

Save The Date!

MAY 3RD	Men's Club BBQ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MAY 4TH	Youth Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM Services
MAY 14TH	High School Beach Bible Study 5:00 PM
MAY 16TH	Organ Concert 7:00 PM
MAY 18TH	Confirmation Sunday 11:00 AM Service
MAY 18TH	Youth's End of School Year Party Top Golf 1:00-3:00 PM
MAY 18TH	Children's End of School Year Party 5:00 - 6:30 PM
MAY 28TH	Mahjong 5:30 PM
JUNE 1ST	Graduation Sunday 11:00 AM Service
JUNE 4TH	Mahjong 5:30 PM
JUNE ~ JUNE 7TH 14TH	Chiapas Mission Trip
JUNE ~ JUNE 23RD 27TH	Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FUMC IOP Newsletter

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Fellowship Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities

FROM ASHES TO GLORY

It seems like so long ago when we began this Lenten journey with the powerfully symbolic act of the imposition of ashes upon the forehead in the sign of the Cross. From the ashes of Ash Wednesday, we launched out on a forty-day journey of transformation and renewal by exercising Lenten discipline. You may have experienced a renewal of your prayer life in worship or in your personal life by praying more often or more intentionally, or you may have exercised renewed discipline by giving up some activity or habit in order to heighten your awareness of God's presence. Whatever you have experienced in your personal life during the Lenten season your may be assured that God's grace has sustained you along the way.

Our Lenten journey is complete, and we have found ourselves entering the wonder of Holy Week. Holy Week began on Palm/Passion Sunday with the mystery of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. With loud shouts of "Hosanna" the people greeted their King. Those shouts faded to give way to the angry cries of the people screaming for his death.

During Holy Week the removal of the paraments and other item from the chancel area is called "Stripping the Altar". It is a symbolic movement that signifies the starkness and desolation of Jesus' betrayal and arrest. The cross in the sanctuary will be draped in black to further show the lengthening shadows of Jesus' lonely journey. On Good Friday in worship to find the chancel space laid in desolation. Together we recall the scriptural narrative that speaks of Jesus' trials, persecution, rejection and beatings as he is condemned to die. We leave in silence into the night.

But the journey will take us to the great day of Resurrection. Easter Day and every Sunday is a day where we bear witness to the Resurrected Lord. What joy is in store for us as Christ is Risen from the grave and all people have become Easter People. Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Rise up Easter People! Christ our Lord is Risen from the grave. God's glory awaits!

Grace and peace,
Charles
Pastor Charles

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING SCRIPTURES

05/04 - John 21:1-9
 05/11 - John 10:22-30
 05/18 - John 13:31-35
 05/25 - John 14:13-29
 06/01 - John 17:20-26
 06/08 - John 14:8-17 (25-27)
 06/15 - John 16:12-15
 06/22 - Luke 8:26-39
 06/29 - Luke 9:51-62



VOLUNTEER

HELP EACH OTHER

VOLUNTER AT FIRST CHURCH

- Ushers for the 9:00 service
- Communion Set Up
- Pew Ninjas
- Wee Worship Leaders
- Sunday Night Live volunteers

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the Church Office: 843-886-6610

Reoccurring Events

FIRST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRIES

WHETHER YOU DRUM ON THE STEERING WHEEL OR A DRUMSET, WHETHER YOU SING OPERA OR IN THE SHOWER, THERE IS A SPOT FOR YOU! CHECK OUT THE MANY OFFERINGS OF FIRST CHURCH. BE PLUGGED IN. BE INVOLVED! HELP US SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH MUSIC TO THE IOP COMMUNITY AND BEYOND!

 **CHANCEL CHOIR-**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00PM-7:30PM
CHOIR ROOM

KIRK CHOIR- SHOW UP AND SING!
SUNDAY MORNING 8:30AM
(CHOIR ROOM)

CHAMBER CHOIR-
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00PM-8:00PM
CHOIR ROOM

HANDBELL CHOIR-
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 5:00PM-6:00PM
HANDBELL ROOM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:15-4:00PM
CHOIR ROOM

YOUTH CHOIR
SUNDAY 4:45PM-5:30PM
CHOIR ROOM

**WE WANT YOU!
BE INVOLVED!**
firstiopmusicministry@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Whether you drum on the steering wheel or a drumset, whether you sing opera or in the shower, there is a spot for you! Check out the many offerings of First Church. Be plugged in. Be involved! Help us share God's love through music to the IOP community and beyond!

MAHJONG

May 28th
5:30 pm

June 4th
5:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Newbies & Pros are welcome!



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Reoccurring Events



YOUTH BEACH BIBLE STUDY

First Wednesdays at 5:00pm.

6th-12th graders are invited to come together to grow their faith through study once a month.

We will gather at the church, share a meal and walk on the beach for devotion.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Kids: Sundays at 4:00-5:30pm.

Youth: Sundays at 5:30-7:00pm.

This is a time for children and youth to explore God's word through play and recreation.



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MEN'S CLUB BBQ

May 3rd 11:00 - 3:00

Pork BBQ dinner served on a take-out platter complete with BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw, and a roll for \$10.00 each.

or

Pork BBQ available in bulk in a one-pound BBQ cup with no sides for \$12.00 each.

For further information, please contact a MMC representative or email tom1929ncreek@gmail.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH END OF SCHOOL YEAR PARTY

May 18th



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YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 4TH 9:00 & 11:00
SERVICES

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 18TH 11:00 SERVICE



GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 1ST 11:00 SERVICE



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