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Deacons' News

As the calendar turns to May, the Deacons are busy with many activities. The Mission Committee recently took a field trip to MKC (Making Kids Count) in Boardman, Ohio. Sharyn, Sandy, Kathi, AT, and Virginia volunteered their time packing diapers and labeling boxes to be distributed to new parents around the Mahoning Valley. The Committee agreed that the day was very busy and rewarding to help so many families. The April Cleaning Supply Donations for YWCA- The Wings was very successful with at least two carloads of items delivered to The Wings residents. Again, the generosity of our congregation is amazing! *Thank You!* The Mission Committee also plans to donate \$1000.00 to Inspiring Minds to assist with their Summer Enrichment Programs for local students. All these projects certainly improve the lives of many families in our community.

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a Volunteer Recognition Reception on May 19, after worship in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this "sweet" celebration of all the work volunteers do within our congregation.

The Congregational Care Committee made Easter visits to our Special Care Members. They are planning a Mother's Day Treat for Sunday, May 12. Kathi Ensweiler and Rev. Kelly Lindsay took Home Communion to seven Special Care Members on April 9.

April's Community Lunch and Grocery Distribution took place on the 16th. Sixty attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch of pork chops and rice, applesauce, and cupcakes. The lunch received rave reviews with one man saying the meal was as good as his grandmother's cooking! After lunch, 42 grocery orders were distributed. It was a busy day for all the volunteers who helped with this event.

The Deacons greatly appreciate the support of our congregation for the work we do in the community and our Church. May You Feel the Bright, Joyful Blessing of Spring.

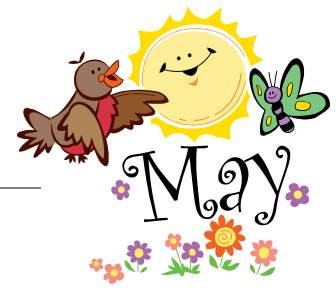
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Easter 2024 (see insert for more pictures)



MEMORIAL EASTER LUMINARIES

On Easter Eve, memorial luminaries were placed and lit in front of the Church and in the garden.

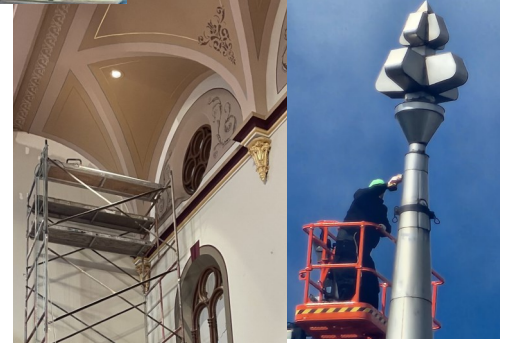


WATER DAMAGE REPAIR

Repairs were done to the Sanctuary, Choir Room Office, and upstairs Women's Restroom



SPIRE REPAIR



Grace and Peace Siblings in Christ,

This month we recognize some holidays with Mother's Day/Youth Sunday falling on May 12, and we observe some HOLYdays as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost on May 19 and Trinity Sunday on May 26. I am excited about Trinity Sunday because the lectionary brings us Isaiah's vision of heavenly worship, where the Seraphim are flying and singing "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." God asks, "Whom shall I send to bring a message to the people?" and Isaiah responds, "Here I am; send me." Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4 give us images of the heavenly court worshipping God.

Isaiah and John both illustrate the worship of God as ongoing and everlasting, while we set aside a special time to break away from everything else and focus our attention on intentional worship of our Creator. So, what does that look like for us? I appreciate the morning fellowship period before our service as an opportunity to gather and greet one another. A fellow seminarian from another denomination encouraged the greeting period during his worship service, "How can I worship with you if I haven't even said 'good morning?'" Because we have the radio ministry, I try to keep us on track and avoid long periods of greetings before the call to worship. But if we were to do so, that is where I would place it in the service – after the announcements and before the call to worship.

You may notice that I begin the service each week with a specific choice of words. Usually, I say "Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Other options I might say include "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" or "I was happy when they said 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" These are all statements that remind us that we are in a special place and for a special purpose.

All the prayers, responsive readings, invitations to confess and offer our gifts, the music, and the sermon revolve around the Scripture for the day and support the message. As we move from one element to the next in our order of worship, we follow a pattern. We gather from prelude and call to worship through the confession and assurance of pardon. We hear the Word through Scripture reading and preaching of the sermon. We respond to the Word with our prayers and our tithes and offerings. Finally, we are sent out into the world with the charge and blessings.

Within the service, the passing of the peace can be placed in a few different areas. Traditionally, the passing of the peace was known as sharing a "holy kiss." After receiving the Lord's Supper, the congregation would turn to one another to give a small kiss. It was a way of passing along grace and forgiveness out of gratitude for Jesus sharing his meal (the body and blood of his sacrificial crucifixion) with us. Over time, the kiss was replaced with a simple phrase and response, "peace be with you," "and also with you." This gesture of offering Christ's peace to those gathered is a way of passing along what we have received and is also an opportunity to reconcile where there may have been tension. For that reason, the passing of the peace may follow the confession. It is also appropriate after the prayers of the people when we have lifted our praises and petitions for healing and reconciliation in the world.

What a joy and privilege it is to be able to come into this place and worship our God and continue passing the peace of Christ that was breathed upon the disciples so long ago.

Rev. Kelly Lindsay



FPC Kids' Kamp

June 23 - June 27, 2024

Completed Kindergarten-5th graders

Dinner followed by fun, fresh air, and fellowship

Come to learn about Jesus the Companion, the Teacher, the Example, the Learner, and the Helper.

Call FPC to register at 330-393-1524 or check us out on Facebook!



The Toot family traveled from western New York to view the eclipse from our parking lot. Dave Toot is a recently retired solar astronomer from Alfred University in western New York, and his father is Rev Gene Toot, retired pastor of what was then Trinity Presbyterian (PCUSA) in East Liverpool, Ohio.

thank you to
all of our
dedicated teachers

The FPC Crafters made teacher appreciation gifts for the teachers at Willard School.




SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Our next celebration of Communion will be *Sunday, May 5, 2024*, 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 5, 2024**, 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 Pastor or a Deacon, 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 Monday, May 27, 2024**, 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 2**, to discuss lessons 8 and 9 in the book "Sacred Encounters." Bring your own lunch and join us for this time of fellowship and study.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Luke Heiligenberg and Amanda Betker on the death of their foster daughter, Brianna.

MEET-n-EAT



The last Spring Meet-n-Eat is **Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30**. A soft taco bar is planned with the theme "REST." Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, May 12, so that we know how much food to prepare.



CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Ali Chuirazzi on the birth of twin girls, Gemma Grace and Francesca Rose. The proud grandparents are Chris and Mary Chuirazzi.

THE FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES will be held on **Sunday, May 5, at 11:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be **Jerry Wolfe**, an HIV Prevention Coordinator of the Warren City Health District. Jerry has been involved with the HIV/STI and the Risk Reduction community for over 12 years, primarily in outreach, advocacy, and education, and is a certified Ohio HIV/HCV counselor and tester. Currently, Jerry is directly responsible for HIV testing and education, Hepatitis C testing and education as well as education of STDs/Communicable diseases. The education also focuses on Health Equity and personal Health Advocacy. As part of Risk Reduction strategies, he trains the public on the use of Narcan from Project Dawn in case of opioid overdose. Most recently, he completed the Certified Community Health Work course at Kent State University in 2024 as a CCHW through the Ohio Nursing Board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR KIDS' KAMP: Yes, it is that time of year already! The theme this year will be "Seekers in Sneakers, Discover Jesus!" Participants will enjoy a five-day journey of discovering Jesus. We will learn about Jesus the Companion, the Teacher, the Example, the Learner, and the Helper. Kids' Kamp will be held **June 23 - June 27**. We will again serve dinner before we start the programs. If you are interested in helping with Kids' Kamp, please contact Marissa. We will be accepting donations for sneakers that the kids will decorate and take home.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, May 12**. Come and show your support of our youth as they participate in the service.



ATTENTION! There will be a special section in the June *Spire* about our high school and college students. PLEASE send all information and updates to the Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org no later than **May 12, 2024**.

CLERK'S CORNER

At the regular standing meeting of Session held at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on March 25, 2024, the following actions were taken:

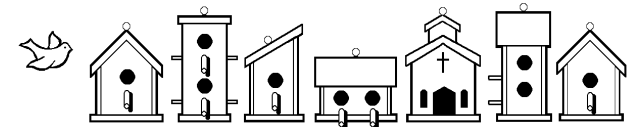
- Confirmed an electronic vote taken on March 7, 2024, to approve a payment of \$17,000 from the IMA account to Masterpiece Painting for repair of water damage to the choir room, upstairs women's restroom, and hallway.
- Confirmed an electronic vote taken on March 11, 2024, to approve a remaining payment of \$26,672.79 from the Endowment Fund to Hercules Lighting to cover the remaining cost of the Sanctuary lighting project.
- Approved a motion for the McKee baptism to take place during worship on Sunday, April 28, 2024.
- Approved a bid for \$25,400 from Mega Roofing for removal of chimneys and replacing shingles over the choir room area.
- Approved a bid for \$27,500 from Steeplejacks of America for steeple repair and preventative maintenance.
- Received the February 2024 financial reports for audit.
- A motion was made and seconded to lift the requirement that Elders must serve on a minimum of two church committees; instead, they must chair or co-chair at least one.

The Session will be spending time at each meeting moving forward in the study of various sections of the Book of Order, so that they can familiarize themselves with the responsibilities associated with being an Elder as well as the basic tenets of our Presbyterian faith.

The next meeting of Session will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Kelly S. Lindsay will be moderating.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Chuirazzi



FPC Birthdays

- 05/01 Susan Devanny
- 05/02 Cliff Straitiff
Ray Zeuner
- 05/03 Sandie Van Fossan
Addison Odille
Ian Odille
- 05/04 Sue Kindelberger
Watson Meyer
- 05/06 Jenny Annandono
Donna Weidman
- 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
- 05/15 Rev. Kelly Lindsay
- 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
- 05/28 Marissa Welke
- 05/29 Janet Williams

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



FPC MAY 2024



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Crafters 6:00 pm Relay for Life Meeting, FH 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Church Growth Meeting	2 National Day of Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Miriam Esther Circle Dave Skipper Vacation	3 Church Office Closed Dave Skipper Vacation	4 9:00 am OA Meeting, FH 11:00 am AA, MC Dave Skipper Vacation
	5 Communion/2 Cents 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Speaker Series 11:15 am Bell Practice	6 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Meeting, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	7 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm Bowling Banquet, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	8 6:00 pm Relay for Life Meeting, FH 6:30 pm AA, MC	9 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 7:00 pm CE Meeting	10 Church Office Closed	11 10:00 am Arch. Society 11:00 am AA, MC
	12 Youth Sunday/Mother's Day 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	13 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	14 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:30 pm Meet n Eat, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	15 5:30 pm Crossroads Bereavement Grp., FH 6:30 pm AA, MC	16 9:00 am Prayer Talk 7:00 pm Worship Meeting	17 Church Office Closed 4:00 pm Baker/Lipinski Rehearsal	18 11:00 am AA, MC 3:00 pm Baker/Lipinski Wedding
	19 Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Bell Practice	20 10:00 am OA, P 4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 5:30 pm Girl Scout, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	21 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 10:30 am Free Grocery Distribution and Lunch 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	22 SPIRE Deadline 6:30 pm AA, MC	23 9:00 am Prayer Talk 12:00 pm Dessert & Dialogue Women's Grp, P	24 Church Office Closed	25 11:00 am AA, MC
	26 Trinity 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	29 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Session Meeting	30 9:00 am Prayer Talk	31 Church Office Closed	

