

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**April – 2024**

## PASTOR JESSE'S INFORMATION

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## CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

**Clerk of Session** - vacant

**Class of 2026:**

Keith Hare - Finance

Chris Rainey - Worship

**Class of 2025:**

Sarah Bowles – Church Life

Becky Mahon – Personnel

**Class of 2024:**

Linda Smith – Property

Karen Fish – Evangelism & Outreach

## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION



Blessings box request:

High protein items such as bars or shakes and pouches of chicken or tuna.

## SCRIP

The next Scrip order is April 7th. Please consider ordering gift cards from our Scrip program. Remember that the funds generated are used for church needs. Thank you to all who order on a regular basis.



If you are interested in Scrip cards, please see Gaye Gibson.

## WORSHIP

Our church held Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services this year. The church bells were rung before church on Palm and Easter Sundays. Charla Dryburgh organized and directed a special Easter choir for our Easter Service. Greeters welcomed us on Easter Sunday. And, in following with our church's Easter tradition, Tara played the Hallelujah Chorus. Thank you Tara!

We will be serving Communion on Sunday, April 7.



## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

#### Licking County Jail Ministries

2023 Annual Report

Pastor Scott Hayes, Chaplain

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Decisions for Christ       | 147   |
| Baptisms                   | 129   |
| Bibles Distributed         | 425   |
| Devos Distributed          | 434   |
| Housing/Shelter Assistance | 55    |
| Employment Assistance      | 34    |
| Clothing Assistance        | 276   |
| Rehab Placement            | 46    |
| Transportation             | 204   |
| Volunteer Hours            | 1,106 |
| Volunteer Contacts         | 4,316 |



"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the

peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1-2

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### Starting Strong Apartment Kits:

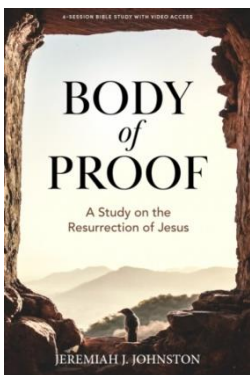
Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to provide necessities for foster youth transitioning into adult life. This ministry of Fostering Further is a tangible way to be the hands of Jesus and to encourage a young person. Our goal is to provide 5 complete kits! The items you donate are due by April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be assembling the kits and praying for the recipients on April 28<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Bowles.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will begin the study, Body of Proof by apologist Dr. Jeremiah Johnston, Sunday, April 7.

Culture is doing its best to convince the world there is nothing special about Jesus. And many Christians never get beyond a Sunday school understanding of their own faith. As a result, Christianity's most important historical fact—the resurrection—is often the most misunderstood, relegated to Easter and funeral services, creating a powerless Christianity.

The single most important fact of the Christian faith is that Jesus isn't dead. He was resurrected on a Sunday morning two thousand years ago. That one weekend included His execution, an earthquake, daytime darkness, an uprising, and a miracle unlike any the world had ever seen.



Those events and the days that followed changed everything about the world and form the center of our faith. Yet outside of a few days each year, we don't spend a lot of time contemplating the resurrection itself.

In this four-session Bible study taught by Ed Jobes, we'll look back on that incredible weekend and see why the resurrection of Jesus gives us hope and confidence today.

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are receiving pastor profiles again! Our Ministry Discernment Profile has been updated, approved by Session and Presbytery, and put up on the Church Leadership Connection search site. Now to start reading.

Prayers for the pastoral candidates and the PNC.

- Sarah Bowles, PNC Chairperson

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Session is pleased to announce that we have hired Rev. Dallas Dryburgh as a congregational care pastor. He will be visiting the shutins in our congregation. Please let us know if you are interested in having him visit you or know someone who would benefit from a visit.



-Becky Mahon, FPC Personnel Elder

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## April Birthdays

Sam Lieb 4/11  
Priscilla Hare 4/12  
Chris Bowles 4/16  
Barb Jobes 4/28  
Carolyn Durr 4/30  
Pastor Jesse Ryals 4/30

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## April Anniversaries

Forrest & Thelma Smythe 4/8  
Chris & Sarah Bowles 4/16  
David & Kay Kittel 4/16



## CHURCH LIFE



On Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we hosted the funeral of beloved church member, Ann Howard, followed by a lovely dinner catered by Licking Memorial Hospital. The next day, we had an impromptu church potluck with some of the leftovers. The rest of the leftover food was delivered with joy to the New Beginnings Women's Shelter which was just what Ann would have wanted.

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." – Romans 12:13

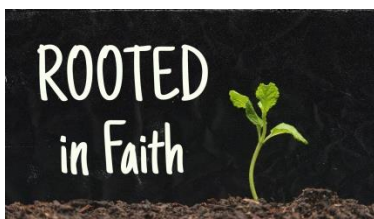
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### Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 20, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Hilliard Presbyterian Church

Rooted in Faith: Claiming Hope as We Age



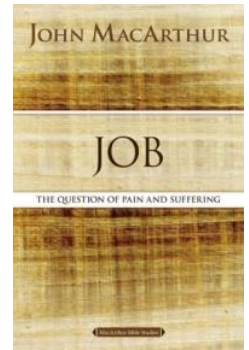
\*Keynote speaker: Artee Isaac who will help us craft love letters to leave with friends and family.\*

\*Workshops offered: "A Creative Way of Sharing Your Roots" with Jane McKee and "What to do with the Stuff we've Accumulated Over the Years" with professional organizer, Amie Lopez.\*

\*See Priscilla Hare for a registration form if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$17 and this includes a boxed lunch.\*

## GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Good Morning Bible meets on Thursday mornings from 10-12 in the Gold Circle Room as they continue their study of The Word in the Book of Job. Please see Linda Smith for any questions. This Bible Study is open to all and we'd love to have you join us in fellowship and prayer!



## PROPERTY REPORT



The property expenses for our church building since the February report:

- Furnaces inspection and filter changes. We have several furnaces in addition to the boilers. This was serviced by Dormar at a cost of \$300.
- Brian Jaccud for snow plowing and salting. Charges were \$340.
- The light under the blue awning by the mailbox was broken and replaced at the cost of \$95.
- We had the fellowship hall cleaned and buffed for the memorial service and several areas stripped and waxed that had not been done. The cost was \$838.
- The storage room and quilt room combo is in process of being rehabbed into Sunday School space,
- The blessing box has been victim of vandalism with the door torn off. Please pray for the unknown vandals and God's guidance for us to know how to handle this situation.

Sincerely,  
Linda L Smith  
FPC Property Chairman

# FINANCE REPORT



As of Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the balance in the church checking account is \$10,147.45. This includes a one-time bequest of \$10,000. At the next session meeting, we will review the terms of this bequest.

The line of credit balance (what we owe) is zero.

In addition to the checking account, the church has the following accounts:

SCRIP Program: \$1,224.14

Women's Ministry: \$1,267.84

Savings: \$500.00

Keith Hare,  
FPC Finance Elder

## HEALTHY BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Lions Club came in for a packing party and we had a wonderful time. This group was so helpful and we truly accomplished a lot! Thank you, Lions Club!



-The applesauce processing station is hard at work!-



-Many hands, make light work.-



-Building boxes for us to pack. -



The Y Healthy Kids Network (YHKN) Backpack Program addresses the basic needs of students by providing carriers of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends when other resources may not be available. While



free and reduced breakfast and lunch are available during the school week, unreliable access to food over the weekends can affect the level of food insecurity experienced by the student, increasing stress and decreasing productivity. Children who are hungry simply cannot concentrate to learn, have low energy, and reduced ability to fight off common childhood illnesses.

Did you know that the Healthy Backpack Program provides food to *22 schools* feeding *450-500 children weekly*? **Out of our annex alone, we serve 9 local schools!** That's a LOT of full tummies thanks to this church and the Food Pantry Network's partnership!

A big THANK YOU to Sarah Bowles, who gives of her time and resources, to coordinate this program here at FPC. I have no doubt that families are being fed because of Sarah's giving heart.

## JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

(AND WE DO TOO!)



The Children's sermon recently was about how, like the flute, there are different parts of the church. And like the individual flute pieces do not work well by themselves neither does the church. But together the flute can play beautiful music and the church can accomplish amazing things. Thank you to Charla Dryburgh for this important message.



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Signs of spring abound around our beautiful building!

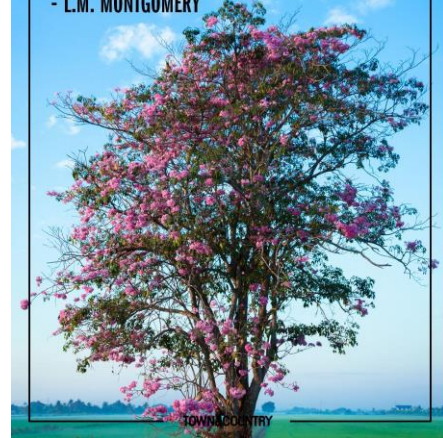
"He has made everything beautiful in its time."  
Ecclesiastes 3:11

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." -- Lady Bird Johnson



"That is one good thing about this world-- There are always sure to be more springs."

- L.M. MONTGOMERY



## PLANT SALE



Together We Grow Greenhouse

Located behind Heritage Middle School on New Haven Dr. in Newark

Come & get your selection of organically grown vegetables & flowers.  
All proceeds go directly to fund our programs and mission.

Friday May 3rd 9-6PM  
Saturday May 4th 9-6PM  
Sunday May 5th 1-4PM