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Open Doors, Open Arms, Open Hearts

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An Encouraging Word: Light and Hope in Darkness

I don't know about you, but I find myself sometimes shaken by Christians who despair the social and political unrest that surrounds us. It's not the unrest that shakes me so much as the frightened response of Christians.

As believers, we are not meant to live in fear. Fear shrinks our view of God when our problems seem larger than God's promises. That doesn't mean we have no fears in life. We have them like other normal human beings. But, if we say that God is sovereign but then we live as though events around us are completely out of His control or influence, what are we saying about our God?

Fear is crippling. It can short circuit our ability to cope and steal our joy. It can lead us to make decisions or take actions that we wouldn't otherwise make or take. It's no wonder then, that pastors, politicians, people on social media, and others often use fear as a tool to motivate. When we run from something, we generally find ourselves running toward something or someone else. If we aren't careful, seeking to be rescued, we can ignore God in the process.

In Isaiah 41:10, after reminding Israel of all He had done for them in the past, God told His people,

**So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Our God has not changed. He hasn't lost any power. Satan is not His equal. Our God is the light in the darkness. John 1:5 tells us, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Jesus is the light. When the darkness threatens to overcome us, we need to do what we Christians have always done. We need to turn to the Light. Embrace Jesus, and keep doing what Christ calls us to do in His word. In other words, keep going and keep living for Jesus.

Living for Jesus, every day, no matter what, is how we carry His light into the world. Matthew reminds us in his gospel, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). Throughout history, God's people have brought light in the darkness through their true savior, Jesus our Lord. So, in these dark times, let's continue to be the light that shines so that people can find their way to Jesus and out of the darkness.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor John



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Holy Week Schedule at FABIC



Palm Sunday

Baptism Sunday, March 29th starting at 10:30 a.m.

We will be having a potluck following service, and dedicating our new kitchen afterwards.

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd starting at 6:30 p.m., fellowship Hall.

Beginning with a traditional BIC meal of soup, bread, and desserts!
Followed by a service of communion, music, scripture, and foot washing.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 3rd starting at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A contemplative time to remember the death of our Lord.

Easter Sunday—April 5th

Easter SonRise Service

Starting at 7:15 a.m. at the Church pavilion.

Easter Breakfast

Join us for breakfast immediately after SonRise service—Fellowship Hall.

Bible for Life

Adult, Teens & Kids classes starting at 9 a.m.

Easter Service

A Resurrection Celebration starting at 10:30 a.m. We will be welcoming new members.

Easter Egg Hunt

Following Worship service, at the pavilion (For kids thru Grade 5/ Age 10)

Check out our weekly email or visit our Facebook page for more info on upcoming events for the Easter season.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



March 4	Christy Bowders
March 5	Wanda Stahley
March 6	Gage Wease
March 7	Gabriel Bowders
March 20	Andrea Bailes
March 24	Mattie Warner

Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Gretchen Wease March 10, 1996



April 9	Ashlynn Anderson
April 16	Percy Thornton
April 19	*Merly Bundy
April 27	Teresa Kalmey
April 28	Ron DeLauter

Happy Anniversary!

Mark & Julie Taylor April 1, 1995
Matt & Teresa Kalmey April 17, 1998

*global worker

If you have a birthday in the spring months and it was not featured here, please email the office.

2026 Easter Calendar

<i>The Tide's Your Soles-Their Souls Shoe Drive due</i>	March 29
<i>Palm Sunday (baptisms & potluck)</i>	March 29
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 2, 6:30 pm
<i>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</i>	April 3, 7 pm
<i>Easter SonRise Service</i>	April 5, 7:15 a.m.
<i>Breakfast</i>	following SonRise service
<i>Egg Hunt</i>	following Worship service

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Celebrate Recovery®

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step recovery community. It helps you celebrate freedom from all types of hurts, habits, and hang-ups including addiction. For more info call the church or email Pastor John at pastorjohn@fabicchurch.org



Missed A Sermon?

Listen on Apple podcasts, or visit our website, www.fabicchurch.org/sermons



Watch on YouTube at www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live



Live Streaming of our Worship service every Sunday starting at 10:25 a.m., at www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live

Upcoming Events / Ministry Partners

MCC MEAT CANNING
Tues, March 3 (Brethren in Christ Day)
At: Cumberland Valley Relief Center
4225 Molly Pitcher Highway South
Chambersburg, PA

Sign up for one or more time slots, come for a half day or all day. We need 10 people for canning and 12 for labeling.

An Evening of FUN for Young Adults
Enjoy a night of pizza (Vinnies on 11) and bowling, complete with colorful laser lights!

Register using the code below by March 1!
When: March 14, 7-11:30 pm
Where: Nellie Fox Bowl, Chambersburg, PA
Time: 7-11:30 pm



Roxbury Holiness Camp Men's Breakfast
March 14 at 8 am. \$5 at the door.

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Fairview Avenue Church Weekly Schedule

Our building is handicap accessible



Sunday mornings

Prayer Time 8:30—9:00 a.m.

Bible for Life Classes for ages 4– Adult
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time 10:00-10:25 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Celebrate Recovery 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

Morning Prayer 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby

After School Kids Fun Club 3:30—4:45 p.m.
2nd Thu/mo.

The Source Youth Group for grades 6—12
6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Center

Final Friday Fun Night— last Friday/month 6-9 p.m.

Small Groups

Agape meets on 2nd & 4th Sunday, Lobby. A time of friendship, prayer & food.

Sunday Evening Small Group, meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., at the church. All invited!



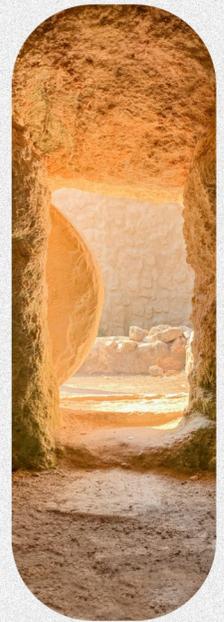
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