



July 2025

# LIFELINE

## June Highlights



The church women met in the Fellowship Hall for their annual picnic. There was no shortage of wonderful dishes there to pick from. It was hard to decide what to eat first! It was a great time chatting, visiting, and enjoying each other's company!



Congratulations Art and Judy!  
Celebrating being happily  
married for 67 years!



Several of us happily served a hungry crowd for lunch at the Senior Center. A few more of us were camera shy but were there to help prepare the meal and help guests to their seats. We're there on the fourth Wednesdays of each month from January through October. Come join us for food, friendship, and fellowship!



## **CLERK'S CORNER**

### **Session Meeting Recap**

#### **June 22, 2025**

Pastor Joe opened with prayer and thanked Linda for providing lunch. The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

To comply with the new Book of Order requirement that all Session members attend Boundary Training, we watched the second video of the online course. When a member(s) misses a video, they will need to make it up. Pastor Joe will arrange to get the appropriate video link to them.

#### **Session approved:**

- the May 18 meeting minutes.
- the current membership roll total of 82.
- moving the next Session meeting to July 13 following worship.

#### **Information received/accepted:**

- the financial report for the period 01/01/25 – 05/31/25. YTD income \$91,051.43 Expenses \$90,916.48, for a net gain of \$134.95.
- a detailed Pastor's report, for March through May which includes pastoral care contacts, information on the weekly Cornerstone class, community activities, and Presbytery meetings attended.
- the Closing Prayer list. The list shows which member of the Session is responsible for closing the meeting with prayer.
- a copy of *Instructions for Serving Communion*.

## **Committee Reports:**

**CLS:** The committee is tentatively planning a ***Sunday Fun Day*** sometime in August. Watch the Lifeline and Mid-Week update for specifics once the committee has finalized the date.

## **Operations:**

**Property:** The committee has a meeting scheduled with the HVAC contractor to discuss AC concerns and the possibility of replacing units in the Montessori area. Various lights are in the process of being repaired or replaced. This is an ongoing process. No decision has been made about cleaning the Fellowship Floor. Due to cost and the fact that the current tile contains asbestos, we will obtain additional quotes and the best way to move forward.

## **Additional Information:**

A Special Presbytery Meeting has been called for Tuesday, June 24, starting at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to approve establishing an Administrative Commission (AC) to assist the Rushsylvania Presbyterian Church which has decided to close.

Pastor Joe is on leave June 28 through July 5. If you have a need for Pastoral Care during his time away, please contact the Church office, the Clerk of Session, your Deacon, or any member of Session.

Kathleen Seewer  
2025 Clerk of Session

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

Blessings to all of you from my family and I. We hope you all enjoyed the rainy, incredibly hot month since we last talked. The ladies of the church started off summer with their annual picnic - held in the Fellowship Hall. It was a potluck - and when people say church ladies know how to cook - they mean it! They had a great time eating and chatting. Pastor Joe - started them off with prayer - and they "forced" him to stay and eat. Position has its privileges! Speaking of good food - we were told by our cousins at the Senior Center that our volunteers provided an amazing lunch to one of the largest crowds they have had. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and great food. We're so happy for Art and Judy as they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Art and Judy! We received a message from Matthew 25 letting us know that the notebooks our volunteers put together were included in their latest shipment of supplies to help the Haitian people in need. We have a trip coming up this month. Let the office know if you'd like to volunteer too. It's nice to know our work is helping needy areas out! Keep doing good works outside the church and know that you are appreciated! Stay cool, stay safe and stay faithful until we talk again! ~Ecclesial Mouse







## Happy Birthday!

Jul 1	Sara Jane Lowe
	Lily Yeh
10	Art Myers
11	Cathy Gagnon
14	Shelda Cox
20	Margaret Beaver
26	Kazy Hinds
27	Marlene Acus
31	Jeff Firestone
	Maryann Schneider

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Please accept an honorarium in the amount of \$25.00 for your support during the Memorial Day celebration held on May 26, 2025 at Fairborn's Fairfield Cemetery. Your support contributed to a highly successful event. Thank you for being a part of the tribute honoring the men and women who died serving their country. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

George N. Parker, Jr

2nd Vice Commander/Finance Officer

American Legion Post 526



## Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry could use some replenishing. If you would like to help, the pantry could use any non-perishable food items. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Lounge. Thank you!



## Safety Lesson

### Do you know where to look?

We passed our annual fire inspection in June which included checking 14 fire extinguishers in the building and fire suppression system in the kitchen. This served as a reminder that it might be helpful to let everyone know where the fire alarm pulls and extinguishers are located in the event of an emergency.

#### Fire Alarm Pulls:

There are pulls for the fire alarm system near many of the exit doors. In addition there are pulls located:

- Activity Room—near door to parking lot
- Fellowship Hall—near pass through window to the kitchen
- Fellowship Hall—near table/chair storage area door to parking lot
- Kitchen—just inside door to the Fellowship Hall
- Old Narthex—near framed quilt
- Restroom—by the Lounge
- Christian Ed. Wing—first floor near restrooms
- Christian Ed. Wing—second floor near back stairs




#### Fire Extinguisher Locations:

- Kitchen—near the door by the sink
- Fellowship Hall—by the drinking fountain
- Fellowship Hall table/chair storage area—near the sink behind the choir robes
- Fellowship Hall—by the steps to the Christian Ed. Wing
- Fellowship Hall—in hallway to the Activity Room
- Lounge—near the door to the Christian Ed. Wing
- Lounge Kitchenette—near the water cooler
- Lower Narthex—near handicap entrance
- Office—just inside the door
- Restroom—by the Lounge
- Sanctuary—on column by the pulpit
- Christian Ed. Wing—first floor near restrooms
- Christian Ed. Wing—first floor near door to parking lot
- Christian Ed. Wing—second floor near back stairs

**Kitchen Hood Suppression**—activation button in the kitchen by the door to the Fellowship Hall.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 No Cornerstone Class	3	4 	5
	7	8	9 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge	10	11	12
6 10:00 am Communion Servers Mtg. 10:15 am Worship with Communion						
13 10:15 am Worship 11:30 Session Meeting	14	15	16 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge	17	18	19
20 10:15 am Worship	21 10:15 am Matthew 25 Ministries Field Trip	22	23 11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch  No Cornerstone Class	24	25	26
27 10:15 am Worship 11:30 Deacons' Meeting	28 Lifeline articles due in office	29	30 2:00 pm Cornerstone Class — Lounge	31		

**SCHOOL PANTRY NEEDS**

A shopping list is provided for your use. Any items collected will be given to the Fairborn School 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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***“The Friendliest Church in Town”***

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

Pastor: Reverend Joe Hinds

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Financial Secretary: Carolyn McMillan

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, Linda Hartsock, Dixie Jenkins, Art Myers,  
Kathleen Seewer, David Sellers, Kim Sellers, Roland Sommer, and Diane Sondergelt

Articles for next month's *Lifeline* need to be in the office by July 28th.

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.