**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**March 11, 2018**

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**Happy Anniversary to:** Don & Nell Wright.

**Upcoming Dates & Events**

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**Holy Week Services at First**  
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Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, March 29 @ 7pm

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, March 30 @ 10:30am

Easter Sunday Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, April 1 @ 10:30am

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\*\*8:30am – Monday, April 23 – Men to set up Assembly Hall & Gym for the Sale.  Tables, chairs and racks involved.  
\*\*Men, women and young adults needed to help sell merchandise at the Sale on Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 to 11:30am plus clean up help if possible.  
\*\*CLEAN UP CREW for Saturday, April 28 11:30am. Pack up remaining merchandise.  Tables & Racks taken down and put away.  
**Donations wanted:** \*Excellent quality spring ladies clothing requested for our special boutique.  All sizes welcome! \*Good, clean Spring / Summer clothing for all ages. \*General Household goods - Small furniture items, puzzles, linens, bedding, art, kitchen items, etc.

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