



# LIFELINE



We celebrate this  
beautiful  
Christmas season!







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## Happy New Year

Session did not meet in December. Our next regular meeting will be January 15, 2023 after worship.

**Important date to add to your 2023 calendar:**  
**January 29--Annual Congregation meeting.**

Blessings to all.

Kathleen Seewer

2022 Clerk of Session

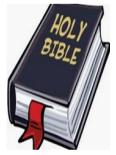
## Adult Christian Education News— Cornerstone Class

We meet every Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Lounge. We finished our study of the book of Revelation. Pastor Joe will have a presentation, "Faith on Brew", similar to his program at the Firefly Vineyard for our first class on January 4th. At this class we will decide on a new topic for the class.



There will be plenty of good snacks to enjoy at class.

**Come join us!**



### A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings from my family and I! We have enjoyed spending the Advent Season with you - and feel so good seeing all the wonderful things that have happened in the life of the church during this time. Seeing all the beautiful decorations throughout the building made us even more grateful for the birth of the Baby Jesus. The warmth of the congregation as you gathered together and had fun at the Sunday luncheon and the Ugly Sweater Contest -- it is obvious you truly are a family that loves one another. Seeing all the ladies gathered for their annual Christmas luncheon and the collection of diapers and wipes for the FISH Food Pantry is another indication of how generous you all are, along with the Little Magi's collecting food items for the school pantry during Sunday service. To those of us from the outside looking in, we appreciate that. The three families you adopted for Christmas are so fortunate for the kindness and generosity of all of you, as well as the collection of hats, gloves and scarfs for children who may not have the warmth of these items without you. The beautiful and inspiring message Pastor Joe relayed to all of us on Christmas Eve prepared us for the arrival of the baby, and culminated with his equally warm and inspirational message on Christmas morning. Now that the Advent Season is behind us and we move on to Epiphany and soon into the Lenten Season, we are looking forward to watching all the good works that you do and seeing the love that you share. God Bless You All! ~*Ecclesial Mouse*

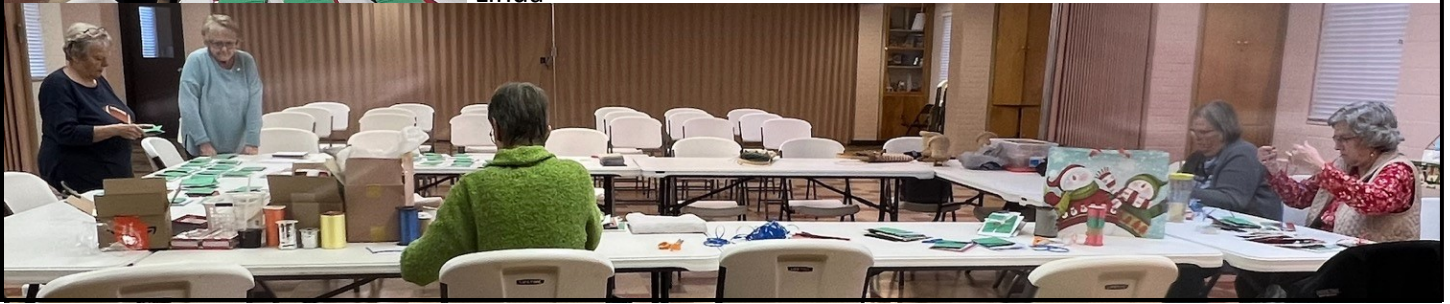


The new church Elders and Deacons, Lily Yeh, Kathleen Seewer, Kim Sellers, Julie Brown, Marilyn L  w, and Dick Winters, were ordained and/or installed during worship on Dec 18th. Thank you for serving our church.

### Christmas Card Crusade Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who signed cards for this year's Christmas Card Crusade! And a very big THANK YOU to Santa's helpers who sorted, bundled and tied up the cards, ready for delivery - Jan Smith, Cathy Gagnon, Cindy Bowen, Maryann Schneider, Julie Brown and Diane Sondergelt. We delivered holiday greetings to nearly 150 residents of Dayspring and Wickshire. A special thank you to Diane who got the ball rolling while I was home suffering with a really bad cold. Thanks to all who made this Christmas special.

Linda



The Greene County Council on Aging is a clearinghouse for information and resources related to senior and caregiving issues. Their primary focus is to promote quality of life. A senior, caregiver/family member, community member, or professional may call email, or come into the Council office to ask questions or request information.

Request of all kinds are made to the Council, including: (a) referrals to professionals such as a physician, attorney, or financial planner and (b) information on dementia, health insurance benefits, volunteer opportunities, and guidance planning for assisted living/nursing home care. The major focus areas are: Information and Assistance, Wellness Resources and Programs, Caregiver Support, Kinship, Medicare and Other Retirement Health Insurance, and Partners In Care (PIC). Information and alerts, including their bi-monthly newsletter, are shared appropriately via email, website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

The Greene County Council on Aging is a not-for-profit organization and the primary funding source is the 1.4 mil Senior Services Levy last approved by Greene County voters in 2018. Contact them by calling 937-376-5486 or 1-800-795-8600 or visit their website at [www.gcco.org](http://www.gcco.org).



Our Sunday Fun Day on Dec. 4th was truly fun as we showed off our favorite "ugly" Christmas sweaters!

### FEED THE TEAM—Thursday January 12th

We will be hosting the Fairborn Skyhawks Basketball team dinner for approximately 35 athletes and coaches on January 12th at 6:00 pm. We also were asked to provide some words of encouragement to these student athletes. There are many opportunities for you to help with this new mission, such as greeting the team, setting up, preparing the meal, serving the meal, and clean up. If you are interested in assisting, please let Diane Sondergelt or Julie Brown know. Thank you!







## Happy Birthday!

**Jan 7** Troy Oliver

Paula Saunders

**15** Gordon Roberts

**22** Pam Lundell

**26** Evelyn Fueger

**27** Bill Arnold

### Per Capita for 2023

It's the time of year we are assessed by the presbytery for this congregation's per capita apportionment. The presbytery passes along the portion of the per capita which is allotted to the synod and General Assembly based upon local church membership numbers. In every case, any shortfall from non-payment by a member is made up out of reserves. The annual assessment is based on our verified membership number from two years prior. FPC's 2023 apportionment on our membership as of 12/31/2021, is for a total individual per capita of \$53. Of this amount, \$40 goes to the presbytery, \$3 to the synod, and \$10 to the General Assembly. Your per capita contribution of \$53 per member will reduce FPC's operating costs in 2023 and support the work and ministry of Presbyterians locally, nationally, and globally for the sake of our shared ministry of the good news of Jesus Christ. You may send your per capita payment to the church, or drop it in the collection plate. In either case, please note on the check that it is for per capita and include your envelope number. Your partnership in the life and ministry of this church and support of our governing bodies is appreciated.



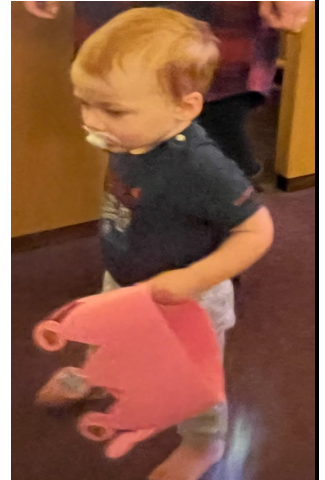
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

In love and appreciation for the help extended to Frank and me.

Sara Jane Lowe



During worship on December 18th, our very own Little Magi made crowns and collected canned goods brought by the congregation to give as gifts to Baby Jesus in the creche. All the food collected will be given to the school pantry. Thank you Little Magi and congregation!



We hosted a reception with cookies and punch after the Montessori school's Christmas program on December 12th. There were over 250 friends and families of the excited students attending the event. Our very appreciative guests complimented us on the beauty of the church and our hospitality. Thank you to all who provided cookies and helped with the event.

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:15 am Worship with Communion 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge 3:30 pm Chancel Ringer —Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Hope Circle- Lounge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge 3:30 pm Chancel Ringer —Fellowship Hall	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Fairborn Bas- ketball Team Dinner - Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg 4:00 pm MLK Communi- ty Service at Emanuel Minis- tries	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge 3:30 pm Chancel Ringer —Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:30 am Sr. Ctr Lunch 2:00 pm Corner- stone Class — Lounge 3:30 pm Chancel Ringers	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Lifeline Articles due in office	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:15 am Worship and Congregational Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

### SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be divided between the Fairborn School Pantry and the Wright State Pantry. You can leave items in the bins in the narthex. If you need help with shopping or with pick-up and delivery, just let me know. I'll be happy to help.

Linda Hartsock

School Pantry Coordinator



Pasta Noodles	Oatmeal	Crackers
Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix (add water only)	Snacks
Ravioli (Can or individual)	Pancake Syrup	Canned Vegetables
Soup	Poptarts	Juice
Rice and Noodle Mixes	Nuts	Paper Towels
Mac and Cheese (Box or individual)	Pudding	Toilet Paper
Tuna and Chicken cans	Fruit cups	Shampoo/Cond.
Vegetable Oil/Spray	Peanut Butter	Body Wash
Cereal	Jelly	Feminine Hygiene

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Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday, 10 am—2 pm

Thursday 9 am—11 am and 1:30 pm—3:30 pm (closed Monday and Tuesday)

***“The Friendliest Church in Town”***

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am with an on-line option from the church website

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds

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Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan

Organist: Jeff Firestone

Choir Director: Shelda Cox

### SESSION

**Moderator:** Reverend Joe Hinds

**Clerk:** Kathleen Seewer

**Ruling Elders:** Julie Brown, Dixie Jenkins, Troy Oliver, Kathleen Seewer,  
David Sellers, Kim Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

**Articles for next month's Lifeline need to be in the office by January 27.**

**There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*  
in the lower narthex at the Welcome/Visitors table if you want to pick one up.**

**Please let the office know of any meetings that you have scheduled in the church building  
so that we can maintain an accurate calendar and answer questions as folks call.**