



November 2023

LIFELINE



Welcome New Members!
We were very excited to welcome new members; Shelda Cox and the Barson Family— Chris, Megan, Colton, and Lucas. Shelda joined on October 15th after being an active participant in our church for over 36 years. The Barsons joined on October 29th after moving to the area for their work and being invited by the Sommers to join us for worship and church activities. What a joy to have these new members as part of our church family!



Welcome!



Thank you Bell Choir! They returned after a summer break and graced our worship on October 29th with beautiful music. Jeff added to the wonderful music with a piano accompaniment.





October 2023

Session did not have a regular Session meeting this month. However, Session held two special meetings this month.

Session approved:

- Shelda Cox’s request to become a member. Shelda joined the church on October 15.
- The Barson Family’s request for Baptism and Membership. On October 29, during worship, Megan, Colt, and Lucas were baptized, then Chris and Megan Barson joined the church.
- Our roll total was 86 at the September meeting. With these approvals, the roll total is now 89.

The next regular Session meeting is November 19, 2023.

Reminder:

The next Presbytery meeting is November 11 via Zoom, hosted by Honey Creek Presbyterian Church starting at 9:00 AM. Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Robert Smith, will preach the sermon.

Thank you, Julie, for taking the minutes at the October 29 Special Session meeting and the Congregational meeting following worship that day.

Kathleen Seewer, 2023 Clerk of Session

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings! We are fast approaching Thanksgiving and then the Advent Season. It seems almost impossible - wasn't it just a short time ago we were enjoying the hot, sunny days of summer? October was busy - the church was hopping with lots of activities. The ladies and some of their guests gathered for blanket making for the School Transitional Living Program and had so much fun. We loved hearing their chatter and laughter. Then they ate lunch together and we got lots of cheesy cornbread crumbs! I noticed there were no droppings of the Boston Creme Cake though - it must have been too delicious. Then there was Trunk or Treat! Oh what fun to see all the children dressed in their costumes as they went car to car gathering their treats. This was the fourth year it has been held here and we had over 85 visitors. We love going up to the Narthex and seeing the Mitten Tree lit up and all the colorful mittens hanging on it. Many children will be kept warm thanks to our churches generosity. Soon the Christmas gift project will be underway - watch for details on that. We also were fortunate enough to bring in new members this month, and perform 3 Baptisms. What joyous occasions those were. And, of course there was cake to celebrate those moments. Take care and we will talk again next month. ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



We are returning to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati on Monday November 13 to volunteer. We can do all of the work while sitting—there is no standing or walking involved. If you haven’t volunteered there before, please contact Diane so that you can get registered. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 am to car pool and return around 3:30 pm. We will eat lunch in their café when we arrive (cost \$6 or you can bring your own). We will work from noon to approximately 2:00 pm.

We will do this on a regular basis in 2024. We will volunteer there on the second Monday of odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Join us for this very worthy cause!



At the Congregational meeting on October 29th Julie Brown, as head of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Elders and Deacons nominated for the Class of 2026. She also thanked the other members of the Nominating Committee—Linda Hartsock, Paula Saunders and Michael Seewer. The Congregation unanimously approved the names presented. The Elders for the Class of 2026 are Linda Hartsock, Art Myers, and Roland Sommer The Deacons for the Class of 2026 are Shelda Cox, Donna Kulhanek, and Judy Myers. The At-Large members of the 2024 Nominating Committee are Elaine Brown, Joyce Leister, and Michael Seewer. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday Nov. 5th at 2:00 am. Turn your clock back one hour.



We made fleece blankets for our Transitional Living Mission with the Fairborn Schools on October 23rd.. We made 9 blankets, enjoyed time together followed by a lunch of delicious bean soup and cornbread.



Our Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun! We had 88 children who came by for treats and to see us in Halloween costumes and our decorated cars. We'll do this again next year!



Serving chili and cornbread at the Senior Center at our last lunch there for the year. We'll return on January 2024.



Pastor Joe, Bob, Gordon, and Diane met at Phillips Park in Beaver Creek for the last Walking Club event for 2023. The group will begin again in the spring with warmer weather.



**Happy
Birthday!**

- Nov 4** Lloyd Gehring
- 5** Joyce Hazlett
- 10** Chris Eubel
- Hsi-Han Yeh
- 13** Mallorie Ferguson
- 16** Pat Kelsey
- 22** Paul Keller
- 25** John Eubel
- 27** Rena Leatherman
- Karen Parli

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers you sent to Keith's funeral. We will miss hm dearly but are thankful he was not in a lot of pain.
Sincerely,
Joyce Burnette and Family



Thank you Kathleen Seewer and the Gamma Beta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority for your donation of the many food items for our mission with the Fairborn School Pantry. We, as well as the operators of the school pantry appreciate your support and generosity.



Dear Friends,
You are wonderful! Thank you for your compassionate spirit and generous gift of \$2000 to St. Vincent. Your gift is a visible expression of love for your neighbor, providing assistance, shelter, and hope for families and individuals who have no one else to turn to in a time of uncertainty.
Thank you for your trust and kindness in supporting our mission and being part of the story that weaves love into our community. You are remarkable, and you are loved!
Gratefully,
Michael Vanderburgh,
Executive Director



Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Pies

All are invited to the Fairborn Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fairborn Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. You will need to call the Senior Center at 938-878-4141 to make a reservation and for more information. The Senior Center is also asking for donations of pies for the event. If you'd like to donate a pie, you can take it there the day before Thanksgiving or contact Diane to make other arrangements.



Angel Tree Mission Begins November 12th

We will be getting the names of families to sponsor for Christmas from the Fairborn Lions Club. Tags with information about the desired gifts will be on our Angel Tree beginning November 12th. If you'd like to provide a gift, please take a tag from the tree, purchase your gift, attach the tag to the wrapped gift and return it to church by December 3rd. If you would like to make a monetary donation for the Deacons to purchase gifts, please make the check out to First Presbyterian Church with "Family Christmas Mission" written on the envelope. Please see Maryann for more information. Thank you for supporting these families and bringing joy to them during this holiday season.



Hanging of the Greens Sunday November 26th

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after worship on November 26th. We would appreciate as many people as possible to join in to help make this a fun and easy task. Please see Shelda for more information.



Children's Time Food Collection Sunday November 19th

The children will be going through the sanctuary during "Time with Pastor Joe" to collect food items from the congregation for our pantry missions. The items collected will be divided between the School Pantry and the Little Free Pantry. Please bring one food item that day and keep it with you until the children come around to collect it. The children will see how thankful we are for our many blessings and how we want to share our blessings with others.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Daylight Sav- ings Ends</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>10:15 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge</p>	 <p>Election Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:15 am Field Trip to Matthew 25 Ministries— Cin- cinnati</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>		<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:15 am Worship - Hanging of the Greens imme- diately after worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lifeline Articles due in office</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>2:00 pm Cornerstone Class —Lounge</p>	<p>30</p>		

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

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds
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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, 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 November 27.
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.