



January 2024

LIFELINE

Together we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ





CLERK'S CORNER Session Recap

The Session did not meet in December. The next scheduled Session meeting is January 21st. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact an Elder or Pastor Joe.

Angel Tree

Thank you everyone who supported our Angel Tree Project this year. With your generosity we were able to provide gifts for four very appreciative Fairborn families. In addition to wrapped gifts, we received \$1375.00 in cash donations from the congregation that was used to purchase those last gifts and Kroger gift cards for each family. Thank you Joyce Leister, Marilyn L  w, and Maryann for making tags and sorting gifts. Thank you Richard Winters, Bob Hendrix, Ken Gadd, and Mitch Oliver for delivering them.

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

What a beautiful 4 weeks of Advent we celebrated. The Sanctuary looked particularly beautiful on Weeks 3 and 4 with the poinsettias on display. Thank you to all who donated! Several of you gathered together for a card sorting party and lunch. There were 170 packets of cards all signed and assembled to be taken to nursing facilities in the area – the residents enjoyed getting the cards and reading all the nice greetings. It was so nice to see the children adding to the creche every week until the Baby Jesus was laid in the manger on Christmas Eve. One week they were also part of the lighting of the Advent Candles! The children also decorated the Christmas tree in the lower Narthex – with the assistance of their Sunday school teachers. They also spent some time in Sunday School making decorations for their trees at home. We celebrated our second annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Day with a luncheon. Rena Leatherman and Cathy Gagnon helped everyone learn to ring the bells and sang Christmas Carols after a fulfilling lunch and lots of desserts! Thanks to everyone that contributed. There was also a reception provided for the Montessori School students and parents that participated in their Christmas program. Cookies and punch were provided in a showing of our support of the school and its students. The best part of the month was our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. Everyone that participated was treated to beautiful music by our very own Jeff Firestone and Choir. My family and I hope that you enter into 2024 with a new and refreshed appreciation for the life of our church and its members. ~***Ecclesial Mouse***



Building Improvements

We have had some upgrades to the church this past month. We had a new boiler installed to replace an old one that no longer functioned. This was done at a cost of \$29,000. Also, the entrance on Highview Drive was revamped with the removal of steps, some new concrete and a redesign. New railing was installed to make it safe and easier for people to enter and exit the church. This was all at a cost of approximately \$13000.00. Your donations help keep us safe and warm and we appreciate you!





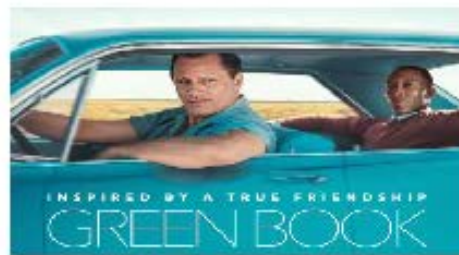
We had a great time sharing friendship and fellowship at our “Ugly Christmas Sweater” Sunday Fun Day on December 17th. After a lunch of chicken bruschetta, green beans, and Christmas cookies, Rena and Cathy showed us how to play the bells while we sang some familiar Christmas carols. Thank you Rena and Cathy! Donna and Krista donated our door prizes. Thank you Maryann for the centerpieces, Ken Gadd for setting up, dishwasher Mitch, and cooks Kazy, Dixie, Julie, and Diane. Of course, as always, everyone pitched in to make clean up easy. Thank you!



The excited Montessori students entertained their families by singing songs at their Christmas program on Dec. 22nd. Afterwards we all enjoyed punch and cookies together. Thank you Jan, Julie, Bob, and Diane for hosting the reception for our guests.

The Committee on Representation and Diversity
of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley invites you
to the first of our 2024 Winter-Spring Film Discussion Series

Join nationally known film reviewer Rev. Ed McNulty along with Elder Jim Pelfrey
as they lead a discussion of the
Academy Award Winning Best Picture of 2019 – **Green Book**
on Tuesday, January 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM on Zoom



Inspired by a true story, **Green Book** tells of the time when Tony Lip, an Italian American bouncer from the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan into the Deep South in 1962. Along the way they must rely on "The Green Book" to guide them to the places safe for African Americans. Despite their differences, the two form an unexpected bond as they confront racism and danger in a very segregated world.

How to participate:

- In the privacy of your own home with family and friends, watch the film **Green Book**. The film is available through Dayton Metro Library, online at Prime Video at amazon.com, on YouTube, and Google Play Movies. It will also be on FX on November 17 at 9:30 am and November 18 at 1:00am
- To receive the Zoom link so that you can participate in the discussion, register by Monday, January 15 on the Presbytery of Miami Valley Website:

<https://miamipresbytery.org/committee-documents/#diversity>

Stay Tuned for information on our second film discussion on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm



Happy Birthday!

Jan 7 Troy Oliver

Paula Saunders

15 Gordon Roberts

16 Alice Martin

22 Pam Lundell

26 Evelyn Fueger

27 Bill Arnold

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for providing dinner and use of the Fellowship Hall for our mom's Celebration of Life. She loved being a member of First Presbyterian Church Fairborn and we are so grateful we were able to celebrate her life here.
Thank you again,
The Family of Marge Gehring

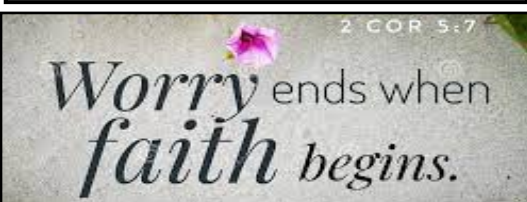


Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Fairborn,
Thank you for your contributions to Kirkmont! We sincerely appreciate it!
Blessings,
Kirkmont Center Staff and Board of Directors



Matthew 25 Date Change

Our Matthew 25 Ministries field trip will be on Mon Jan 22nd this month due to the holidays. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am.



Save the Date—Sunday January 28th Congregational Meeting

Please join us for a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday January 28th. The Annual Report will be presented to the congregation.

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church Fairborn
On behalf of the Fairborn Board of Education, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciate to you for your donation of food and supplies for the Hawks Pantry that you collected during Thanksgiving.
Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness interest and consideration of the students and staff of the Fairborn City Schools.
Respectfully,
Gene Lolli
Superintendent






Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Fairborn,
THANK YOU!! We received your check of \$1000 on Nov. 23, 2023. Your donation and continued support reminds us how important FISH is to you. As you know, the need is ever increasing. Your support helps make a difference in the live of the poor, forgotten, and victims of exclusion or adversity. We are so glad your are part of our FISH family.
In appreciation,
Jane and Bill Doorley
FISH Fairborn



Christmas Card Crusade

Thank you to everyone who signed cards and help assemble packets of four Christmas cards each for the residents of the Senior Living Facilities. The packages included a candy cane and an information card about our church. We made 170 packets which we re delivered Dayspring and Wickshire.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	4	5	6
7 10:15 am Worship with Communion	8 1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	9	10 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	11	12	13
14 10:15 am Worship	15 	16	17 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	18	19	20
21 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg	22 10:30 am Matthew 25 Ministries Field Trip	23	24 11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	25	26	27
28 10:15 am Worship followed by Congregational Meeting	29	30	31 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge			

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
Breakfast bars/muffins		

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Thursday 9 am –11am and 1 pm—3 pm

(closed Monday and Friday)

“The Friendliest Church in Town”

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

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds

email: pastorjoe1stpres@gmail.com

Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan

Organist: Jeff Firestone

Choir Director: Shelda Cox

Director of Chancel Ringers: Rena Leatherman

SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Joe Hinds

Clerk: Kathleen Seewer

Ruling Elders: Julie Brown, Dixie Jenkins, Linda Hartsock, Art Myers,
Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, and Roland Sommer

Articles for next month's *Lifeline* need to be in the office by January 26th.

There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*
in the lower narthex near 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.