



June 2023

LIFELINE

May 2023—a busy month for our church.....



The **FPC Mission Statement** describes our life and ministry in the areas of worship, education, mission, fellowship, spiritual development, and stewardship. It describes what we do and why we exist.

“First Presbyterian Church provides opportunities for all God’s people to worship joyfully, grow in faith, reach out to community and world, care for church family. And be good stewards of God’s gifts.”

In the 2023 Officer Development meeting and in the sermon on May 21, I recommended a companion statement of Core Values describing our shared foundations of faith and what we stand for. This list is by no means exhaustive, there is always room for modifications based on corporate and individual evaluation.

FPC Core Values. As followers of Jesus Christ, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, with these core values we share the good news of the gospel and show the love of God:

Hospitality

We welcome others as Christ among us and show the love of God with the restorative gifts of courtesy and companionship.

Our Lord Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)

Community

We are people from various walks of life who gather to worship and glorify God. We rely on one another, and we are capable of being relied upon as we grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Joy

We genuinely enjoy being together. We encourage and inspire those around us with a positive and inspiring influence.

“May the joy of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

Generosity

Jesus teaches us to measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we are willing to give away. Sharing what we have with others, whether our time, presence, or treasure, is our grateful response to God’s abundant grace.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11)

Awareness

We take individual responsibility to engage in the life and ministry of our church community and take the initiative to be involved. What does not meet our expectations is understood as an opportunity for us to become more involved in making it better.

We are aware of developing needs and concerns around us and are curious about how God calls us to respond in mission, service, and outreach.

“The purposes in the human mind are like deep water, but the intelligent will draw them out.” (Proverbs 20:5)

Faithfulness

Our lives are transformed by the scriptures and the living witness of Jesus Christ so that we can live for the glory of God. We grow in faith from our engagement of the Bible and our shared life as witnesses to and agents of God’s healing love for the world in Jesus Christ.

“Be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

Service

We follow Jesus by serving others with kindness, humility, and joy. We follow the example of Jesus when we serve others in need irrespective of their background or social standing.

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

I consider the Core Values a work in progress and welcome your comments or questions for clarification. My encouragement is for us to spend time considering the Core Values one at a time for prayerful consideration of how we can clarify and adapt these for their most useful purpose along our journey of faith. Let us begin with “Awareness.”

+ Grace and peace,

Pastor Joe



**CLERK'S
CORNER**
May 2023 Session

Session did not meet in May due to Sunday Fun Day. The next scheduled Session meeting is June 18th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Elders or Pastor Joe.

**A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH
MOUSE**

May is behind us - what a month! There were tons of exciting things happening in the life of the church! I am exhausted just thinking about all the activity that was going on - it seemed to never end - although those participating had a great time! Starting off was us hosting the Miami Valley Presbytery Meeting where Michael Seewer was installed as the new Moderator. There was activity galore in the weeks leading up to the meeting and the day of. There was a meeting, a wonderful worship service and a delicious meal served. Just after enough time to recover from all of that excitement, the Enon Montessori held their kindergarten graduation, and we hosted a reception following with punch and cookies. All the kids, parents, grandparents and other family members enjoyed the delicious snacks. One beautiful Monday morning, a group of 12 of our congregants primed and painted the picnic tables as part of our Turquoise Table program. They then all enjoyed lunch together and had great fellowship time. The Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry are also part of a new program we are starting to help our neighbors in the community. Pastor Joe ran into a rock or two (or several dozen) and really had to get creative to get the boxes in the ground. The Senior Center and our church members were treated to a great lunch on a Wednesday afternoon - we served a record crowd! There was also a Sunday FunDay where we had picnic food and games outside after worship. It was a beautiful day, and we all enjoyed each others company. My family is going to kick back and enjoy the slower month of June - maybe get a little relaxation time while the kids are out of school. Thank goodness the Cornerstone Class is still meeting through the summer because we sure do enjoy those snacks every week! Please remember to enjoy the beauty of these warm, sunny summer days, the flowers blooming and the green of the grass and trees. God has put this all before us for our enjoyment! ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



Mallorie Ferguson, daughter of proud mother Christy Brewer, graduated from Fairborn High School. She plans to attend North Park College near Chicago on a softball scholarship and major in Sports and Exercise Science.

Dan Kulhanek's oldest son, Daniel Kulhanek III, received his Masters Degree in Nursing from The Ohio State University on Sunday May 7th. He is now a Nurse Practitioner working at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. Dan and Donna are so proud of him and all his hard work!

Ming Roberts graduated from Round Rock High School in Texas. Gordon Roberts is her proud grandfather.

Paul and Maryann Schneider are very proud of their grandson, Vincent Fujioka, who graduated from Norris Knight Middle School. His teachers gave him the Norris Knight Award for his 4.0 grade point average from 1st through 8th grade.



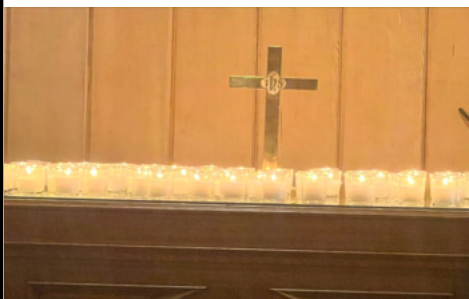
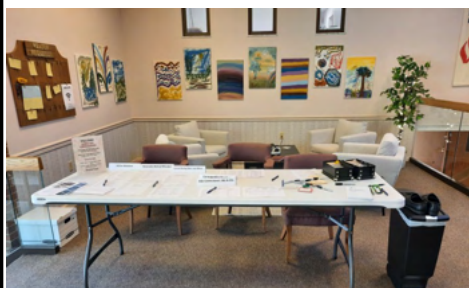
We hosted a reception for the kindergarten graduates of Enon Montessori on May 19th.

Congratulations Graduates!



Miami Valley Presbytery Meeting May 9th

We hosted the meeting of the Miami Valley Presbytery (MVP) on May 9th where we were so proud to have our very own Michael Seewer installed as the Moderator for the coming year. We welcomed representatives from over 43 churches in the Miami Valley area. Dixie Jenkins and Bunny McPeck took care of registration as our visitors entered. Cindy Bowen, with help from Donna Kulhanek and Maryann Schneider, hosted a coffee hour before the meeting and worship service. Troy Oliver and Jan Smith provided childcare (including snacks!). Julie Brown prepared communion for the worship service. Bob Hendrix single handedly provided all the audio and visual aid needs for worship. Pastor Joe began the meeting and worship service by welcoming everyone to our church and served communion during worship. Jeff Firestone provided special, beautiful music which more than impressed all those attending. During the worship service Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who passed this last year were remembered as a candle was lit as their name was read. The Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin, current Moderator, installed Michael Seewer as the new Moderator for the coming year. After the meeting and service, attendees headed to the Fellowship Hall for a dinner of Presbyterian Chicken prepared by Ken Gadd and his helpers, Dixie Jenkins, Julie Brown, and Diane Sondergelt. Thank you to all who helped make the meeting a success.





Turquoise Tables

A group of our budding artists met to turn our picnic tables into Turquoise Tables. In all fifty states and in thirteen countries *Turquoise Tables* have become a symbol of hospitality, a safe place to sit down and connect with neighbors and community over a cup of coffee.



This mission is based on Kristin Schell's book, [The Turquoise Table](#). Why not try it and see who joins you?



Little Free Library: Take a Book. Share a Book.—Our newest mission involves hosting a Little Free Library site. These boxes provide a location with 24x7 access to exchange books. If you are looking for something to read, go to the box and take what you want to read. When you're done, return it there or at another location so that someone else might enjoy it. Most Little Free Libraries are registered with the non-profit organization. You can go to their website at: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/> to find other Little Free Library locations near you.

In addition to the library, beside it is a free pantry to provide food items for those in need. While not associated with the Little Free Library organization, it works on the same principle as the library. You can go there and either take or leave a non-perishable food item. Kim Sellers is leading this mission and will keep an eye on items needed for the library and/or the pantry. You can leave items in the Lounge to donate for the library or the pantry. Watch the Sunday bulletin, Midweek Update, or Lifeline for a list of needed items.



Diane, Darrell, and Julie "Chalked the Walk" in Fairborn's Central Park as part of the city's recognition of Mental Health Awareness month. Several organizations participated and decorated their assigned area with inspirational messages and words of encouragement.





We enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs after worship for our Sunday Fund Day on May 21st. It was a beautiful day for a picnic lunch, our new turquoise tables, outdoor games, and fellowship with our church family.



Time with the youngest members of our church family. Welcome Alyssa, a Wittenberg student who is now helping Troy and Julie with Sunday School.





Happy Birthday!

Jun 7

Keith Burnette

Dick Winters

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Corkie Winters



Rena Leatherman accepted a certificate and pin in honor of her late husband's military service in Viet Nam. Jim served as a B-52 pilot in the U.S. Air Force.



Thank you Linda Hartsock for the planter and plant stand in the entryway. What a nice welcome as we enter our church.



We wished Colleen God Speed before her move to Virginia. We are sad to say farewell but glad that she will have family nearby. We will miss you!



Thank you Art and Judy for planting the beautiful geraniums by the entryway. They do this each year to honor their parents.

Dear First Presbyterian Church

I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circumstances change, one thing remains the same: people continue to show generosity and dedication to the families we serve. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children...dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away...you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

With appreciation,

Christy Moore

Senior Vice President of Marketing



June 2023

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

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4 10:15 am Worship with Communion	5 1:00 pm Ladies Picnic— TJ Chumps	6	7 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	8	9	10
11 10:15 am Worship	12	13	14 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	15	16	17
18 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg 	19 10:30 am Walking Club— Location TBD	20	21 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	22	23	24
25 10:15 am Worship	26	27 Lifeline Articles due in office	28 11:30 am Lunch at the Sr. Center 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge	29	30	

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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“The Friendliest Church in Town”

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

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email: pastorjoe1stpres@gmail.com

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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 June 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.**