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ANNUAL EASTER PICTURE



LIVING CROSS

FPC member Buck Gillispie made the cross used for Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, the Congregation decorated the cross with live flowers.



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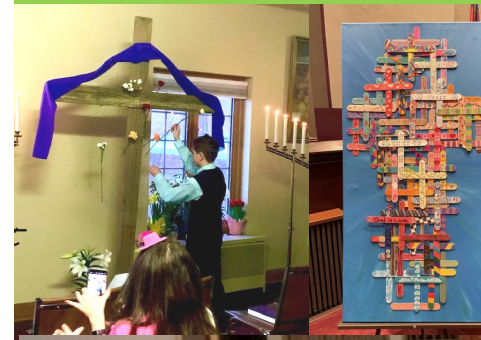
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PALM SUNDAY



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



EASTER 10:00 AM SERVICE



Remember Those Who Served

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BETTY’S JOYFUL NOISE



Finally, May has arrived and perhaps with it spring, since it hasn’t snowed two Sundays in a row, as of this writing. Springtime usually means **spring cleanup**. My husband, Dave, and I get out and get really active in the yard this time of year, cleaning up branches and pinecones (our yard has a plethora of both strewn about this year), looking at what needs to be done as a result of winter wear and tear as well as projects we previously haven’t got around to doing. *Maintaining a house, like maintaining our faith, is a never-ending process.*

I know Dave Skipper and the Building, Grounds, and Assets Committee have been doing the same—looking at the roof, preparing the lawnmower to cut the grass, uncovering the rose bushes, and checking out the air conditioning system. *Maintaining a church, like maintaining our faith, is a never-ending process.*

In June 2022, we will continue the long-term project of repairing the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. Work has been ongoing since 2019, but this June we will finally see evidence of the work done under the leadership of Mary Ann Bromley and the Building, Grounds, and Assets Committee along with a special task force devoted to making this happen. Beginning in June, the plan is for Whitney-Stained Glass Company, experts in stained-glass window repair and installation, to come and remove a portion of the windows. This section will be replaced with plywood while the windows are restored and releaded. Sometime in the fall, the upgraded windows will be reinstalled and then a new section will be removed for work. This cycle will continue for a total of three times until all the windows, except one that doesn’t need any work, are repaired. Gratitude is extended to those who have devoted time and energy to this transformation the last few years, and perhaps more importantly, to all the saints who in the past started and contributed to the Endowment Fund that is initially supporting our 50% of the cost. A grant from the United States Department of the Interior is supporting the other 50%. *Maintaining a church building, like maintaining our faith, is a never-ending process.*

This is an exciting time for this congregation and community—a time of hope, renewal, and transformation. A time to pause and give thanks. A time to realize that *maintaining our faith is like maintaining our church building—a never-ending process.*

As you read through the May edition of the “Spire”, please look for opportunities for you to continue to renew and transform your faith in our triune God. *Just as we plan our spring cleanup and home repairs, our medical appointments, and our vacations, we all need to plan time to devote to our faith through practices of fellowship, outreach and service, worship, and education and formation.* Spend some time during spring cleanup removing any dust and cobwebs in your faith life, plant some seeds that will germinate and grow by committing a time each day to Christian reading, Christian meditation, or worshipping in the outdoors.

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Happy Spring!

Joyfully,

Pastor Betty



GOOD STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW




SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Our next celebration of Communion will be **Sunday, May 1, 2022**, during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING The Deacons will be collecting for the 2¢-A-Meal offering on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**, during our regular worship service. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE If you or someone you know would like a visit or assistance from the Deacons, please call the Church Office.

FPC WEB PAGE ADDRESS is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> - come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is info@fpcwarren.org.


LISTEN TO US EVERY SUNDAY MORNING at 10:00 a.m. on WHTX 1570 AM and 97.7 FM.

 **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED** The Church Office will be **closed Friday, May 27, and Monday, May 30, 2022**, in observance of Memorial Day. Let us give thanks and honor to all Veterans who have served our country in the past and who are currently serving.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, May 5**, in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage and join us for this time of fellowship and study.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Volunteers are needed for lawn mowing, trimming, and general grounds maintenance. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave Skipper at 330-307-7507.

WORSHIP NEWS: Youth Sunday is **May 15**. **Bryce Wiebe**, Presbytery Staff for Vital Congregations, will be in the pulpit **May 22** while Pastor Betty goes to spoil a grandson.

 **THANK YOU** for your thoughts, prayers, and cards for myself and my son, Kevin, while I was away. You helped brighten my days. **Judy Wistar**

THANK YOU for your well wishes, prayers, and cards while I was ill. I’m so grateful for our FPC family. **Katylu Herriman**

The last **Meet-n-Eat** before Summer Break is **Wednesday, May 18, 5:30-7:00**. Chef Dave Angelini will again serve a wonderful meal followed by a CE activity, a Hymn Sing. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office by **Monday, May 16**, so we know how much food we need. All you need to do is come and bring a friend, too.

At the last Meet-n-Eat, people enjoyed a meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, and cake. Then they made a beaded cross key chain to use during prayer.





BUSTRIP

Looking for a mini-vacation? Howland United Methodist Church and Scope are sponsoring a Bus Tour September 14-15 to Lancaster to see a performance of "David" at the spectacular Sight and Sound Theater and the famous musical show "Chicago" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. Also included is a visit to Flight 93 memorial and Hershey Chocolate. If at least 10 people from our church sign up, there will be a rebate to the church. Brochures are on a table in Fellowship Hall. Sign up with them early because the tours fill up quickly. If you have questions about it, ask Sue Kindelberger, who attends regularly.

WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

On Sunday, April 24, our Minute-for-Mission was given by Renee Fuller, Director of Development of the Second Harvest Food Bank. She praised such things as our food cupboard and monthly community meals. She added that since 2010, we have provided 25,500 plus meals for the needy through our Alternative Gift-Giving program! Wow! Just think about that! Thanks to you, the FPC family, we have indeed made a difference!

River Rock at the Amp

The concerts are back this year, which means we will be charging for parking. The series starts Saturday, May 28; runs through Saturday, Sept. 3, and has 14 events.

We need people in three shifts (4:15 to 6:15, 6:15 to 8:15, and 8:15 to 9:45) to collect money and assist people attending the Amp events.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so please take a shift or two or three.

If you would like to help but are not coming to the Church, please call Ray Rubrake.

The money raised is split half for Relay for Life and half to the Church for upkeep of the parking lot.



The Church Growth Committee and Pastor Betty are sponsoring a new members class in May - the date will be determined based on participant availability. We hope to recognize new members in worship on June 12. If you are interested in learning more about this church and joining, please let Pastor Betty know by May 9, 2022.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is back! VBS is back at FPC-W and the neighborhood from **August 1-5, 2022**, for children who have completed grades K-5. Our curriculum is *Creation Speaks* and invites us to look to God's Creation, including each other, as we listen for God's voice in the world today. Light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans, and even a day of rest will invite us to listen for God. Through our new understanding of the interdependence of all creatures and responding to our call as caretakers of Creation, we are moved to awe and wonder at the gift of Creation and the Creator. If the people of God stop and listen to Creation, what might we hear? Shhhh, listen. Creation Speaks!

We will need volunteers and participants as we explore God's Creation through games, fun, food, art, music, and worship. Dinner is included. Watch for sign ups. Contact CE Chairperson Donna Latessa for questions and details.

DEACONS' NEWS

On April 18, the Deacons met to discuss plans and activities for Spring. The Mission Committee delivered Easter gifts to the residents at Someplace Safe. Target gift cards were given to the adults and older children, while the young children received an Easter toy and treat bag. I bet you didn't know that the Deacons will take part in the WORLD'S LARGEST DIAPER DISTRIBUTION. The nonprofit MKC (formerly *Making Kids Count*) provides necessities for children throughout NE Ohio, which allows struggling families access to infant supplies. The Deacons donated \$500.00 to this project to help them achieve a goal of 100,000 diapers in one week. During the past year over 33,000,000 diapers have been given to families. (That's a lot of "dry bottoms" !!!) The Committee also plans to make ten comfort bags for Trumbull County Children's Services.

Deacons also support causes on a global scale. A quick scroll of the news makes one realize that immigrants and refugees need help. The Beatitude House of Youngstown sponsors an Immigrant Outreach Program to benefit women and children with language classes and assistance with housing. The Deacons contributed \$300.00 to help with this program. This helps our Mahoning Valley community and casts a ray of hope in our unpredictable world.

Congregational Care delivered twelve Easter bags to our Special Care Members to brighten their holiday. Three packages were mailed to members who are now living away to be near family. We plan to send our college students gift cards to help ease the stress of final exams. Pastor Betty and Kathi Ensweiler are taking communion monthly to various homebound members. If you are aware of members in need of help, please let one of the Deacons know.

Mark your calendars for **May 22!** The Fellowship Committee is planning a Strawberry Shortcake Social after church. Plan to come and enjoy fellowship and strawberries! AND plenty of whipped cream, too!

A successful Grocery Distribution took place on April 19. The volunteers gave out 32 cartloads of groceries and 74 packed lunches. With the increasing cost of groceries, this distribution goes a long way to aid those in our community.

The Deacons are blessed with our generous congregation. Our work could not be done without you. We thank you for all of your continued support!

May Grace and Blessings be with You,

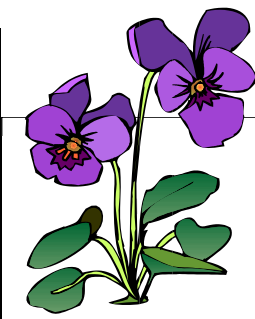
Sarah Hirt Buzulencia, Vice Moderator

ATTENTION!! There will be a special insert in the June *Spire* about our current students, our graduates, and updates on young members who are living elsewhere. Please send all information to Sue Kindelberger at sueakind@aol.com no later than May 10. Depending on space, the section on What We're Reading *may* be included, so send in any titles and authors of good books you have read!

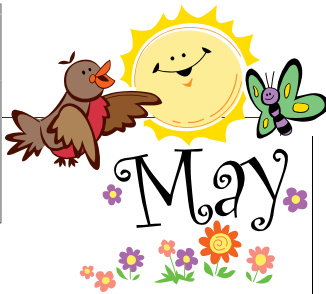




WILLARD SCHOOL

As we continue our support of the children and staff of Willard School grades 3-5, we are asking for **donations of small items** that can be used in their weekly incentive program. Suggested items include things like small stuffed animals, puzzles, markers, paints, tablets, Hot Wheels. **A basket will be in Fellowship Hall** for these items. We again thank you in advance for your support of these young children of God. Questions? See Susan Nadenichek or Donna Latessa.



FPC MAY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion/2¢ -A-Meal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:15 am Warren Razed 11:15 am Soul Seekers/Youth	2 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Meeting, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	3 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm VoM, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	4 10:00 am Crafters 6:30 pm AA, MC	5 National Day of Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Miriam Esther Cir. 7:00 pm Worship Meeting	6 Church Office Closed	7 Relay for Life, St. Demetrios
8 Mother's Day 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	9 10:00 am OA, P 3:00 pm Zoom Fellowship & Follow-up 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm VoM, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	10 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:30 pm Bowling Banquet 7:00 pm Church Growth 7:00 pm NA, MC	11 10:00 am SOPHIA 6:30 pm AA, MC	12 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 7:00 pm CE Meeting	13 Willard Pizza Party at Willard School Church Office Closed	14
15 Youth Sunday 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:15 am Soul Seekers/Youth	16 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:00 pm Deacons, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	17 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 10:30 am Free Lunch & Grocery Distribution 4:00 pm Finance Meeting 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	18 1:00 pm MVI, P 5:30 pm Meet-n-Eat, FH 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Communications Meeting, P	19 Pastor Betty Vacation 9:00 am Prayer Talk	20 Church Office Closed Pastor Betty Vacation	21
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29 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	30  Memorial Day	31 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 7:00 pm NA, MC				



- FPC Birthdays**
- 05/01 Susan Devanny
 - 05/02 Cliff Straitiff
 - 05/03 Sandy Van Fossan
Addison Odille
Ian Odille
 - 05/04 Sue Kindelberger
Erin (Brodell) Tilton
Watson Meyer
 - 05/06 Jenny Annandono
 - 05/07 Chris Lovett
Karen (Hesselman) Scrafford
Zach Scher
Emma Creighton
 - 05/08 Linda Adair
Marjorie Walker
John Carroll
 - 05/09 Violet Burd
 - 05/12 Barbara Copeland
 - 05/13 Jacob Ewell
 - 05/16 Dotty Hope
Josephine Caputo
Katherine Caputo
Franco Muccio
 - 05/17 Jennifer Beerbower
Donna Latessa
 - 05/20 John Pogue
Rocco Muccio
 - 05/22 Jeanne Brown
 - 05/27 Katylu Herriman
 - 05/29 Janet Williams
Betty Angelini

If we have overlooked anyone's birthday, we apologize. Please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records.

