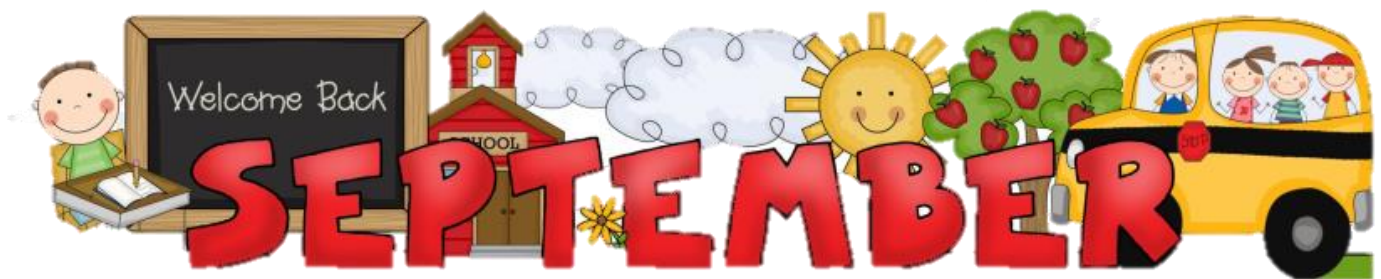


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Y Healthy Kids Backpack Program

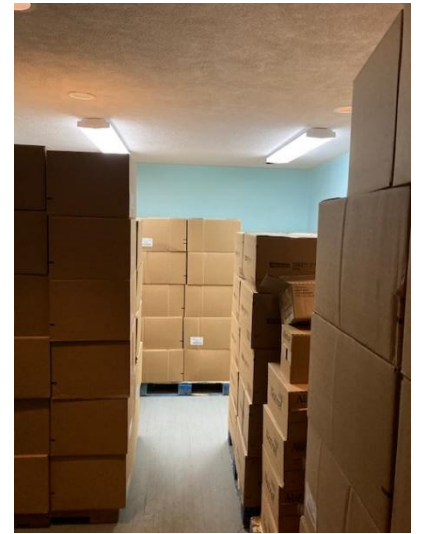


These pictures give you a view of what the Annex looks like right now. Actually, it is even fuller as another 5 pallets worth of food were delivered after I took these pictures. There are: 4 pallets worth of paper bags, 1 pallet worth of cardboard boxes, 3 pallets of canned spaghetti, 1 pallet of trail mix, 1 pallet of cereal bars, 1 pallet of peanut butter, 1 pallet of jelly, 5 pallets of pre-bagged food, 9 pallets of cereal, 2 pallets of shelf stable milk, 3 pallets of apple sauce, and 1 pallet of leftovers. All that is just to get the program started.

The Y Healthy Kids Backpack Program provides food for elementary school students in Licking County who need food over the weekends. This program is available to every elementary in Licking County. All but a few schools take part. The students who receive the food are nominated by school staff who believe they have a food need. Last year, over 600 kids received food.

This is a huge undertaking. Feeding 600 students every week of the school year takes \$300,000+. In order to keep this program running volunteers raise the money needed each year. The Food Pantry of Licking County purchases the food and delivers the food directly to about half of the participating schools. They deliver the rest of the food to our Annex. The food in the Annex then needs organized, packed and delivered to the other schools by church volunteers. At the schools, still more church volunteers prepare the bags to be sent home to the children each week.

1st, 1st Granville, 2nd, Hanover and Outville Presbyterian Churches all partner with the YMCA, the Food Pantry and still other volunteers to get this work done. 1st Newark takes part mainly in 3 significant ways. **1.** We hold the food in our annex. Without this space, the program was limited to helping a max of 300 students each year. **2.** We pack, organize and prepare the food for delivery. **3.** We deliver the food to: Stevenson, Garfield, Cherry Valley, McGuffey & Phoenix Elementary Schools. Last year, that was 110 students.



As I said before, this is a huge undertaking. It's such a huge undertaking, because it is such a huge problem. This program provides food for **3%** of all Licking County Elementary School Students! I'll say something else, this program is worth it. It changes lives and improves student performance. According to surveys: 27% of students had significant improvement in their in school behavior, 24% of students had significant improvement in their physical appearance, 30% saw significant improvement in their classroom performance and 31% had significant improvement in their overall attitude.

I wanted to share all of this for two reasons. **1.** I want you to know how important, how helpful and how significant this program is. I know most of us do not go into the Annex regularly. **2.** This program is in constant need of help. In order for our church to continue storing, organizing, packing and delivering food, more help is needed. One specific need is for someone to keep an eye on the Annex. Helping to organize the food after it is delivered, maintaining a count of inventory, alerting the Food Pantry when we are low on any given items, keeping the Annex from falling into a disarray of torn up cardboard and garbage.

The biggest need is with delivering the food. Food deliveries happen every two weeks. They need to happen during normal school hours but can happen any day of the week. We have been delivering on Monday or Tuesday mornings. This does require lifting the boxes but each school has a different number of students; from 10 to 55. Please consider helping deliver food. Now you might say, I can't pick up the boxes and that's fine. However, maybe you know someone who might like to help. These volunteers do not have to go to our church. If you know someone who might like to help, please ask them. Please see Rev Steve if interested. Who doesn't want to help young kids, schools, and the Y?

Thank you, Rev. Steve

Worship



We will be observing Communion on September 5, 2021 during our morning Worship Service.



SEPTEMBER SERMONS

Sept 5 – Luke 5:1-11, First Steps

Worship: Music Videos

Sept 12 - The Past, Present and Future –Elder Barb Jobes

Worship: by Organist Rebecca Abbot

Sept 19 - Mark 9:30-37, Real Modesty at Rotary Park for Presbyterians in the Park

Worship: by Thom Ogilvie

Sept 26 - Mark 9:38-50, What We are Made For
Worship: Organist Rebecca Abbott



Come join us at 10:15-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall between

Sunday School & Church for some wonderful fellowship time. See Peggy Lieb to sign up to bring a treat to share.

Office Hours

~Back to regular Hours for the
Church Secretary
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00-2:00pm



Free Local Paper Shredding Day

We have been doing a little decluttering at the church, and I have heard some of you all are decluttering in your homes as well. If appropriate, take advantage of this event to get your outdated personal papers shredded. Remember to bring in enclosed boxes.

Free Local Paper Shredding Day

September 25, 9am-12 noon at the County Highway Garage (775 E. Main Street)

Bring up to 8 boxes of paper to be shredded. Ohio Mobile Shredding will collect papers and securely shred them off site after the event.

Event sponsored by Licking County Recycling and Licking County Records and Archives.

Adult Sunday School

**DON'T
GIVE
THE ENEMY
A SEAT
AT YOUR
TABLE**

Beginning Sept 5th, the Adult Sunday School class begins a 6-week DVD-based study entitled *“Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table”* by Louis Gigilio. While the title of this study might sound

strange, it is based on Psalm 23:5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”

We've all been in circumstances that cause our minds to spin with thoughts that are unproductive, destructive, and harmful. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and wonder why we keep falling into the same thought patterns. But these thoughts are not from God, rather, they're from an enemy

lurking who wants to seize every opportunity to lie his way into our minds and claim control over our lives. Rooted in the timeless truth of Psalm 23, we will discover God's plans for us to experience rest, hope, and freedom in Christ.

Study guides are available, but not required. Please see Peggy to get one (\$9.50, if able).

Please join us at 9:15 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom (link opens at 9:00).
Zoom link for Adult SS for **September - October**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85113657577?pwd=eFlxTDFndkxqYmszT0s2RWNNMINjUT09>

Or join by phone (landline or cell) 646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 851 1365 7577
Passcode: 097044



SCRIP SUNDAY is September 5! You can place your orders again in the sanctuary before and after the morning worship service.

A complete list of retailers can be found at www.shopwithscrip.com/brand



Prayer Chain Updates – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net. Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body.



Pastor Leonard Phelps' daughter Christy Knudson and her children attended worship Sunday, August 15th, 2021.
So good to see them!

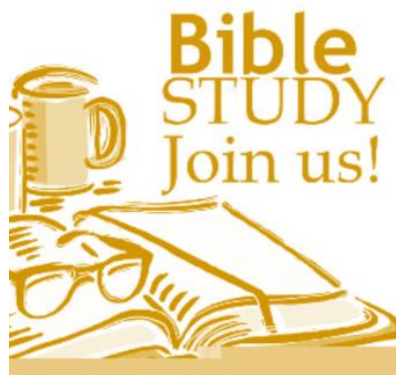
Church Life

September 19 - **Presbyterians in the Park**



Reminder: We will be worshipping then lunching one last time this year at Rotary Park. Worship begins at 11am in the main pavilion. Lunch will follow after worship and is a pot-luck. Please bring a dish to share if you can.

Tuesdays at 10:00am – Church Mice (taking on the little but needed tasks) Priscilla, Peggy (and whoever else would like to join in on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**) will be tackling odd tasks around the church facility. This will include praying, cleaning, organizing, brainstorming, dreaming. All are welcome to drop in and join us. Depending on schedules we may step out for lunch or pick up something and find an empty room to fellowship in. We shall see what this morphs into.



Good Morning Bible study is being held on **Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall**. They are studying 2 Samuel. If you haven't been a part of this Bible study but would like to, request the study guide from Linda Smith. Come

enjoy some fellowship, Bible study and prayer time.

Women's Bible Study

Monday nights at **7:00 p.m.**, **began July 12**, we meet in the fellowship hall and are using a study by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore entitled "Now that Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians." Books are available with a bonus podcast link through Living Proof



Evangelism and Outreach



Operation Christmas Child
September item is socks or
footies. A box for donations will
be in the front of the Sanctuary.

VERTICAL 196 Training Available

We have an opportunity to serve God and our community at the Vertical. The Vertical is the local day time drop in shelter operated by the Licking County Jail Ministry. The Vertical is located at 169 South Fifth Street in Newark. It is open Monday - Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. In order to serve inside the building and minister to the guests all volunteers must take the Vertical training. Training is available on the 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. It lasts from 45 minutes to 1 hour. Call the Vertical phone 740-349-0090 and leave a message someone will get back to you. Linda Smith

Vertical Strides 5K Run & Walk Register online at:

RacePenguin.com/events/vertical-strides-5k-run-walk



Saturday, Sept. 25th @ 9:00am
Starts and Ends at Rotary Park.
Register online
by Aug 25th to receive a race
shirt. For more information see
the fliers on our bulletins or call
Cory at 740-281-4871 or Gary at 740-670-2206.

FATHER FACTOR

Father Factor will resume
and meets on Mondays
from 6-8, October 6
through December 1.
Would you like to again
bless this group with a

treat each week? The sign-up sheet is in the back of
the Sanctuary. Thank you for your kindness!

*(Dates, for the next Father Factor session are: Oct. 6,
13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1)*

Property

Dear FPC church family,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

When I announced that we needed \$30,000.00 for
the roof repair it seemed impossible.
God came through for us. We received 32,850.00
for the roof repair fund. We replaced the heat
pump/ac unit in the office that cools and heats the
office, hallways and library, 7,300.00 came in to
pay for that. 300.00 came in to help pay for the
replacement of the obsolete electric panel in the
annex
basement. Total amount donated is 40,450.00.
Along with money in the property account and
check book all
repairs so far this year, all repairs are paid for
without going into the line of credit.

Praise God for his goodness and generosity!!

Again, Thank You

Linda L. Smith
Property Chairman





September Birthdays

Dianne Schleeper	09/02
Jean Holman	09/04
Kay Kittel	09/04
Ted Brace	09/06
Rose Novell	09/08
Gaye Gibson	09/13
Jim Rodeniser	09/21
Lorraine Cox	09/22
Jo Deweese	09/24
Travis Edwards	09/27

September Anniversaries

Steve and Kenita Keck	09/17
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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1	2 10:00 Good Morning Bible Study - FH	3	4
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