

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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Office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00-2:00pm



June– 2024

## PASTOR JESSE'S INFORMATION

Jesse's contact information is:

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## CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

**Clerk of Session** – Priscilla Hare

### **Class of 2026:**

Keith Hare - Finance

Chris Rainey - Worship

### **Class of 2025:**

Sarah Bowles – Church Life

Becky Mahon – Personnel

### **Class of 2024:**

Linda Smith – Property

Karen Fish – Evangelism & Outreach

## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Sheri will be in the church office for the week of June 18-20.

## WORSHIP

The Worship Committee and congregation would like to thank Dallas and Charla Dryburgh for leading us in worship recently and for volunteering musical talents to start the choir back up.



"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

Psalms 100:2



We will be serving Communion on Sunday, June 2.

## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



We are pleased to partner with **Heartbeats** again this year for their **2024 Campaign: Reaching Her.**

Heartbeats and other pregnancy centers are vital to communities and serve not only as an extension of the church but as a representative of Christ Himself.

In 2022 1,905 times a client was given a Bible, a consultant prayed with a client, a spiritual discussion occurred, or the gospel was shared. 1 client rededicated their life to Christ and 2 clients accepted Christ as their Savior. Through Reaching Her we will continue to meet every client's need! **From Mother's Day through Father's Day**, your church can participate and help us to Reach Her!

If you write a check, please indicate "Heartbeats" in the memo line. You can also give online at the following link: <https://hbfl.us/events/reaching-her-heartbeats-2023-campaign/>

Please see Karen Fish or Sandy Noland with any questions.

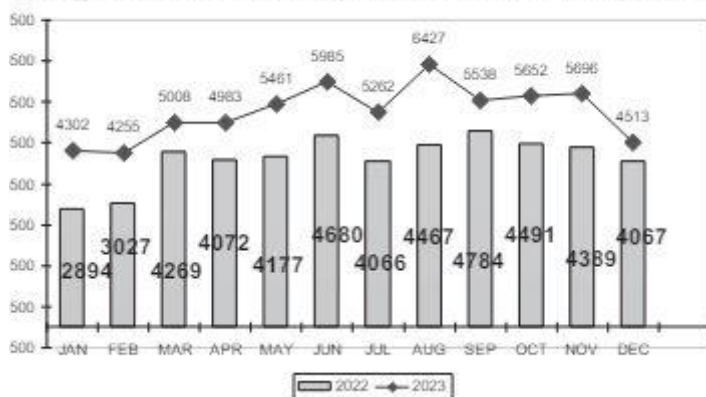


## Hunger in Licking County

We exist because of our customers and that means that food insecurity exists in our communities. We remain diligent in serving our neighbors to ensure they have a steady source of food.

- At any given time, **1 in 5** of our customers visit us for the first time.
- 2023 had an increase of **28% more customer visits** compared to the year before.
- **65% of our households** have at least one child or senior in the home.
- Our customers visit us on an average, **8 times a year**, when they need us the most.

## Requests for Emergency Food Assistance



The above graph compares the number of households served within our Network over the last two years. In 2023, we provided **over 63,000 households** with food and fresh produce and distributed **4.25 million pounds of food** throughout Licking County.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



### June Suggested Shopping List

All items need to be able to fit inside a shoebox.

### Items for Boys Ages 10-14 yrs. old

- Short-handled tools
- Screwdrivers & Wrenches
- Small Hammers
- Work gloves
- Small flashlights (with batteries)
- Headlamp to wear
- Measuring tapes
- Checkers game (travel sized)
- Magnifying glasses
- Rubix cubes
- Water bottles

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PNC wants to thank Greg Angeletti for his time and service on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Greg has chosen to step down from the committee at this time.

Please keep the rest of the committee members in your prayers as we continue to wait for profile matches to review. Please also continue to have conversations with people outside the church about what you like about our church. A conversation you have may encourage someone to attend, but it may also get to the ears of the pastor called to our church.

Respectfully,  
-Sarah Bowles  
PNC Chairperson

## HEALTHY BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Y Healthy Kids Network (YHKN) is looking for a building to store the majority of their food. If you know of a temperature-controlled building with the ability to hold pallets that might be available to the program, please contact Sarah Bowles.

*Thank you to all for your work on this project for the 2023-2024 school year! Well done!*



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



### June Birthdays

Forrest Smythe	June 9
Ken Keck	June 11
Jim Peiffer	June 20
Linda Smith	June 22



### June Anniversaries

Dan and Lois Spangler	June 11
Keith and Priscilla Hare	June 18
Dick and Karen Birtcher	June 20

## CHURCH LIFE

Thanks to the E&O Committee for their hard work on the Fostering Further Starting Strong Apartment Kit project.



We shared a pizza meal together after the packing party and commissioning.



Apartment kits are all assembled and ready to be a blessing to young people starting their own homes.



Upon delivery of the apartment kits, we were met with smiles and thankfulness.

"Surely God is my help;  
the Lord is the one who sustains me."  
-Psalm 54:4

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM



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The Session has approved the collection of emergency contact information in case of a medical emergency at church. Filling out this form is strictly voluntary. They will be kept securely in the church office only to be accessed in the case of a true medical emergency. If you so desire, please fill out a form and place it in the offering box OR mail it to the church office. Forms were available in the sanctuary throughout the month of May. **If you still would like your contacts on file, please contact Hope in the church office.**

## PROPERTY REPORT



### FPC June Property Report

The following maintenance items have been completed:

- The black handrails on the front porch have been painted.
- The drain in the back gravel parking lot has been cleaned out.
- The quilt/storage room has been painted and is awaiting some electrical work and new baseboards.
- An additional electric battery has been bought for the lawnmower.
- Plans are being made to clean the blue awnings.

Sincerely,  
Linda L Smith  
FPC Property  
Chairman

For we are co-  
workers in God's  
service; you are God's  
field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9 NIV

## FINANCE REPORT

As of Wednesday, May 23, 2024, the balance in the church checking account is \$7,791.90.



The line of credit balance (what we owe) is zero.

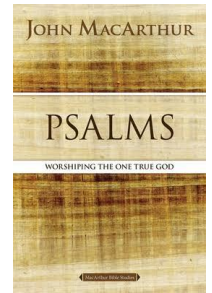
The other account balances are:

SCRIP: \$1,325.56  
Women's Ministry: \$1,267.84  
Savings Account: \$1,500.01

- Keith Hare  
FPC Finance Elder

## GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Good Morning Bible meets on Thursday mornings from 10-12 in the Gold Circle Room as they continue their study of The Word in the Book of Psalms. Please see Linda Smith for any questions. This Bible Study is open to all and we'd love to have you join us in fellowship and prayer!



At one of our recent studies, Charla Dryburgh brought in her ukulele and we all played and sang hymns. It made for a fun morning of fellowship and praise.

## SCRIP

The next Scrip order is June 3. 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.



If you are interested in Scrip cards, please see Gaye Gibson.

## CALLING ALL COOKS!

Calling all cooks! Email the church office with your favorite summertime recipe to be featured in the July newsletter!





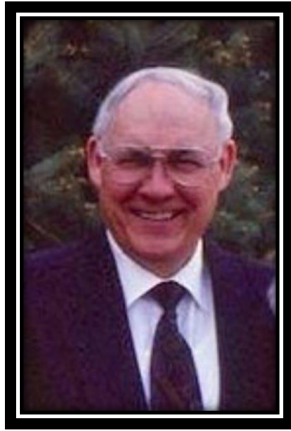
## IN MEMORIAL

In loving memory of

Elder Donald Lacy

April 9, 1935 - May 1,  
2024

"Precious in the sight of  
the Lord is the death of  
His saints." Psalm  
116:15



## THANK YOU



Dear Members of  
First Presbyterian  
Church,

My deepest thanks  
for all that each of  
you did to make our  
return to First  
Presbyterian so  
special! With so many  
willing workers and every detail covered it was  
a warm welcome homecoming.

Priscilla, Thank you for each and every detail  
you took care of, for the details of the "church  
mice," the ringing of the bells which brought  
tears – blessings to Ed Jobes.

Don would have been so pleased! I'm so very  
thankful to ALL.

Blessings and my love,

Hilda Lacy



To all the men here at FPC, we appreciate you!  
Happy Father's Day!



Stay tuned to our weekly emails and bulletins  
for upcoming summertime activities with your  
church family! Check the bulletin boards for  
community activities that you can join!