

# 1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## February - March 2025

### Annual Wine & Cheese Gathering

Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 4 - 6 pm  
Home of Tom and Allison Mackin - 26788 Green Ville Dr

*Join your FPC family and friends for a relaxing time of fellowship. Beverages and appetizers provided by the Congregational Life Team.*



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*Celebrating Christ's love for all people*



# Pastor's Page:

*The following is the sermon I preached Sunday, March 9, 2025, the 1st Sunday of Lent. We are once again using a theme created by Sanctified Arts, the title of the sermon is: "Everything [in] Between—Stranger & Neighbor." The scripture for reflection was Luke 10:25-37.*



Who here is feeling at all like the person lying on the road, beaten and abused this morning, even if in just one aspect of your life? Are there any among us who can relate to the feeling of being run over right now and not knowing what comes next, you are just hoping that it will be somebody who will care for you?

I think for most of us in this room it is important to be seen as having it together, to be seen as being able to handle whatever is thrown at you, to be seen as not messing up or making mistakes, to be seen as being able to hold your emotions in check, to be seen as being the one who takes care of others and provides for yourself—please hear this: You are deeply loved and esteemed here. We know your gifts. We value your experience. Sharing your whole self with us, your human imperfections, your fragile places, your messiness, will not change that. You are safe here.

Right now, as a community of faith, we need to turn in toward one another, not turn away from one another. In so many conversations I am having these days, the words, "I just don't understand" are eventually said. "I just don't understand why . . ." "I just don't understand how . . ." "I just don't understand what . . ." Beloved Siblings in Christ, in some instances we in this worshipping community are becoming strangers to one another because we do not think we will be handled tenderly, or already feel stung by an interaction . . . or a sermon. The truth is sometimes our faith is very demanding. Sometimes Jesus throws us challenges. I mean, wow! The scriptures over the last six weeks, and the sermon topics, very demanding, right?

So even if we have felt scolded by Jesus in recent weeks, remember that what he extends to us is always mercy and grace, even as he extends us challenge and the rules of God's household. Just like all of you have welcomed your child onto your lap and into a hug after reprimanding them, Jesus says, "let the little children come unto me." This Lent at FPC will be a season of tenderness in the messy middle. Jesus says that the kingdom of God belongs to those who come to him like the little children. Come, let us turn into his care and shelter this Lent.

I ask everybody in this congregation to do the best you can to show up for one another in worship, prayer, and fellowship this Lent. I am asking, please. Come to Tuesday prayer time. Come to The Table for dinner. Ask yourself, "What does the Lord require of me? And what does the Lord require of our church?" And then intentionally and tenderly ask that of one another in fellowship and conversation. Come to fellowship hour after worship and sit down at a different table with different people and have that kind of intentional exchange. Thusly we can address all those, "I just don't understands."

What is in between stranger and neighbor? Knowing our values and daring to show up in tenderness for one another. What is in between stranger and neighbor? Loving the Lord with everything in us and our lives and acting toward those around us in the way that we hope to be treated also, especially if we were ever down and out, vulnerable or broken down.

I invite you now to listen to the words that Emilie Sande sings in "Tenderly."

Pastor Katie





Registration contact:

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Fee per participant\*: \$199  
for programming, meals, &  
T-shirt; travel & housing are  
additional costs

Pre-event: Meet the MVP  
delegation, fundraise, build  
community

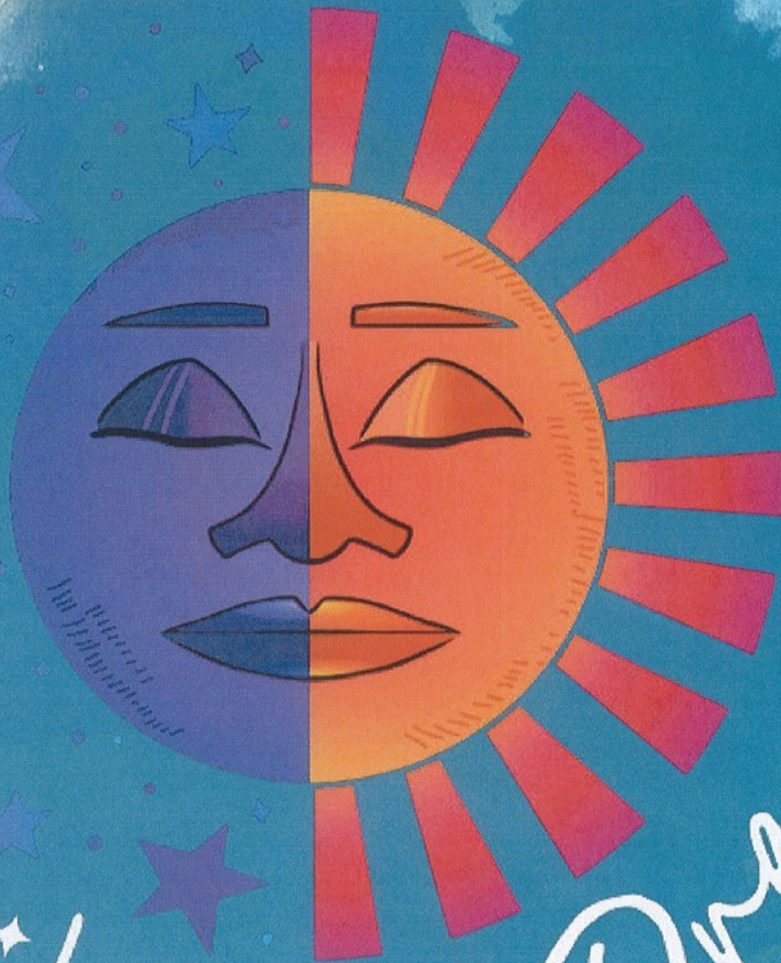
**\*HIGH SCHOOLERS ONLY**

Dreams play an important  
part in the biblical  
narrative. They serve as  
reminders that we are not  
alone; God sees us and is  
with us.

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IT  
IS  
TIME  
TO  
REGISTER

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*As if we were Dreaming*

July 28 - 31  
Louisville, KY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025



**WAY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS**  
**With Library Speakers Consortium**

FIND THE LINK ON THE WAY PUBLIC LIBRARY WEBSITE  
or go to [library.org/waylibrary](http://library.org/waylibrary)

**Thursday, March 20 at 2PM**

How Women's Liberation Transformed America: In Conversation with Clara Bingham

**Wednesday, March 26 at 7PM**

Dream We Chase: An Author Talk with Novelist Jennifer Weiner

**Wednesday, April 2 at 7PM**

Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

**Tuesday, April 8 at 2PM**

The Stories, Science, and History of Trees  
with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming

*Cabelyl -*  
*Lincoln*  
**Workcamp**

**JUNE 15-21, 2025**

**[www.cl-workcamp.org](http://www.cl-workcamp.org)**

**COST: \$375 OR \$350 if registered by May 1, 2025**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM WILL COVER THE COST.**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be 14 years of age or older and be a rising 9th grader. Those younger than 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who must work on the same crew/lodge with that youth. These arrangements must be discussed with the director when applying.

*A labor of love that will leave a lasting imprint on your heart.*



## EASTER FLOWERS!

It is that time again to order the flowers for Easter. The orders and money must be in the Church office no later than

**Sunday, 16 March.**

#__ Lily Dbl Stem 7-1/2"	\$15.00	\$_____
#__ Tulip 4-1/2" 1 bulb	\$ 5.00	\$_____
#__ Tulip 6-1/2" 3 bulb	\$ 8.00	\$_____
#__ Daffodil 6-1/2" 5 bulb	\$ 8.00	\$_____
#_____ TOTALS		\$_____

Name\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of or in Honor:

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# 2025 DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

PLEASE SEND CORRECTIONS/UPDATES/ADDITIONS TO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." ||| Psalm 46:1



One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering - Ends March 23  
Listen to your heart, give what you can.

PCU - March 30th is Pork & Beans "One Day Sunday"  
Ham will be distributed in April for Easter.

NOSA Cards - February Total = \$2,070.00

The Table - March 19th

Theme - Italy with an entrée of Spaghetti & Meatballs



The Open Door - Bags of Love

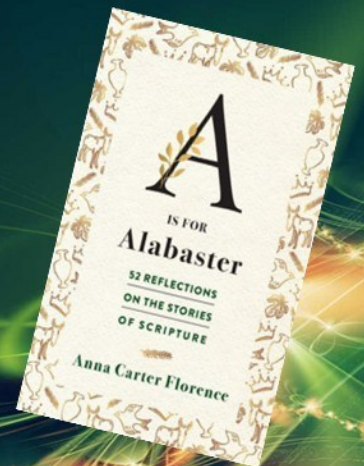
24 bags filled with hygiene products and nearly  
new men's clothing. Please make sure to  
return all bags by the end of March.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEWS

*Tuesday Morning Study Group News - March/April*

We have finished A to Z in the Old Testament Readings. Now, we are progressing through A to Z with New Testament Readings. You are welcome to join our lively discussions on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. We meet in person and on Zoom. Call Selinda at 419-865-8383 for details.





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## everything [in] between

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

AS WE ENTER INTO THE LENTEN SEASON WE WILL BE  
WALKING WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS.

THE CURRICULUM WE ARE USING IS WRITTEN BY SANCTIFIED ARTS  
TITLED EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. OUR LESSONS WILL FOLLOW THE  
SCRIPTURES HEARD DURING WORSHIP SERVICE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL  
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE TOPICS WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

THE OLDER CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING THEIR DISCUSSION  
TIME WITH CLAIRE AND NICK AFTER THE SERMON. THIS IS  
AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS,  
FEELINGS, AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES WITH THEIR  
FRIENDS AND MENTORS.



**THE CHILDREN & CE TEAM  
ENJOYED PREPARING OUR TABLE  
FOR THE JOB FAIR.**

We were all very proud to show the congregation what we do all year long to learn more about what Jesus expects of us, how we can show our love for others, engage with the community, and walk with our God daily.

# **10 REASONS TO JOIN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM**

1. We have great Bible study Programs.
2. Refresh your knowledge of Bible stories.
3. There are lots of opportunities to be creative.
4. We have working dinners in members' homes.
5. We make great Margaritas.
6. Evidence suggests that working with young children can reduce the risk of developing dementia.
7. You select the activities to volunteer for.
8. When was the last time you got to cut and paste?
9. If you can give one hour or 100 hours, we have a job for you.
10. Pastor Katie keeps us laughing!



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 10am Worship	10  5:30pm S/F Team meeting	11 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer 6:30pm Session	12 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm AlAnon	13  1pm Cong Care Team Meeting	14 5:45 pm Toastmasters	15 9am Stephen Ministry Training
16 10am Worship	17 5pm Cong Life Team Meeting	18 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer 5:30pm Bldg Management	19 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	20 1pm Cong Care Team Meeting	21 5:45 pm Toastmasters	22 9am Stephen Ministry Training
23 10am Worship	24 5pm Cong Life Team Meeting	25 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer 6pm Joy Belles	26 6pm AlAnon	27	28	29 9am Stephen Ministry Training
30 10am Worship	31					

## UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

**March 16:** Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

**March 23:** Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

**March 30:** Stephen Potts, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

**April 6:** Don Youel, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, David/Susan Rowland Miller, Kathy Jarosz

**April 13:** Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

**April 20:** Don Youel, Marty Sloan & Delbert Duckins, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

**Communion:** Jay & Jo Salvage, Tom & Karen Lingeman

**April 27:** Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Isla/Fiona Davies, Stephen Potts



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer	<b>2</b> 5pm Worship & Music 6pm Community Outreach	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9am Stephen Ministry Training
<b>6</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Christian Ed Team Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer	<b>9</b> 6pm AlAnon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am Stephen Ministry Training Martha Gluth Memorial Service
<b>13</b>  10am Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Prayer 6:30pm Session	<b>16</b> 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	<b>17</b> 6 pm Maundy Thursday	<b>18</b>  Good Friday	<b>19</b> 9am Stephen Ministry Training
<b>20</b>  10am Worship	<b>21</b> 5:30pm S/F Team meeting	<b>22</b> 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Bldg Management 6pm Joy Belles	<b>23</b> 6pm AlAnon	<b>24</b> 1pm Cong Care Team Meeting	<b>25</b> 5:45 pm Toastmasters	<b>26</b> 9am Stephen Ministry Training
<b>27</b> 10am Worship 4pm Wine & Cheese Gathering	<b>28</b> 5pm Cong Life Team Meeting	<b>29</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6pm AlAnon	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> <b>April 17 at 6:00 pm</b> <b>There will be a light meal served before the service.</b>		