

March 2018



# LIFELINE

## Pastor's Prayers

We are fast approaching the holiest time of the Christian year. All our faith revolves around Easter, which in turn rests upon the foundation of Holy Week.

Holy Week will start on March 25<sup>th</sup> with **Palms to Passion Sunday**. In this worship service, we acknowledge first Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then realize how soon it is before people turn against him, leading to his betrayal, suffering, and death.

During **Holy Week**, I will once again observe noon prayer in the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to join me for 15-20 minutes of scripture reading and silent prayer at noon, on Tuesday March 27 through Friday March 30.

**Maundy Thursday** is March 29. We will be joining our friends in Christ at College Hill Community Presbyterian for dinner and worship that evening.

Often, the Maundy Thursday bulletin ends with words like this: "The work of the Church continues as we watch and wait in prayer until Easter morning." You may

want to take special time in prayer on Good Friday or Holy Saturday to remember Jesus' wondrous love for us and the extent to which he was willing to go to save us.

After the solemnity of Holy Week, **Easter** is a joyous celebration! Scripture, triumphant music, beautiful flowers all proclaim that Christ is risen! Thanks be to God for Jesus' victory over sin and death.

The observances of Holy Week dramatize and proclaim the events of our Lord's passion and death, and awaken in us a sense of God's ever-present saving power through the cross and resurrection. We don't merely **remember** past events. We also **participate** in these saving events through our readings of Scripture, our actions, and our common prayer. The liturgy of Holy Week and Easter is an encounter with Christ who, through his redemptive suffering and death and his triumphal rising, comes to deliver all humanity from bondage and death.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Karen

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*\*\* Dear God, may the spirit of Jesus guide us during Holy Week. May we sense the depth of his passion and the significance of his sacrifice for us. Bring us to a new understanding of Easter and the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

Based on *The Handbook of the Christian Year*, p.107.

## Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please talk with Pastor Karen Cassedy. The membership process is as follows: a) you attend a membership class or individual instruction in what it means to be Presbyterian; b) you meet with Session, who approves your membership; and c) you are presented in worship and make a proclamation of faith. You don't have to wait for a membership class to be announced — talk to Pastor Karen when you are ready.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 29

We have been invited to dinner and a worship service at College Hill Community Church in Dayton. Please mark your calendars and watch for a sign-up sheet outside the lounge as it gets a little closer to the date of the event. Carpooling will be available!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** It's time for COSI once again! Please join us on Wednesday, March 7, for a day to present the "Energy" program to approximately 175 third grade children. We instruct the children in the morning, rest and enjoy lunch together, and instruct in the afternoon. Satisfaction, fun, and fellowship are components of the day. Please sign up outside the lounge or contact Marlene Acus, 767-5026, for further information. No previous skills needed....we'll train you. Your help is appreciated!

*To All,*

*Feb 24, 2018*

*Just a note to thank the church for the beautiful flowers I received for my birthday and to Barb Bush for delivering them.*

*They are still lovely and help to brighten these dreary, rainy days.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Harriet Ensor*



## CLERK'S CORNER

### Session Recap February 13, 2018

Karen led our opening devotions with a responsive reading based on *2 Corinthians 4:5-6* and which also included a bible passage from *Job 38:12-13*. Prayers for joys and concerns were shared followed with prayer to begin our meeting.

Karen welcomed our guests:

Gidget Collins, Presbytery Moderator.

Her goal was to visit all churches in the Miami Valley Presbytery to provide a face for the presbytery. She believes strongly in the importance of our covenantal connection. She has logged 2,700 miles since her installation last May. She has only three more churches to visit before her term ends.

Maryann Schneider and Andy and Maddie Cook are seeking membership in First Presbyterian. Baby Harlan Cook attended also. His parents are requesting that he be baptized.

Troy Oliver reviewed the 2018 Financial Report prepared by Carolyn McMillan: Total income for January 2018 was \$15,225.76; total expenses \$18,485.87; net (\$-3,260.11).

Troy noted that property expenses were higher than anticipated due to elevator repair and snow/ice removal in the parking lot.

### Session approved:

- Approved the January 2018 meeting minutes noting one correction.
- With the death of Larry Johnson, our membership roll total is 111.
- Approved paying an unbudgeted expense to repair our boiler.
- Approved the request for membership from Maryann Schneider and Andy and Maddie Cook. They will be received into membership on Sunday, February 18.
- Approved scheduling the baptism of Harlan Cook on March 11, 2018.
- Approved the date of March 20, 2018 for the next Session meeting.

### Additional Information:

- The Financial Review of our records was completed on February 12 with no exceptions noted and no suggestions offered at this time. Carolyn McMillan was praised for her diligence in maintaining these records.
- Building Security: In addition to locking the doors once the service begins, the committee is investigating other steps that can be implemented.
- Our Elder Commissioner reported on the Presbytery Meeting on February 10, 2018.
- Pastor Karen attended the Sexual Misconduct Prevention training following the Presbytery meeting. Michael and Kathleen Seewer will attend at a later date. Attendance is required every five years for all Teaching Elders, and for Ruling Elders serving on presbytery committees.
- We reviewed the FPC Events Calendar from February 13 – March 24. Changes or additions were noted, such as the addition of the date/time for the Senior Center lunch, and the Operations meeting.

## Meet-N-Eat—Mystery fun



Photos by Eric Sondergelt

# Meet-N-Eat—Mystery Fun (Continued from Page 4)



## EASTER LILIES

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with lilies. The bulletin for the Easter morning service on April 1 will include names of the donors and the names of those for whom a gift was given.

It is suggested that gifts be at least \$12 — but may be up to any amount you wish. This form and your check need to be received by Sunday, March 25; the check should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked “Easter Lilies.”



Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for lilies.



In memory of.....In honor of.....Celebrating **(encircle one)**

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.)*

## *Memorial Gifts*

*Gifts in memory of Terri Thompson have been received, from Woody & Harriet Ensor and Diane & Erik Sondergelt.*

*Corkie Winters remembered Paul Bowen.*



### **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH CAROLYN MCMILLAN**



Have you ever wondered who is responsible for paying all of the Church bills? Who prepares financial statements of donations? Who counts the money received in donations and ensures it all goes into the proper accounts? Who deposits the money in the bank and balances the checkbook?

First Presbyterian is VERY lucky to have a financial genius among us who is willing to volunteer her time and efforts to make sure all of these things are taken care of – and more! Carolyn McMillan spends countless hours behind the scene as our Financial Secretary, taking care of business.

Before every monthly CLS, Operations, and Personnel Team and Session meetings, financial reports magically appear in the folders of every member of the committees. This allows them to know where they stand with their yearly budget - to the penny. Again – this is all part of the work of Carolyn.

According to the Constitution of the PCUSA, a financial review must be done every year by a committee of individuals versed in accounting procedures. Carolyn's review consistently passes with flying colors and wonderful comments attesting to her professionalism and outstanding record keeping are always noted on the paperwork by the committee.

These are just a few of the responsibilities of a Financial Secretary – there are too many to mention here. So, when you see Carolyn around the Church (almost any day of the week!) – give her a pat on the back and thank her for a job well done.

**WE LOVE YOU, CAROLYN!**

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

### Sunday Mornings:

Through Easter, we are studying the cycle of the church year and the ways in which those seasons can impact our lives and our spiritual growth. In April, we will begin a study of Genesis. All are welcome! (This class gathers at 8:45 a.m. in the Boardroom.)

### Tuesday Mornings:

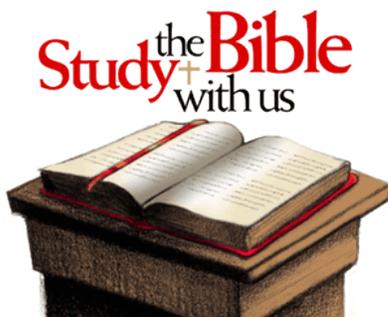
Woody Ensor continues to lead this weekly Bible study over breakfast at Foy's Grill. Again, all are welcome! (This group meets at 7:00 a.m., before heading out to their various volunteer and other commitments.)

### Thursday afternoons:

Our study of *Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know* meets on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge. Upcoming topics are:

Date	Class
March 1	Unity in Islam: The Five Pillars
March 8	Forms of Islam: Diversity Among Muslims
March 15	Jains, Sikhs, and Baha'is
March 22	Religion and Law in America
March 29	Religion Today: Trends, Challenges, and Hope
April 5	Field Trip???

Questions? Please see Shirley Schlafman or Denise Lo Cicéro. All are welcome!





## *Happy Birthday!*

- Mar 10 Art Gooray  
13 Norm Willoughby  
17 Joyce Burnette  
18 Doris Bastin  
20 Bob Lawler  
20 Kay Smith  
25 Alfred Thomas  
28 Christy Riselay
- Apr 3 Bette Malavich  
4 Jan Smith  
10 Erin Grace McMillan  
11 Tricia McMillan  
12 Bob McMillan  
17 Darrel Leister  
21 Dolores Calhoun  
Emily Haynes  
24 Frank Lowe  
28 Terry Riselay



*Please join us  
for church on Sunday.*

## **Troy's Supper Club at "Wheat Penny" on 2/20/18.**



The people around the table are:  
Chuck Ryan; Dixie Jenkins; Troy Oliver;  
Maddie, Harlan, and Andy Cook;  
Leslie and Roland Sommer; Cindy Bowen;  
and Erik Sondergelt

**Dear Church Friends,**

**My thanks to all for thinking of me  
on my birthday with the lovely flowers.**

**To Marlene and Ray Acus for giving  
them and to Bob Hendrix for bringing  
them. Also, thanks for the cards**

**Bless All,  
Evelyn Fueger**



# March 2018



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				<b>1</b> 1:00 pm Cultural Literacy (Lounge)	<b>2</b> 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship with Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	<b>7</b> <b>All day—COSI</b> NO Hope Circle 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR)	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Cultural Literacy (Lounge) 2:15 CLS mtg (BR)	<b>9</b> 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	<b>12</b> 11:00 am St Vincent Cooks 5:30 pm St Vincent Servers	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR) 7:00 pm Operations (BR)	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm Cultural Literacy (Lounge) 2:30 pm Board of Deacons (BR)	<b>16</b> 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill 7:00 pm Session (BR)	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	<b>22</b> 1:00 pm Cultural Literacy (Lounge) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Liteline Deadline</div>	<b>23</b> 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Noon—Prayers</div> 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	<b>28</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Noon—Prayers</div> 10:00 am Cook at Senior Ctr 11:30 Serve Senior Ctr 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR)	<b>29</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Noon—Prayers</div> 1:00 pm Cultural Literacy (Lounge) Maundy Thursday At College Hill (See Poster in Narthex)	<b>30</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Noon—Prayers</div> <b>Good Friday</b> 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	<b>31</b>

***Lifeline***—the monthly newsletter of the  
**First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn, Ohio**  
**1130 Highview Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324**  
***“The Friendliest Church in Town”***

Sunday Adult Bible Study: 8:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am

Pastor: Reverend Karen Cassedy

Education and Mission Coordinator and Director of Music: Denise Lo Cicéro

Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan

Director of Chancel Ringers: Rena Leatherman

Organist: Jeff Firestone

Church Secretary: Shelia Yux

Remember! **FISH Pantry** donations are the first Sunday of each month. Non-perishable items may be brought in any Sunday and placed in the barrel in the narthex.

Suggested donations are:

**Canned Soups**

**Canned Vegetables**

**Canned Fruit**

**Canned Juices**

**Canned Meats**

(Tuna, Stews, Spam, etc.)

**Boxed Items**

(Rice, Cereal, Crackers, Mac n' Cheese, etc.)

**Baby Items**

(Diapers, Formula, Canned Foods, etc.)

**Personal Hygiene Items**

(Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, etc.)

***Thank you for your generous donations!***



**Articles for the April 2018**

**Lifeline need to be  
in the office by March 22.**

**There will be a limited number of  
copies of the *Lifeline* in the lower narthex if  
you need to pick one up.**

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**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.**