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Strong Heritage Bright Future

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Dear Church,

There's something beautiful in noticing that just as the Christian year moves from Easter, the final season of focusing on the story of Jesus, to Ordinary Time, a season of focusing on the story of the Church, our own church finds itself at a pivotal moment in its own story.

As most of you will be well aware by now, we have engaged the services of Fresh Expressions, a ministry that helps historic churches do the critical work of self-reflection and assessment and then explore ideas and models of ministry meant to reach new people with the good news of Jesus and his kingdom.

A survey has already been distributed to current worshipers (please return this ASAP if you have not done so already) and Matt Lake, who is working with us as consultant and coach, will be here **June 23-25** to host conversations with groups and leaders. All this will result in a proposed way forward, which we will vote on at a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 10.

Please take note of these important times and invitations:

Thursday, June 23, 6:00-7:30pm | Matt will lead a focus group session that is open to all members and attendees of First Church of the Resurrection.

Saturday, June 25, 9:00-2:00pm | From 9-12:30, Matt will lead a time of teaching and reflection that is open to all members and attendees of First Church of the Resurrection. Immediately following this, from 12:30-1:00 he will present his report and recommendations. Then, from 1:00-2:00, we'll all enjoy a catered lunch together.

Your attendance at these meetings - to provide feedback, to listen to one another, and to receive input - **is essential** to this work we are doing with Fresh Expressions and our joint labor as devoted members of First Church of the Resurrection and the future God is inviting us into together. Please make every effort to participate in these sessions.

Please RSVP to Tina ASAP if you plan to attend either or both of these gatherings.

Please see page 3 for additional information from Jim Bellamy, Council President and Barb Davis, Council Secretary.

Grace + Peace,
Pastors Amy & JR Rozko

July 2022

Birthdays:

9th-Diane Fair 10th-Polly Murphy
 Jeff Lenigar 22nd-Crystal Williams
 30th-Jim Strauch

Anniversaries:

22nd-Phil & Lois Vitale

Your Friends and Family at First Church of the Resurrection want to wish you all a joyous celebration and many blessings for the year to come!

Please Pray for:

Shirley Jordy Judy Snyder Diane Fair
 Jim Ackelson Donna Blair
 Zella Yohe

In the Military:

Scott Gordon R J Smith Aaron Schlabach
 Josh Porco Kellan Gier Scott Smeltzer
 Brian George Steven Okey Ryan Souers
 Luke Groves Robert Blair

Serving as Mission Partners:

Leonel & Belgica Ortiz - Columbia
 Greg, Megan, Lydia & Theodore Owens - Middle East
 Andrew & Sarah - Middle East

**Your Leadership Council at Work
 June 10, 2022**

- Officers were elected for the 2022-23 term for Council:
 President - Jim Bellamy
 Vice President - Sue Casto
 Secretary - Barb Davis
- New elder orientation will be Monday, August 8th
- Contract with Fresh Expressions was signed

**Servants for God Forever,
 Leadership Council**

Social Hour returned

Sunday, June 5th at 9:30am

Let's enjoy some fellowship before our 10am worship service



Financial Report For May 2022

Income: \$ 11,715
 Expenses: \$ 13,956
 \$ -2,241

Pray for the following local churches, their Pastors and leadership:

His Place for You
 Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox
 Indian Run Christian Church
 James S. Thomas United Methodist



Sunday, June 19th

Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

May 2022

Date	Adults	Children	Total
May 1	24	4	28
May 8	30	4	34
May 15	29	4	33
May 22	27	3	30
May 29	14	1	15
Total	124	16	140

Sunday total average = 28
 Sunday average of children = 3.2

Dear members and friends of First Church of the Resurrection.

On behalf of the Elder board of First Church we, the Elders, encourage everyone to take part in these upcoming talks and meetings with Matt Lake. Everyone's input is needed. We are at a crossroads in the life of First Church. For over 200 years we have been called upon to make serious and God bases decisions for the future of our church. This is one of those times. Again, I'm asking you to please take an interest, attend these talks, and be an active member at these meetings to help determine the path that we will follow.

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Jim Bellamy
Council president

PLEASE JOIN US TO GROW OUR FUTURE

As a lifelong member, and as many of you, I've seen many ups and downs and changes at First Church. This is your opportunity to influence and be part of the next chapter in our long history. By participating in the Fresh Expressions Consultation you can have your hopes and wishes for our future known. I strongly encourage you to prayerfully participate fully in this venture by returning the survey that was sent to each of you and by attending and engaging in the conversations at the group meetings. If you have any questions please contact an elder or the Pastors. I look forward to what the future holds and what the Lord has planned for First Church.

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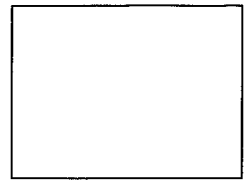
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In His service
Barb Davis

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We invite seekers and followers to come with us on an ever deepening journey of discipleship, as we serve God by building the community of Jesus.