

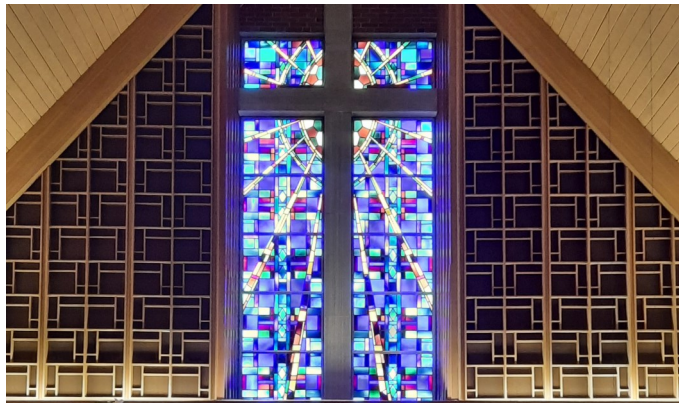


April 2024

# LIFELINE



## Celebrating Holy Week



On Palm Sunday Obie listened intently with Granddaddy as our wonderful bell choir opened our worship service. Later Pastor Joe talked to the children about how people waved palms and laid down coats and blankets to honor Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. The children helped Pastor Joe bless the newly made fleece blankets for our Transitional Living Program. During class time, the children made decorations for our entryway. Pastor Joe led a very moving worship service on Maundy Thursday when our friends from College Hill church joined us. On Easter Sunday we worshiped and rejoiced together. **Alleluia Christ has risen!**





## CLERK'S CORNER Session Meeting Recap

**March 17, 2024**

Pastor Joe led our meeting. He thanked Kim for providing today's lunch. He opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Joe would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Deacons. He will check with Bob Hendrix to determine a date.

The Clerk reported a quorum was present.

### Session approved:

- the January 21, 2024, meeting minutes, noting one correction, the month of July should be January.
- the date of May 19, 2024 for the next Session meeting. Dixie volunteered to provide lunch.

### Additional Information:

- The membership total as of 03/17/24 is 86 with the recent loss of long-time member, Ray Acus.
- Received the YTD Financial report prepared by Carolyn McMillan: Total YTD income for 2024 is \$32,046.53; total YTD expenses for 2024 are \$74,698.02; the net amount for 2024 is -\$42,651.49.
- Received the letter sent by Michael Seewer, Presbytery Moderator, thanking the congregation and

- session for hosting the January 31 special Presbytery meeting.
- New *Book of Order* changes require that churches develop a policy which includes requirements for boundary training for session members.
- Shelda and the choir are working on an anthem for Easter.
- The next Presbytery meeting is May 14, 2024 at Bath Presbyterian Church. Dixie is our Elder Commissioner to this meeting.
- The elevator repair is still waiting for a special part.
- The next Sunday Funday is planned for April 21, following worship. The theme is *50's Sock Hop*.
- The Transitional Living Mission Project needs help filling the bags that Fairborn children take home to have food on the weekend. The group packs on Wednesday mornings for about two (2) hours. Please see Linda Hartsock if you are interested in volunteering.

Kathleen Seewer  
2024 Clerk of Session

## **A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE**

April Showers Bring May Flowers! Let us rejoice that Spring is finally here. We took the kids out for several walks during Spring Break and noticed the lovely daffodils and the green grass. The day the mowers were here - the smell of the fresh mown lawn made us think of happy, warm days laying in the sunshine! In the life of the church - you all were busy AGAIN! My wife loves to sneak in and witness the Hope Circle on the first Monday of every month. Circle Leader and Deacon Judy Myers does a great job analyzing the book they have chosen to read, and asking thought provoking questions. The ladies that are in attendance love to share their thoughts, their joys and their concerns with one another, and the sisterhood she witnesses is amazing! The Cornerstone Class was special this past month because it was the study of Lent and everyone seemed to enjoy that series. Pastor Joe gets everyone's mind working as he delves in to the biblical stories that are associated with that day's study. A group went to Matthew 25 Ministries this month and enjoyed fellowship all while performing a much needed task volunteering. We love to see the pictures and hear the stories of the joy in their hearts knowing they have helped so many people out, across our country and our world! The free lunch you provide at the Senior Citizen Center was again a huge success. We heard you need to start making more food as word gets out how yummy your lunches are. More and more people every month enjoy your tasty food and treats, and love visiting with each other and members of our church. Maundy Thursday Service was such a humbling and touching service. Our friends from College Hill Community Church and a few from Sugar creek Presbyterian Church joined us for the service. Seeing the preparations happening in advance and watching the service come together is amazing! And of course, Easter Sunday was especially moving - the church was beautifully decorated, the message was heartfelt and the fellowship shared by being in attendance is beyond compare. HE IS RISEN! We look forward to next month, we have heard there is a sock hop going to be happening. Will you be there? Will you bring a friend or neighbor for the fun? We will be waiting to see you all! ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



**Rummage Sale May 2– 4**

The rummage sale is set for Thursday May 2nd through Saturday, May 4th. This is a joint project with Enon Montessori. The profits will from the sale will go toward the cost of repairing the elevator. While you're doing your spring cleaning, please set aside any items that you can donate to make the rummage sale a success. We will start accepting items for the sale on April 22. Please let Troy know if you can help or for more information.



**The Walking Club is Back**

The Walking Club is returning now that spring is here and we can enjoy being outdoors. Our first walk we be on Monday, April 22nd, at 10:30 am. That also happens to be "Earth Day". The location is still to be determined so watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins. If you have a suggestion or would like more information, please contact Julie.



With our time volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M) on March 11th, we took gloves from boxes of latex gloves and rolled them into pairs so they would be ready and easy to hand out to volunteers who were helping with clean up after a natural disaster occurrence. Come join us in this time of fun and fellowship at our next visit to M25M on Monday, May 13th.



Not only was our delicious ham lunch a hit at the Senior Center on March 27th, but so were Pastor Joe's shoes. We are all making good friends at the Senior Center! Come join the fun on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



**Thank You, Thank You!**

Thank you Congregation! With your generous donations of \$510 to the children's Lenten Mission with Heifer International, the children decided to select 1 water buffalo, 1 goat, 1 sheep, and 1 flock of chicks as donations to Heifer. With Heifer's "March Match" campaign, Heifer will receive another \$1020 from another outside donor. Thank you again!







## Happy Birthday!

**Apr**

- 3 Bette Malavich
- 4 Jan Smith
- 12 Bob Hendrix
- 17 Darrel Leister
- 19 Janet Stevens
- 20 Kimberly Gehring
- 24 Frank Lowe
- 27 Heidi Sommer
- 28 Terry Riselay


## Save the Date—Sunday Fun Day, April 21st





Get your bobby socks ready for our next Sunday Fun Day on April 21st. We will have our own 50's Sock Hop immediately after worship. PJ, the DJ, will be spinning tunes from the 50's. Come dressed in your 50's attire—maybe a poodle skirt, a letterman sweater, saddle shoes, or leather jacket. We will serve hamburgers, french fries, and cole slaw. We will also have an ice cream sundae bar for dessert. In lieu of monetary donations, we will be collecting brand new socks to donate to FISH and the Fairborn School Transitional Living mission. Please invite your neighbors to join us. Please see Diane, Linda, or Julie for more information.

### Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class will begin a study of the New Testament's book of James on Wednesday April 3 at 2:00pm in the Lounge. Come join us for discussion and fellowship.




Dear First Presbyterian Church, You are remarkable! In 2023 you assisted 4,352 Dayton neighbors (2125 single men, 1143 single women, 425 family adults, and 659 children) who had nowhere else to turn for food, clothing, and shelter. Your help opened a whole network of support to families in great need. Your compassion means so much to those who find the safety and support they need through St. Vincent dePaul ministries. Thanks to your generosity we met our match goal of \$150,000 in 2023. I hope this gives you a deep understanding of how important you really are, and why families are so very grateful for your help. Your church has been such a great supporter of SVdP and our mission. With my deepest thanks,  
 Michael Vanderburgh, Executive Director  
 St. Vincent dePaul Society, Dayton District




### Thank You Kroger Shoppers

Your rewards points this past quarter earned \$37.09 for us. That money will go to our mission with FISH.



Many thanks to many hands and hearts of FPC members and friends for supporting the worship, fellowship, and mission efforts of this congregation. Your hospitality and love are encouraging.  
 +Pastor Joe



### Elevator Repair Status

—The part required to repair the elevator is expected to be delivered to the mechanic on Wednesday April 4th. The mechanic is hoping to be able to install it by the end of the week. It will be another day for the state inspector to approve the installation. If you have any more questions about the elevator repair, please contact Bill McMillan.



### Family-friendly Free-on-Friday Entertainment Series from Fairborn Parks and Recreation Department

*Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at Community Park, Shelter #2 (Rain location of Fairborn High School Auditorium) from 7 – 8:30pm.*

**Community Movie Night – Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7pm**  
 Activities begin at 7pm and the movie begins at dusk—food trucks are on site, and there is free popcorn and a splash pad. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. **Where:** Central Park, 222 S. Central Avenue (*Rain Location: Fairborn YMCA*)




**COSI Science Live! - Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 COSI Science Live contains 12-15 of COSI's biggest, best, and larger-than-life demonstrations. Our hands-on activities will engage all types of people, from kids to adults.

**Mike Hemmelgarn (Comedy/Ventriloquist) – Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mike Hemmelgarn is a comedian, magician, juggler and ventriloquist, and includes lots of audience participation.

**Fairborn Civic Band – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 The Fairborn Civic Band was established in 1996 with musicians from Fairborn and neighboring communities.



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>1:00 pm Hope Circle — Lounge</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:15 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:15 am Worship and Sunday Fun Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 am Walking Club Location—TBD</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lifeline articles due in office</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				

**SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS**

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be given to the Fairborn School Pantry. You can leave items in the bins in the narthex. If you need help with shopping or with pick-up and delivery, just let me know. I'll be happy to help.

Linda Hartsock  
School Pantry Coordinator



Pasta Noodles	Oatmeal	Crackers
Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix (add water only)	Snacks
Ravioli (Can or individual)	Pancake Syrup	Canned Vegetables
Soup	Poptarts	Juice
Rice and Noodle Mixes	Nuts	Paper Towels
Mac and Cheese (Box or individual)	Pudding	Toilet Paper
Tuna and Chicken cans	Fruit cups	Shampoo/Cond.
Vegetable Oil/Spray	Peanut Butter	Body Wash
Cereal	Jelly	Feminine Hygiene
Breakfast bars/muffins		

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Thursday 9 am –11am and 1 pm—3 pm  
(closed Monday and Friday)

***“The Friendliest Church in Town”***

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am with an on-line option from the church website

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds  
email: [pastorjoe1stpres@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoe1stpres@gmail.com)  
Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan  
Organist: Jeff Firestone  
Choir Director: Shelda Cox  
Director of Chancel Ringers: Rena Leatherman

**SESSION**

**Moderator:** Reverend Joe Hinds  
**Clerk:** Kathleen Seewer  
**Ruling Elders:** Julie Brown, Linda Hartsock, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers,  
Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, and Roland Sommer

Articles for next month’s Lifeline need to be in the office by April 26th.  
There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*  
in the lower narthex near the Welcome/Visitors table if you want to pick one up.

Please let the office know of any meetings that you have scheduled in the church building  
so that we can maintain an accurate calendar and answer questions as folks call.