

# April Messenger 2025

**First United Methodist Church of East Peoria**

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## ***Pastor's Chat***

***April 2025***

*Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

*We are almost there! In 3 weeks, it will be Easter! Another time of reflection for another Lenten season. What I love about Easter is everything! We go from reflection of Jesus' death on the Cross to the empty tomb! We also start seeing Jesus' home and our future home, heaven!*

*This hit me as we are looking for our first home together! Steve owned a home before we got married and since our wedding we have lived in 5 different parsonage houses. But they were only a temporary blessing! We now are searching, looking and praying God leads us to the right home in the Indianapolis area near our family. We invite you to pray with us for the house that will give us a place to make new memories.*

*What makes a house a home? Is it the open concept? Is it the backyard? Is it the big kitchen? What about the master bedroom with its own ensuite? All of those are nice and a plus for our desires. But it is your own personal touches, the time you spend with family and friends, the time you invite others over to play games, spend the night, etc. But it also involves God!*

*Joshua claimed, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15) No matter where we live our house, and our lives will continue to be dedicated to God! We know this will be our temporary home until we go to our heavenly home! We appreciate your love and prayers as we change addresses, but not our focus!*

*With you on the Way!  
Pastor Krista*

### Sunday Breakfast Lineup!

**Apr 6-** Hospitality Room  
**Apr 13** - Friends for Mission Breakfast  
**Apr 20** - Friends for Mission Breakfast  
**Apr 27** - Hospitality Room

### REFRESH Service

Every Wednesday at noon our Church has a 30 minute service for you to Refresh yourself for the week. This Worship service has devotion, prayer and communion. This is a great opportunity to get you through to Sunday.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets on a Saturday every month at 8:00 am at the 520 Café located at 520 Bloomington Road in East Peoria. This month is on April 5th. Please let Chuck Pierman know if you will be attending and he will reserve a seat for you.

### BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE...

April has a very special birthday! Make sure to check out the whole list on page 7.

**MARIE MEYER 93**



### Red Bird Mission Trip

We are planning to go on our mission trip in June. We will leave at 7am Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> and return on June 13th. It's unknown at this time what our project will be. Anyone interested in joining us, please let Jim Vogel know by May 26th.

### Administrative Professionals Day

Wednesday, April 23rd is Administrative Professionals Day. It is a day to let our office staff know they are appreciated.

Terri Bridges - Office Manager  
 Jennie Reeves - Asst. Office Manager  
 Susie Hoskins - Asst. Office Manager  
 Juanita Reader - Office Angel  
 Ginny Halverson - Office Angel

### Sermon Series

**We are finishing up "Mark My Words"**

**Apr 6** - "Watch"

**Apr 13** - "Worth the Relationship"

Palm Sunday

**Apr 17** - "The Cup", Maundy Thursday

**Apr 20** - "Are You Missing Something", Easter

**New Sermon Series "Patterns" (5 weeks)**

**Apr 27** - "Realize"

**May 4** - "Idols"

**May 11** - "Resist"

**May 18** - "Renew"

**May 25** - "Reward"

### Books, Books, Books

Pastor Krista is downsizing her book collection and would like to share with you. If you would like to stop by the Office and check out the library you might find one, two or even three you would like to read.

### Graduate Information 2025

Attention parents and grandparents of graduates! We are looking for information for anyone graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college. Please stop outside the church office and provide us with some information (look for the clipboard) so we can recognize this great accomplishment. Also, please submit a picture of your graduate, via email (Office@epfumc.org), to be put in a future Messenger!

**Deadline for this info is May 21st.**

# Easter

*He is risen! Death could not hold him!*

*"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." – Luke 24:6-7*

Come and rejoice with us at our  
Easter services!

## Palm Sunday, April 13

9:00 am at First United Methodist Church of EP

## Maundy Thursday Service, April 17

6:00pm at First United Methodist Church of EP  
154 E. Washington St  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Good Friday Service, April 18

6:00 pm at Zion Evangelical UMC  
3200 Cole Hollow Road  
Pekin, IL 61554

## Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30 am Friends for Mission Breakfast  
9:00 am Worship Service  
at First United Methodist Church of EP



## Tulip Dedications

In loving memory of Joy Vogel  
Jim Vogel

In honor of Ryan Webb and Makena &  
Zach Schmitt  
Jamie & Byron Webb

In memory of Mike Petersen  
Mary Starr

In loving memory of Kathy Webb Staley  
Malcolm Staley

In memory of my Parents and Brother-in-law  
Rose Rock

In loving memory of Chuck Robbins  
Di Robbins

In memory of our Loved Ones who have  
passed

Patsy & Jerry Moore

Hi is Risen! Alleluia!

Randy & Andrea Mooberry

In memory of my Mom  
With love, Ginny Halverson

In memory of our Parents and Loved Ones  
Steve & Becky Emerson

In loving memory of Danny & Teresa Earle  
Melissa Earle

In honor of our Loving Family  
Dan & Janice Cunningham

In memory of our Loved Ones  
Dan & Janice Cunningham

In loving memory of our Parents  
Steve & Krista Price

In honor of Leap of Faith Teachers and School  
Steve & Krista Price

In appreciation of my awesome assistant, Terri  
Steve & Krista Price

In loving memory of Charlie & Tootie Schmitt  
Chuck & Faye Pierman

In loving memory of our Parents  
Chuck & Faye Pierman

In loving memory of Punkie  
From Patti & Family

In loving memory of Gina, Bud & Chuck  
Robbins and Doris Staley  
From Patti & Family

### Sunday Worship Services

Are you unable to attend our Sunday Worship Service in person but would love to be able to watch it every week? Did you attend and would like to see it again?

Our weekly Worship Service is broadcast live to our Facebook page and remains there even after the Worship Service ends. The service is also available on YouTube and our website. If you have any questions about how to access these various platforms, please contact the Church office.

### Church Info via Facebook

We are promoting the church and various activities on our Facebook Page and in our Facebook Group. The name of our page and group is the same: East Peoria First United Methodist Church. Our Facebook page is for any Facebook user to see. Please 'Like' and 'Follow' our page and ask your FB friends to 'Like' and 'Follow' it also. Our Facebook Group is supposed to be for those that regularly come to church, help regularly, or have been a part of the church in the past. If you are not a member of our group yet, please ask to join via Facebook. Liking and following our page and being a member of our group will assure that you will be notified of our various posts. **Also, please share our Facebook Page posts and events with your friends and help promote the great happenings of our church. Members of our FB group cannot share the group posts since it is a private group.**

### Reporting a New Address

Have you moved? Please call the office at 309-699-5417 and let us know your new address.

### Hearing Assistance Units

If you have trouble hearing the sermon or any other event in the Sanctuary, we have Hearing Assistance units to help you. Please see the sound system attendant if you would like to use one.

### Giving Made Easy

Did you know you can setup your giving to be an automatic withdrawal, either monthly or semi-monthly? Withdrawals occur on the 3rd and/or the 17th each month. Sign-up is easy! Stop by the church office and ask for an Electronic Giving form.

### The Wired Word

A great study/growth opportunity is the Wired Word. This is a self-study that is emailed to you every week (usually on Thursdays) addressing current issues from a Biblical perspective. Email the Church office at Office@epfumc.org and you will be added to the list.

### If you are in the Hospital

We call the hospitals every morning, but even if you specify that we be informed of your hospitalization, we are not always told. **Please call us** or have a relative or friend notify the Church. We want to know when you are ill so we can be praying for you.

### LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

*The lost and found is in the office. Stop in and pick up your belongings. We keep lost & found items for 3 months and if not claimed, we give away through the Food Pantry.*

*Garage door opener (found in parking lot)*

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm and  
Friday from 9:30 am - noon.

### Your Church Staff

**Rev. Krista Price**, Directing Pastor  
(217) 549-4544

**Terri Bridges**, Office Manager  
e-mail: office@epfumc.org

**Ryan Klaus**, Pianist/Organist

**Bob Dietrich**, A/V Coordinator



Page for kids of all ages

**PRAYER PUPS** BY JEFFREY SMITH



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**WORD SEARCH**

1. Sun
2. Rain
3. Clouds
4. Wind
5. Snow
6. Thunder
7. Lightning
8. Storm
9. Hail
10. Fog
11. Rainbow
12. Tornado
13. Hurricane
14. Blizzard
15. Heatwave
16. Breeze





## In Our Prayers

### In the Hospital in the Past Month

Jim Frey, Bill McLean

### Fighting Cancer

Halle Bloom, Julie Jenkins,  
Pam Riley, Mark Gill,  
Mary Mallory, Lynne Barker,  
Brian Engles, Rob Calder II,  
Katie Bishop, Sandy Crawford,  
Joette Blakesley, Gary Fargher,  
Merry Eccles, Nancy Brooks,  
Norman Clark (asbestosis),  
Len Brockman, Kellen Norman,  
Jaclyn Brown, Sandra Begemen

### Prolonged Illness / Challenges

Steve Darrah, Nancy Riddle,  
Margaret Johnston, Beth Ball,  
Rev. Stan Haxton, Bonnie Lourash,  
Margaret Sides, Steve Smith,  
Ralph Linder, Steve Wetterauer,  
Jeff Briggs, Roger Williams,  
Les Leach, Joyce Mooberry,  
Chuck (Becky Ellis' cousin),  
Austin Aldag, Earl Webb,  
Nancy Riddle, Caitlin Reeves

### Long Term Care / Assisted Living

Katy Gnehm, Anna Martin

### Needing Prayer

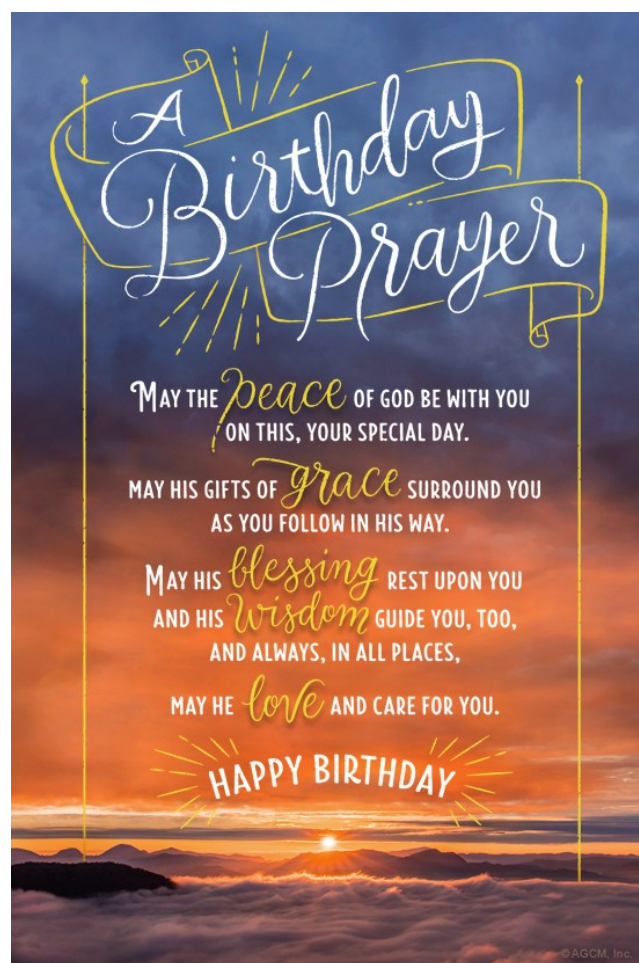
Please pray for Our Dear Church Family who are struggling, the lonely, all who are unemployed, shut-in, those who are struggling with flu/colds, those who are grieving, all governmental leaders, those who are serving in our military, the youth and all caregivers.

### Military Service Members

Joe Rizzo (Air National Guard),  
Ryan Webb (Army),  
Jared Koch (Air Force),  
Nate Hill (Air National Guard)

## April Birthdays




Apr 7	Marie Meyer 93
Apr 17	Joan LaConte
Apr 21	Beth Vogel
Apr 22	Bill Marks
Apr 22	Paul Mooney
Apr 23	Andrea Mooberry
Apr 28	Forest Smith
Apr 29	Lilian Vogel



### Is this your birth month?

If you have a birthday this month, and your name is missing from our list, we do not have your birthdate in our database. Please provide the office with your birthdate; month, day and year. We want to celebrate you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Worship	31 9:00am SnackPac Packing 1:00pm - 3:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Bell's Practice 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	1	2 12:00pm REFRESH 6:00pm REBORN Practice 6:30pm Puppets for Jesus Practice	3 7:00pm EP/Morton Singles	4 7:00am - 2:00pm LOF Spring/Grad Picture Day	5 8:00am - 5:00pm GS Adult Training 8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
6 9:00am Worship 2:00pm - 4:00pm GS Troop Meeting	7 9:00am SnackPac Packing 1:00pm - 3:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Bell's Practice 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	8 4:00pm - 7:00pm Early Head Start	9 12:00pm REFRESH 6:00pm REBORN Practice 6:30pm Puppets for Jesus Practice	10 7:00pm EP/Morton Singles	11	12 4:00pm Breakfast Setup
13 9:00am Worship Friends for Mission Breakfast PALM SUNDAY	14 9:00am SnackPac Packing 1:00pm - 3:00pm Food Pantry 4:00pm - 7:00pm Cub Scouts Dinner-to-go Fund- raiser 5:00pm Bell's Practice 6:15pm 4-H Meeting	15	16 12:00pm REFRESH 6:00pm REBORN Practice 6:30pm Puppets for Jesus Practice	17 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service  	18 6:00pm Good Friday Service @ Zion Evangelical UMC  	19 4:00pm Breakfast Setup
20 9:00am Worship Friends for Mission Breakfast EASTER SUNDAY  	21 9:00am SnackPac Packing 1:00pm - 3:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Bell's Practice 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	22	23 12:00pm REFRESH 6:00pm REBORN Practice 6:30pm Puppets for Jesus Practice	24 2:30pm Ad Council Meeting 7:00pm EP/Morton Singles	25	26
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**OUR CHURCH IN PICTURES...**

**Worship Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Wednesday REFRESH

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154 E. Washington St.  
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