



August 2024

# LIFELINE

## July Highlights



Shelda led worship the two Sundays when Pastor Joe was on vacation. Shelda prepared a "Service of Lessons and Hymns" which combined a reading of scripture, poem, or other writing with a hymn as our lesson. Shelda also talked with the children during their time in worship. We appreciate your hard work. Thank you Shelda for a job well done!



We serve lunch at the Senior Center the fourth Wednesday of every month, January through October. While we enjoy preparing a nice meal and sharing that meal, we really enjoy talking and visiting with each other. Come join us!



In July we packaged gloves at Matthew 25 Ministries. We're there the second Monday of odd numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov.). It's not only a time to do something for others but also a fun time of fellowship. Join us for this worthwhile work.





**CLERK'S CORNER**  
**Session Meeting Recap**  
**July 7, 2024**

Pastor Joe led our meeting. He thanked Julie and Linda for providing today's lunch. He opened the meeting with prayer. The Clerk reported a quorum was present.

**Session approved:**

- The May 19, 2024, meeting minutes.
- The membership total as of 07/07/24 has not changed since our last meeting. Our total roll remains at 86.
- Received the YTD Financial report prepared by Carolyn McMillan:  
 Total YTD income for 2024 is down from past years and the total YTD expenses for 2024 are higher due to significant repairs to the building. A minute for mission regarding finances is planned to keep the congregation informed as we approach the Stewardship season.
- In Roland's absence, the recommendation to update the check authorization policy will be submitted to session in September.
- The date of September 15, 2024, for the next Session meeting. Kim Sellers volunteered to provide lunch.

**Additional Information:**

- Joe thanked Session and the congregation for the consideration allowing him to take time to move.
- He also thanked Session for approving his vacation time to be with family this month. Paul shall join them at the beach.

- The next Sunday Funday is being planned for August 11. Please watch the bulletin and Wednesday Update for more details.

**Property Report:**

- After verifying that the windows in the Montessori area that keep opening, can be screwed shut to prevent the wind forcing them open, Art and Mitch completed this repair.
- The Montessori school reported a theft of a large supply of paper towels. Property will address this issue.
- The request to create a doorway between the bride's room and the chapel to allow better use of these two rooms for the children attending Sunday school was approved. Art and Mitch will oversee this project.
- A section of our property that runs along Broad Street will be purchased to allow the traffic pattern on Broad Street to be improved. The church has not yet received an official proposal.

**Presbytery Report:** No Presbytery Meeting since May meeting. The next Presbytery meeting is September 10, starting at 3:00 PM at the Hamilton Presbyterian Church. Dixie Jenkins is our Elder Representative to this meeting.

Kathleen Seewer  
 2024 Clerk of Session

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

Happy August! July was a fun month with parades, picnics, and swimming for my family and I hope the same with you and yours. I know you all did some great works as usual during the month. I saw several meet outside the church one morning to go to Matthew 25 Ministries to perform a day of service. When you returned, I saw some lunch carry out boxes so know you enjoyed a meal together there. I have heard their cafeteria has amazing food - but unfortunately they won't allow us to go with you. I believe I heard that you folded gloves together in sets of two so disaster workers are prepared for whatever task they are given to do when deployed to a location where people need help. Bless you dedicated servants for providing a service to the less fortunate people in the world. Since it is not strenuous work and can all be done sitting down at a table, I understand anyone, any age or ability level can help. I also have been told by my family members who live at the Senior Center that you prepared a wonderful free meal for the members there. Your breakfast casserole was a big hit! I understand that the members who come love to share conversation and laughter with their fellow Seniors as much as they enjoy your food. You all are a kind and loving congregation - and you prove to the community (and points farther away) that we ARE the "Friendliest Church in Fairborn". I've heard a rumor some fun things are planned for this month, so stay tuned! Until then . . . ~***Ecclesial Mouse***





## Happy Birthday!

Aug	9	Kim Sellers
	10	Kenny Brown
	18	Shirley Schlafman
	19	Obie Sommer
	20	Bunny McPeck
	25	Barbara Bush



Shelda provided a cake for Sweets after worship on July 14th to thank the congregation for being her church family for the past 37 years. The congregation too is happy that Shelda is part of our FPC family. Coincidentally, it also happened to be Shelda's birthday. Happy Birthday Shelda!



## Save the Date—Sunday Fun Day August 11th

Join us for our VBS/Church Camp Sunday Fun Day on August 11th immediately after worship. We will have pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert—plus hot dogs and chips for the children. There will be a craft activity after lunch. We will also have a display area where you can bring a memento or picture of a fond memory you have from a previous vacation Bible school or time at summer church camp. Please invite your neighbors, family, and friends to join in the fun. Please see Diane, Julie, Kim, or Linda Hartsock for more information. See you there!



## Save the Date—Montessori Ice Cream Social August 10th

We are having an ice cream social for the Montessori School as part of their Open House from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm on Saturday August 10th. Their school year will begin on Monday August 12th. If you can help scoop ice cream and welcome our guests, please let Diane know.



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 Thank you for your recent donation. Your donations have made a significant impact and we are thankful for your generosity. Thank you again,  
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## Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets at 2:00pm every Wednesday for Bible study and discussion. We are currently reading Proverbs in the Old Testament. There are snacks! Come join us!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:15 am Worship with Communion	5	6	7 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	8	9	10 1:00 pm Montessori Open House and Ice Cream Social — Fellowship Hall
11 10:15 am Worship Sunday FunDay immediately after worship	12	13	14 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	15	16	17
18 10:15 am Worship	19	20	21 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	22	23	24
25 10:15 am Worship	26	27 Lifeline articles due in office	28 11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	29	30	31

**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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(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 August 27th.

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.