

THE FORECASTER

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Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

What a glorious story we have to tell! Our Savior is not dead. He is alive!

As the Earth spins and continues on its path around the sun we are grateful for all the signs of spring. The warmer temperatures, the spring showers, the buds showing on the trees, flowers beginning to show, and all the other signs of new life all around us. Let us celebrate our risen Lord as we bear witness to the world reawakening all around us.

The question for us is, how do we take what we know, how do we take the joy we have, how do we take this new (old) reality and fully live into it today, tomorrow, the rest of the year, and the rest of our lives?

The beginning of an answer may fall in looking to the past. There is an ancient tradition of the church universal to celebrate Jesus's resurrection with humor and joy in the days and weeks following Easter. In the last several decades there has been a movement in the modern American church to reintroduce this. I was introduced to the idea in my Field Education placement, and I fell in love with the idea. The primary avenue of this is calling the Sunday after Easter Holy Humor Sunday, or at least something in the same vein. With that in mind bring your best (church appropriate) jokes to worship in the first week of April and be ready to join in the fun.

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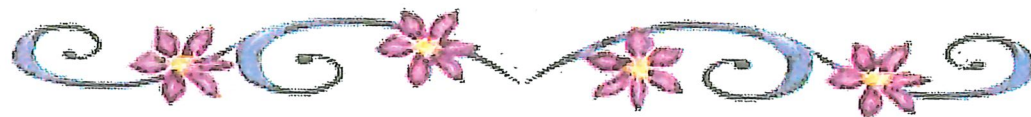
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The event of Easter Sunday should be celebrated, and it should bring us joy. And the joy should not stop just because Easter Sunday is over. There is a Season of Easter that runs until Pentecost. As we move through the Season of Easter, with eyes toward Pentecost, let us remember our risen Lord, let us celebrate with joy his victory over sin and death, and let us find humor in life, as well as in the relationships we have with each other and God.

God's blessings,



Rev. M. Payne Warner



First Presbyterian Women

We have discussed ways in which the women (and guests) of the church can continue our fellowship through get-togethers and doing projects for others. We have named the following activities as possibilities for the rest of 2024. Please look over the list and find ways that you might participate as you are interested. We are continuing our collection of personal care items for **RAHAB** through May.

Sunday, May 19th – lunch after church, then see the play, *It Should Have Been You* at Hopewell Theater. Watch for details.

Beginning June 1st we will collect school supplies for *Making Kids Count*. They can be brought to the FPW picnic on July 31st or to church by August 15th.

Wednesday, June 12th – Sip (non-alcoholic) and Paint craft at FPC . We gather at 5:30. Snacks and beverages provided. See separate information.

Wednesday, July 31st – Annual picnic at 6:00 at Karen Cooper's. Craft led by Carol Reed. School supplies collection for *Making Kids Count* (a local non-profit agency that benefits women and children through many ways.

Saturday, August 10th – Day trip to Hartville. Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (on your own). Watch for details.

Tuesday, September 3rd – Pumpkin craft by Bev Porter (Marilyn Shakley's niece) Watch for details.

Early December – Either Sunday brunch or a weekday dinner at *The Federal* (decorated for Christmas) in downtown Youngstown, depending upon reservations. Watch for information.

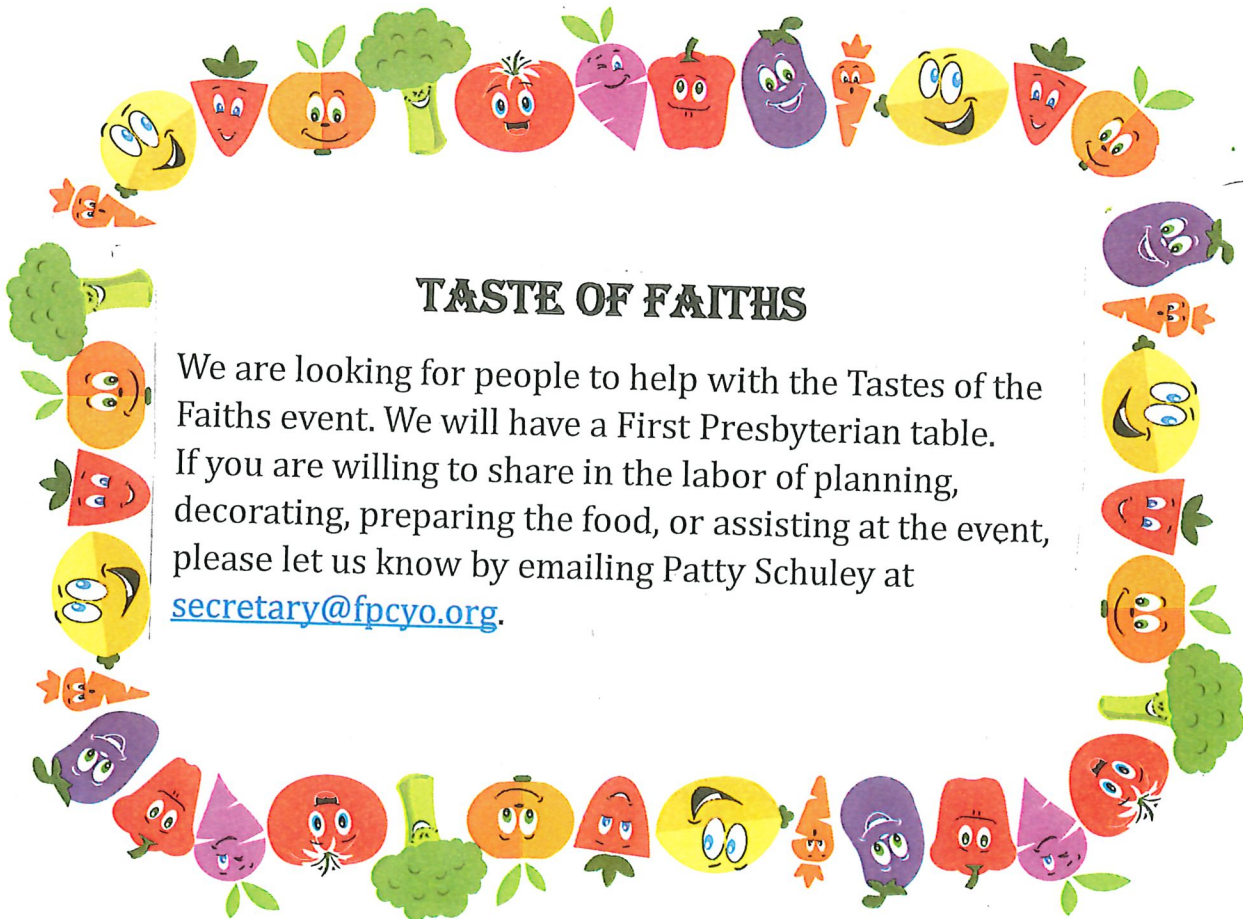
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE!!



CONTINUING TO PRAY FOR



Dave Todd, the family of Nancy Woodman, the family of Betty Bestic, the family of Bill Toman, Lynne Pebworth, Hillary Hamilton, Terry and Becky Murray,, Janis DePasqua, the family of Lois Bumback (Michael Shepherd), Pat and Bob Fitch, Mary, Nina Vass and family,, Rev. Jim Ray, Jayne and Chuck Mansfield and their family, Michael Moon, Shannon Flauto, Rick Benson, Jackie Rogenski, Marion Kohler, NuShawn Moore (Jackie Rogenski's daughter), Patrice Hight (Carol Reed's sister), Julius Balogh, Tim Keenan, Lila King (Lynn Toman's mother), Debbie Osman (Chet Cooper's sister), Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister), Ron Strasik (Renae Scharf), the Sarver family (Lynn Toman), Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson), Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller), the Pickett family, Arlene Wright, Victor Wan-Tatah, Terry Gregory, Marien Sue Martin, Cindy Milicich, Bridget Benson, the people of East Palestine, Ohio, the people of the Ukraine, the people of Israel and Gaza, our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant Family Services, CityScape, Needle's Eye, RAHAB Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, the City of Youngstown, our community, and for one another.



TASTE OF FAITHS

We are looking for people to help with the Tastes of the Faiths event. We will have a First Presbyterian table. If you are willing to share in the labor of planning, decorating, preparing the food, or assisting at the event, please let us know by emailing Patty Schuley at secretary@fpcyo.org.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | T.J. Hudock
Josh Bodnar | 16 | Ginny Dineen |
| 3 | Nancie Shillington | 17 | Daniel Ayana |
| 4 | Carl Schramer | 18 | Patty Schuley |
| 7 | Jenna Hudock | 26 | Jim Ray |
| 10 | Jacob Poteet | 28 | Marlen Sue Martin |
| 11 | Denise Narcisse | | |

Happy
BIRTHDAY!
to you.



SAVE THE DATE

First Presbyterian Women invite you to join us for a *Sip and Paint* event on **Wednesday, June 12th** in Helen Chapel. We will gather at **5:30 p.m.** to enjoy snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. We'll begin painting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Painting will be done using Q-tips on either (or all) a canvas, notecards, or a gift bag. This is a fun, easy method of painting and having fun. The painting will last approximately two hours. The cost of the event is \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Mark your calendars now and tell your friends. You can make reservations by calling the church office. We will need your reservations by **Tuesday, June 4th**.



COMMUNION DATES

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in April on April 7, 2024 during the worship service.

We will celebrate Communion twice in May: on May 5, 2024 and May 19, 2024 which is Pentecost Sunday. And, be sure to wear your **red** on **Pentecost Sunday**.



FPW REQUESTS

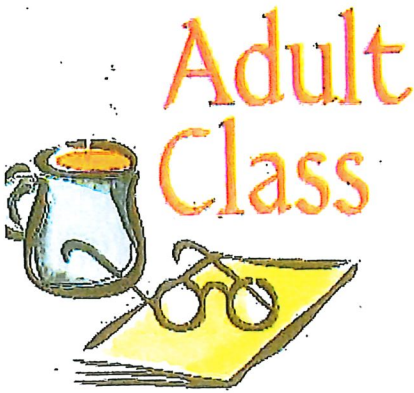
We are going to be collecting essential items for **RAHAB Ministries** from January through May. On Sunday, October 22nd, we heard from Hannah Howell, the Communications and Engagement Coordinator at **RAHAB**, about the work they are doing to assist Human Trafficking victims in northeast Ohio. Among their other services, they sponsor safe places where the victims can receive a hot meal, shower, and spiritual and emotional support. We can help by bringing the following items to church and placing them in the box by the sanctuary or the one in the office.

They are particularly in need of full-size conditioner, hairbrushes and combs.

Also needed are:

- Full-size shampoo, lotion, body wash, and deodorant
- New women's bras, underwear, and socks
- Ethnic hair care products (shampoo, conditioner, el and Curling Cream), Brands like Cantu, Edge, and Shea Moisture (can be found at A & A Beauty Supply and Walmart)
- \$50 Gift cards: Aldi, Save-a-Lot, Dollar General, McDonalds, and Walmart
- \$5 and \$10 Gift cards: Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, and Target

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



The Adult Sunday School Lenten classes have ended and were well attended. We are now looking for volunteers to take on leading our adult Sunday School class. If you are interested in teaching a class or a series of classes, or if you feel a call to help by coordinating our efforts, please reach out to Patty Schuley at secretary@fpcyo.org or Rev. Warner at pastor@fpcyo.org.

Upcoming MVAC, MLK Committee, and affiliated groups events:

- Showing of *Sound of Freedom* – Tuesday, April 2 at 6 PM at the Tyler Center Ballroom
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service – Thursday, April 4 at 6 PM at Elizabeth Baptist Church
- Until Justice Just Is event – Wednesday, April 17 at 6 PM at YWCA Mahoning Valley featuring Loki and Joan Mulholland
- MVAC Sacred Music Festival - Sunday, April 21 at 4 PM at New Bethel Baptist Church
- Taste of the Faiths – Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 PM at St. Charles Parish Hall in Boardman



If you would like to participate, or to volunteer, or for more information, please contact Patty in the church office at secretary@fpcyo.org.

Little Free Libraries



Our Little Free Libraries are still being used by adults and children. As always, we can use more books. Please keep in mind books that help youth and children understand social justice, ways to be kind, anti-bullying, care of our earth and each other, etc. Also please be mindful that youth and children's books represent various cultures, skin colors and gender diversity. There are two large blue totes just inside the church doors off the parking lot. Thank you!



FPC BOOK CLUB
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 AT 10 A.M.

Our April selection is a memoir called *Rust: A Memoir of Steel and Grit* by Elise Colette Goldbach. This is one woman's story of working in the steel industry to rebuild her life. We hope you will join us on April 9th. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. Call Becky Murray 330-360-7526, if you have any questions.

Below is the rest of the books we are reading this year.

MAY – Historical Fiction – *The Flight Girls: a Novel*. By Noelle Salazar. Shining light on real woman pilots during WWII.

JUNE – Classic – *Great Expectations* by Dickens

JULY - Murder/Mystery – *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* – By James McBride. "A murder mystery locked inside a great American novel." Small town secrets and the people who keep them.

AUGUST – Memoir - *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* – By Dani Shapiro. A DNA test tells Dani that her beloved father is not her biological father.

SEPTEMBER – Historical Fiction – *Foundling: a Novel* – By Ann Leary. In 1927 18-year-old Mary Engle is hired as a secretary to work at an institution for mentally-disabled women of child-bearing age. Based on a shocking and little-known piece of American history.

OCTOBER - Nonfiction – *Eat a Peach* – By David Chang and Gabe Ulla. Chang shares the amazing story of his coming of age from starting a little noodle place to a restaurant empire.

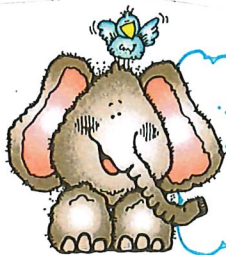
NOVEMBER - SciFi /Fantasy - *Fourth Wing* – By Rebeca Yarros. (Empyrean Book 1). An epic of a world-building story, this is a tale of a kingdom under duress, a deadly competition to become an elite dragon rider, and the woman who bucks the odds.



Our Church's Anniversary



This year on September 1st, we celebrate our 225th Anniversary. We are beginning the process of planning for this event. There are several ways you can help. First, mark your calendars. September 1st falls on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. We really want to see you here so plan accordingly. Second, if you would like to be part of the planning group, please email Rev. Warner at pastor@fpcyo.org. Third, if you have memories of the church that you would like to share, please send them to Rev. Warner. We are also looking for 225 facts about First Presbyterian Church for our anniversary year. Please send any facts you can think of to Rev. Warner to add to the collection. We will be highlighting these at the 225th celebration and through the end of the year.



Don't Forget!

PER CAPITA

It is not too late to get your per capita in. Very few people have made their per capita payments. Just a reminder about the necessity for per capita. Every year, members of Presbyterian churches, and specifically FPCYO, make a payment for per capita. **What is per capita?** According to the Presbyterian Church (USA) web page: "In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." As members of the PC(USA), we share in the system of government, and also share in the cost associated with church government. When we pay our per capita, we are participating in a system that started through a letter to ministers in 1734! This year, the amount of per capita is \$32.50, the same amount it was last year. This amount is divided between the three parts of our church governance. The breakdown is \$9.85 to General Assembly, \$3.25 to the Synod of the Covenant, and \$19.40 to Eastminster Presbytery. FPCYO has a proud history of paying per capita, even if some of our members cannot. The church will not default on its per capita responsibility. If you have not made your per capita payment, it's not too late. Bring your per capita envelope to worship on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Or you can go online and make your payment electronically. If you have made your per capita payment, thank you. Your payment of per capita prevents the church from exceeding our budget. There is a concept in fundraising of "second mile giving" where those who have made a donation give an additional donation. If this is something you feel moved to do, it would be welcomed.

Thank you all for giving of your time and talents.

MISSION COINS REMINDER

We are still collecting coins for the *Red Door Café and the Food Pantry* at St. John's Episcopal Church. Your loose change helps provide a meal and groceries to our community neighbors in need. You can help by depositing your coins in the collection plates on Sunday mornings.

THANK YOU,

The Mission Committee





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:30-7 pm – NAMI – Yoga – HC	3 11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor 11:30-1 pm Lunch Time Learning - HC	4 1-2 pm – OL – Line Dancing – HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm 6-7 pm Tai Chi – HC	5 1:30-2:30 pm – OL-YSU Fitness HC	6
7 Worship Service – 11 am Communion Sunday	8	9 10-11 FPC Book Club – Parlor 5 pm BEG Mtg – Pastor’s Office 6-7 pm Mission Mtg. – Library	10	11 1-2 pm – OL – Line Dancing – HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm 6-7 pm Tai Chi – HC	12 1:30-2:30 pm – OL-YSU Fitness HC	13
14 Worship Service – 11 am	15	16 7 pm Session Mtg. – Library	17 10 am – Saving Our Seniors - HC	18 1-2 pm – OL – Line Dancing – HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm 6-7 pm Tai Chi – HC	19 8 am-1 pm – OL Living Well – HC 1:30-2:30 pm – OL-YSU Fitness HC 4:30-5:30 pm – Brass Chamber Recital – Sanctuary	20
21 Worship Service – 11 am	22	23	24	25 1-2 pm – OL – Line Dancing – HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm 6-7 pm Tai Chi – HC	26 9-2 pm – Foster Grandparents Recognition Luncheon – HC	27
28 Worship Service – 11 am	29	30				