



**IT'S HOLY WEEK,
LENT IS ALMOST OVER,
AND EASTER IS COMING**

Lent is that solemn time when we recall Christ's passion and crucifixion and prepare ourselves through meditation, contemplation, and other spiritual practices for the redeeming, live-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

This is Holy Week, which marks the end of Lent, and on Friday, April 15, 2022, we will have a Service of Darkness in our Sanctuary at noon. The Seven Last Words of Christ will be read while the Sanctuary is darkened, and the congregation will be invited forward, one by one, to symbolically nail their sins to a rough cross in the Chancel. This is a moving way to mark the crucifixion of God's innocent son for our redemption and to contemplate how stark the world would be if Christ's death marked the end of the story.

If you are unable to join us in person, please plan to join us via our website (fpcovictoria.org) or our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fpcovictoria](https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria)). The link to our Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/4-15-2022-Bulletin-Good-Friday-PDF.pdf>



**JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE,
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022, 10:30 A.M.,
AS WE CELEBRATE
EASTER SUNDAY!**

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

What more needs to be said? Come join us, and bring family and friends, to celebrate the most joyous day in all of Christendom, Easter Sunday.

Our Scripture readings this Sunday are: Isaiah 65:17-25; and John 20:1-18. The title of the sermon is "Called by Name," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/04-17-2022-Bulletin-Easter-PDF.pdf>.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

A MOMENT TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED

In the spirit of the Easter Season, we will be taking a special offering to support the “One Great Hour of Sharing” of Presbyterian Mission.

Your generous contribution will be used to support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s efforts to provide disaster assistance, hunger relief, and self-development among “those who have the least.”

The Mission and Outreach Committee of our church would like to encourage you to consider making an additional gift on Easter Morning to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Jesus said, “The righteous will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’” And of course, Jesus’ response was “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:37, 40).

Please look for the informational insert in your Bulletin and place a donation in the envelope that accompanies it. This is one important way that we serve the least of the members of Christ’s family; this is one sacred way that we honor Christ on the day that we celebrate his Resurrection!

A FRIEND IN NEED . . .

No. 241 **FISH FRY**
for **KEIMRYN STRONG**
When: Friday, May 13, 2022

PLACE:	ALL Proceeds go to	Pick-up Time:
Mt. Nebo MBC	KEIMRYN	11a.m. - 2 p.m.
704 E. Park,		Will delivery
Victoria, TX	Questions	10 plate order.
	(361)649-9594	
	(361)652-3285	
\$10 Donation	(361)652-7058	<i>Thank You</i>

Keimryn Lee, the 9-year-old granddaughter of our good friends, Rev. and Mrs. Fred continues to undergo chemotherapy and other treatments at MD Anderson in Houston for osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. As we can imagine, the medical bills are astronomical.

In addition to prayer, there are at least two ways we can help our dear friends and their family meet Keimryn's medical expenses. First, we can buy some delicious fried fish in the manner set forth in the announcement above. To make your contribution even easier, Bonnie Wilkinson, our Clerk of Session, is ready to take your order (and your check). Checks can also be dropped off at the church office.

In addition, if you would like to make a general gift to help the Hobbs family, you can place your check in the collection plate or mail it or, again, drop it off at the church office. Checks should be made out to *Keimryn Lee* and, if not delivered to the church office, then mailed to:

Keimryn Lee Love Fund
c/o Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
704 E. Park Avenue
Victoria, Texas 77901

A special account for donations has been set up at TEDC. Let us also join with Rev. Hobbs and his family in continued prayers for Keimryn and her medical team.



COMPANY'S COMING!
SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

FPC, Victoria is proud to welcome the Victoria Civic Chorus and Victoria College Choir & Choraliers for a *Hymn Festival* in our Sanctuary on Friday evening, April 29. Especially exciting from our perspective, a guest organist, Garrett Martin, will be featured.

Robert Wyatt and I have often lamented that our powerful and beautiful seven-division organ is a secret too well kept in our community. We are excited that this concert will attract the art-lovers in the Crossroads area to our church where they will hear, enhanced by the majestic acoustics of our Sanctuary, our beautiful organ blended with the voices of a large and talented choir-- all joining in the presentation of new and familiar hymns.

The program is open to the public without charge, and we also want to invite as many of our members to attend as are able. Your pastor feels as if we've invited company to come see our beautiful church and hear an inspiring concert of voice and organ joined in presenting hymns in a room dedicated to exactly that!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to come share in an evening of glorious music in our beautiful Sanctuary! May God forgive us our sinful pride in our church, but this will be such a nice chance for us to share our treasure with the entire community!



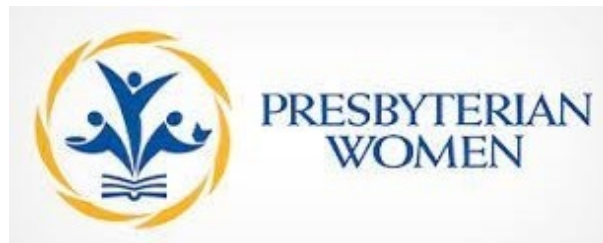
OUR FORWARD JOURNEY

Maintaining our momentum from the energy and inspiration we gathered during our annual retreat earlier this year, members of the Session have organized themselves to carry out an “outreach initiative” to all those individuals who are recorded as members on the rolls of our church.

By now, many of you will have already been contacted by one or more Ruling Elders who are currently serving on the Session and who have asked you to help us as, together, we consider (and implement!) fresh, innovative ideas for the growth and advancement of our beloved church.

The Session will devote the entirety of a special meeting on Monday evening, April 18th, to report collectively on what we have heard from you regarding your thoughts, your dreams, and your visions about those things we could begin doing *now* as we continue our worship and ministry in the Crossroads area.

Please watch for further information about when we will report back to the congregation on what we have learned about *Our Forward Journey* as we plan how best to continue to the work of the Lord in the years to come.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
MISSION PROJECT FOR APRIL 2022**

As their mission project for April, the Presbyterian Women will be supporting the Vine School. Won't you help them help that fine school to serve children affected by autism and other impairments? The Vine School is in need of

- Colored printer paper (variety of traditional colors)
- Construction paper (loose sheets, not tear out pkgs)
- Standard size manila file folders
- Cloth towels -bath size and wash cloths. (hand sized towels not needed)
- Bath / shower wash. Fragrance free, Sensitive skin
- Clorox wipes
- Googly eyes (Large size only)
- Sharpies. All colors, NOT extra fine point
- Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Snacks for children: Goldfish crackers (individual pkgs or large size containers). Individual pkgs of pretzels, chips, chocolate chip cookies

Please bring your donated items to the church and we will make sure they are delivered to the Presbyterian Women.



**CURRENT STATISTICAL REPORT FROM THE
VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry
108 N. Liberty St., Victoria, Texas 77901 / P.O. Box 1786 Victoria, Texas 77902

Phone 361-572-0048 Fax 361-333-5487

victoria.vcam@gmail.com

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

Monthly Update

March 2022

(February 2022 Services)

Total Households Served – 840

Total Number in Households – 2301

Food Boxes – 730

Basic Needs - 2784

Home Delivery - 24

Financial Assistance – 41

Homeless Served – 99

Homeless Visits - 389

**1st time VCAM Clients Served – 39*

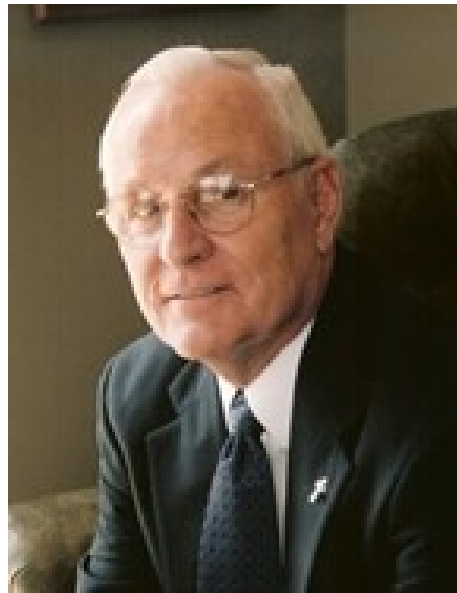
The current state of our economy, the actions going on abroad, the lingering after-effects of the pandemic; all are factors that we, as a nation, community & more local, as an organization that serves those in need chronically or in times of crisis that requires preparation. Short-range or long-range, VCAM wants to be prepared to continue to offer its services adequately & consistently.

VCAM is the largest food pantry in the surrounding 11-county area serviced by the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. In times when the Food Bank inventory is short on product, VCAM shops retail, just like you or I would as individuals. Our pantry is open to residents of Victoria County on a weekly basis, Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – noon & services range from the food distribution, clothing store, financial assistance for past due water & natural gas utility bills, prescription medications & gasoline vouchers for out-of-town medical appointments. Financial assistance services are performed Mon. – Thurs., while funding is available.

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is serviced on a daily basis. I mention all of this, as a “heads up” to all as to how/when the operation is run; & operated primarily via volunteers. And of course, *all services are provided free* because of the generosity of others.

Your support is always valued and very much appreciated...*Marc*

"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."



THE REV. CARROLL LAMAR PICKETT
(1933 – 2022)

The Rev. Carroll Lamar "Bud" Pickett, a former Associate Pastor of our church many years ago, joined the Church Triumphant on April 3, 2022. Most famous for his work in prison ministry and his strong, moral stand against capital punishment, he also enjoyed a long tenure as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville before becoming the prison chaplain at the Walls Unit of the Texas prison system.

You can read Rev. Pickett's more detailed obituary here:

<https://obituaries.itemonline.com/obituary/carroll-pickett-1084832195?ckprm=1>.

In life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

CURRENT COPIES OF "THESE DAYS" HAVE ARRIVED

The church has received the April/May/June 2022 edition of *These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*. Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of the *These Days* on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. The devotionals in this cherished publication are always a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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