The **Stirling Street Fair** is scheduled for **Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Main Avenue will close at 7:00 a.m. for setup. Allow a few extra minutes to get to church on time. Detour via Passaic Avenue and Somerset Street, or come down Central Avenue from Long Hill Rd. Everyone is invited to join in the fun at the Fair following worship.

## **The Concert Series in Stirling**

On **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**, we will welcome pianists Yalin Chi and Steven Beck to our sanctuary as a four hands piano duet group *At Once* (four hands and one piano). Those who came to our March concert know Ms. Chi as she was the accompanist for Ms. Berman, the soprano soloist. The program will include: Sonata in B-flat major, K358 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Six Epigraphes Antiques by Claude Debussy; Sonata for Piano Four-Hands by Paul Hindemith; and, Jeux d'enfants by Georges Bizet.



The concert is free; a free-will offering is accepted. A short reception follows the concert, during which guests may meet the performers. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to help with the concert series, please contact Rev. Peters, Howard Kupferman, or Debra Sprague.

### **Interfaith Gathering of Food and Fellowship**

On **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5–7 p.m.**, the Shrine of St. Joseph will be hosting a gathering of people from area Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities. This is a simple gathering of food and fellowship. There will be prayers from each of the 3 traditions to ask God's blessing on our fellowship. There is no program. You can sign up at [shrineofsaintjoseph.com/intefaithsvp](http://shrineofsaintjoseph.com/intefaithsvp), or let Rev. Peters know and he will send in your reservation. This event is being sponsored by the Watchung Hills Interfaith Clergy Association.



### **Sixth Annual Fish & Chips Dinner**

Our **Sixth Annual Argyles Fish & Chips dinner will be held on Sat., June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5-7 p.m.** Once again, it will be held on the front lawn of the church – weather permitting. Please start talking it up with your friends and family.



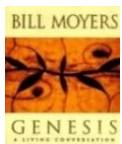
As soon as we have the tickets, we will be asking everyone to help by selling as many as possible. The more tickets we sell in advance, the better chances there are for a successful dinner. This is not just a fund-raiser for the church; it is also a township event as we have people from the community who come and just enjoy the fellowship on the front lawn of the church. We will be asking for help with the many tasks to be done; please do your part to help us out.

### **Christian Education Committee**

**- Lore Pateman**

#### **Adult Bible Study**

**- Rev. Peters**



We are continuing our Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. We are slowly making our way through the book of Genesis using the book, *Genesis*, by Bill Moyers. It is a study that takes us into many different discussions, which we enjoy. We'd love to have you join us. The coffee pot is always on!

### **Teachers and Assistants Needed**

**- Debra Sprague**



We need teachers and assistants for April and May for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Teaching is not every week. Questions about what is involved may be directed to Lore Pateman or Tom Parziale.

We also need two on-call people for child care each week. Many weeks we don't need nursery, but we do need to be ready when young ones come!

**Fourth Sunday Focus, April 28<sup>th</sup>****- Tom Parziale**

*Fourth Sundays* give us an opportunity to connect with other members of our church family in a relaxed atmosphere: a pot of tea, a Box o'Joe, Munchkins . . . and conversation. We start around **8:45 a.m.** and end by about 9:45 a.m., but join us whenever you can. If you've never participated or haven't attended for a while, please join us on the 28<sup>th</sup>; we always have lively discussions on a wide range of topics. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful discussion on "*Unlimited Imagination*." **If you have a topic you'd like to discuss, contact Tom Parziale.**

**Worship Committee****- Janet Parziale****Liturgists for April:**

April 7	Jan Somers	April 21	Tom Parziale
April 14	Tom Parziale	April 28	Janet Parziale



If you would like to serve as Liturgist during worship, please sign up on the sheet in Pollard Hall or speak to Jan Somers.

**Non-Perishable Food Collection - April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**On the first Sunday of each month**, we collect donations of non-perishable food during the worship service. While we are receiving the Lord's Supper, we also want to provide for others. The food is donated to the township food pantry at St. Vincent Church. We continue to collect non-perishable food in the baskets located in the church entry-ways during the rest of the month.

**Holy Week and Easter Services***Come Worship With Us!***Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

We begin the observance of Holy Week with our **Palm Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.** Branches of eco-palms will be distributed, and we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant procession into Jerusalem. Members of the congregation will be doing a Dramatic Reading. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Peters.

**Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Meyersville Presbyterian Church**

We will join with the congregation of Meyersville as we remember the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. There will be a **pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.** Rev. Aspinall will be preaching. The main dish will be provided; we ask you to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. If for some reason you cannot bring something, come anyway; we always have plenty of food. The dinner and service will be held in the fellowship hall at Meyersville.



**Good Friday Easter Vigil - Meyersville Presbyterian Church**

**On Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, the Meyersville Church will once again have their Easter Vigil during the day. You may sign up at the church or call and ask for a time (908-647-0390). **You can sign up for ½ hour times from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.** There will be devotions and information available for you to use in your prayers. You can read, pray, or sit in quiet reflection during your time. There will be no one else in the sanctuary during your time. It is a way to reflect on what the crucifixion and death of Jesus means for you and for the church.

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**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, in Stirling**

Members of the Meyersville and First Presbyterian Churches will remember the death of Christ on **Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in Stirling.** This will be a Tenebrae Service with scripture readings, music, and a sermon as candles are being extinguished and the church darkens to remind us of the desertion of the disciples and the death of Christ. Plan to join us for this powerful service.

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**Resurrection Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

On **Easter** there will be a brief **early morning service at 7:00 a.m. at Hillview Farm in Meyersville.** Wear old comfortable shoes as the walk up to the orchard can be a little muddy. Following the service, there will be coffee and baked goods at the home of Wanda Kielblock, a short walk from the hilltop.

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Then, at **10:00 a.m., we will have our Easter service in the sanctuary in Stirling.** We hope you will join us for this celebration as we recall the good news that He has risen. The bells will be playing, and the church will be decorated with the Easter flowers/plants that people have ordered.

Please consider bringing a family member or friend to any of these services. Visitors are always welcome.

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**Deacons' Corner****- Janet Parziale****Mission of the Month**

Our **Mission of the Month for April is One Great Hour of Sharing.** A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed. This special offering will be collected throughout the month of April. Please use the **special "Mission of the Month" offering envelopes** in the pew racks, and remember to include your name or envelope # so you can receive credit for your donation. Thank you in advance for supporting this program.

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## Easter Flowers/Plants



The Deacons, led by Israel Sierra, will be coordinating the ordering of flowers/plants to be placed on the chancel for Easter morning in memory or honor of someone special in your life. To place your order, **complete the form on page 12 of this newsletter** or the forms available in the Sunday bulletin. The **deadline to order is Sunday, April 14th.**

## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a very special time of fellowship following each weekly worship service. It is a wonderful time to share stories and catch up with each other after our busy weeks. Please consider helping with this important part of our church life by signing up to host one yourself or with a partner or simply donating money to be used to provide some delicious goodies for the morning. If you wish to donate money, please give it to a Deacon or place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Fellowship Hour."



The coffee, tea, plates, napkins, and cups are all available in the kitchen. You just need to provide milk (usually a quart), juice (or simply water), and some goodies (cookies, fruit, pretzels, popcorn, etc.). If you need help setting up the coffee and tea, please feel free to ask any Deacon or other member of the congregation. Your Fellowship Hour can be as simple or as elaborate as you want. They are fun to do and thoroughly appreciated by everyone.

## Visiting Nurse

We have been keeping our Visiting Nurse, Joyce Koenig, quite busy. She makes visitations on her own and with Rev. Peters and is always available to answer your health-related questions. Thank you, Joyce!

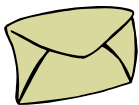


## Church Flowers

Please sign up on the Flower Chart in Pollard Hall if you would like to place flowers on the chancel for Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of someone. Allow enough lead time to have them ordered for the date you would like. The cost is \$30, and cash or checks (made payable to: Flowers on the Ridge) should be given to Israel Sierra. When you sign up on the flower chart, please be specific, i.e. *in memory/honor, given by*, and print clearly.



## Deacons' Fund



Please use the green Deacons' Fund envelopes for donations to help the Deacons with their Mission work. They are available in the pew racks or in the church office and may be placed in the offering plate. **Remember to put your name on the envelope so you can receive credit for your donation.**

## Water Available During Worship

There is always a pitcher of water and cups available in the Church narthex in case you need a drink during worship. Please feel free to help yourself or signal an Usher to bring it to you.



**Stewardship & Finance****- Sandy Mackay**

On behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, this is a gentle reminder that the **pledge drive for 2019 remains open**. For those who have pledged, thank you. For those still able to pledge, we encourage you to do so. It's not too late. **We need your input so that we can better predict our overall income for the year.**

There are Pledge cards available in the church office. Or, simply write your name, envelope #, and the amount/frequency of your pledge on a piece of paper. You can put it in your weekly offering envelope or another envelope, and place it in the offering plate. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Mission Programs****Bridges Outreach Lunch Program****- Jean Hoffman**

Our first 2019 commitment date for preparing 40 lunches is: **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**, in Pollard Hall. We are always in need of small bottles of water and cartons of juice; snacks of cookies, nuts, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.; and plastic spoons. Cash donations are also appreciated to help with the purchase of bread and lunch meat. You can drop items off in Pollard Hall on Sunday mornings, or give cash donations to Jean or Yvonne. **If you'd like to help with this program, please speak to Jean or Yvonne.**

**Upcoming date: May 3<sup>d</sup>**

**Easter Ham Donations**

**Shop Rite is promoting free hams for the Easter holiday.** As you sit down to enjoy Easter with your family, please remember those less fortunate. If you qualify for the free ham and will not be using it, please consider donating it. **The church will be collecting the hams on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.** They will be delivered to the Market Street Mission in Morristown for distribution. Your support of this program is very much appreciated.

**Labels/Box Tops for Education; Pop-Top Can Tabs****- Jan Somers**

Please continue to save Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, and pop-top can tabs. The labels are used by parent organizations in schools to earn educational and recreational items for students. The can tabs are sold by weight to recycling centers, and the proceeds are donated to assist people on dialysis.

There is a collection canister in the church office.



**Note:** I recently brought a large bag of pop-top can tabs to a drop-off site, and they were very grateful for our donation. Thank you for your continued support of these programs. *Jan*





## **Buildings & Grounds**

**- Tom Parziale**

I have received a few questions about the status of the roof repairs. I have been in touch with our contractor, and we are now slated for the April time frame. Fortunately, our situation has not become worse. I will advise everyone once additional updates become available.

## **Church Website & Facebook Page**

To keep up-to-date with what's happening at our Church, make it a point to check in regularly on the Church website, [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org), and Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/fpcStirling/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/fpcStirling/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel). They are good sources for church news, the Church calendar, Stirling Stuff, upcoming events/programs, Pastor's sermons, Scripture readings, Church history, and more.

## **Church Archives**

**- Jan Somers**



Please continue to forward news clippings, bulletins, programs, pictures, or other memorabilia regarding any member of our church family so our archives can be kept up-to-date. **Please be sure items are dated and, if possible, the names of church members and/or families are highlighted.** There is a **Church Archives** mailbox outside the church offices for this purpose.

Carolyn Malfatone recently went through all of the 2018 issues of the Echoes-Sentinel and other items that had been placed in the Archives mailbox. She cut out anything pertaining to our church family, and we now have a folder of articles to be put into a 2018 binder. It was a very productive way to spend some of her rehab time following knee replacement surgery! Thank you, Carolyn!

## **These Days**

*"To nurture the daily practice of prayer and the reading of Scripture, there is solid help in the pages of 'These Days.' The devotions wrestle faithfully with the doubts, joys, and challenges of the Christian life."*



Our Church has a subscription for copies of this devotional booklet; they are available in the Church narthex.

## **Millington Volunteer Fire Company**

**- Ed Gerecht**



On **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10 p.m.**, the Millington Volunteer Fire Company will be holding its **Fourth Annual Comedy Night Fundraiser at the Millington Fire House**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be live music before and after the show. There will be a 50/50 raffle and beer, wine, and liquor for sale. Three comics who have been featured on television and have many years of comic experience will be performing from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.** Please talk it up to your friends and neighbors. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own food to enjoy. **Contact Ed Gerecht for more information and to purchase tickets.**

## **Meyersville Presbyterian Church News**

### **Free Gentle Yoga Class**

Roseann McGraw, a certified yoga teacher, offers free yoga classes in the parlor at Meyersville Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The classes are on-going, so you can join any time.

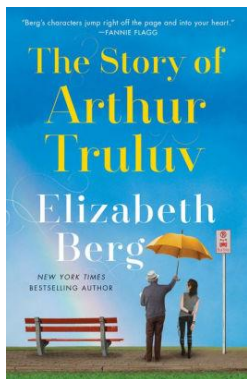


You will not be sitting or lying on the floor, so just bring yourself in comfortable clothes, and invite friends along. The classes are appropriate for all, the flexible as well as the tight. Injuries will be accommodated. Yoga is relaxing, as well as good for general health; so, come give it a try. Call or email Roseanne with questions or concerns: 908-508-1435, [rosanne.mcgraw@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne.mcgraw@gmail.com).

### **Meyersville Book Club**

- Jan Somers

The Book Club's current selection is **The Story of Arthur Truluv**, a novel by Elizabeth Berg. They will meet in the parlor at Meyersville on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book. Everyone is welcome to join the group. The book is available at local libraries.



*In a small Missouri town, a widower finds solace by reaching out to other troubled souls. Arthur Moses, 85, goes every day to the cemetery to eat his lunch at his late wife Nola's grave. At night, he dines on whatever canned goods he can cobble together, tries to prevent his cat, Gordon, from running away, and dodges the busybody next door, Lucille, who keeps trying to entice him onto her front porch with her delicious baked goods.*

*One day at the cemetery, Arthur meets Maddy, a teenager with a nose ring, who hangs out there. They strike up a friendship born of mutual isolation, and she dubs him "Truluv" for his enduring devotion to Nola. As the point of view shifts among these three characters, we learn that Maddy, now a senior in high school, has been ostracized by her classmates. Her problems stem in part from the fact that her father, who raised her alone, irrationally blames her for her mother's death*

*in a car crash soon after her birth. A retired schoolteacher, Lucille, also in her 80s, never married because Frank, her high school true love, wed someone else. Maddy's social life consists of hookups with an older man she met at Wal-Mart, and one of these trysts leaves her pregnant. When her father urges her to terminate the pregnancy, she takes refuge at Arthur's house. He and Lucille become Maddy's surrogate parents, and, by taking over housekeeping chores, Maddy helps them age in place. Both are childless and look forward eagerly to the birth of the baby, giving Maddy the unconditional moral and financial support she has always craved.*

The group's next selection is, "Every Last One," a novel by Anna Quindlen. Copies are available at local libraries.

## Free Computer Training

Ruud Zijdel is once again offering **Hands-On Windows 10 Training** on **Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Meyersville Church**. You can sign-up for the entire 6-week course or just specific dates. The schedule is as follows:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
April 6	Getting started and customizing Windows 10
April 13	Surfing the Web; sending/receiving e-mails; getting social with Windows
April 20	Performing day-to-day tasks with Apps; working with Images and Multimedia
May 4	Editing documents, Microsoft Word
May 11	Working with files, Microsoft Excel
May 18	Sharing your computer; implementing security; maintaining Windows

To sign up or for more information, contact Ruud at: [ruudz@aol.com](mailto:ruudz@aol.com)

## **Earth Day 2019 – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**- Jan Somers**



**The theme for Earth Day 2019 is “Protect Our Species.”** We must all work to protect threatened and endangered species. Nature’s gifts to our planet are the millions of species that we know and love, and many more that remain to be discovered. Unfortunately, human beings have irrevocably upset the balance of nature and, as a result, the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago. But, unlike the fate of the dinosaurs, the rapid extinction of species in our world today is the result of human activity.

All living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species: bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales, and more.

As Earth Day moves closer to its **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020**, everyone is invited to join in helping to achieve the goal of planting 7.8 billion trees—one for every person on the planet in 2020. Trees help combat climate change. Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees help communities.

**When it comes to the Earth, there is no time to waste.**

## EASTER FLOWERS/PLANTS ORDER FORM

The Deacons are coordinating the ordering of flowers/plants to be placed on the chancel for Easter morning in memory or honor of someone special in your life. Please use the form below or the forms available in the Sunday bulletin to place your order. **The deadline to order is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**



	<u>What Color?</u>	<u>How many?</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<b>Azaleas</b> - \$15 each (Red, Pink)	_____	_____	_____
<b>Daffodils</b> - \$10 each (All Yellow)	_____	_____	_____
<b>Lilies</b> - \$15 each (All White)	_____	_____	_____
<b>Tulips</b> - \$10 each (Yellow, Pink, Purple)	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTALS</b>		_____	_____

Flowers are purchased in **MEMORY / HONOR** of:

Please circle one

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To be picked up following worship on Easter morning: \_\_\_\_\_ To be planted at Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your order and check to Israel Sierra or the church office, or place it in the offering plate.

Deadline to order: Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Make checks payable to: **Flowers on the Ridge** and note: **Easter Flowers** on your check. Thank you.

### Ongoing Mission Programs

#### Road to Bridges

Change (and more) is collected during Fellowship Hour and supports the Road to Bridges program, providing 40 lunches per month to NJ/NY homeless.

#### Township Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items can be left in baskets labeled "Food Pantry Donations" in the Church narthex and outside Pollard Hall.

#### Items collected for various causes may be placed on the pew in Pollard Hall:

- ✓ Full-sized and "courtesy"-sized bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower caps
- ✓ Cell phones, eyeglasses, sunglasses
- ✓ Fabric: about ½ yard minimum, to make small bears for children, totes for wheelchair patients, etc.  
Yarn: to make lap robes for wounded veterans, afghans for battered women, and hats for newborns in hospitals

### Ongoing Fundraisers

#### ShopRite Gift Cards

- ✓ No additional cost to you to use
- ✓ Purchase cards at face value
- ✓ Church earns 5%
- ✓ Denominations available are:

**\$20, \$50, \$100**

Gift Cards are available each week during Fellowship Hour or by contacting Yvonne Fletcher.

#### iGive

- ✓ No cost to you
- ✓ Log on / sign up / find out more at:  
<http://www.igive.com/FirstPresbyterianChurch-StirlingNJ>
- ✓ E-mail this information to your friends
- ✓ Questions? Contact Debra Sprague

**Please e-mail submissions for the  
May issue of Stirling Stuff to:  
[jsomers17@hotmail.com](mailto:jsomers17@hotmail.com)  
by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

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### Our Mission

Jesus said, "Feed My Sheep." This welcoming and caring family, empowered by the love of Christ, shares the grace and peace of God's blessings by serving those who are hungry in body or spirit.

**Why not invite a friend to church?**

