

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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June 2025

CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

Thank you, Session, for your faithful service to FPC.

Clerk of Session – Priscilla Hare

Class of 2027:

Karen Fish - Evangelism & Outreach

Greg Angeletti - Property

Class of 2026:

Keith Hare - Finance

Chris Rainey - Worship

Class of 2025:

Sarah Bowles – Church Life

Becky Mahon – Personnel

PASTOR REINITA' S INFORMATION



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Please feel free to contact Pastor Reinita for any pastoral needs

that may arise. Thank you.

WORSHIP



Communion will be served the first Sunday of the month, June 1st.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

June Birthdays

David Montgomery 6/3

Forrest Smythe 6/9

Ken Keck 6/11

James Peiffer 6/20

Linda Smith 6/22

Mona Clark 6/27



June Anniversaries

Dan & Lois Spangler 6/11

Keith & Priscilla

Hare 6/18

Dick & Karen

Birtcher 6/20

John & Kim Frick 6/20



SCRIP

Scrip is fundraising while you **shop!**

The next Scrip order is **June 1st**. Please consider ordering gift cards from our Scrip program. Remember that the funds generated are used for church needs. Thank you to all who order on a regular basis. See Gaye Gibson to order.

Y-HEALTHY BACKPACK PROGRAM

FPC is still actively participating in food packing and food delivery at the facility on Swans Rd. If you are interested in participating in a Community Packing Party please sign up at the link below:

<https://signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C084FABA922A0F9C61-50942615-ymca>

MAKE ME A BLESSING



Thank you for your continued donations to the Blessings Box.

We are in need of more bottled water and drink packets. We could also use juice pouches or sports drinks. (No soda, please.)

Ideas for other donations include: nuts and trail mix, oatmeal packets, tuna or chicken in pouches, pop tarts, crackers, and granola bars. Please remember that canned goods are best with pop top lids. Thank you for blessing others!

GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Linda Smith and friends as they continue their study of Psalms and have prayer time together.

The Good Morning Bible Study **meets Thursday mornings from 10-12** in the Gold Circle Room. Join



EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



**Mother's Day - May 11th through
Father's Day - June 15th**

Imagine a culture of life where abortion is no longer an option. Your partnership helps make that vision a reality by reaching women in vulnerable situations—connecting them with Heartbeats for support and truth before they turn to an abortion provider.

So far in 2025, we've administered 142 positive pregnancy tests and 68 ultrasounds, many of these women being abortion-vulnerable.

Last year, you helped us raise \$74,178. We invite you again to help us reach our \$75,000 goal—meeting critical operational needs and continuing this life-saving work.

We are pleased to partner with Heartbeats again this year for their 2025 Campaign: Reaching Her from Mother's Day through Father's Day. If you write a check, for this special offering, please indicate "Heartbeats" in the memo line.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for June 8th. If we cannot get a moderator, this meeting will be on June 22nd. This meeting is in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Please make plans to attend.

CHURCH LIFE

Join us on Sunday, June 1st for a **POTLUCK LUNCH** after service! Bring a dish to share and fellowship with us!



Come, join us! Camp work day at Geneva Hills

Camp, Lancaster, Ohio on June 14th, 9-3. Jobs available for every skill level. See Sarah Bowles to help!

Parish Camp is June 22nd-27th for children who are school age. See Sarah to sign up your grandchildren for a fun week of camp!

Break for Breakfast makes its long-awaited return this summer in June! Start thinking now about when you would

like to host breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for you to host. Let's enjoy a summer of food and fellowship together!



CHILDREN'S SERMONS



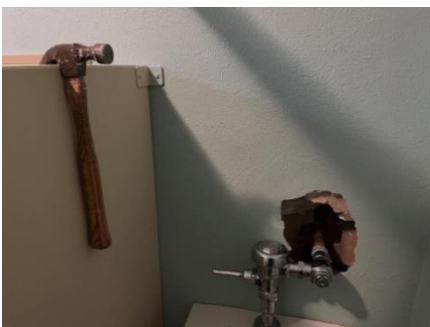
Our new Children's Sermon program makes learning about the Bible fun! If you would like to help with the Children's Message, please see Becky Mahon.

SUMMER UPDATE: ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School will both be taking a summer break as families travel and attend camps this season. We will resume when school is back in session. Stay tuned and have a safe and healthy summer!



AROUND THE CHURCH



After a recent plumbing repair, we were left with this "HOLY" situation below. Thankful for our custodian, Gary Collins, who knows how to patch a wall and is happy to help us with projects around the church building!

HYMN STORY:

SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL # 747

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt (1851-1920) was a teacher in the Philadelphia public school system when tragically she was attacked by one of her students who, it is said, smashed a slate against her back. She was severely



injured and spent months in a body cast with a spinal condition during which time she wrote poetry and studied the Scriptures. On the day that her body cast came off, she went for a walk in a nearby park. One can imagine the joy she must have felt on that milestone of her physical recovery. It inspired the hymn below which speaks unequivocally that **"There is sunshine in my soul today!"**

<https://www.logcollegepress.com/blog/2020/9/22/is-there-sunshine-in-your-soul-today-for-ee-hewitt-the-answer-is-yes>

195 *Sunshine in the Soul* Eliza E. Hewitt John R. Sweney

1. There's sun-shine in my soul to-day, More glo-ri-ous and bright
 2. There's mu-sic in my soul to-day, A car-ol to my King.
 3. There's springtime in my soul to-day, For when the Lord is near
 4. There's glad-ness in my soul to-day, And hope and praise and love,

Then glows in an-y earth-ly sky, For Je-sus is my light.
 And Je-sus, lis-ten-ing can hear The songs I can-not sing.
 The dove of peace sings in my heart, The flowers of grace ap-pear.
 For bless-ing which He gives me now, For joys "laid up" a-love.

REFRAIN
 O there's sun-shine in the shine, bless-ed sun-shine in the soul,
 O there's sun-shine in the soul, bless-ed sun-shine in the soul,

When the peace-ful, hap-py mo-ments roll; hap-py mo-ments roll; When
 Je-sus shows His smil-ing face, There is sun-shine in the soul.

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AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY



On May 18th 2025, Sarah Bowles had the privilege to participate in the Service of Installation for The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar at First Presbyterian Church of Granville. Sarah represented us here at FPC, Newark so well as she shared a

Scripture reading from Ephesians. Thank you, Sarah, for your leadership in our church and in this service. What a blessing you are! (List of participants taken from the bulletin below.)



First Presbyterian

Participating in Today's Installation

The Rev. Joel A. Esala
Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus
Moderator, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
The Rev. Karen Chakoian
Honorably Retired, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
The Rev. Todd Tracy
Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Newark
The Rev. Jane Mykrantz
Honorably Retired, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Granville
Elder John Weigand
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Granville
Elder Jeff Kurtz
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Granville
Elder Maura Eggert
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Granville
Elder Sarah Bowles
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Newark
Elder Lynne McLeish
Ruling Elder, Hanover Presbyterian Church

If you wish to watch a replay of the service, there is a link to the livestreamed event here:
<https://www.granpres.org/main>

WEDDING BELLS



Presbytery.

The reception afterward was lovely in the Fellowship Hall. Katherine, the daughter of former members Scott and Lynn Stuart, lived with the Hare family when

A wedding was hosted here in our chapel over Memorial Day weekend when Katherine Stuart married Ethan Ralston. They were married by Rev. John Ralston, father of the groom, a pastor in our



her parents relocated to Maine.

Best wishes and all of God's blessings to the new Mr. and Mrs. Ralston!



Congratulations

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE



We want to thank Reinita Thacker for the time she has spent bringing the Word of God to us. She has let us know that she will not be extending her contact. Reinita's last Sunday with us will be July 20th.

PROPERTY REPORT

FPC May 2025 Property Report:



- The commercial refrigerator in the kitchen is being replaced because it is more cost effective than repairing it.
- The organ was tuned before Easter and it was found to have a problem with the air pressure and that problem has been repaired.
- The big AC units have a wiring problem and are being repaired.
- The urinal in the basement men's room has been repaired.

- The Property Committee

FINANCE REPORT

As of Tuesday, May 27, 2025, the account balances are:

Checking: \$11,571.83 – this includes \$5,340 that has been designated for capital improvements.

Savings: \$16,308.68 – this includes \$14,800 that has been designated for capital improvements.

-Keith Hare, FPC Finance Chairman

CELEBRATING OUR FATHERS – THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

