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FOUNDERS' DAY 2026

FPC FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION - On November 19, 1803, the Rev. Joseph Badger founded a Congregation composed of four women and two men; this Congregation survives today as the *First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio*. As members and friends of this Congregation, we will worship on **Sunday, November 22**, 223 years later, to celebrate this anniversary. Dinner will be **eat-in or carry-out**. The meal will be catered by the Saratoga Restaurant with a choice of Thanksgiving dinner, beef tips and noodles, or vegetarian. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children; children under 5 eat free. To make your reservation for the dinner on Sunday, **November 22, 2026**, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office, along with your prepaid amount, no later than **Sunday, November 15, 2026**. **NO ADDITIONAL DINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FOUNDERS' DAY.**

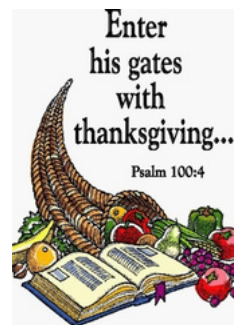
It is very important that we have an accurate count by the November 16 deadline.

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Choice/number of meal(s) Turkey _____ Beef Tips _____ Vegetarian _____

Eat-In _____ Carry-Out _____



THE SPIRE

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WARREN Pastor Leslie's Welcome Reception



REV. DR. LESLIE TRAYLOR'S INSTALLATION

The Worship Committee is pleased to inform you that on **November 15, at 3:00 p.m.**, we will be installing Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor to be our called pastor. It is an exciting time for us and an event to be shared joyfully with all our church family. To that end, the only worship service on November 15 will be at the 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for Dr. Traylor. Leslie's friends and peers from the Pittsburgh area will be present as well as our Eastminster Presbytery Stated Clerk and General Presbyter, Rev. Barry Chance, and other Presbytery officers.

Anticipating the concern that some may come at 10:00 a.m., arrangements are made for Melanie to be at the church at the time of our normal worship, 10:00 a.m. She will read scripture and play hymns and other pieces from the organ or piano for those who might come at that time. This will also be our radio broadcast for that morning.

Our FaceBook worshippers will be instructed via our FaceBook page to tune in at 3:00 p.m. for the Installation and Worship Service.

Come celebrate with us God's faithful goodness and provision in our soon to be installed pastor, Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor.

Prayer Station



In June, FPC's Church Life, VOM, and CE committees participated in Warren's local Pride in the Valley. We passed out candy, waters, ducks, and goodies at our booth while also asking those who would be willing to take a ribbon and write down their thoughts, prayers, concerns, and maybe even something they would like to see from the Church for their community. We decided to display them for all who come through our doors to see. We would like to encourage you to stop and observe the prayer station. This is a part of our Youth and Family Director's internship study this semester. If there are any questions, encouragement, or concerns, please contact Barry Chance as he is her direct supervisor. Thank you for your love and support to the LGBTQIA+ community.



Eastminster Presbytery at Warren Family Mission



Members of FPC met at Warren Family Mission to help them organize their coat drive on Saturday, October 17. They sorted and hung coats, hats, gloves and blankets.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

1. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday 9:00 - 9:45 November 1 & 8 Parables Nov 15 - Dec 13 "When God Comes Down"

"A thought-provoking Advent study exploring the biblical characters perspectives on the profound reality of God's incarnation."



2. Church History Presentation by Sarah Buzulencia November 29 - 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Soldier, Scholar and Shepard - Rev. Joseph Badger

" Commemorating Badger's Revolutionary War involvement, his choice to pursue the ministry, work and respect for the indigenous people in the Western Reserve, his ministry during the War of 1812 and his final years living in Western Ohio."

3. Calling All Young Adults in Their 20s and 30s!

Sunday, November 8 | 11:15 a.m. | Parlor

Are you looking for ways to become more involved in our church, meet new people, and make a difference in our community?

We invite all church members and friends in their 20s and 30s to join us for an informal organizational meeting.

This is an opportunity to share ideas and explore possibilities for mission projects, community outreach, social gatherings, and other activities that bring us together in friendship, fellowship, and faith.

We want to hear YOUR ideas! Whether you're interested in serving others, making new friends, or simply enjoying time together, your input will help shape what this new group can become. Come to help us build something meaningful together!



Long-time member, Eleanor "Pat" Hebberts, joined the Church Triumphant on October 14, 2026.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Paul Carlson on the death of his wife, Lois.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING

It's time once again for our Alternative Gift-Giving (AGG) event! This year's organizations will be Animal Welfare League, Free Indeed, Second Harvest, FPC Board of Deacons Community Outreach, Ryan's Well Foundation, Frontera de Cristo-Presbyterian Border Ministry. The event will be held after worship service on **Sunday, November 1**, in Fellowship Hall. Please attend and meet representatives from some of the organizations. Open your heart to help those in need.



The McFarland Speaker Series Presents: Rev. Harold Good

Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Warren Library- Harding Meeting Room

Harold Good: From Conflict to Connection:

Insights from a lifetime of Advancing Peace and Reconciliation

The inaugural event in a new Trumbull County Speaker Series will feature the Rev. Harold Good, whose life's work has taken him from Northern Ireland through Warren, Ohio, to the front lines of peacebuilding and reconciliation. Rev. Good lifts the curtain on his remarkable life in his book *Good Time*, a memoir with Martin O'Brien. Good couldn't have imagined that one day he would help change the course of Irish history, play a hitherto undocumented role in weapons disposal by FARC and ETA in Columbia and Basque Country, and be asked by Queen Elizabeth II over lunch in Buckingham Palace for advice about her visit to Ireland. Registration is required for this free event. You can register online on the library's website wtcpl.org or by phone 330-399-8807.

MEET-N-EAT

Meet-n-Eat was held on Tuesday, October 13. A meal of delicious salad, pasta, and dessert was served.





Good Stuff You Need to Know

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Our next celebration of Communion will be **Sunday, November 1, 2026**, 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, November 1, 2026**, 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 or Pastor, please call the Church Office.

LISTEN TO US EVERY SUNDAY MORNING at 10:00 a.m. on 1570 AM or 97.7 FM. or watch us on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Warren.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED – The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26**, and **Friday, November 27, 2026**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, November 5**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. We will discuss Lesson 3 in “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.” Lunch will follow at noon. Please bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

DECK THE HALLS (and the Sanctuary)...with boughs of holly on **Monday, November 23, at 5:30 p.m.**

DON'T FORGET... Jigsaw puzzles are available on the book shelf in Fellowship Hall. Take one; complete it; return it; borrow another. Enjoy!

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: Join us by radio, Facebook, or in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 22, 2026**, as we take time to recognize those who have been members for 50 years or more. **Mark your calendars and join the celebration!**

DISHWASHER NEEDED: The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help run the dishwasher on the third Tuesday of each month during our free community lunch. If you are able and willing to help, please call the Church Office at 330-393-1524. Thank you.

CORTLAND FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets in Otterbein of Cortland Chapel (Lake Vista) on the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Join us!

DEACONS' NEWS

During the September meeting of Deacons, Three new members were welcomed-Ray Rubrake, Julie Trowbridge and Jelani Lampley. Many thanks to Kathie Trowbridge, Marjorie Dangan, and Cindy Athya for the dedication and service they showed during their terms. New officers were also elected for the year. Susan Nadenichek is moderator; Ray Rubrake, vice-moderator; Julie Trowbridge, recording secretary; and Linda Adair, corresponding secretary.

The October meeting was spent on getting details for the Founder's Day dinner finalized and reviewing our financials in order to present our 2027 budget to the Finance Committee. A reception to welcome Pastor Leslie to FPC was held on October 11, with cake, punch and lots of fellowship.

During the Community Lunch/Grocery Distribution held on October 20, 55 lunches of ham and potato casserole, salad, and dessert were served and 39 bags of groceries were given out. We will post a list of our members and their committees soon, so that you can easily be in touch when you think Deacons could be of help. We're looking forward to a busy year.

Susan Nadenichek, Moderator, Board of Deacons

A NOTE FROM PASTOR LESLIE

TaDa! The last book box in the pastor's study was opened today. AND unpacked -with books placed on shelves!

I am very grateful for the grace you have ministered to me during this time of transition. Thank you for the assistance in moving in, for wearing nametags, for the beautiful reception (let them eat cake!), and for your patience with me as I climb up a fairly steep learning curve.

I am looking forward to traveling in ministry together in the future and am eager to become a part of the Warren community.

When you are at the church building, you are always welcome to stop in the study and chat a few minutes.

Hope to see you in worship,

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Leslie



Grief Support Group Dates for 2026

We humans grieve when we have lost someone or something. That loss creates the pain of grief that is difficult to live with. The pain challenges our everyday living. If you are grieving, you are not alone in your pain. Our grief group will help you to know that you are not alone, that others have felt and been through, or are going through, the same pain. In our Grief Support Group, you will not be given directives for navigating the pain. However, you will be given supportive love and understanding for your journey. We meet the first and third Fridays each month at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Bring your morning coffee or tea, and a friend if you'd like. Our upcoming groups are **Friday's, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18.**



Youth and Family Volunteers

Marissa is looking for individuals willing to volunteer their time with the youth of our church. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall for all those who wish to participate. There will be a MANDATORY volunteer training meeting for all individuals who sign up on **SATURDAY, November 21** (subject to change.) During the training, individuals will receive first aid and CPR training, a sign-up for a background check, a review of the Youth and Vulnerable Adults Policy, and learn how we teach our youth and why we do it this way. Due to our Youth and Vulnerable Adults' Policy that we have adapted from PCUSA, ALL VOLUNTEERS must be 18 years or older and have a background check performed in order to volunteer. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to Marissa.

November 2026

November Birthdays

11/01 John McCaughan
 John Vlad
 Aurelian Tanase
 11/02 Richard Polenick
 11/06 Pat McCaughan
 11/07 Linda Heckman
 Stacy Neilan
 11/08 Luke Beerbower
 11/09 Virginia Hatch
 Joyce Polenick
 William Creighton
 11/10 Sue Dennis
 11/11 Becky Lough
 11/13 Myra Fitzgerald
 11/18 Judy Anderson
 11/20 Bill Kemp
 11/21 Betty Kay Womer
 11/22 Caryn Ewell
 Jacqueline Shannon
 11/25 Janet Rudkin
 11/27 Jeffrey Jenkins
 11/29 Shelly Straitiff
 11/30 Alice Preston

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion/2 Cents 8:30 am Choir Reh. 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Alternative Gift-Giving, FH	2 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	3 Election Day 9:00 am Al-Anon, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	4 6:30 pm AA, MC	5 11:00 am Miriam Esther Circle, P 4:30 pm Church Life, Z	6 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Advent Study, FH	7 11:00 am AA, MC
8 8:30 am Choir Reh. 9:00 am Bible Study, P 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School, B 11:15 am 20's/30's Mtg, P	9 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Meeting, Z 7:00 pm CE Meeting, Z 7:00 pm AA, MC	10 9:00 am Al-Anon Anniversary, FH 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	11 11:00 am Veteran's Day Service 5:00 pm Someplace Safe, B 6:00 pm NAMI, P 6:30 pm AA, MC	12	13 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Advent Study, FH	14 11:00 am AA, MC
15 10:00 am Worship Music 3:00 pm Pastor Leslie's Installation Service	16 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	17 9:00 am Al-Anon, B 10:30 am Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH 5:00 pm Finance Mtg., P 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	18 1:00 pm Crossroads Bereavement Grp., P 6:30 pm AA, MC	19 12:00 pm Dessert and Dialogue, P 7:00 pm Worship Meeting	20 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Advent Study, FH	21 11:00 am AA, MC
22 Founders' Day 8:30 am Choir Reh. 9:00 am Bible Study, P 10:00 am Worship 10:25 am Sunday School, B 11:15 am Founders' Day Dinner, FH	23 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm Decorate the Church Dinner, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC	24 9:00 am Al-Anon, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	25 5:00 pm Someplace Safe, B 6:30 pm AA, MC	26 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 11:00 am AA, MC
29 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Choir Reh. 9:00 am Bible Study, P 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am FPC History, FH	30 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC					

