

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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May 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



Contact Information for Pastor Reinita Thacker:
Home (740) 366-4039
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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, May 4th.

Pastor Reinita will be preaching all 4 Sundays in May.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

May Birthdays

Gary Collins 5/3

Hope Labutis 5/7

Gary Clark 5/29



May Anniversaries

Ed and Barb Jobs 5/23

SCRIP

The next Scrip order is **May 4th**. 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



Feeding the Community

Thank you for your continued donations to the Blessings Box.

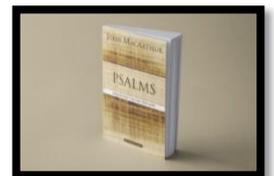
As warmer weather approaches, we are in need of more bottled water and drink packets. We could also

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

The Good Morning Bible Study **meets Thursday mornings from 10-12** in the Gold Circle Room. Join Linda Smith and friends as they continue their study of Psalms and have prayer time together.



CHURCH LIFE



The sanctuary looked so lovely for Easter as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. (Photo by Becky Mahon.)



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!

STARTING STRONG APARTMENT KIT COLLECTION



Thank you to all who helped to collect household supplies for local youth transitioning

out of foster care. On April 22, First Pres was able to contribute a sizable donation to Fostering Further's Starting Strong program.



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.



A Precious Moment at Heartbeats

Tiffany and Bobby had a special moment seeing their little one during their ultrasound at Heartbeats!

Tiffany shared, "I am grateful to Heartbeats for baby confirmation. My experience with Heartbeats has been amazing."

CHILDREN'S SERMONS



Becky leads the crowd with their palm branches on Palm Sunday, 2025. If you would like to help with the Children's Message, please see Becky Mahon.

PROPERTY REPORT

FPC April 2025 Property Report:

- We had two loads of gravel spread on the back parking lot, \$974.48.
- The other vacuum needed repair, \$64.30
- Commercial Parts and Service located in Columbus came 4/23/25 to repair the refrigerator in the kitchen.
- DB Pipe Organ is planning to schedule to come to search out why the organ is not working properly.



~Property Committee

FINANCE REPORT

As of April 23, 2025, the checking account has a balance of \$11,893.80. This includes \$3,490.00 that has been designated for capital improvements.

The savings account has a balance of \$16,305.40. This includes \$14,800.00 that has been designated for capital improvements.

-Keith Hare, FPC Finance Chairman

AROUND THE CHURCH

So many things have been blooming in the garden! A big THANK YOU to Kim Dershem for all the work she does to keep our courtyard garden beautiful!



Gary recently repainted our Chapel sign to match our signage out front. Doesn't it look great? Thank you, Gary!

STAY TUNED...



like to host a week.

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



May 18th is the PCUSA Mission Worker Sunday. Be praying for our missionaries now and throughout the month of May.