

May 2018

LIFELINE

Pastor's Prayers

I recently attended a workshop on intercessory prayer. One of the things we talked about was, Who are we at First Presbyterian of Fairborn particularly called to pray for, and how do we do it?

- There is no doubt that we pray for each other. We lift up names of those we care about in worship, in class, in our bulletin, and in personal conversations. We continue our prayers by making phone calls and visits. We follow up on our spoken prayers, and we find out how our prayers have made a difference.

This is a really obvious way of prayer. But have you ever realized that we also pray in the following ways:

- We pray for local children, not only at our Children's Time, but through tutoring at the Primary School, through providing warm clothing, and through supporting kids experiencing homelessness.
- We pray for the church universal through our many years of Lenten collaboration with College Hill Community Presbyterian Church and through our involvement with our Presbytery.
- We pray for homeless people in Dayton through cooking and serving meals.
- We pray for people in need around the world through giving money to special offerings.
- We pray for our congregation through volunteer efforts, including emptying trash, making coffee, paying bills, and singing hymns.

We have so many opportunities to pray, and our actions are as much a part of our prayer life as are our words. God's love spurs us to utter words, and then helps us take that next step into living our prayers.

*** Lord, listen to your people praying, and help us hear you joining with us in our prayers. Amen.*

Grace and peace,

Pastor Karen



CLERK'S CORNER

Session Meeting April 17, 2018

Karen led our opening devotions with a responsive reading using the Presbytery shared scripture bible passage from *John 11:25-27*. Prayers for Joys and Concerns were shared followed with prayer to begin our meeting.

Troy Oliver reviewed the 1st Quarter Financial Report prepared by Carolyn McMillan. YTD Total income was \$ 43,193.90; total expenses, \$ 65,492.11; net, (\$-22,298.21). Troy distributed a 2018 budget tracking analysis. Most of our expenses are within budget, however, property expenses are over budget.

Session approved:

- The February 13 regular session meeting minutes. (The March meeting was canceled due to weather).
- The March 25 special meeting minutes.
- Changing the date and time for the next three Session meetings.
May 16, 10 A.M.
June 13, 10 A.M.
July 18, 10 A.M.
- Holding a rummage sale June 7 – 9 with the proceeds going into the capital improvement fund.
- The expenditure of \$3,000 to repair the roof above the handicap ramp and entrance.

- Adding three additional hours to the janitorial contract.
- Calling a Congregational meeting on October 14, 2018 to elect new officers.
- Pastor Karen Cassidy's continuing education, June 16 – 23. The Personnel committee will find a preacher for Sunday, June 17.

Additional Information:

- Session records were reviewed by Presbytery on March 3, 2018. The records passed with no exceptions.
- Presbytery Report: A special meeting was held March 27 to vote on two motions. The first motion is to concur in an overture to GA to establish an Administrative Commission to address issues in the Synod of the Covenant. The second motion (if the first one is approved) was to direct the Leadership Council to appoint an advocate to GA and to allocate funds to pay for the advocate to attend GA. Both motions were approved.
- Hope Circle purchased special tablecloths for the tables in the Fellowship Hall.
- A Meet & Eat is currently being planned. The date and menu will be announced later.
- We reviewed the FPC Events Calendar from April 17 through May 20. Changes or additions were noted, such as the change in the Session meeting, and the deletion of the Cultural Literacy Class on May 17. The classroom lectures are ending April 19. Field trips are scheduled to visit a mosque, a Jewish synagogue, and a Sikh temple.



**SPOTLIGHT ON OUR
VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**



RAY ACUS

When you were sitting in the pews last Sunday, did you notice how comfortable it was? Not too cold, not too hot, but just right!

You can thank Ray Acus for that. Ray stays on top of the heating and cooling system – making repairs, scheduling service calls, setting the program so that certain areas are the perfect temperature for Sunday worship, Thursday afternoon classes, choir practice, handbell practice, Meet 'N' Eat, etc. This is not an easy task and you never know when you will see him in his "office" downstairs making sure all is well with the HVAC system.

Also to be noted is that when some of us are leaving after service to go have lunch with our friends or on to our other events – Ray is often left behind to make sure the Church is locked up and secure. He can also often be seen changing light bulbs and ensuring the safety of the elevator.

As a member of the Operations Committee, Ray is the "go to" for any mechanical problems anywhere in the Church. Have a problem? Call Ray! This is just a small example of what he dedicates himself to behind the scenes.

When you see Ray the next time – consider thanking him for all his dedication and hard work!



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Recognition Sunday is planned for June 3, when we will honor our graduating high school, college, and graduate students.

If you, or a member of your family, are graduating from high school or college, please call the office no later than 4 pm, Friday, May 25, so we may be sure to include him, her, or you in our celebration. Please tell us the student's name, school or college name, and college they plan to attend.

Adult Christian Education News

Sunday Mornings: Our study of Genesis is now underway! As has become our habit, we look at a variety of translations as we read together. Discussion is centering on the relevance of this important book for our lives today. 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: The starting date for our next study, *The World's Greatest Churches*, is May 17. The professor for this DVD series, Dr. William R. Cook, is a class favorite, and this series has the built-in advantage that each lecture can stand alone. We meet on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge, share snacks and enjoy each other's company, and view and discuss the half-hour presentation. You're welcome to attend as many of the twelve classes as your schedule allows. Upcoming topics are:

Date	Class Topic
May 17	The Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba
May 24	The Pilgrimage Church of Sainte-Foy
May 31	The Cathedral of Monreale
June 7	Winchester Cathedral

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



***Our hosts
for our field
trip to the
Sikh Temple.***

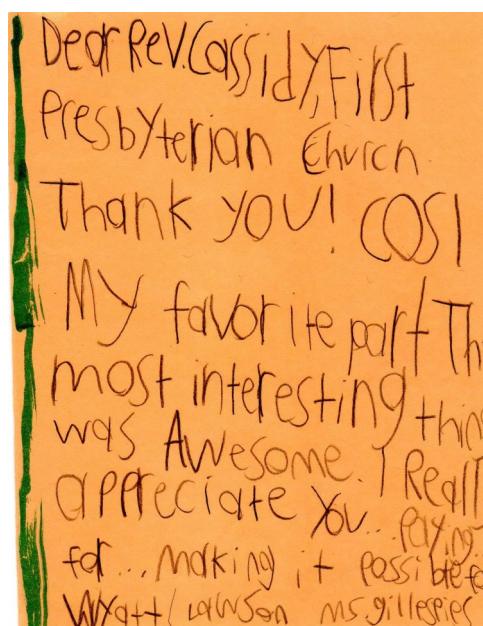
***What a special
day!***



This field trip to the Sikh Temple was one of three for our class "Cultural Literacy for Religion."



COSI THANK YOU NOTES FROM FAIRBORN PRIMARY SCHOOL



It has been our mission to provide COSI programs to enhance the children's knowledge of science, nature and the environment. Appreciation of our financial and volunteer support is evidenced by the following thank you notes. We have served the children and we have been also richly blest and loved. It is hoped that the examples of appreciation from the children will warm your hearts and bring a smile to your face.

~The Congregational Life and Service Ministry Team

Dear FPC and COSI You payed good dollars so you could come her and do fun stof with us. You guy are so thoutful of a lot of interesting things. You people did things for us but other people would just say no, nah, who would, not even close, why you know me and that means no. From Oliver PS I am a boy

Dear COSI and First Presbyterian Church, Thank you. I'm so happy and thankful for COSI coming to my school and it was so fun and my favorite part was when you got to see SAM work. I hope you can do it one more time!

Dear First Presbyterian Church, Thank you for bringing COSI to our school. I think that made the kids who never were really happy. My favorite part was when I got to build a mini SAM! I really appreciate what you did. Sincerely, Sophia from Ms. Gillespie's class

My favorite thing was with the spoon making noise. Libby

Thank you for letting us do this it was so fun. Thank you so so much. Thank you for coming to volenteer too! Sincerely, Brylee

2018 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank, Credit Union, Investment Fund Balances as of 3/31/18

Fifth Third Bank

Checking \$19,320.35

Savings 26,641.79

\$ 45,962.14

General Electric Credit Union (+ \$1041.36 YTD) \$155,966.37

(3 CDs @ \$51,988.79 each)

New Covenant Mutual Funds (- \$ 620.83 YTD) \$ 63,888.78

Davis Funds (- \$2415.84 YTD) \$ 109,398.25

TOTAL 3/31/18: \$375,215.54

2018 Compared to 2017: JAN 01 – MAR 31

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income	\$43,193.90	\$53,807.20
Expenses	65,492.11	66,696.66
Net	(\$22,298.21)	(\$12,889.46)



Happy Birthday!

May	14	Ken Gadd
		Paul Botts
	16	Margaret Carlson
		Mitch Oliver
	18	Jim Saunders
	19	Tom Kelsey
	24	John McMillan
	30	Will McMillan
	31	Darla Thompson
Jun	2	Jack Smith
	6	Erik Sondergelt
	7	Keith Burnette
		Richard Winters
	13	Jane Arnold
		Katie Hughes
		Ellen Strawn
	15	Betsy Priaulx
	17	Ray Wylam
	26	Corkie Winters

Mallorie Ferguson hits a triple for her Baker Middle School Girls Softball team in a game against Wayne's Middle School on April 26, 2018. She plays first base for the team. They're having an outstanding season and so far are undefeated. Congratulations Mallorie!!



Dear friends~

We want to thank you for all your cards, calls and prayers during the loss of our John.

Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

In Christian love,
Margaret Carlson

*THANK YOU TO THE HOPE CIRCLE
for purchasing new tablecloths for
our Fellowship Hall dining pleasure!*

*We truly appreciate their donation.
Join us at our next Meet 'n' Eat
on May 20 to see these up close and
personal.*

Dear Church Friends,

The flowers decorating our church on Easter Sunday were lovely. Then to have Lily Yeh bring me one of the arrangements was special.

Thanks & God Bless
Evelyn Fueger

SAVE THE DATE

Meet-N-Eat, Sunday May 20

Please join us immediately after worship on May 20 for our Meet-N-Eat. This will have a Kentucky Derby theme with our own version of “Run For the Roses”.

This is also Pentecost Sunday so please wear something red. Also, feel free to wear your favorite derby hat. We will be serving “Kentucky Hot Brown” casserole (chicken with bacon, diced tomatoes, and pasta in alfredo sauce), green beans, dinner rolls, and dessert. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

Your CLS (Congregational Life and Service) Team will be having a **Rummage Sale** in the Fellowship Hall on June 7, 8, and 9. The proceeds will be utilized for one of capital improvements.

We are asking for donations of items (no clothing items please). Pickup can be arranged if you are unable to bring them to the church. Also, we will need volunteers to help arrange and price the items on the Tuesday and Wednesday (June 5 and 6) prior to the sale.

Remember - one person's trash is another person's treasure! Watch for more details to come soon!

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please talk with Pastor Karen Cassidy. 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.



May 2018

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

		1 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	2 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR)	3	4 9:00 am United Chimes (MR)	5
6 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship with Communion	7	8 Election Day 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	9 10:00 Operations Mtg.(BR) 1:00 pm Hope Circle (Lounge) 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR)	10 Ascension of the Lord 1:00 pm CLS Mtg (BR)	11	12
13 Mothers Day 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	14 11:00 am St Vincent Cooks 5:30 pm St Vincent Servers	15 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	16 10:00 am Session Mtg (BR) 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal (MR)	17 New Class 1:00 pm class World's Greatest Churches– Lounge 2:30 Pm Board of Deacons (BR)	18	19
20 Day of Pentecost 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Meet"N"Eat	21	22 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	23 10:00 Cook and 11:30 Serve at Senior Center	24 1:00 pm class World's Greatest Churches– Lounge	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Worship	28 Memorial Day 	29 7:00 am Bible Study at Foy's Grill	30	31 1:00 pm class World's Greatest Churches– Lounge		

***Lifeline*—the monthly newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn, Ohio
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“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 June 2018

**Lifeline need to be
in the office by May 24 .**

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