



# LIFELINE

## Sunday Fun Day—September 14, 2025 Plenty of good food, fun, and fellowship



We had a return of the “Church Potluck” for our Sunday Fun Day and celebrated a new school year. Everyone brought their favorite dish to share along side the fried chicken provided by the church. As usual, there was plenty of good food! Bristen Wells from the Fairborn School’s Transitional Living Program came to talk about the needs of Fairborn students and her work to support the students at all grade levels. There is no doubt that the need is great and the work that she is doing is very important. She thanked the church for all the support our church has given to Fairborn students for many years. The church provides items for the school pantry as well as giving a monetary donation for this program. Linda Hartsock is Bristen’s contact for our church. If you would like more information, please contact Linda.



## CLERK'S CORNER

### September 21, 2025 Session Recap

Pastor Joe opened with prayer and thanked the Sunday FunDay cooks for providing lunch from the leftovers plus added items.

The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

Session watched two videos at the beginning of our session meeting. One video was a humorous look on the correct way for a Session to work. The second video was a continuation of the required Boundary Training. Those who missed any of the Boundary training units must watch individually and report to the Clerk of Session when all missed ones are completed.

### Session approved:

- the August 3 meeting minutes.
- the current membership roll total of 82.
- reviewed and accepted the financial report for the period 01/01/25 – 08/31/25. Total expenses YTD in 2025 were \$ 145,372.61 versus income of \$ 125,445.08 for a net loss of \$-19,927.53.
- the Property committee action item to replace the air handler and all necessary items to complete this replacement for a cost not to exceed \$45,000. Funds will be transferred from assets.
- the 2024 Financial Review conducted on August 19, 2025.
- the placement of a Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M) Donation Collection Bin on our property. M25M will take care of emptying the bin and ensure the area is maintained in an acceptable condition. If the unit becomes an issue, M25M will remove.
- October 12 for a Congregational meeting to elect new Elders, Deacons, and Congregation Members-at-Large. In addition, a motion to reduce the number of Elders and Deacons (to better align with the current size of the congregation) will be presented for approval.
- the next Session meeting on October 19 following worship. Diane will provide lunch.

### Information received:

Pastor Joe provided updates on his pastoral duties.

### Committee Reports:

**CLS:** The committee is planning **Trunk or Treat** on **October 25**, from noon to 2:00 P.M. Freddie's Franks and Burgers Food Truck will be available again.

### Operations:

**Property:** Wells & Sons has been contracted to clean the Fellowship Floor. Estimate work will be done in about 6 – 8 weeks.

**Nominations:** The nominating committee reported that based on current By-Laws, they still need 2 more Elders and 1 Deacon. A By-Law change may be needed by reducing the required number as it is becoming more difficult to find members willing to serve.

### Presbytery Commissioner Report:

Linda reported on the September 9 meeting. All motions presented were approved. They include:

- An Administrative Commission (AC) to help St Luke Presbyterian Church as they have decided to close.
- Minimum Terms of Call recommendation for 2026.
- Ordination exam readers and alternates.
- Nomination committee slate of committee members and commissioners to the General Assembly.

The next Presbytery meeting is in person on November 8 at Sugarcreek Presbyterian Church, starting at 9:00 am. The retirement of Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk, will be celebrated. Dixie Jenkins will be our Commissioner at this meeting. For more information on what was included in this September meeting, go to <https://miamipresbytery.org/presbytery-of-the-miami-valley-documents/#packets>.

Kathleen Seewer  
2025 Clerk of Session

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Sunday October 12, 2025

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on October 12th for the purpose of electing the slate of church officers to serve beginning January 2026 and to act on a motion from the nominating committee to adjust the number of Elders and Deacons to a number that more accurately represents the current size of the congregation.





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

We are entering the first full month of Autumn, a time of beautifully colored trees, cooler days and evenings, and a time to prepare for the coming of Winter. Although our outdoor activities may be limited soon - we still have many projects to help those less fortunate than we are to survive the cold weather. The Mitten Tree Project is coming soon, and the Adopt-A-Family Project is also right around the corner. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the children and families of our community. My family and I enjoyed the Sunday FunDay this month - and were energized hearing how the Transitional Living Program in the Fairborn schools receive tremendous help from you all - although sad to learn there is still so much required to help these families. In the life of the church, we are glad that Hope Circle has started back after a brief summer break. Please join the ladies of the Circle in their studies and fellowship on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. We sponsored lunch at the Senior Center this month to a hungry and enthusiastic crowd. We have one more month this year (we do not serve in November and December due to the holidays). Please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am as we share our love and cooking talents with the Seniors of the community. My family and I are always so happy to be a part of your church family as we see (behind the scenes) all you contribute. Please pray for those in need that they will feel the love of Christ through us and others. We look forward to seeing God work through you all. ~Ecclesial Mouse



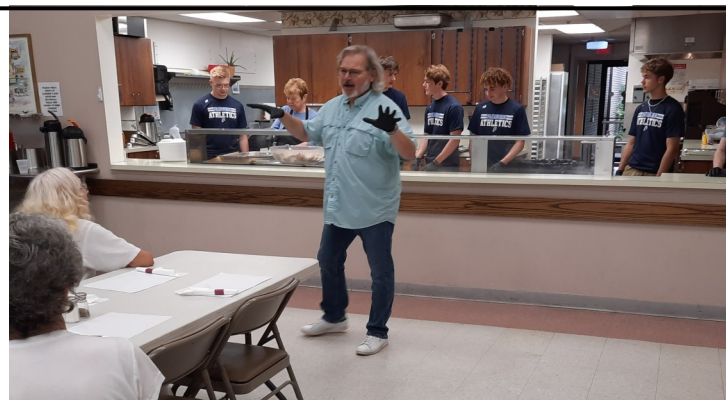
**Save the Date**  
**Saturday October 25, 2024**  
**Noon—2:00 pm**

The Enon Montessori School is joining us again this year to make our Trunk or Treat bigger and better than ever! There will be cars (some even decorated for the season!) in the Lower Parking Lot near Broad Street passing out treats for

our visitors. Last year we had nearly 120 Trick-or-Treaters stop by for some treats. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come join in the fun! If you don't want to pass out treats that's okay - bring a chair, sit, and enjoy the fun. You are sure to smile when you see all the costumes and happy faces!

The school will have a booth to sell baked goods and raffles for gift baskets. Freddy's Burgers and Franks food truck is returning to sell more of their delicious food. Freddy's has received rave reviews for their amazing burgers, franks, fries, onion rings, and so much more! Check out their menu on their website at:

[www.facebook.com/FreddiesFranksAndBurgers/](https://www.facebook.com/FreddiesFranksAndBurgers/)

**Senior Center Lunch—September 23, 2025**

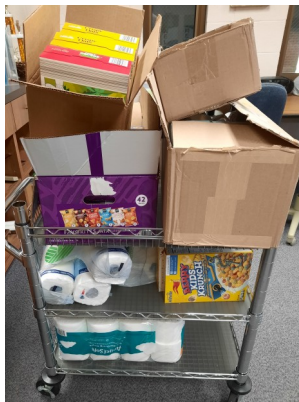
Students from the Fairborn High School Boys Soccer Team joined us to serve the lunch at the Senior Center. Pastor Joe welcomed these fine young men and said a few words about how we appreciate them being involved in their community. Everyone enjoyed meeting and interacting with these Fairborn young people.



## Happy Birthday!

Oct	1 Barb Masqulier
	3 Emil Dimanahan
	4 Leslie Sommer
	7 Frank Eastep
	Kathleen Seewer
	12 Nancy Smith
	13 Chris Lundell
	15 Michael Seewer
	19 Joyce Leister
	Rob Smith
	20 Dixie Jenkins
	21 Donna Kulhanek
	23 Judy Myers
	Roland Sommer
	29 Mary Ellen Hill
	30 Jane Bigelow
	31 Julie Brown

Thank you to Kathleen Seewer's sorority, the Gamma Beta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, for their donations to our school pantry. The donations included soup, canned meat, cereal, breakfast bars, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, paper towels, and toilet paper. Mary Lykins delivered the items to the church. We will make sure that their donations get to Bristen Wells at the school pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



## Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry is used frequently and could use some replenishing. It's a wonderful way to connect with the Fairborn community. If you would like to help, the pantry could use any non-perishable food item. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Lounge. Please see Kim Sellers for more information.



## Coming Soon -

### Matthew 25 Ministries Collection Bin

To expand our mission with Matthew 25 Ministries (M25M), we are getting a bin from them to collect donations to M25M. It is a large metal container and will be located in our lower parking across from the Speedway station. There is no cost to our church and it will be emptied and maintained by M25M. The list of acceptable donations has now expanded and includes more than just clothing. Acceptable items to be placed in the bin include:

- Clothing - Clean, new, or gently used (coats, hats, scarves, etc.) for all seasons.
- Home linens – Clean blankets, towels, sheets, totes, curtains, etc.
- Shoes - Clean, New, or Gently used, paired shoes -- all sizes
- New Underwear and Socks – in original packaging for infants/children/adults



Delivery arrangements are underway. Please watch for updates in the Midweek Updates and the Sunday bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Sondergelt.

## MITTEN TREE 2025

We will be collecting mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats from Oct. 5th to Oct. 19th for our Mitten Tree Project.

These items will be given to the Fairborn Schools. Please leave them in the bin in the Lower Narthex. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please leave it in the offering plate with "Mitten Tree" written on the envelope. Please make checks out to the church. Help keep them warm again this year. Please see Maryann Schneider with any questions.

**Our Angel Tree is coming in November.** We will collect Christmas gifts for two families. Stay tuned!



# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	2	3	4
5  10:15 am Worship with Communion	6  1:00 pm Hope Circle— Lounge	7	8  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	9	10	11
12  10:15 am Worship and Congregational Meeting	13  	14	15  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	16	17	18
19  10:15 am Worship 11:30 Session Meeting	20	21	22  11:30 am Sr. Ctr. Lunch  No Corner- stone Class	23	24	25  Noon—2 pm  
26  10:15 am Worship	27	28	29  2:00 pm Cornerstone Class—Lounge	30	31  Happy Halloween  	

**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"***

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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, 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 October 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.**