

Several events simultaneously occurred to open the month of April at Fimiam Church.

“The Little Star” preschool celebrated its 10th anniversary on April 1. Everyone who had ever participated in the teaching process of the preschool during these 10 years was invited. They recalled interesting moments from “The Little Star’s” history and shared them with the participants of the celebration. Children also took part in the program, showing their talents and glorifying God for them.



A volleyball competition between the Fimiam youth home churches was held on the same day. The winners were awarded a chance to spend time together once more, enjoying bowling, skating or pizza.



The third meeting that took place on April 1 was aimed at embracing young people with special needs and sharing God's love with them. The sunny, spring mood overwhelmed the last ordinary, indoor meeting before the summer break.





Young people who are looking for the calling and mission of their Christian lives have the opportunity to study at the “Life Mission” school, which provides for them with six sessions over three years. The group of 18 people attended their fourth session April 3-7 at the Retreat Center, where they learned the doctrines of salvation and about Jesus Christ and examined the principles of leadership with Pastor Pavlo Myronyuk.



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Five people from two home churches were baptized on April 5 and 9. Among them there were two women who had previously visited a women's retreat where they began learning about Jesus and His salvation. Later, they started to visit worship services at Fimiam Church as well as home church meetings. One of the women invited her husband to join her and after a period of time he agreed, so later they were baptized on the same day. Two young men who were also baptized that day had come in contact with the church and learned about the Lord as a result of the retreats for young people. We are thankful to God for the Retreat Center where many people can enjoy rest and relaxation and become acquainted with Jesus Christ.





The “Treasury of Wisdom” School had a festive Easter program on April 20 in which students, their parents and teachers participated. The children recited poems, sang songs and took part in a performance. They were also taught interesting facts related to the influence of the development of Christianity in Ukraine and in the whole world.



On April 22, people with disabilities and their caregivers were transported to the Agape Rehabilitation Complex for the “New Opportunities” club. There was a total of 80 participants. At such meetings, they always enjoy a delicious lunch, get acquainted with one another, play games, listen to Christian songs and the Word of God, discuss an interesting topic, fellowship and have a photo session. The topic for this meeting was, “Joy through the Resurrection of Christ.”



On April 23, guests from the USA – Karen Robbins, Dr. Sarojini Budden and Oksana Elsinger – conducted a seminar titled, “Ethics of Disability and Inclusion of Children with Special Needs.” These ladies are professionals in working with children with disabilities and the seminar was attended by the volunteers who help people with special needs, workers from the children’s ministry and any other interested people.



Within the R 500 program, these same ladies from the USA also conducted a seminar for Lutsk teachers and psychologists on “Inclusive Education for Children with Autism and Other Development Defects” on April 25-26. The topic is becoming more and more pertinent in Ukrainian society. So we are extremely grateful to our sisters in Christ who had shared their experience with us. About 150 people attended these two seminars.



On April 27, the spring session of the Practical English School ended. The students not only improved their English knowledge, but also learned more about God. The graduates received certificates and presents, while also enjoying snacks and fellowship.



The final prominent event of April was a retreat for the families of veterans of the war in eastern Ukraine. Fifteen families with their 20 children had the opportunity to go to the Retreat Center. The aim of the retreat was to provide pleasant moments for the attendees and to tell them about our Savior Jesus Christ. The atmosphere was openhearted and friendly. We pray God would continue His work in their lives, save them and give them His absolute peace.

