



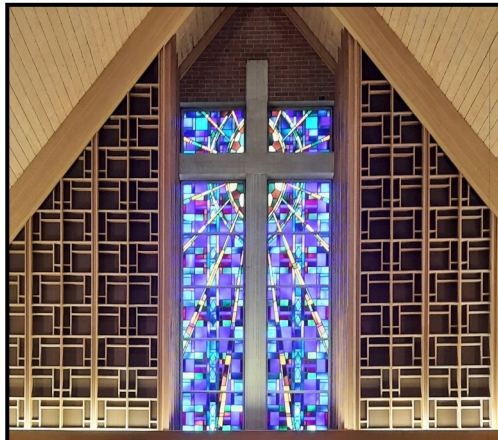
May 2026

LIFELINE

April Highlights



We gathered for communion on Maundy Thursday.



**Christ is risen!
Alleluia!**



Kerry Beth Bryant shared her wonderful talents with us, adding more beautiful music to our worship service.



Thank you Rev. Gockel for being with us since the beginning of the year. We wish you and your wife well as you move out of the area to be closer to your children and grandchildren.



First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn supports Fairborn Little League with a fence banner clearly visible as you enter the park on the left hand side at Diamond 5. If you're in the area, stop by and check it out!



Happy Birthday Heidi! Rev. Bova gave Heidi her birthday book during the children's time of worship.



CLERK'S CORNER

Session Meeting Recap

April 26, 2026

Moderator, the Rev. Lynn Bova, called the meeting to order with prayer. A quorum was present. She thanked Linda for providing lunch

- the Montessori Property Agreement to replace the older agreement that was three separate documents.
- the date of May 17, 2026, for the next Session meeting.

Committee Reports:

Property: Insurance: Still exploring what training we need to meet new requirements.

Christian Education: Judy Myers currently conducts the Wednesday Cornerstone Class but has indicated that she might not be able to continue. Session Moderator will share CE options with Diane.

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

Fellowship: The next **Sunday Fun Day** is planned for May 31. There will be a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by driving to the **Great Council State Park in Xenia for a tour at 1:00 PM.** Watch for more details in the Midweek update and Sunday bulletin.

Additional Information:

The pastor search committee led by Troy Oliver continues to work with our Liaison and Executive Presbyter to assist in the search.

Kathleen P. Seewer, Clerk of Session 2026

Session approved and/or received:

- the March 15, 2026, meeting minutes.
- the membership total of **69** as of 04/26/26 due to two deaths, two requests to be removed, and three members who have moved with no way to contact them after three years of nonattendance.
- a letter to be mailed to three other members who have been inactive for over a year or more.
- the pastor search committee document which goes to COM to provide them with church information to assist with finding a pastor.
- the detailed YTD income/expense reports were distributed prior to the meeting. The total Income YTD is **\$ 40,428.27**. The total Expenses YTD were **\$ 82,103.76**. The Net was a negative **\$ -41,675.49**.
- elected Elder Troy Oliver as our Commissioner to the next Presbytery meeting which will be on May 12 at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. This meeting will start at 2:00 p.m.

A NOTE FROM ECCLESIAL—OUR RESIDENT CHURCH MOUSE

April showers bring May flowers! Things are really starting to perk up outside - and the longer daylight hours make my family excited for the promise of warm, sunny days. We are sad about one thing though, the end of Pastor Stan's time with us. We feel blessed he joined us these last several months, and are happy for him that he's moving to be closer to his grandkids. He will be missed! I know there is a dedicated committee that is working very hard to find us a new pastor - but all good things take time. Rest assured they are meeting with the Presbytery often to find the perfect fit. We understand that your luncheon at the Senior Center was another huge success. Everyone loves the food and time of fellowship you all provide monthly. Enjoy and thank God for the beauty of the Spring season and the promise of new beginnings. *~Ecclesial Mouse*



Pastor Search Update:

We continue to meet with the Presbytery's Committee On Ministry (COM) as they help us find our next pastor. The Presbytery is also using their connections and resources with other Presbyteries to help us. If, at anytime, you have questions, please feel free to ask us.

Faithfully,

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



Can You Help?

We are looking for someone who is willing to lead the Cornerstone Class during the week. Time and day can be set to meet your schedule. The class can be a book study, viewing videos, a particular book of the Bible, or any resource pertaining to Christian education. If you can help, please let Diane know. Thanks!





Save the Date - Monday June 15th

11am - 1pm

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

Women of the Church! Please join us for an exclusive event at the Sunset Ridge Lavender Farm in Enon. Cost is \$20 per person which includes Lavender Iced 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 and will leave the church at 10:40am. The purple barn facility is handicapped accessible for anyone with mobility issues. Tables and chairs are provided. Please return the registration form (below) and your payment by June 1st by either leaving in the offering plate or Sunday or the church office. Make checks payable to the church and write "Hope Circle" on the memo line. If you have questions, please call Donna Downing-Kulhanek 937-479-2110 or email MVHSW@aol.com

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Name: _____

I would like to request a ride from the church to/from Sunset Lavender Farm: Y / N

I can drive and take others from the church to/from Sunset Lavender Farm: Y / N

This event 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. 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

**Enon Montessori School
Kindergarten Graduation
May 13th 6:00pm**

The Montessori School will be holding their kindergarten graduation ceremony in our sanctuary on Wednesday May 13th at 6:00pm. We would like to say congratulations to all these proud students, families and teachers. Great job!



**Bethlehem Lutheran School
Patriotic Concert
May 14th 6:00pm**

The students of the school at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Maple Avenue, Fairborn, will be in our sanctuary on Thursday May 14th at 6:00pm for a concert. They are sharing their musical talents with patriotic music to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. All are invited to come and enjoy the music of these young people.



May 2026

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3 10:15 am Worship with Communion	4 1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	5  Election Day	6	7	8	9
10 10:15 am Worship 	11	12	13 6:00 pm Montessori Graduation 	14 6:00 pm Bethlehem School Patri- otic Concert 	15	16
17 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Session Mtg	18 10:15 am Matthew 25 Field Trip	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:15 am Worship 11:30 Deacon's Mtg	25 	26	27 11:30 am Sr Ctr Lunch Lifeline Articles Due	28	29	30
31 10:15 am Worship Sunday Fun Day after wor- ship	 Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.					



Happy Birthday!

May 14 Ken Gadd
 16 Mitch Oliver
 19 Ralph Beaver
 31 Darla Thompson

Save the Date - Sunday May 31st Sunday Fun Day

Our next Sunday Fun Day is May 31st when we will have a picnic style lunch in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. After enjoying lunch together we will go to The Great Council State Park in Xenia for a tour at 1:00pm. The park is located at 1587 US Route 68 North (south of the intersection of Rts. 235 and 68)

Found on the site of the Shawnee village of Old Chillicothe, Great Council State Park celebrates and honors the history of the Native Americans and European settlers of the region. The center there is modeled after a historic Shawnee longhouse. It features: historic displays, gallery space, theater space, a Living Stream, and gift shop.

Please watch the Sunday bulletin for more information. If you have any questions please see Diane or Linda.

Graduation News

Please let us know if you have any family members that are graduating. We'd like to recognize and congratulate them in the June Lifeline. Please email their name, school name, graduation date, major, and future plans to the church by May 26th.



Free Library and Pantry

Our Little Library and Pantry can always use replenishing. The Library could especially use fiction books for adult readers. The Pantry can use any non-perishable food items. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Lounge.

Save the Date - Monday May 18th Matthew 25 Field Trip

We are volunteering at Matthew 25 on Monday May 18th. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:15am and return around 3:00pm. Please let Diane if you plan to attend. See you then!

Sunday Sweets and Flowers

Please sign up in the Lounge to bring sweets for fellowship time after worship. You can bring any treats that you chose. Also, please sign up to provide flowers for Sunday worship. The cost is \$30 per Sunday. Thank you.

**Lifeline—the monthly newsletter of the
 First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn, Ohio
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 phone: 937-878-3954
 email: firstpresbyterianfairborn@gmail.com
 New summer Office Hours: Thursday, 10 am—2 pm
 (or by appointment)
“The Friendliest Church in Town”
 Sunday Worship: 10:15 am**

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 May 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.