



September 2024

LIFELINE

August Highlights



We were very happy to welcome new member Cynthia Adams to our church family. In keeping with tradition, we celebrated with a cake in her honor. Welcome Cynthia!



We held an ice cream social for the Montessori School's Open House. We welcomed the students and their families as they started a new school year.



We are happy to have Izzy join the choir. Thank you Izzy!



As another school year began at Fairborn Primary, our Helping Hands volunteers were there to help the students find their way to their classroom and meet their new teacher. The first and second graders started school on Tuesday and the kindergartners began on Friday. In addition to those pictured, Bunny and Bob also helped but were camera shy and missed the pictures. Thank you to all the volunteers and Ken for organizing this.

More August Highlights



At our Sunday Fun Day on August 11th we shared fun, food, and fellowship together. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of pulled pork, pasta salad, cowboy baked beans, and oven baked SomeMores. We had crafts to make lanterns, God’s Eyes, and kaleidoscopes which reminded many of us about our times in Vacation Bible School.



Pastor Joe had our little ones bring their backpacks to church for a blessing before the start of a new school year. As part of the blessing, Pastor Joe tied a ribbon to their bookbags to remind them that God is always with them. God bless them and all the teachers!



The ojo de dios, or "god's eye" craft, originated in the 15th century with the Huichol, an indigenous people of Mexico's Sierra Madre region. The Huichol people used them for prayer and protection, similar to how Christians might use a cross. The craft's symbolism is primarily associated with prayers for their children, long life, protection, and abundant crops.

WESTMINSTER
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Fall Gathering

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

An Invitation to the WPW Fall Gathering

Westminster Presbyterian Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, invite women from all the churches around the presbytery to their Fall Gathering and brunch on Saturday, September 14, 11:00 AM, at the church.

The theme of the Gathering is “Many Thanksgivings to God.” The guest speaker will be **Denise Henton**, President and CEO of Single Parents Rock, a domestic violence victim support organization. Reservations can be made at the church office by calling 937-223-7285 or on the church website: westminsterdayton.org/westminster-presbyterian-women

Cost: \$5.00 for Brunch



CLERK'S CORNER

Session Recap

There was no regularly scheduled Session meeting in August. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for September 15th. The Session did hold a special meeting on August 11th to receive new member Cynthia Adams.

As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact any Elder—Julie Brown, Linda Hartsock, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers, Kathleen Seewer, Dave Sellers, Kim Sellers, and Roland Sommer—or Pastor Joe.

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

What a great month August was! We welcomed a new member, Cynthia Adams this month. We are happy to have Cynthia join us. Baptized as a Presbyterian - she was currently attending a Lutheran Church and wanted to get back "home". When you see her - welcome her to our fold. The Congregational Life and Service (CLS) Committee started off with welcoming the Enon Montessori students and families during their open house with an ice cream social. In addition, there were bags for them to decorate and snacks provided to fill the bags to get them off to class with a little something fun and extra! The next day, CLS provided lunch and activities for our Sunday FunDay. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Vacation Bible School Theme - and Pastor Joe's sermon that morning fell right in line with that. Cornerstone class started a new study - taking each line of The Lord's Prayer and discussing it - where it came from, what it means to us, when we learned it, etc. All the class attendees seem to be enjoying it. Our Helping Hands group, led by Ken Gadd, helped at the Primary School the first several days, accompanying the children to their classrooms. The last two days were mainly focused on the incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten children, and hopefully we started their school years off joyfully by making them comfortable and easing their fears. The Senior Center lunch was well attended - we served our famous "Presbyterian Chicken" - back by popular request! Next month will be another busy month in the life of the church, but make sure you stop and enjoy the fresh, cooler air and the changing of the leaves. ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



Stewardship 2024-2025

Our 2025 Stewardship season will be here soon. We will be pledging our gifts in response to the many blessings we have received. In looking ahead, let's not forget about the here and now. It would be great to turn around our current deficit (\$61,924) and end this year in a better position. Every day is a good day to count our blessings and every day is a good day to share them.

As a church, we share our gifts with our community. If you have made a contribution to First Presbyterian Church this year, you have helped FISH Fairborn (\$3,026), Kirkmont Center (\$500), Fairborn Chess Club (\$500), St. Vincent DePaul (\$2,500), Heifer International (\$510), Family Promise of Greene County (\$1,191) and Presbyterian Missions (\$300).

Most of us were not part of building this church so our church building was gifted to us from past members. We open up the doors to share this great gift with our community. If you made a contribution to First Presbyterian Church this year, you have helped make this possible. Your contribution helped pay for electricity (\$7,515.52), Natural Gas (\$6,725), Water-Sewer-Trash (\$1,349), Janitorial Services and Supplies (\$4,876), Pest Control (\$570), and Insurance (\$7,567) to name a few of our facility expenses so far this year. These same facility expenses also make possible a comfortable environment for our Sunday worship service, Cornerstone class and Christian education for our children. Please continue to support our missions and fellowship in any way you can.

May we look forward to our 2024 Stewardship campaign with hope, and continue to count our blessings and share them every day. Please reach out to our 2024 Stewardship Committee, Julie Brown and Troy Oliver, if you have any questions.





Happy Birthday!

Sep	3	Peter Bletzinger
	8	Denise Lo Cicéro
		Mary Rust
	12	Pat Biggs
	17	Barbara Robertson
	19	Joyce Lawler
	24	Elaine Brown
	28	Joe Hinds
	29	Pam Botts

Community Groups in Our Church

Did you know that some of the community groups which meet here make monetary donations to the church in appreciation for the use of our building? We do not ask for these donations but greatly appreciate them. In addition, the Montessori school pays rent for the space they use. Serving the community by letting groups use our space is another one of our important missions. Our church is busy not only on Sunday but many days of the week.



Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry in our east parking lot are visited frequently. This is a wonderful way to help our neighbors. We could use some gently used books, especially children's books, for our Little Free Library. Our Little Free Pantry could use help with restocking as well. We could especially use canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, Hormel Compleat dinners, soup, and canned spaghetti. Please leave your donations in the bin in the children's play area in the Lounge. Thank you for supporting this mission. If you have any questions, please see Kim Sellers.



Save the Date—HOPE CIRCLE Monday Sept. 16th, 1:00pm

Hope Circle is resuming on Monday September 16th at 1:00pm in the Lounge after taking a break for the summer. The meeting day was changed this month due to the holiday and the field trip to Matthew 25 Ministries. It will return to its normal meeting time of the first Monday of the month beginning in October. Please see Judy Myers for more info.

Save the Date—Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M) Field Trip Monday Sept. 9th, 10:15am—3:00pm

We are volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash on Monday Sept. 9th. Please consider joining us to help this very worthwhile organization. We will have lunch in their café at 11:30am—cost is \$7.00 or you can bring your lunch. We will work from noon—2:00pm and return to church around 3:00pm. It's very easy work which can be done entirely while sitting. Please meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 so that we can carpool. Please let Diane know if you plan to attend.



During Sunday School our youngest members are eager to hear stories about Jesus and God. Thank you Troy, Addie, Julie, and all the other volunteers who help our little ones learn and grow every Sunday.

Save the Date-Gathering of the Traveling Teapots Sunday, Sept. 29th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

At this Miami Valley Presbytery annual event, all women are invited to enjoy tea, visit a spirituality center, and visit with friends. It will be held Sunday, September 29, 2:00 – 4:00pm at Xenia United Presbyterian Church, 343 W. Ankeney Mill Road, Xenia. For reservations call Cindy Wakeland at 937-376-9461 or email drcj57@gmail.com





Cornerstone Class

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:15 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:15 am Matthew 25 Ministries Field Trip</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Hope Circle — Lounge</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Deacons Mtg</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 pm Hope Circle — Lounge</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lifeline articles due in office</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</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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“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

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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 September 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.