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Fellowship**

**following Worship**

**Sunday School**

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*From our Pastor's Heart ...*



Dear Friends,

In November of 2017, I brought to the Session the idea of entertaining a Clergy/Congregational renewal program at FPC. I knew there was a grant offered for this type of program through the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary.

Carol Evans and I made a visit to Camp Kirkmont to explore the facilities for an upcoming women's retreat. There we met the camp's director, Buzz Reed. In conversation the topic of the Lilly Grant came up and Buzz told us that he had assisted at least 9 congregations in completing grants for the Renewal Program and would be happy to help FPC.

With the support of Session I pulled together a group of people to explore the possibility of obtaining a grant for FPC. The initial group was Carol Evans, Lynn Burke, Mike England, Kent King, Karen McNeal, Nikki Hogarth and myself. We began meeting weekly in January knowing that the deadline was April 13, 2018. Mike and Kent later stepped down because their schedules were too full and Alison Miller joined us. Both Kent and Mike remain interested in the process and available to answer congregational questions. Kent has offered to edit the grant and make sure we are following all the guidelines.

The grant is close to submission. We will not hear about whether we have been awarded it until late August this year. I understand that they award about 100 grants a year. There has been a bit of confusion about the timing. The Renewal (which is "kind of" like a short sabbatical) will be from **April 30, 2019-August 10, 2019**. We are required to submit the grant the year before the renewal will take place.

The grant work is very extensive. They want a lot of detail about the congregation, about me and about our ministry. We must account for all the money we are requesting. The grant we are applying for is \$50,000 with up to \$15,000 available for the congregation, its pastoral care/preaching and its renewal programming.

The Session and this renewal committee are pretty excited about this opportunity. They want 2019 to be a year of renewal for FPC. How that takes shape for the congregation has been sketched out, but is not in stone. Once the grant is submitted, we would like to get input from the congregation. What might interest you? How might you see the congregation using this time while I'm away? If you are interested in participating in this please let me know. We want your input.

As I have said above, we won't know whether we will receive the grant until late August. If we do not get it, both plans for the congregation and me will be adjusted and reshaped. We are hoping though that we will be successful.

I see this time for me as an opportunity to step back, to explore creativity and spiritual formation, to practice slowing down, (which is hard for me) and a time to renew acquaintances with people who have been pivotal on my journey of life and faith. I'm pretty excited about it. I think it will also be a time for all of us to fill our cups with fresh new energy and insight.

Unless God has other plans, I expect to be with you until I retire. I think this opportunity will prepare us for the next step of our ministry together. May God continue to bless us as we make our way to Easter.

Blessings,  
Pastor Deb

## EARTH DAY

Join us as we celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd!  
FPC has been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation in 2018 by the Presbyterian Mission Agency for our environmental stewardship achievements in worship, education, facilities and outreach actions in the life of the church.

To help conserve resources, we will have a "Paperless Worship Service" and project the Order of Worship on the screens. Check your emails and bulletins in April for more news about Earth Day!



## PRESBEES

***Who are we? What do we do?*** We are adults who enjoy lunch out, enjoy lovely conversation with others, and are introduced to interesting people and programs. ***Does this appeal to you?*** Then we hope you will join us as we kick off a new Presbees year.

We meet at FPC the third Wednesday of the month, April through November. Our first meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the FPC social room. Don Chenoweth will speak on Annie's Outreach. To make a reservation for the April 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon, please call Bunny (740-549-1428).

If you have not been a regular Presbee, please contact Bunny Allen at 740-549-1428 so she can place you on the monthly calling list.

## Music Notes

by Ruth Rabby



## Easter Sunday,

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection with joyful music by the Chancel Choir, organ and handbells. The service will conclude with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah," at which time former choir singers are welcome to join the ensemble.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will be led and accompanied in our worship music by our resident bluegrass ensemble, Prestyterian Pickers (not denominational yard-sale groupies but a group who pick on traditional stringed folk instruments). We will hear and sing traditional folk hymns accompanied by fiddlers, Delia and Maddy Herzog, banjo players Jack Flury and Wayne Moore, guitarists Jennifer Shaw and Chuck and Peggy Stringham, and string bass player Jim Wasil.



**April 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **Youth Sunday** with leadership of all facets of worship coming from the youth of our congregation.



**Back to regular practices week of April 9!**

Monday, Carillon 3:30-4:00

Wednesday, Treble Chime Time 5:15-5:45

Friday, Bass Chime Time, 3:30-4:00

Last performance of the year on **Youth Sunday**, the last Sunday in April: **April 29.**



Do you have a God given musical talent? You don't have to be a soloist....all God's children got a place in the choir(or duet, or trio, or combo...) Share it with your FPC family!



## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

[familylife@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:familylife@midohio.twcbc.com)

Nikki Hogarth, Leader



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

### **Confirmation Sunday...Youth Sunday...New Members Join!**

April 29th will be a joyous day at FPC!

Be sure you don't miss out on this special Worship service that will be planned and led by FPC Youth. We will honor and welcome our Confirmation Class, as well as welcome our other newest FPC members! This is certainly a cause for celebration!!

#### **2018 Confirmation Class**

Logan Franklin  
Katie Mampe  
Charlie Thacker

Congratulations and Welcome!!!

### **Laundry Love: April 25th 5-8PM**

See Stephanie Mampe or Lisa Maharry if you'd like to volunteer!!





Ruth Rabby leads the Children's Moment to WELCOME Rev. Dr. Jeanne Harsh on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Lisa Maharry** is the new Children's Moment Volunteer Coordinator.

### New Adult Study Begins April 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>



When we think of a detective story, we often think of murder mysteries. The Bible contains some detective stories, which could also be called "life mysteries."

These stories are not all mystery stories in the conventional sense of the word, but they investigate incidents, personalities, and topics that ought to catch

the interest of anyone with a detective's turn of mind.

For example, the Bible has a lot to say about blood. Why is this so important, and how far back, biblically, does this theme go? In another example, our environmentally-conscious twenty-first century warns that we humans may destroy our planet. Did the writer of Genesis have a head start on this idea when Cain was warned that the ground would no longer yield for him because he had killed his brother?

We will investigate these and several other life mysteries in the book "Detective Stories from the Bible", by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Chapters include: "A Biography of Satan"; "Follow the Blood"; "Job Tells His Story"; and "The Advantage of Fourth Place".

Classes will begin the week after Easter, with the first class sessions on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Both classes meet in the church library. All adults are welcome to attend. Materials are free of charge and will be read during class. The first half of this study will last six weeks. We will break for the summer and resume the study of the book's last six chapters in the fall.

To register your interest in either the Monday or Wednesday class, please sign up with Peggy Stringham during coffee hour or contact the church office.

**Are you ready to make First Presbyterian your church home?**

*We are so excited to have you!*



Join us for a New Members Class on Sunday, April 22, from 11:15-12:30 in the Library. Lunch and childcare is provided.

Please call the church office to register at 740-363-1205.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

The Girl Scouts participated Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> as FPC worship leaders. Their families and leaders look on with pride.

Gabi Stockman, Miriam Dile, Dani Mauk, and Katie Mampe present the Girl Scout Promise during the Children's Moment.

Thank you, Troop 2822!





## PERSON OF THE MONTH



Joan Cornell  
103 Oak Hill Drive  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Please let Joan know that she is loved and we are thinking of her.

## ELIZABETH WHITE CIRCLE

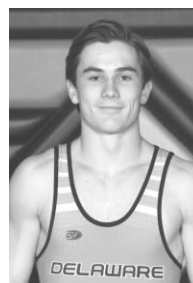
The Circle begins their 2018 year on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Campbell Addition. All women of the church are welcome.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Bob Douds, Jr. was voted Basketball Coach of the Year for the NWCC Conference!

Sean Hazelton was 2018 Scholar of the year in the OCC Wrestling Conference season.



## LECTIONARY

**April 1 Resurrection of the Lord** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8, Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45  
**Easter Evening** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; I Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

**April 8** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2; 2 John 20:19-31

**April 15** Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 22** Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**April 29** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

## WEBSITE

FPC Committee Chairs: Please view your website page at [delfpc.org](http://delfpc.org) and send updated content and photos to Taylor Smith, FPC Media Coordinator, [bigt2424@gmail.com](mailto:bigt2424@gmail.com).

## GODSPEED, Sandy!

From the Children's Moment where she was wished Godspeed...



to the laying on of  
hands blessing during  
Worship...

to the reception where she was  
presented her FPC Hymnal signed by  
all the choir members...Sandy Kramer  
was sent off to her new life with her



family in Los Angeles with love and regret from this congregation.

**We will miss you, Sandy! You will always be welcome here at FPC.**

## **COUPLE OF THE MONTH**



Bob and Ruth McQuigg  
10 Village Lane #19  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Please let Ruth and Bob know that we love and appreciate them.



## **THANK YOU**

Congratulations on your recertification as an Earth Care Congregation! The commitment that your church continues to show for caring for God's earth is an inspiration, and your ministry is appreciated. Thank you for all you have done since your earth care journey was first recognized. Enclosed is a certificate affirming your status as an Earth Care Congregation until February 2019. Thank you for your commitment to caring for God's earth.

Jessica Maudlin  
Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your faithful and generous giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, those who are in need. Thank

you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support:  
On February 26, 2018, we received \$592.51 for the Christmas Joy Offering.

Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission. Please let me know how I can support your efforts.

Chris Roseland  
Mission Engagement Advisor  
Presbyterian Church Mission (U.S.A.)

## WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

**Have you turned in your Elizabeth and Eugene White Scholarship application yet?** The Applications for the 2018-2019 university school year are still being accepted. Consideration will be given to students (this also includes adults who are going back to school) who show academic promise and have financial need related to their post-secondary education. Applications are available in the church office. **The deadline is April 18, 2018.** Like most scholarships, there is a limited amount of award monies to be used and some applicants may not receive awards.

## TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Work will be done to clean the dryer vents in the apartments.

Lawn care and treatment has been arranged for the year.

A broken switch in the elevator has been replaced.

A loose stair tread (to the choir room) has been secured.

The railing on the chancel steps was not what was ordered and the matter will be resolved.

Weather permitting, a rose trellis will be installed in front of the vestibule.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

-Session approved the sabbatical leave of Reverend Deb Patterson for approximately 3 months during the calendar year 2019 in accordance with

the Scioto Valley Presbytery guidelines of 2008

-May 6, 2018 will be designated Unconditional Love Sunday.

-Session approved the change of Communion from April 29, 2018 to May 6, 2018

## **DEACON HIGHLIGHTS**

Jeanne Wasil had opening devotions. She read Psalm 139 followed by a reading by Max Lucado; *Made by the Master*. She then talked about how every person in every church has a unique talent to offer.

Because of all the opiate overdoses over the last couple weeks the deacons discussed the need for more services in the community and discussed if there was a need for the church to become more active in this area of concern.