



November 2024

LIFELINE

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all who made this event such a success. We had 96 visitors stop by for treats. The Montessori school held raffles for gift baskets and sold hot chocolate. There was a steady stream of customers for the delicious food at Freddie's Food Truck. Many visitors stopped at Donna's display for a fun photo. It was a great day with friends, big smiles, and lots of laughter!



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CLERK’S CORNER
Session Recap
October 2024

Your Session did not meet in October. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17 following worship.

Additional Information and REMINDERS:

The Committees are working on their budgets so that the Session can vote on the 2025 Budget at the November 17 meeting.

Please submit your Pledges so that the Treasurer and Finance committee will have an idea of the funds we should expect to receive for budgeting purposes.

The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2024, starting at 9:00 am. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

Watch for an upcoming announcement to Call a November Congregational Meeting to elect Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large.

Kathleen Seewer
 2024 Clerk of Session

Stewardship from Chaos Corner

For the past 30 years or so, we have sat in the back corner of the sanctuary on the left side. We sat here with our young children and our friends with their young children. I remember the stress we felt when our children could not keep still and could not keep quiet. Funny how this same behavior in our grandchildren is more joyful and entertaining than stressful. So much has changed in 30 years but the chaos in our corner has returned with our grandchildren and their friends. It is wonderful.

Thirty years ago, there were brave souls who sat near us in our corner of chaos in the sanctuary. Most already had grandchildren of their own so already knew the joy that comes with the sound of children in church. Some of the friends we sat beside during worship are no longer here. They were a blessing and they are missed. But their space in the pew is not empty. The current faces in Chaos Corner are a blessing as well. May we always have a new wave of children who cannot keep still and cannot keep quiet, and may we always have a new wave of brave souls to sit beside them. This is one of the many reasons we make a pledge to financially support our church every year.

We know that our corner of the church is not for everyone. But we sincerely hope that you find your unique and wonderful reasons for being a part of this church family and pledging your financial support.

Love to all from Chaos Corner!

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Thank you for your generosity with the Presbytery’s Special Peace and Global Witness Offering. With the 25% that we keep locally, we have \$85.00 to purchase items for the Fairborn School Pantry. Our donations there are always much appreciated.



Daylight Savings time ends November 3rd.

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

The frost is on the pumpkin and the holidays are right around the corner. We have warm memories of the happenings in the church for the month of October. Being together on Sunday mornings is like coming home to a loving family. Spending time together on Wednesday afternoons in Cornerstone Class is not only enlightening, but a time of great conversation and fellowship. Our Senior Center lunches are a great way to spread our love to the community. The recipes (the brainchild of our very own Diane Sondergelt) are always well received and truly enjoyed by everyone in attendance! Our Trunk or Treat was a HUGE success this year. There were more individuals handing out candy thanks to our partners at the Enon Montessori School. The Food Truck was a great addition to the day and they even asked if they could come back next year! Now it is time to settle in and prepare for the cold days and nights of Winter - and Thank God for our many blessings. We look forward to the arrival of Advent, the time of being with our families and friends, and the joy of the birth of Baby Jesus. Take time to reflect on what is important in your life and how you can make it a better place for all of us! **~Ecclesial Mouse**



A Time to Come Together

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE POST-ELECTION SEASON

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM
 Central Presbyterian Church, Dayton
 or via Livestream: tinyurl.com/pmvlive
Hosted by Presbytery of the Miami Valley

**A Time to Come Together
 Worship Service
 Tuesday, November 12,
 2024, 6:30 PM**

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley is hosting a Worship Service of Music, Scripture, Prayer, and Communion in the Post-Election Season.

Worship with us on Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM:

In person at
Central Presbyterian Church
 4699 Lamme Rd., Dayton
 or via Livestream.
[Watch the Livestream on November 12](#)

**Matthew 25 Field Trip
 Monday Nov. 18th**

We are volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries on the third Monday in November due to the Veterans Day holiday. Please meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 to carpool. We will eat lunch in their café at 11:30, volunteer, and return to church around 3:00pm. Please let Diane know if you plan to go.



**Choral Vespers
 Sunday, November 17, 4:00 pm**
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402

Westminster Choir with Organ, Brass, and Timpani
 Cantata 79 – J. S. Bach
 "Gott, der Herr, is Sonn und "Shield"
 ("God, the Lord, Is Sun and Shield")
 Six Motets, op. 79 – Felix Mendelssohn

Handbell Music by the Westminster Ringers
 Freewill Offering
 5:15 p.m. – Harvest Dinner –Reservations Required



Several of us—Joyce, Dixie, Julie, Cindy, Dave, Diane, Bob, plus Troy and Linda (not pictured) -joined together to serve our last lunch at the Senior Center for 2024. We take November and December off for the holidays but we will return on the fourth Wednesday of January 2025. It's hard to tell whether we or our guests enjoy this time together more. It's a good time with friends visiting and enjoying a meal together.



More Trunk or Treat Photos

Cornerstone Class

The Cornerstone Class meets at 2:00pm every Wednesday for Bible study and discussion. We are currently doing a study of the book of Ruth. There are snacks! Come join us!



Christmas Card Crusade

We are going to do our Christmas Card Crusade again this December where we take signed cards to Senior Living Facilities. We will collect the cards you sign and then package 2 or 3 with a ribbon and candy cane for the staff to hand out to the residents. Please watch the December Lifeline for more information.



Enon Montessori School Fundraiser—The Montessori School is selling Christmas plants and candles to raise money for the school. If you would like to support the school with this sale, there is a brochure and order form in the Lounge. Orders will be delivered to the church office on December 5th.





Happy Birthday!

- Nov** 4 Lloyd Gehring
 5 Joyce Hazlett
 10 Chris Eubel
 Hsi-Han Yeh
 13 Mallorie Ferguson
 16 Pat Kelsey
 22 Paul Keller
 27 Rena Leatherman
 Karen Parli
 29 Andrew Raschid
 30 Colleen Gooray

Save the Date –Lunch and Learn Sunday November 3, 2024

Please join us for “Lunch and Learn Sunday”, November 3, immediately after worship. Art Myers will give his presentation on “The Psychological Trauma of War” - today known as Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder (PTSD). Art gave this presentation at the Miami Valley Military Museum earlier this summer. It was so well received that we asked Art to present it to our church members. We will serve bean soup with cornbread and hot dogs for the children. If you can donate something for dessert, please let Diane or Julie know.



Children’s Time Food Collection Sunday November 17th

The children will be going through the sanctuary during “Time with Pastor Joe” to collect food items from the congregation for our pantry missions. The items collected will be divided between the School Pantry and the Little Free Pantry. Please bring one food item that day and keep it with you until the children come around to collect it. The children will see how thankful we are for our many blessings and how we want to share our blessings.



Dear Presbyterian Friends,
 My family and I would like to thank Cindy Bowen, Dixie Jenkins, and their committee. They did a fabulous job in arranging the Fellowship Hall and coordinating the serving of the food after John’s Celebration of Life Service. Thanks also to Bill Arnold for delivery of the altar flowers.

The members of First Presbyterian are a very caring and supportive group of friends. The support we received was special and greatly appreciated.
 Sincerely,
 Chris Eubel



Hanging of the Greens Sunday November 24th

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after worship on November 24th. We would appreciate as many people as possible to join in to help make this a fun and easy task. Please see Shelda for more information.



Dear Pastor Joe and Church Family,
 I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent in honor of Paul. The service, music, and comments were so comforting and heartfelt.
 Love,
 Pam Botts



Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Pies

All are invited to the Fairborn Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fairborn Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. You will need to call the Senior Center at 938-878-4141 to make a reservation and for more information. The Senior Center is also asking for



monetary donations or pies for the event. If you’d like to donate a pie, you can take it there the day before Thanksgiving or contact Diane to make other arrangements.



Christmas Cards for Our Church Family

We will set out bins beginning December 1st on the tables in the Lower Narthex where you can leave Christmas cards for people in the congregation. You can leave cards there without sending them through the U.S. Post Office. Please check the bins regularly for cards to you.



November 2024

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Fall Back—
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Worship with
Communion
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Hope Circle —
Lounge



2:00 pm
Cornerstone
Class —Lounge

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10:15 am
Worship



2:00 pm
Cornerstone
Class —Lounge

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10:15 am
Worship
11:30 am
Session Mtg

10:15 am
Matthew 25
Ministries Field
Trip

2:00 pm
Cornerstone
Class —Lounge

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10:15 am
Worship
11:30 am
Hanging of the
Greens



Happy
Thanksgiving!



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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 Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 am—2 pm
 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

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 November 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.