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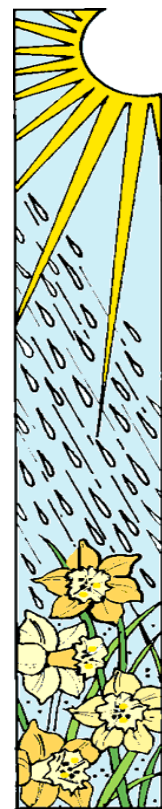


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The 2024 Lent Prayer Stations were created by several Church Committees.



Lenten Fellowship was held after worship on February 25. A light lunch, crafts, and activities were enjoyed by all.



CLERK'S CORNER

At the regular standing meeting of Session held at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on February 28, 2024, the following actions were taken:

* Confirmed two electronic votes taken on February 6 and 8 for room use.

* Received the January 2024 financial reports for audit.

Session spent a bit of time in conversation with Pastor Kelly introducing themselves. Pastor Kelly shared that Session will be studying the Book of Order and familiarizing themselves both with it and Robert's Rules of Order.

The next meeting of Session will start with a combined Deacon/Session meeting on Monday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with the regular standing meeting of Session to begin at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Kelly S. Lindsay will be moderating.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Chuirazzi, Clerk of Session



THE NEXT FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES is **Sunday, April 7, at 11:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Amy Bordonaro, the Co-Founder of Oh4Freedom and the Youngstown Valley Outreach Coordinator for Rahab Ministries. Amy raises awareness on human trafficking and child exploitation and has been in ministry for over thirty years. She and her husband have five children, and it is her passion to love God and love God's people. Amy will continue to raise awareness and outreach to the trafficked and the vulnerable until everyone in the Valley is free.

DEACONS' NEWS

Spring has arrived, and the Deacons are working on various projects for the month of April. On March 25, the Deacons met for their monthly meeting. Also on that day, the Deacons and the Elders came together for their yearly joint meeting. This allows both groups to discuss plans for the rest of the year.

With *Spring in the Air*, some of us may be thinking about *Spring Cleaning*. The Mission Committee turns their focus to assisting the YWCA- The Wings with providing cleaning supplies for the residents. During the month of April, they are collecting cleaning supplies such as paper towels, cleaning products, disposable cleaning wipes, trash bags, and high efficiency laundry detergent. All of these items are greatly needed by the residents, so please add a few items to your shopping list to help *The Wings*.

The March Community Lunch and Grocery Distribution took place on the 19th. Forty-one attendees enjoyed a hearty lunch of rigatoni and sauce, tossed salad, and Girl Scout cookies. Also, each attendee received a take-home snack of granola bars and a juice box. After lunch, 35 grocery orders were distributed. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with this monthly event.

The Deacons continue to strive to make a positive difference in both our congregation and community. If you are aware of any member's needs we need to address, please let us know. Also, the new prayer cards are another avenue for the Deacons to know the needs in our congregation.

Grace and Blessings,

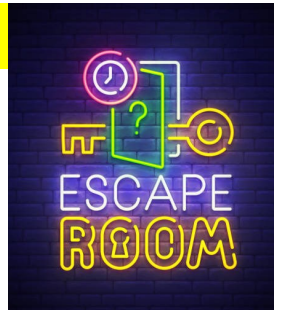
Sarah Hirt Buzulencia, Moderator- Deacons



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Attention: All FPC Youth!

We will be doing an exciting outing right here at FPC in April. Come hang out, eat pizza, and solve the mystery of our very own escape room! Plan on bringing a friend and having lots of fun! Look for more details to follow. For questions, call or text Marissa at 234-600-6773.



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 this year. We will again serve dinner before we start the programs. If you are interested in helping with Kids' Kamp this year, please contact Marissa. Keep an eye out for more information!

YOUTH OUTING AT EXTREME AIR



GOOD STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Our next celebration of Communion will be **Sunday, April 7, 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, April 7, 2024**, during our regular worship service. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad.

JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture, prayer, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

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 at 330-393-1524.

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

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

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, April 4, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. We will continue Lesson 7 of "Sacred Encounters." Please join us! Bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

PER CAPITA: Once a year each congregation must pay a Per Capita Assessment for each member. The Per Capita for 2024 is **\$32.50 per member**. Any contribution for this should be placed in the envelope provided in your box or in another envelope labeled "Per Capita".

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! 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 Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org no later than **May 12, 2024. Thank you!**

FAMILY TECH CONNECT: Are you struggling with your computer or cell phone? There is free technology help for seniors in Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana counties. Call 330-708-2992 for assistance.

WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will present their spring concert at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, April 21, at FPC.**

NEW ADDRESS:

Barbara Copeland

The Suites of Niles Continuing Healthcare
2567 Niles Vienna Rd. Room 141
Niles, Oh. 44446

COMING
SOON

ELECTRONIC PICTURAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Watch for an email that will include a link and sign-in information to access our new pictural directory.

MEET n EAT



Invite someone to join you for Meet-n-Eat on April 9 at 5:00 p.m. You will enjoy spaghetti and meatballs and an activity based on the theme "Pray". Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, April 7**, so that we know how much food to prepare.

A Note from the Pastor



Grace and Peace Siblings in Christ,

Has it been a month already? Actually, as of this writing, it has not quite been a full month since I composed my last article, and apparently, due to a delay in the postal system, many of you have yet to receive the March *Spire* in the mail. Today, however, marks one month since I drove into the Warren area and planted my feet. A lot seems to have happened and, at the same time, it feels like just a day or two has passed.

I continue to be more and more impressed with all the things I'm learning about this congregation and the community. Thankfully, the weather has even produced some very beautiful days. I look forward to experiencing my first summer in the Mahoning Valley. I confess that I don't know exactly what that means yet, but I've heard the term and have come to understand that I am currently somewhere inside it.

There have already been a lot of meetings, and there are many more to come as I am learning about different Committees and programs here at FPC. I continue to feel welcome and am encouraged by positive responses to some of the ideas I have had so far and the message I bring from the pulpit. Thank you for your kindness.

Holding those things in one hand as we move forward, I would like to intentionally pause and focus on getting to know you. I love the use of nametags on Sunday mornings. It might be helpful for me if we use them during Committee meetings, times of fellowship, and other gatherings.

Please be on the lookout for opportunities to meet in small groups where we can just learn more about each other and enjoy spending time together. When I have hosted such gatherings in the past, participants have been amazed by how much they learn about others in the congregation. You might even discover something you have in common with someone else and had no idea. In the meantime, if you would like to schedule personal time with me, please reach out and do that.

With Lent 2024 in our rearview mirror and moving forward through the 50-day celebration of Easter, I pray that something beautiful will spring up and provide some kind of spiritual growth for each of us. Those who watched *The Shack* may remember the garden that seemed like such chaos but was really a beautiful representation of how God saw Mack. In that scene, there was a lot of chopping and cutting going on, but God had plans for that particular space. Lent can be a difficult time of self-reflection. It can be hard to deny ourselves. It can be hard for us to walk alongside of Jesus when we know where He is headed, and we would much rather run the other direction. But out of Lent comes the groundwork that prepares us to endure Good Friday and advance onward to the good news of resurrection.

May you be blessed and may you be a blessing. He has risen! He has risen indeed! Go and tell everyone.

Rev. Kelly Lindsay

He is
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FPC April Birthdays

- 04/01 Marilou Zampedro
- 04/02 Jim Ries
Sheila Wistar
- 04/03 Sue Motzer
Jennifer Ferguson
- 04/05 Debbie Ries
- 04/07 Sarah McKee
- 04/08 Casey McKee
Finnegan Wireman
Oliver Wireman
- 04/09 Shealeigh Lipscomb
- 04/10 Herb Bate
- 04/11 Bob Beerbower
Tavish Burd
- 04/12 Amelia Sasanecki
Susan Jeffers
- 04/14 Bob Stahl
Maria Oswald
- 04/17 Mary Ann Bromley
- 04/18 Dominic Ewell
- 04/19 Richard Coupland
- 04/21 Jane Odille
- 04/24 Thelma Snyder
- 04/25 Kaitlyn Annandono
- 04/30 Rick Hope
Dottie Gorton

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



FPC APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	2 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	3 10:00 am Crafters, B 6:30 pm AA, MC	4 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Miriam Esther Circle, P 7:00 pm Church Growth, Z	5 Church Office Closed	6 11:00 am AA, MC
7 Communion/2 cents 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am First Sunday Speaker, FH	8 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Meeting, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	9 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:30 pm Meet n Eat, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	10 6:30 pm AA, MC	11 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 7:00 pm CE Meeting, Z	12 Church Office Closed	13 11:00 am AA, MC
14 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Bell Practice	15 10:00 am OA, P 4:00 pm Deacons' Mtg, FH 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	16 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 11:00 am Free Lunch & Grocery Distribution 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	17 1:00 pm Crossroads Bereavement Grp., P 5:00 pm Girl Scout Recruitment, FH 6:00 pm Relay for Life Meeting, B 6:30 pm AA, MC	18 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 12:00 pm Dessert and Dialogue Women's Study, P 7:00 pm Worship Meeting, Z 7:30 pm WPO Rehearsal, S	19 Church Office Closed 7:30 pm WPO Rehearsal, S	20 11:00 am AA, MC 3:30 pm WPO Rehearsal, S
21 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:00 pm Warren Philharmonic Orch. Concert, S	22 SPIRE DEADLINE 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	23 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	24 6:30 pm AA, MC	25 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH	26 Church Office Closed	27 11:00 am AA, MC 2:00 pm Presbytery Minute Review, FH
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