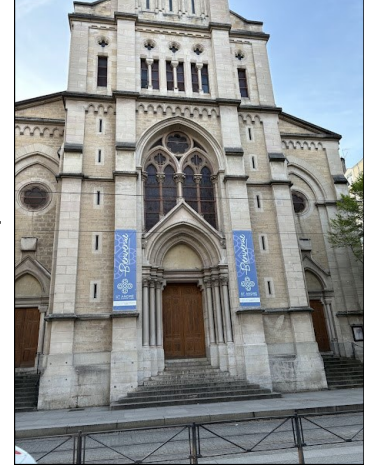




“Bienvenue”

Susan and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Switzerland and France. During our trip we visited many beautiful churches and one basilica. These places of worship were magnificent structures with vaulted ceilings that soared toward the heavens, and many were filled with amazing sculptures and artwork. Unfortunately, they were not filled with worshippers, and we saw few ongoing church activities, such as youth group meetings, choir practices, preparations for services or meetings of members. However, to be fair, we did not visit these churches on a Sunday morning, so they could have had vibrant, active congregations.

One church that stood out to me was the St. Andre' Catholic Church in Lyon, France. It, too, was in a magnificent stone structure, but what made it stand out were its 12 foot high banners saying “Bienvenue” on either side of the beautifully decorated front doors. Of course, “bienvenue” means welcome in French. These banners had a blue background, which made it even more eye-catching to this University of Kentucky graduate. It was wonderful to see St. Andre' announce Jesus' message that all are welcome in such a bold manner.



We at South Frankfort Presbyterian Church work hard to welcome all that cross our church's threshold. We have members at the front door who greet worshippers as they arrive on Sunday mornings. The deacons then welcome worshippers by handing them a bulletin (always with a smile). Our pastor, Terry Lester, then announces “welcome” to all worshippers, including visitors, at the start of each worship service. After the service, many of us take the time to introduce ourselves to visitors at the end of the church service and welcome them to our church.

Experts often say it is the church's welcome that will most encourage people to return to church, and to develop their faith and trust in God. At least one survey found that top motivators for considering a church include knowing that everyone will be welcomed and that they will have the opportunity to make friends and nurture friendships, as well as learn more about God. At SFPC, reaching out to say hello and welcome a new or returning visitor may not only end up helping someone learn more about God, but result in a new friend!

Let us all work to be welcoming to those that attend SFPC so that we can make friends, nurture friendships and help each other learn more about God.

“One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rob Moore

When It Rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.



When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: “Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.” The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone



Meetings and Activities

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 ... Faith & Climate Forum, First Christian Church

Wednesday, April 17

5:45 ... No Bell Choir
 7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
 10:00 ... Children & High Sunday school classes
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service
 Rev. Terry Lester
 12:00 ... Session Meeting
12:00 ... Pancake Breakfast, Montreat Fundraiser

Monday, April 22 *Earth Day*

2:00 ... Bridge
 4:30 ... Knitting

Wednesday, April 24

5:45 ... No Bell Choir
 7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
 10:00 ... Children & High Sunday school classes
 11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service
 Rev. Terry Lester
 12:00 ... Deacons' Meeting
 6:00 ... Youth Group



Montreat Pancake Fundraiser!

This Sunday, 4/21, after the Worship Service the Deacons are hosting a delicious breakfast to help the Youth!

Donations will be accepted to purchase shirts for the group going to Montreat, as well as the groceries and supplies for our annual trip north to North Carolina.

This June, we will be taking 14 youth from the SFPC Youth Group along with 4 adults: Jason, Rachel, Casey, and Sawyer!

Please invite friends and family to the breakfast!

We thank you for your support,

Jason and Rachel Shaw



Packing boxes filled with hygiene kits were, from left, Cheryl Branch, Strathmoor Presb. Church; Marian McClure Taylor; Linda Heleringer, Pewee Valley Presb. Church; and Connie Vice, Pewee Valley Presb. Church. (Photo by Emily Enders Odom)
 (I wonder if Pastor Marian is holding one of SFPC's donated packages of washcloths!)

Worship Sunday

Attendance: **April 14, 2024**
 SFPC in person Worship: **73**
Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m., also online service.
 During our livestreaming time, you can go to YouTube, go to <http://bit.ly/SFPCYouTube> or just search for South Frankfort Presbyterian Church. Please "subscribe" to our YouTube channel.
The next week, you may go to www.sfpcy.org, the church's website and choose "Videos."

If not in the service please consider

donating one of two ways:
 1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.
 2. Click the green "Give Now" button on our website at sfpcy.org. You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.
April 14, 2024 Offering: \$7,121.00

Prayer List

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| Sondra Massie | Glenda Harned |
| Haylee Mucci | Shirley Blackwell |
| Gerry Jones | Ann Brooks |
| Lilly Ann Brooks | Mattie Baker Scott |
| Mickie Smith | Dottie Herzel |
| Mary Griffey | Chris Richards |
| Noel Jones Family | Gwen Mayes |
| Carl Meyers | Helen Taulbee |
| Hannah Hayes Family | James Jackson |
| Joyce Bryan's family | |

Our love and support for Robert Bryan and his family. Joyce Bryan went to be with her Lord on April 14 after a long illness. Bob gave her extensive loving care and is currently suffering from a colon infection. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be given to SFPC's RTF.



April Birthdays!

- April 3 Marae Mallard**
- April 3 Truitt Donelly**
- April 3 Ingeborg Pennington**
- April 7 Nikki Angst**
- April 7 Will Curlin**
- April 8 John Rose**
- April 10 Libby Sircy**
- April 15 Molly Jarboe**
- April 16 Jack Tharpe**
- April 19 Faye Gooding**
- April 20 Frank Angst**
- April 20 Oliver Jarboe**
- April 20 Will Mucci**
- April 24 Rae Smith**
- April 25 Bill Leroy**
- April 25 Sawyer Shaw**
- April 27 Darrell Taulbee**
- April 28 Janet Gates**
- April 28 Jennifer Grisham**
- April 29 Elizabeth Harris**