



LIFELINE

It Makes a Difference

First Presbyterian Church is blessed with a spacious building and property, and we carry on the tradition, based in God's love for humankind, of sharing our space with others in the community. Now in their third academic year, The Enon Montessori School brings children into the building and they have done some improvements to the Education Wing where their classes meet. It has been a privilege for FPC to provide hospitality and refreshments to the students at their annual graduation ceremony and the school play at the end of this past school year. Aside from the income the church receives in exchange for the school's use of the space, it has been nice to receive thank-you notes from the students, and to see them take on projects like cleaning up the grounds around the building this past April on Earth Day.

Although our volunteer participation with Fairborn City Schools was modified while community volunteers were not permitted on campus as a COVID precaution, we have remained committed to supporting the Transitional Student Food Pantry and making blankets for students which are always appreciated. We are also happy that the Skyhawks Chess Club has resumed activities and will use space in our building for student chess tournaments.

For many years, our building has housed community recovery groups such as AA for weekly meetings of up to seven different groups. The support, accountability, fellowship, and encouragement that takes place in the space we provide has helped countless people on their journey to sobriety and recovery. FPC considers the offering of this space to be a mission of the church, and we do not charge them rent. We do receive regular donations that the groups collect voluntarily from their participants, and along with these contributions we receive notes and comments of appreciation for providing the space in which they are being healed.

In May, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission contacted me to request permission to use the FPC parking lot as a Gohio Commute Vanpooling location. This program was suspended in 2020 due to COVID but has resumed operation. There will be a Gohio Vanpool vehicle parked in our lower lot to provide transportation for about four commuters. The commuters will arrive in the morning and vanpool to work together. Their cars will be parked there during the day and the van will be parked there when not in use by the commuters. Permission has been granted to the MORPC for this use, and we will be doing our part to reduce automobile emissions, fuel usage, and transportation expenses for the local work force. I received a note from the vanpool coordinator that said, "as we begin to commute back to work it is nice to know there are people willing to support us. I can't think of a more sacred place to park."

Our Presbyterian forbearers in Fairborn built this building in 1959 to house the life and ministry of a growing congregation. There are certainly fewer people sitting in the pews these days, but our commitment to serving the community in the name of Jesus Christ is the same. I am proud to serve as the pastor of this congregation, and proud that we still decide daily to follow Jesus and look for innovative ways to do so. It makes a difference to the people I mentioned above, and they know that we do what we do out of our love for God which we show by reaching out to others. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

+grace and peace,
Pastor Joe



**CLERK'S
CORNER**
May 15, 2022
Session Recap

Pastor Joe opened the meeting with prayer and thanked Troy for providing our lunch. Kathleen reported a quorum was present. The current membership total is 95.

Session approved:

- The April minutes.

Information received:

- The financial report prepared by Carolyn McMullan. For the period 01/01/22 through 04/30/22, the total YTD income was \$86,542.57, and the expenses totaled \$73,346.39 resulting in a net of \$13,196.18.
- The Pastor's report which included: pastoral care contacts, information on the weekly Cornerstone class, his community activities, and Presbytery duties.
- Copies of presbytery events.
- The Deacons minutes for March.
- Updated Organizational Structure charts.
- The June Calendar for the *Lifeline*.
- Schedules for Faith Sharing and Closing Prayer for upcoming session meetings.

Committee Reports:

CLS:

The Cornerstone class enjoyed the trip to the Basilica in Kentucky. The next trip will be to the Westcott House in July. Watch for more details.

The furniture for the lower narthex has been purchased. The corral fencing in the lounge will be moved to the chapel. **Sunday Fun Day** is scheduled for June 12 after worship. After the brunch, an art painting project is planned.

Operations:

The property committee reported that the sound system issue recently experienced was due to the wrong sequence of buttons being pushed during the shutdown procedure. There are other issues with the sound system. Julie was asked to search for a business referral to evaluate our sound system needs.

Presbytery Commissioner Report:

Pastor Joe and Dixie Jenkins, Elder Commissioner, attended the Presbytery meeting on May 10, 2022. Sarah Sparks-Franklin was installed as Moderator. Michael Seewer was installed as Vice Moderator. The commissioners and alternate commissioners to this year's General Assembly were installed at the Presbytery meeting.

A committee was formed to coordinate the hosting of the May 2023 Presbytery Meeting. The committee members are Dixie Jenkins (chair), Julie Brown, David Sellers, and Diane Sondergelt. At least one Deacon will be asked to sit on this committee.

Kathleen Seewer
2022 Clerk of Session

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

Hi all! We have been so busy in the life of the church in May, it's hard to believe the month is over already. Enon Montessori students and families were treated to two wonderful receptions, one for their Spring Play and one for their Kindergarten graduation. There were so many cookies that we almost had to have a bake sale for the leftovers. My kids wanted to help eat them up, but my wife had to keep them under control! Thank you to everyone who provided these sweet treats, and also who helped set up, serve, and clean up. The church congregation took a bus trip to Covington, KY to take a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. We hear it is a beautiful building with lots of stained glass, hand carved wood, and mosaic tiles. Afterwards, they had a wonderful lunch at the Hofbrau Haus in Newport, KY. They arrived safely back at the church and were all thrilled with their day trip. We heard them say they hoped they have more trips like this – it was a great time of learning, fellowship, food and fun! Also in May, the walking club walked about two miles through the church neighborhood and to the Fairborn Family Diner for lunch afterwards. This walking club is another way to spend bonding time together, sharing time in the fresh air, and getting healthy! We also hear that June is going to be a month of sharing, learning, fun and fellowship – you will hear more about that in next month's letter. Keep your eyes peeled for changes in the lower narthex as you enter the building. We can't wait to see what our church family has in store for us. Enjoy the beautiful weather, the love of your family and friends, and know that God loves you!

~Ecclesial Mouse





Sunday FunDay—June 12th

Please join us for brunch and a time of fun and fellowship immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving a breakfast casserole, biscuits, fruit, and juice. We need everyone in the congregation to help us create new artwork to display in the Lower Narthex. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



Montessori School Receptions

Thank you everyone who donated cookies. There were enough for both the Spring Play and Graduation receptions. Thank you Troy for creating graduation gifts from the church—a packet with a book, craft, and information about our church.



Life on the Vine Program, June 3rd from 6:00—9:00pm at the Dragonfly Vineyard & Wine Cellar

We are teaming up with First Presbyterian Church in Urbana to enjoy good things to eat and drink from Dragonfly, listen to music and have conversations about faith and life. Let Julie Brown or Diane Sondergelt know if you plan to attend. The Dragonfly Vineyard is located at 710 W. Herr Rd., Urbana. Please join us!

Trenton Brown, son of **Elaine Brown**, will receive his doctorate degree in Criminal Justice from Colorado Technical University.

Kenzie Flynn, granddaughter of **Pam and Paul Botts**, received a degree in Culinary Science from Sinclair College.

Colleen Gooray's daughter, **Nadia**, received her degree in Government Policy. **Elizabeth Mariel Dornbusch**, granddaughter of **Bob Hendrix**, graduated Cum Laude from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Writing and Communication Studies.

Paul Hinds, son of **Kazy and Pastor Joe**, graduated from Piqua High School. He will continue his education in the fall at the University of Oregon majoring in Business and Sports Management.

Lt. Andrew Lowe, grandson of **Frank and Sara Jane Lowe**, received his MS in Engineering Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright Patterson AFB on March 21. Lt. Lowe received his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida in 2020, and was commissioned in the USAF and assigned to AFIT for graduate studies. He is slated to join the 92nd Civil Engineering Squadron at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, WA, in July. Andrew joins his two grandfathers, father, and mother in military service.



Adult Christian Education News

The Wednesday Cornerstone Class is taking a summer break in June, July, and August.



Come join us in September!





Happy Birthday!

- Jun 2 Jack Smith
- 7 Keith Burnette
- Dick Winters
- 13 Katie Hughes
- Ellen Strawn
- 17 Ray Wylam
- 26 Corkie Winters



Chalk The Walk

Dan and Donna Kulhanek, Julie Brown, Diane Sondergelt, and Pastor Joe decorated the walking path through Fairborn Community Park for Mental Health Awareness Month.



We enjoyed the day together as we visited the Basilica in Covington Kentucky and then lunch at HofBrau House.



Dear Church Friends,
 Thank you! Thank you for all the love and prayers that I have received. I am so enjoying the beautiful hanging basket - it's extra special because it was on the altar Sunday. I have had many, many wonderful cards and phone calls. I keep reading cards over and over. It was so thoughtful of you to help me celebrate the "Big One"! You are all so very special to me. God Bless each of you.
 In Christian Love,
 Margaret Carlson



The Walking Club explores Pearl's Fen on a beautiful day!

June 2022

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Sat

		1		2		3		4	
		3:30 pm United Chimes –Fellowship Hall				6:00pm Faith on the Vine - Dragonfly Win- ery			
5		6		7		8		9	
10:15 am Worship with Communion		1:00 pm Hope Circle—at Marlene’s house				3:30 pm United Chimes 5:30 pm Art Myers speaks at Fair- born Military Museum			
12		13		14		15		16	
10:15 am Worship Sunday FunDay immediately after worship						3:30 pm United Chimes –Fellowship Hall			
19		20		21		22		23	
10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg 		10:30 am Walking Club				11:30 am Sr. Ctr Lunch 3:30 pm United Chimes –Fellowship Hall			
26		27		28		29		30	
10:15 am Worship		Lifeline Articles due in office				3:30 pm United Chimes –Fellowship Hall			

SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be divided between the Fairborn School Pantry and the Wright State 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

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Thursday 9 am—11 am and 1:30 pm—3:30 pm (closed Monday and Tuesday)

“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

SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Joe Hinds

Clerk: Kathleen Seewer

Ruling Elders: Julie Brown, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers,
 Troy Oliver, David Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

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

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