

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**November– 2024**

## CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

**Clerk of Session** – Priscilla Hare

**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

## WORSHIP

**We will be serving Communion on Sunday, November 3rd. This is also All Saint's Sunday.**



- \* November 10th is our Veterans Day Recognition Service.
- \* November 24th is FPC's Thanksgiving Sunday Service.
- \* Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st and we will serve Communion.



So lovely to have the choir back and singing during service! Thank you to Charla Dryburgh for

leading the FPC Choir! If you would like to join the choir, we would love to have you!

## SCRIP



The next Scrip order is **November 3rd**. 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. See Gaye Gibson to order.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



### November Birthdays

Dwight Gibson 11/2

Joan Dobson 11/5

Lois Spangler 11/5

Louise Whitis 11/5

Greg Angeletti 11/7

Tina Angeletti 11/7

Evan Bowles 11/10

Marilyn Johnston 11/11

Karen Birtcher 11/13

Lauren Detrick 11/14

Deb Blamer 11/24

Sean Rainey 11/25

\*There are no anniversaries this month.\*

## WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP



Please welcome Charla Dryburgh who was received as a member via letter of transfer.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Join us on November 10th for our annual packing party from 3-6 p.m.!** We will be packing shoeboxes to send to the distribution center in

Charlotte, North Carolina. Thank you for your donations as we spread "good news and great joy" to children around the world.



OCC EAST AREA  
INVITES YOU TO

# Prayer Walks

**November 9, 2024 at 10:00 am**  
(will move inside if it rains)  
New Song Community Church  
13873 National Rd SW, Reynoldsburg, OH  
43068

**November 16, 2024 at 10:00 am**  
(Will move inside if it rains)  
Faith Memorial  
2610 W Fair Ave, Lancaster, OH 43130

Please come to one or both as we pray for the boxes and the children who receive them.



## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

As we near the end of the year, the E&O Committee thanks those who continue to support our Second Mile Missionaries in the work they are doing to bring the gospel to people in different areas of the world. These five missionaries do not receive gifts from the church budget but receive special gifts as designated to the fund. Second Mile giving is an addition and not a replacement to our tithe. The gifts are distributed to the missionaries at the beginning of the year from gifts received from the previous year.

We have reported some of the mission activities in the newsletter this year. Hope has also created a wonderful display on the bulletin board across from the church office that highlights the missions supported by the fund. Please take a look at it. We ask you to pray about making a gift to these missionaries before the year ends. You can do that by writing a check to the church and designating "Second Mile Missions" in the memo.

The missions are:

- Leroy and Mary Lou Peters - worked with churches in Columbia and Cuba
- Phil and Ruth Saska - work with refugees, especially Muslims
- Laura and Bevin Stein - Slovakia-Ukrainian relief to refugees
- Laura and Rick Leatherwood - use the gospel to teach literacy in India
- Joy and David Miller - work with international students in Atlanta

Jesus left us with the Great Commission to go into the world to make disciples of all nations. We can make a difference here in our community, but we can also make a difference in our world by supporting these missionaries. They are a light shining in other parts of our world representing First Presbyterian Church. Please pray about it to see if God is calling you to support these special works of His church.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:19-20

May God bless you as you give,

The E&O Committee





## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The first official meeting of the church's pastor nominating committee was on November 3, 2022. As we reported last month, we have reviewed information from many pastors, and God has not revealed the pastor He is calling to our church yet. We are encouraged with the new information system because we have received some new pastor profiles that seem to be better matches for our church.

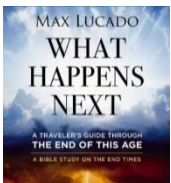
For now, please continue to pray that our Lord will soon send that called pastor's profile our way, and the committee will have wisdom and discernment to recognize it. As the committee has agreed since the beginning, the timing is in our Lord's hands. Also thank God that Pastor Dallas is bringing us God's word as we continue to worship each week. We are blessed!

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:8

Thank you for being patient.

- Gaye Gibson for the PNC

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS



**Do you view the events of the end of the age through the eyes of fear or through the eyes of faith and hope?**

In this video Bible study, Max Lucado provides a wise and reassuring overview of what God's word has to say on the topic of end times—so that you can be prepared, not scared.

God has told us what to expect from the end times not to scare you but to prepare you. He is like a pilot on the intercom telling the passengers about impending turbulence. A good pilot keeps his travelers informed. Your good Father does the same!

This adult Bible class, facilitated by Ed Jobes, started 9/22 and runs through the second week

of November. Please join us! (This class will be available both in person and on Zoom.)



Thank you to Ed for faithfully teaching Bible Study. *Our next study starts mid November and is an Advent study.*

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



A new Children's Sunday School class is being led by Charla Dryburgh, Becky Mahon, and Karen Fish. It meets from 10:15-10:45 every Sunday morning. If you have children in your life, invite them to this fun and creative time!

## Y-HEALTHY BACKPACK PROGRAM



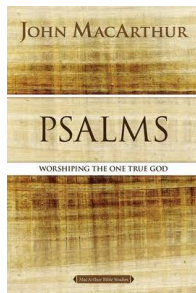
The program is 100% moved to its new warehouse location on Swans Rd. First Pres is still actively participating in food packing and food delivery. If you are interested in participating in a Community Packing Party please sign up at the link below.

<https://signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C084FABA922A0F9C61-50942615-ymca>



## 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 Psalms. 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!



This group of ladies is happily packing Trick or Treat bags for

the Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Safe Trick or Treat on the Square sponsored by the DNA.

## CHURCH LIFE



Our Happy Helpers - Packing fudge for the DNA's Final Friday Chocolate Walk, late October. Thank you to all who donated ingredients, made the fudge, and packaged it up for the folks at the 2024 Chocolate Walk.



Despite the rainy evening, FPC passed out their "famous fudge." The sweet treat, plus a dose of encouragement and smiles was PRICELESS.



**SAVE THE DATE for these upcoming events!**

- **11/3 Cornerstone Member Recognition and Reception**
- 11/24 Hanging of the Greens and Lite Luncheon
- 11/24 Handel's Messiah at MVNU – 7 pm
- 12/5 Sights & Sounds – 6-8:30 pm
- 12/7 DNA Wonderland Walk - 1-4 pm

## KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS



On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we joined Second Presbyterian for the annual Kirkin' of the Tartans

service and a luncheon afterward. As always, the bagpipes were a great addition to our worship! Thanks to Second Pres for the invitation!





## PROPERTY REPORT



### FPC October 2024 Property Report:

Two new vacuum sweepers were purchased for the church. They were paid for by donations.  
Linda L Smith, FPC Property Chairman

## FINANCE REPORT

As of Tuesday, October 22, the balance in the church checking account is \$14,909.90.

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

The other account balances are:  
SCRIP: \$1,276.90  
Savings Account: \$1,502.06

The Women's Ministry account has been closed.

Keith Hare, FPC Finance Chairman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For our friends 6th-12th grades... Feel free to invite grandchildren to this fun outreach event.

The annual Hanover Holiday Bazaar sounds like a fun way to spend a Saturday with friends!

## MAKE ME A BLESSING

As the temperatures get colder, it is a good time to think of our community members that we serve at the Blessings Box. Items that would be helpful include:



- Warm Socks
- Gloves and Hats
- Hand Warmers
- Blankets
- Manual Can Openers

The most requested food items include: nuts and trail mix, oatmeal packets, tuna or chicken in pouches, pop tarts, crackers, and granola bars.

Thank you for blessing others through this ministry. It truly makes a difference.



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From all the staff at FPC, we wish you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving. We are thankful for you.

A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Thank the almighty,  
For all that He gave in life,  
For the food that you eat,  
For the people you greet,  
For the love in the heart,  
For that wonderful start.  
Thank the Lord for everything,  
Because it is Thanksgiving Day!