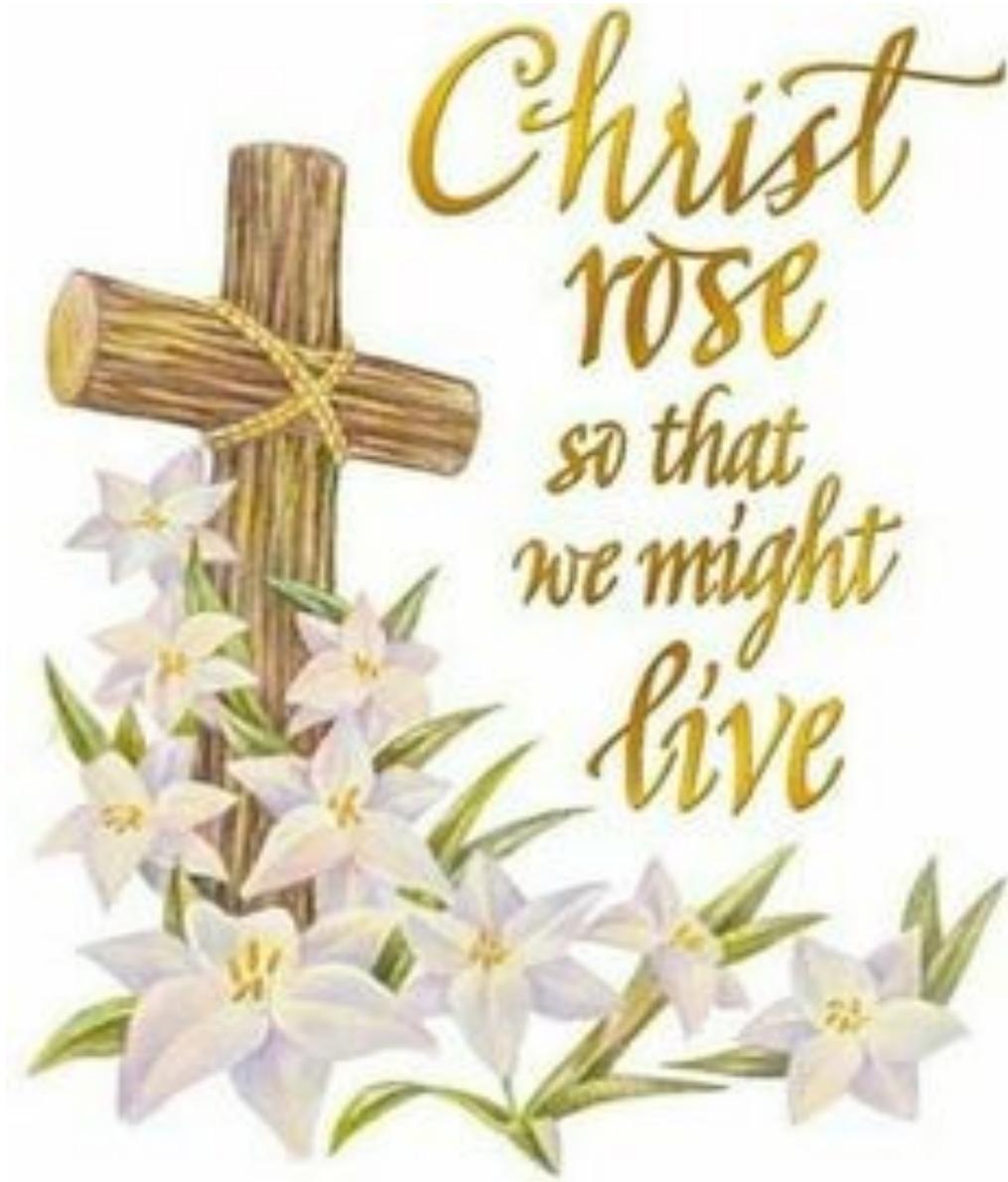




LIFELINE



Celebrate the Resurrection!
Happy Easter



CLERK’S CORNER
Session Meeting Recap
March 15, 2026

Temporary Moderator, the Rev. Lynn Bova, called the meeting to order with prayer. Jay Peterson, COM Liaison, joined as a guest. A Quorum was present.

Session approved and/or received:

- the February 15, 2026, meeting minutes.
- ratified the email vote taken to allow Donna Downing Kuhlnek to sponsor a sign with our church name at the Little League Park.
- approved the membership total of **75** as of 03/15/26 due to the request of Sara Jane Lowe to be removed from the rolls as she has permanently moved out of state.
- acknowledged the election and installation of Robert Hendrix to the Deacon class of 2028 on Sunday, February 22, 2026.
- the detailed YTD income/expense reports were distributed prior to the meeting. The total Income YTD is \$25,558.18. The total Expenses YTD were \$65,989.97. The Net was a negative \$40,431.79.
- the next Presbytery meeting will be on May 12 in person at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. This meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. Our Elder Commissioner, Linda Hartsock, cannot attend. **We need an Elder, who does not need to be serving on Session currently, to volunteer to go. Please contact Kathleen if you are willing to attend as the commissioner.**

- approved the date of April 26, 2026, for the next Session meeting

Committee Reports:

Presbytery Commissioner Report:

We received a written report provided by Linda Hartsock, our Elder Commissioner, to the February 14 Presbytery meeting.

Property: Insurance was renewed. The company has new requirements to increase our current liability coverage. We will explore what needs to be done to meet the new requirements.

Worship: Diane has arranged for Pulpit supply through June 7, plus June 21 and July 19.

Additional Information:

The pastor search committee led by Troy Oliver (chair), continues to work to develop questions and answers to assist in finding the right pastor. Julie Brown, Jan Smith, and Diane Sondergelt provide input on this search committee. They also collaborate with Moderator, Lynn Bova, Executive Presbyter, Terry Kukuluk, and liaison, Jay Peterson. Session was advised that four churches in this presbytery are also looking for pastors.

Kathleen P. Seewer, Clerk of Session 2026

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

Here we are - leaving winter and moving into warmer weather in this time of Spring renewal. It seemed a long time coming this year - but we made it!! We didn't let snow, bitter cold, or winds stop us in our mission to make the world a better place or put a smile on our neighbors faces! Matthew 25 Ministries benefited from our volunteers that went to help prepare donated items to be sent out wherever there is a need. The Fairborn Senior Center enjoyed the lunch that was prepared and served for them - everyone raved about the chicken enchilada casserole!! One of the most successful missions supported in March was the donations to Heifer International . Historically, our children collect money to provide animals to farmers in less fortunate areas of the world. This year, they collected \$525. We were able to get our donation turned in when there was a 10 time matching donation. Our \$525 turned into \$5,250! Thank you to our youth for leading this program for us every year! They are making a difference in the world while learning about sharing with others. Make sure you thank God for the blooming trees, flowers and warm sunshine. ~*Ecclesial Mouse*



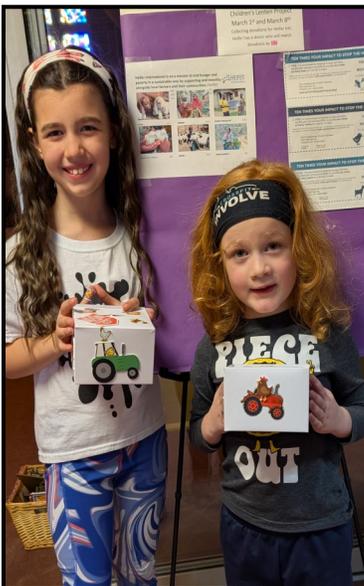
Pastor Search Update:

It seems that God's plan for FPC is to continue in this period of waiting. We are working diligently with the Presbytery to find the best possible candidate. As we wait and pray that the right pastor will come to us at the right time, the Worship Committee is dedicated to ensuring that we have meaningful worship services. During this time we can also offer Him prayers of thanks for our beautiful church, our time together in worship with the good people filling our pulpit, our time together in fellowship, and the time we spend together in service to our community in His name.

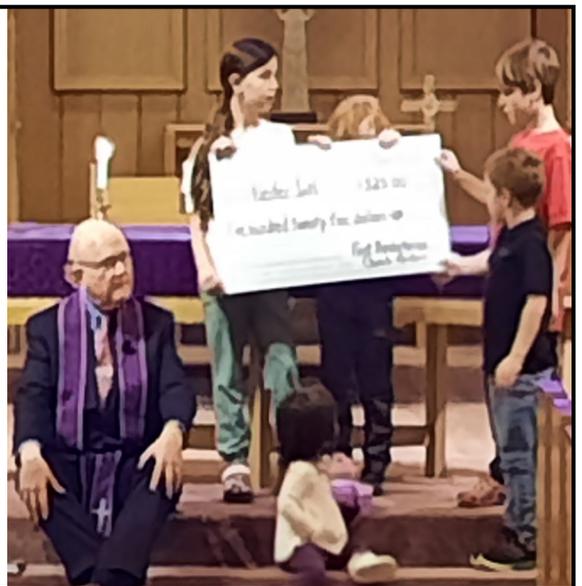
Faithfully,
Troy Oliver, Jan Smith, Diane Sondergelt,
and Julie Brown



in happy moments,
PRAISE GOD
in difficult moments,
SEEK GOD
in quiet moments,
TRUST GOD
in every moment,
THANK GOD



The children collected \$525 from generous members of the congregation for their Lenten project. The project helped them learn that even little things can make a big difference for those in need. Heifer Intl. sent numerous puzzles and coloring pages to use for their Sunday School time. With Heifer's campaign to match donations 10X, their gift came to \$5250. Thanks everyone!



Adorable Taiya rocked her baby doll during Sunday School story time.

Save the Date - Monday June 15th

Ladies Lunch & Learn at Sunset Lavender Farm
6360 Fowler Rd, Enon

Cost is \$20 per person which includes Lavender Ice Tea, a private presentation on the health benefits of lavender and the different varieties grown, small bouquet of lavender to bring home and a picnic style lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit and cookies. Transportation by car pool will be available. Sign-up and reservations will begin in May. The purple barn where the lunch and program will take place is handicapped accessible. If you have questions, please call Donna Downing-Kulhanek 937-479-2110 or email MVHSW@aol.com





Our group worked hard at Matthew 25 Ministries on our trip on March 16th. We removed the commercial packaging from towels and wash cloths so that the shipping cost to those in need is for product only - not packaging material. With this, too, the recipients are not burdened with getting rid of shipping materials. The towels were surplus products donated by the manufacturer. Matthew 25 emphasizes re-purposing and reusing.



This group and their advisor from Fairborn High School, officially known as “Student Ambassadors”, helped serve lunch at the Senior Center this month. These students are known for their leadership skills, promoting a positive school culture and connecting with the community. They excel in academics, sports, and many other aspects of school life. It was a wonderful time meeting these fine young people.

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion	3 Noon Fairborn Cross Walk	4
5 10:15 am Worship with Communion 	6 1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:15 am Worship	13	14	15 1:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	16	17	18
19 10:15 am Worship	20	21	22 11:30 am Sr Ctr Lunch 1:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	23	24	25
26 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg	27 Lifeline Articles Due	28	29 1:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	30		



Happy Birthday!

Apr 3 Bette Malavich
 4 Jan Smith
 12 Bob Hendrix
 17 Darrel Leister
 19 Janet Stevens
 27 Heidi Sommer
 28 Terry Riselay

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd—7:00 pm

We will have a Maundy Thursday worship service with communion on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00



Dear First Presbyterian Church,
 Thank you for your continued donations of food and blankets to Hawks Pantry. We could not support the children of Fairborn City Schools with out you! Together, we have been able to provide food to 50 students per week! We look forward to continuing our partnership!

Sincerely,
 Bristen Wells, Fairborn City Schools



The resurrection of Jesus assures us that despair is never the end of the story. Easter reminds us that God meets us in our sorrow and leads us toward joy. At Matthew 25 Ministries, we carry that hope into the world each day through compassion, service, and love for “the least of these.” May the joy and promise of the Easter story bring peace to your heart, light to your path, and hope that endures.

He is risen indeed!

Tim Mettey
 CEO, Matthew 25



MATTHEW 25:
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Dear First Presbyterian Church,
 We thank you so much for allowing us to use your church over the past 14 years for our meetings. We were able to do good and provide support to recovering alcoholics and addicts because you provided a place for us to meet. We are making a donation to your church to show our appreciation.

Thank you again for all your kindness.
 Greene Hall Pass-It-On AA Group



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“The Friendliest Church in Town”
 Sunday Worship: 10:15 am

Pastor: Rev. Stan Gockel

SESSION

Moderator: Miami Valley Presbytery Representative, Rev. Lynn Bova

Clerk: Kathleen Seewer

Ruling Elders: Linda Hartsock, Art Myers, Troy Oliver,
 Kathleen Seewer, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

**Articles for next month’s Lifeline need to be in the office by April 27th.
 There will be a limited number of copies of the *Lifeline*
 in the lower narthex 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.**