

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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# February 2025

## CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

**Please note your Session members and respective roles. Thank you to the Class of 2024 for your good and faithful service. The Class of 2027 will be elected at the Annual Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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

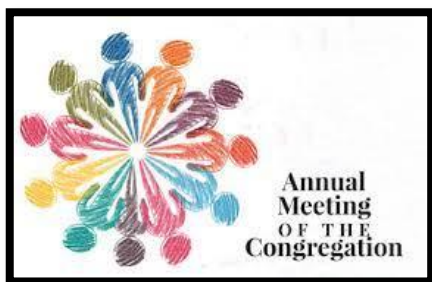
## WORSHIP

**We will be serving Communion on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



The Worship Committee has a meeting scheduled for Wed., Jan.29th to begin discussing and planning our church Lenten/Easter services. This year Ash Wednesday is on March 5, Palm Sunday April 13, Maundy Thursday April 17, Good Friday April 18, and Easter April 20.

## ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, will be held the

first Sunday of February following worship. Please make plans to join us **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** and stay for a potluck luncheon afterwards.

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please continue to pray for your PNC as we work forward faithfully through the process of finding our next pastor. We are thankful for your encouragement.

-Sarah Bowles, PNC Chairperson

## FPC WEATHER POLICY

If Licking County is a Level 2, church will be cancelled. If you don't feel safe on the roads, please stay home.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### February Birthdays

Rose Gibson 2/7

Peggy Lieb 2/8

Diane Dodson 2/11

Chris Rainey 2/13

Bruce Weekly 2/16

Tracee Barr 2/18

Donna Kinney 2/23

### February Anniversaries

Robert & Phyllis Fish

2/3



## SCRIP

The next Scrip order is **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.



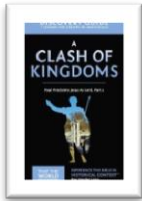
## SPRING PLANTING CAMPAIGN



Order your **Wilson's Gift Cards** for spring planting season via the insert in the sanctuary. We get back \$5 from each gift card purchased and your support is greatly appreciated! Campaign

dates for 2025 are 1/19-3/23. See Sandy Noland with any questions.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS



How do we as Christians proclaim God's name in all the earth in the midst of false gospels?

Learn from the Apostle Paul as he communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods. In this fifteenth volume of the That The World May Know series, take a tour through the land of the Bible and discover how to live in your present-day Philippi or Delphi—a dechristianized Western world—in a way that keeps your citizenship in God's Kingdom.

Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides you through the land of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures.

Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the That the World May Know film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

Please join us in person or over Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

## 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>

## CHURCH LIFE

# THANK

# YOU



A big thank you to these lovely ladies who make our weekly Coffee Fellowship happen! Pictured from left to right: Chris Rainey, Jo Deweese, Gaye Gibson, Sandy Noland, Kim Dershem, and Charla Dryburgh. If you are interested in joining this team, please see Sandy.



Children's Sunday School is a time for fun and learning about Jesus. Thank you to Charla,

Karen, and Becky for giving your time and energy to this new endeavor. We love seeing the projects and crafts you make every week!

## SENTIMENTS TO SHARE





## PIE (PARTNERS IN EDUCATION)



### Visions and Dreams PIE (Partners In Education) Saturday, March 1, 2025

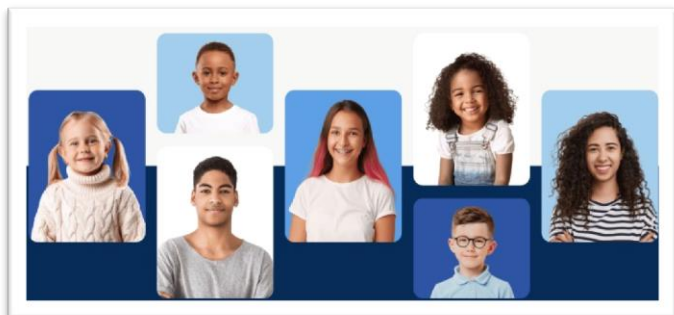
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus

#### Schedule:

9:00 am	Registration
9:15 am	Welcome, Announcements
9:30 am	Keynote (in person and livestreamed) "What Gospel (Good News) Story Are We Living In?" - Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall
10:30 am	Workshop One
11: 55 pm	Lunch from Freedom a la Carte
12:45 pm	Workshop Two
2:10 pm	Closing Worship (in person and livestreamed)

We are looking for 4 members to attend this training with us and lunch is being taken care of. Please see Sarah Bowles or Becky Mahon to register.

## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



Starting Strong is a program of Fostering Further here in Licking County. They provide resources for young people, ages 18-25, who have emancipated from foster care. Some of the resources they provide include:

**Hope Landing** – Providing transitional housing for young people aging out of foster care.

**Welcome Kits** – Providing the basics needed for young adults as they move into their first apartments.

**Transportation Assistance** – Helping youth navigate the process of getting a driver's license.

**Independent Living Skills** – Teaching youth the basics of living on their own, including finances, health, and job searches.

"This program changes lives; it certainly changed mine. Experiencing the lowest moments can be traumatic, but Fostering Further has given me mentors, friends, and lifelong connections." – Starting Strong/Hope Landing youth participant

For more information, as well as ways to volunteer, please visit



<https://fosteringfurther.org/>

**Fostering Further has been supporting local foster care since 2015.**

### Starting Strong Apartment Supplies Collection:

We, at FPC, are collecting cleaning, paper, hygiene, household, and laundry supplies for welcome kits. (See the entire list of suggested items in the sanctuary.) Place your donations in the laundry basket in the sanctuary. We are delivering supplies April 1st, but will continue collection throughout the year. If you are out shopping and find a great bargain, consider blessing local foster youth in this way.

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:16*



## MAKE ME A BLESSING

As the temperatures get colder, it is a good time to think of our community members that we serve at the Blessings Box. Items that would be helpful include:

- Warm Socks
- Gloves, Hats, Scarves
- Hand Warmers
- Blankets
- Manual Can Openers

The most requested food items include: nuts



and trail mix, oatmeal packets, tuna or chicken in pouches, pop tarts, crackers, ready-to-eat soup, and granola bars. Please

remember that canned goods are best with pop top lids.

Thank you for your help!

## PROPERTY REPORT



FPC  
January  
2025  
Property  
Report:

Robert Stokes made some temporary

repairs to the metal roof that will be finished in the spring. He also spent time cleaning the roof drains. The fall leaves had clogged them up. The bill was \$1,400.00.

We are having trouble with the boiler coming on when the thermostat calls for heat. We are keeping an eye on it and working with Houston Plumbing to correct the problem.

- The Property Committee

## FINANCE REPORT

As of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, the checking account balance is \$17,025.86. This includes \$2,250.00 designated for capital

improvements that has not yet been moved to the savings account.

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

The SCRIP account balance is: \$1,852.05.

The Savings account has a balance of \$9,600.46. This includes \$8,100 designated for upcoming major building repairs.

-Keith Hare, FPC Finance Chairman

## PERSONNEL REPORT



We would like to thank Sheri Bogardus for the years she has worked for First Pres. Her years as both secretary and treasurer have been much appreciated. We all hope that she can enjoy her retirement.

- Becky Mahon, FPC Personnel Elder



## FYI



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to First Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money

to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com. Go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for **First Presbyterian Church 84451** and enroll.

## PRESBYTERIAN PRESIDENTS



In honor of President's Day this month, I thought it would be fun to research which US Presidents claimed Presbyterian as

their faith. Here's what I found.

- Andrew Jackson – joined the church a year after presidency
- James Buchanan – joined the church a year after presidency
- Grover Cleveland – president twice
- Benjamin Harrison – was an ordained Elder and Sunday School teacher (and an Ohio president!)
- Woodrow Wilson – Southern Presbyterian
- Dwight D. Eisenhower – United Presbyterian; joined the church 12 days after his inauguration; only president to join a church/be baptized while in office
- Ronald Reagan – became a member after leaving the presidency

## SHRED- IT DAY 2025

Trapped inside? Use these cold days to go through old papers and records and dispose of them safely. Small bag of shredding we can do in the church office? Hope has a nice shredder. If you have a bunch, start filling a box (or five) now to take to the **Free Shred-It Day at TrueCore on Deo Drive, April 12 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.** Need help hauling boxes or do you have more than five and need someone to drop off your additional? Talk to Hope in the office or Priscilla. Lighten the load at home. Free up space for the things you still need. Protect your personal information. Shred!

## A NOTE FROM PRESBYTERY

Dear Friends,  
I am sure many of you know the history of the church that you attend. While you may not know back more than one hundred years, you may at least know the last four decades or more.

Here is my question to you...in the history of your church, what are the "sacred cows" – those are the things that no one can change because they are so set in the history of who the church is that to change them would feel sacrilegious. Go ahead, pause, and figure out what they are. Every church has them. What would happen if that sacred cow were eliminated? What would be at risk? Some of our siblings within the PCUSA, and honestly in many denominations, have recently lost their sacred cows and much more. In the Los Angeles area, multiple Presbyterian Churches have burned to the ground from wildfires. Many within those churches also lost their homes and businesses. What would happen without their sacred cows? Will they be able to pull everything back together? I certainly pray that they do, and I hope that you will join me.

Learn more about how you can help:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/fires-rage-out-control-southern-california-affecting-churches-and-presbyteries>

So again, I ask you... what would happen if your church's sacred cow was eliminated? Let us hope it is not from something as drastic as a fire in the building. We will learn that sacred cows are not as important as our relationships with God and with each other. What are your thoughts?

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Executive Presbyter,  
Presbytery of Scioto Valley

## GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study is currently taking their winter break. Stay tuned for what's coming in March.

