

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April - May 2025



Despite the rainy morning, the kind-hearted children managed to deliver May baskets to our neighbors at Elm House, where many residents welcomed us with warm smiles and gratitude. See more pictures inside the newsletter!

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page:

"Who was I that I could hinder God?" —Acts 11:17

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

... And suddenly, everything is green! Spring has sprung! I hope it does as much good for your soul as it does for mine, plus the long hours of sunlight — happy days! I have a lot of things to tell you about. Are you ready? Here we go.

#1 JUNE

Vacation Bible School is going to be so cool this year. And it is just around the corner—June 12,13,14. The theme is: God Provides, and We Are God's Helpers! The kiddos are going to visit the Maumee River and consider its care. They are going to visit the PCU food band and consider care of one another. And they are going to be onsite at the church with David Nunn to talk about reusing things and the importance of trees.

Presby Pies resume on Thursday, June 12. Dust off your pie tins, it's GO TIME!

Cabell-Lincoln Work Camp Rick, Mary Beth, Pastor Katie, Isla, Lizzy, Michelle, Matt, and Thomas are all registered to go spend June 15-21 working on people's houses in West Virginia with our long-time friends and partners in Christ at Work Camp.

Grass Roots on the Church Lawn Third Thursdays of the Month All Summer David Nunn will be out on our lawn through the Farmer's Market Season, letting people get to know his new non-profit recycling project, beginning THURSDAY, JUNE 19. His kick-off is going to be special. Plan to come and check it out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our ONLY worship service on Sunday, June 29, will be at 2:00pm in Ottawa Park with other Toledo-area Maumee Valley Presbytery Congregations. We will coordinate ride-sharing so everybody who is in town and available for worship that day can go. There will be activities specifically for children and youth. There will be a picnic! I will be helping with worship planning. We will make sure you have comfortable seating. That's all to say—This Is Going To Be Fun! (So don't skip it!) **WATCH & LISTEN FOR UPDATES!**

#2 UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE CHURCH BUILDING

Exterior Cleaning & Painting will be happening this summer. Sattler Painting is putting us on the schedule to come clean and paint the street-facing exterior of our building except for the education wing, which we will paint—yes, us! Some donors have already put down half the cost, now it is up to us to match their gift with our own donations. Watch for more information.

Building Security Upgrades We have engaged APC, who already provide our building security, to make necessary system upgrades to keep all of us, this beautiful space we have, and most importantly, our daycare students and teachers safe as can be. These upgrades are not cheap, so your Session dipped into investments to pay for the work. What a blessing that we have the resources available.

Look, here we are at the bottom of the page and I haven't even mentioned all the Mission and Vision work we have been up to. Yep, I'm going onto the next page!

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Pastor's Page—Part 2:

“Tabitha, wake up.”—Acts 9:40

#3 PARISH ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Susan Rowland Miller and I have solidified a Parish Associate agreement and informed the Session, as the Presbytery directs us to do.

This arrangement tethers her to a congregation even as she pursues her validated ministry out in the Presbytery. Susan is already a beloved participant in the life of this congregation, so you might not notice any big changes. Just know she provides wonderful clergy support for me and is here to help out with studies and worship now and again. For clarity's sake, note that the Session did not hire her into a church leadership position. Parish Associate arrangements are made through the pastor of a congregation.



#4 MISSION, VISION, & STORY

Worship Seems Different... So, how do you like it? I particularly like having our young people in worship for the Prayers of the People! There are a lot of things afoot in our congregation, so with the Worship Team I am considering shortening my comments on the scripture of the day to then connect it with some new endeavor here at the church, with the intention of then opening up for 5-10 minutes of your questions. It is really important to me that everybody has a chance to understand what we are all about these days at FPC, and Sunday morning is our main gathering time. What do you think?

Story Corps Around Every Turn! We are including a Story Corps story in worship this spring and summer because we want to come together in worship and honor voices/stories outside our own, to notice our similarities and differences, to honor God's story by honoring our neighbor's story. Having those stories in worship is meant to be a spiritual practice of deep listening and being present to others. You might take it the next step Sunday mornings and discuss the story with your companions!

Now, you are going to notice two card tables in the Fellowship Hall. Those are story-sharing locations for the Mission Vision Team members to practice what they are learning from “DIY Story Corps”. We are sincerely asking your help to develop our skills. Wander over to those tables during fellowship hour, have a seat, answer a question or two, share a story. It is a delight. You are going to like it!

New Community Partnerships—Why? We have all kinds of neighbors out there whom we haven't met yet. We want to get to know their stories and tell them our part of the story too. So, we're putting ourselves in places to meet new people and find out what God has for us to do together. Our part of God's story is beginning its next chapter. Like Tabitha—who died in faith, having served the poor widows of her community, and then resurrected by Peter to renewed life and the new work of shepherding new disciples (Acts 9)—we have awoken into our new calling to make space for the sharing of story so that love and solidarity can grow and flourish here.

I hope you found all of this information helpful. I also hope it has also made you curious to find out more about all the newness unfurling all around us here at FPC.

~Pastor Katie

PRESBY PIES STARTING SOON!

Pie pans and boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall again by June 1. Boxes are perfect for transporting your delicious pies. Please make sure to label your box with the type of pie it contains. It's also a good idea to include your initials on the box if you drop it off early, so we can keep track of who baked what. We kindly ask that all pies arrive at the church by 3:30 at the latest, as the line tends to form around that time. If you store your pies in the refrigerator or freezer, please leave a note on the counter. Remember to place your pies in the large kitchen only, not in the flower kitchen! While we prefer to avoid early sales, we understand if you want to sell to a friend or neighbor who enjoys your pies!

Feel free to reach out to Nancy Gates if you have any questions! I'm more than happy to share my easy roll pastry recipe if you're interested. Plus, I can offer some tips I've picked up over our 14 or 15 baking seasons! I really hope our seasoned bakers will come back, and that some new bakers will join us too! We totally understand that vacations can get in the way of baking for every sale, but any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. Just a reminder, we meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, so in July and August, there will be a three-week break. Looking forward to seeing you on June 12!

2025 Presby Pie Dates:

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 24

August 14 and 28

September 11 and 25

TOLEDO AREA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

SHARED WORSHIP & PICNIC

AT OTTAWA PARK

Sunday @ 2PM

June 29, 2025

Ottawa Park

2205 Kenwood Blvd,

Toledo, OH 43606

Worship Service followed by a
Picnic and Activities

Join us for a joyful day of unity, fellowship, and fun!

Congregations from across Toledo area will come together to worship, share a meal, and celebrate our community.



Let's come together to make this a joyful and memorable day for all!

All are welcome!

Committees are forming now!

We need volunteers to help organize the event. Join a committee and make a difference!

- * Worship
- * Music
- * Tech
- * Food
- * Youth Activities
- * Children's Activities

Want to be on a committee or have suggestions?

Contact Christine Palmer:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for VBS have been updated to June 12, 13, and 14. Prepare for three exciting days of discovering how God Provides and how we can be His Helpers. We will highlight local organizations that offer services to feed the hungry, protect our vital water supply, and demonstrate how we can sustainably use and recycle our natural resources for future generations.

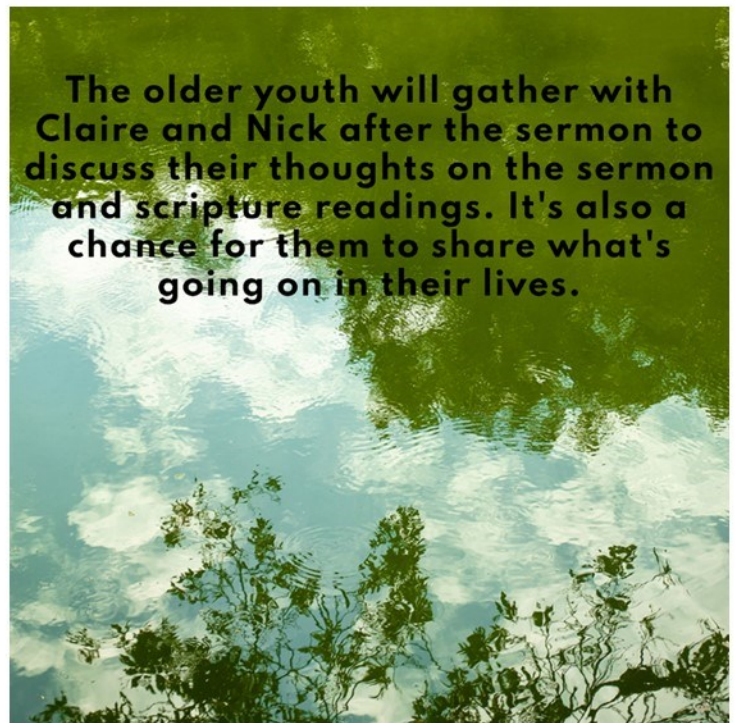


Christian Education


JR. WORSHIP
WILL KEEP
EXPLORING
THE STORIES
OF GOD'S
PEOPLE ON
MOUNTAINS
AND SEAS.



The older youth will gather with Claire and Nick after the sermon to discuss their thoughts on the sermon and scripture readings. It's also a chance for them to share what's going on in their lives.



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 <div>Do you need help with the settings on you cellphone, tablet, or other handheld device? Call Sue Fyten about This Saturday's program at the church from 1-2pm.</div>	12	13	14 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm AlAnon	15	16 Inspirations Graduation 5:45pm Toastmasters	17 1-2pm Cong Care hosts: Know Your Tech with P'burg NHS
18 10am Worship	19 5pm Cong Life Team meeting	20 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Building Management	21 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	22 <div>FPC! Come to The Table for dinner! This is <u>our</u> monthly dinner gathering. Community Outreach is making YOU dinner. (Yes, I'm shouting!)</div>	23	24
25 10am Worship & Choir Recognition	26 	27 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	28 6pm AlAnon	29	30 5:45pm Toastmasters	31

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

May 11: Don Youel, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Matt Hollar/Michelle Chavez, Kathy Jarosz

May 18: Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Lizzy Crawford, Gretchen Downs

May 25: Don Youel, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Marti Clayton, Nancy Gates

June 1: Stephen Potts, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, Rick/Mary Beth Giltz, Nancy Gates

Communion: Margot Quick & Julie Lindsey, Allison Mackin & Lizzy Crawford

June 8: Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

June 15: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Allison Mackin, Gretchen Downs

June 22: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

June 29: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Fiona Davies, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship Communion 11:15am CE Team meets	2 5:30pm S/F Team meeting	3 10am Bible Study	4 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AlAnon	5	6	7
8 10am Worship	9	10 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session	11 6pm AlAnon	12 VBS—> Presby Pies	13 VBS	14 <—VBS
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