



January 2025

# LIFELINE

## December Highlights



The children help light the candles for Advent



The Chancel Ringers play on Christmas Eve

**CLERK'S CORNER  
DECEMBER 2024**



Your Session did not meet in December. As always, you can contact Pastor Joe or an Elder at any time with suggestions, questions, or concerns. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2025, following worship. The January meeting traditionally elects officers of the corporation, elects the Clerk of Session for 2025, and assigns committee assignments for Session Elders.  
Kathleen Seewer  
2024 Clerk of Session



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May this be a wonderful new start and fresh beginning for you all. December was an amazing month of celebrating the birth of a baby boy born in a manger oh so many years ago. The beauty and the hope the Advent Season brings refreshes all of us in my family. In the life of the church, we see all the many things that you all do to make the season bright for many lives. Starting off with the fellowship of the ladies of the church coming together for lunch in celebration of Baby Jesus warms our heart. It was so nice to have it in the church this year so that we could all observe the love you share for one another. The Christmas Project where you all bought gifts for 4 less fortunate families shows the real Reason for the Season. All the thoughtful and beautifully wrapped gifts under the tree (including two bicycles) brought tears of joy to my wife's eyes. The Christmas Card Crusade which provides lovingly signed Christmas cards for residents in local care facilities will certainly brighten many of their days. The Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday event was another fun day where you all gathered and shared love and fellowship and great food. What a blessing you all are to one another. The Christmas Eve Service was moving as always. The decorations and the addition of the poinsettias makes for a lovely backdrop for a touching and special service. My hope is that you all continue to love one another, and share that love outside the boundaries of our building. ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



**Welcome**

We are excited to welcome new members Krista (Reaffirmation of Faith) and Sam and Izzy (Sacrament of Baptism) to our church family. We celebrated with cake in the Lounge after worship.



Barbara, Jan, Troy, and Linda assemble packages of greeting cards for the Christmas Card Crusade on December 16th. The cards were delivered that Friday.



The ladies enjoyed a soup and salad lunch at the annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon on December 2nd. Afterwards Carolyn from Hollon Flowers gave a demonstration on flower arranging.



**Ugly Christmas Sweater  
Sunday Fun Day  
December 15, 2024**

We enjoyed a time of fellowship with a delicious lunch of ham, mac-n-cheese, and green beans after worship for our Sunday Fun Day. Thank you Elf, Art Myers, for working hard to do all the dishes. Thank you Art, Bob, and Julie for setting up and Julie and Linda for cooking. Thank you everyone for helping clean up.





**Happy  
Birthday!**

- Jan 7** Troy Oliver  
Paula Saunders
- 15** Gordon Roberts
- 16** Alice Martin
- 22** Pam Lundell
- 26** Evelyn Fueger
- 27** Bill Arnold

**2024 Family Christmas Project Thank You**

Dear Church Family,  
I would like to thank everyone who bought/donated gifts for the families. I would like to especially Cynthia Adams, Linda Bumen, and Barbara Robertson for helping to contact the families. Thank you to Marilyn L ow for helping wrap gifts. Many thanks goes to Bob Hendrix, Ken Gadd, Mitch Oliver and Richard Winters for delivering the gifts to the families. Thank you all so much.  
Maryann



**Christmas Card Crusade Thank You**

A BIG thanks to all who signed and donated Christmas Cards this year. On Dec 17, the Presbyterian Elves -- Troy Oliver, Barbara Robertson, Jan Smith and Diane Sondergelt -- (accompanied by Christmas music and, of course, snacks) sorted, stacked and tied 207 packs of cards! Each had four cards and our church information. That is a lot of cards! The cards were delivered on Friday, Dec 20, to Day Spring and Wickshire. I was assured the residents looked forward to receiving them as they did last year. Again, many thanks to all.  
Linda Hartsock



**Cornerstone Class**

The Cornerstone Class meets at 2:00pm every Wednesday for Bible study and discussion. We will look at the history of Israel as our next topic of study and discussion. There are snacks! Come join us!



Dear First Presbyterian Church Fairborn,  
May the Spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and may the New Year bring continued blessings to your congregation.  
Thank you for being a cornerstone of faith, compassion, and unity. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Your Friends at  
Enon Montessori



Dear Friends,  
On behalf of the Fairborn Board of Education, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for your donation of hats, gloves and scarves for the students of Fairborn Primary School. Your donation was recorded in the Dec. 5, 2024 Board Minutes.  
Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness, interest, and consideration of the students and staff of the Fairborn City Schools.  
Respectfully,  
Gene Lolli, Superintendent



**2025 Matthew 25 Ministries Field Trips**

We will return to Matthew 25 Ministries in 2025 to volunteer. We will go in the odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November). This year we will go on the third Mondays of the month instead of the second Mondays. Our first trip will be Monday, January 20th. We meet in the parking lot at 10:15am and return at approximately 3:00pm. Please see Diane if you can come or have questions.



Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation towards our Faith Family Build. Your kindness and this contribution is a foundation for a better future for countless individuals and families who need safe, affordable housing. Your belief in our mission inspires us to keep pushing forward, knowing that together, we can make a significant impact.  
Warm regards,  
David Mauch, Development Director



# January 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	
		5 10:15 am Worship with Communion	6 1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	7	8 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	9
12 10:15 am Worship	13	14	15 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	16	17	18
19 10:15 am Worship  11:30 am Session Mtg	20 10:30 am Matthew 25 Field Trip  	21	22 11:30 am Sr Ctr Lunch  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	23	24	25
26 10:15 am Worship and Congregational Meeting  11:30 am Deacon's Mtg	27	28	29 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	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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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

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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, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

**Articles for next month’s Lifeline need to be in the office by January 27th.**

**There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*  
in the lower narthex 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.**