

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July – 2024

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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



The church office will be closed on July 4th in honor of Independence Day. Enjoy the holiday!

WORSHIP

Our youngest greeter: Eli talking with a visitor
(Photo submitted by Becky Mahon.)



We will be serving Communion on Sunday, July 7.



Enjoy this photo of our dazzling duet Sunday, June 23rd. What a delight Tara Lewellen and Charla Dryburgh are! We are blessed to have talented musicians at First Pres! (Submitted by Ed Jobs.)

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

First Presbyterian Church recently received the "2024 Appetizer Award" for participating in Operation Feed to stock the shelves of Licking County's Food Pantries so we can continue our mission "to assure that no one in Licking County goes hungry." (Our certificate is hanging on the bulletin board by the church office.)

Update from the Mahon Family:



We have some exciting news to share with you as our 2023-2024 Home Ministry Assignment ended in early June.

On a short return visit

to Ohio in December of 2020, Mike stopped to visit at MMS Aviation at Coshocton's Richard Downing airport. MMS Aviation is a Christian ministry dedicated to training men and women to become certified Airframe and Powerplant aircraft mechanics who can then serve overseas or in the U.S. in mission aviation programs. They repair/refurbish missionary aircraft from many different organizations. Mike was on the training staff at MMS from

1984 until 1989, when we joined South America Mission and began preparing for service with SAMAIR Peru. During the December 2020 visit the director of MMS Aviation asked Mike what our future plans were. That started a journey of prayer, consultation with supporters, and dialogue with South America Mission leadership. God's call on our lives to work in mission aviation has never changed, but age and circumstances have changed.

In 2022, South American Mission approved putting us on loan to MMS Aviation beginning in June 2024 after our HMA. Also in 2022, God provided a very able brother in Christ to take over Mike's responsibilities at SAMAIR Peru. For those of you who know how old I (Nancy) am, no, we are NOT retiring. We will remain active members of South America Mission, and all support will continue to go through SAM for the time being.



Please join us in celebrating that we will still be able to work in mission aviation and help prepare future generations of aircraft mechanics who will refurbish and repair missionary aircraft for service overseas.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Mike as he learns his new role at MMS Aviation.
- Pray for us that we will be a light to people around us in this community.

In His Service,
Mike and Nancy Mahon

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

July Suggested Shopping List **Operation Christmas Child – 2024**

Toys for Boys and Girls

Ages 4-14

- **Strong, sturdy yo-yos**
- **Small NERF balls**
- **Coloring books**
- **Watercolor paint trays**
- **Watercolor paint brushes**



**Thank you for helping to share
"good news and great joy!"**

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

When we started the pastor search process, I do not know why I thought it would be easy. The committee and I worked really hard to get our profile filled out quickly so we could get to the search. Sifting through candidates felt like progress. With all the changes in the process and the system in the last year and a half we have hit a point where we are in a waiting game for the system to bring candidates to us. Waiting does not feel like progress.

Patience and God's timing are still progress even if they do not feel that way. Our church is changing even as it stays the same. I hope and

pray that as we continue to grow and change as a congregation, the one called to serve alongside us grows to feel the call.

Please pray for the whole congregation as we continue to change and stay the same.

Respectfully,
-Sarah Bowles
PNC Chairperson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



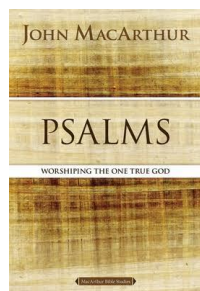
July Birthdays

Bob Blamer	July 6
Kim Frick	July 7
Dan Spangler	July 11
Jay Hartman	July 19
Carol Floyd	July 21
Sandy Noland	July 21
Dick Birtcher	July 24
Wendy Hartman	July 29

July Anniversaries

Dwight & Rose Gibson July 24

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!

PROPERTY REPORT

FPC June Property Report:



The painting of the signs on the front wall are in progress. We had to take a break to due to the extreme heat. All paint and supplies were donated.

The concrete repair on the Chapel steps is also a work in progress due to the extreme heat.

The rubber roof on the flat part of the building may be repaired soon. Again, it depends on the weather. Estimate from Robert Stokes Roofing, Inc. is \$1,200.00 for this work.

The alley door (the kitchen door) the threshold plate has been eaten up with snow salt. To replace the threshold plate the whole door unit must be lifted out and set aside while the threshold plate is replaced. The reason the threshold plate needs replaced is to prevent water from getting under the plate and rotting the floor and it will look much nicer and cleaner. Blake Brothers Glass estimate to do the job was \$1,950.00. This work was completed 6/25. Any donations towards this repair will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Linda L Smith
FPC Property Chairman

FINANCE REPORT

As of Wednesday, June 26, the balance in the church checking account is \$12,798.52.

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

The other account balances are:
SCRIP: \$1,379.35
Women's Ministry: \$1,267.84
Savings Account: \$1,502.00

Keith Hare
FPC Finance Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Break for Breakfast! We will be taking a break from Sunday School from July 7 - August 18 and instead having a breakfast social hour from 10 - 10:45 am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some breakfast and fellowship.



Let's make some fun summer memories together!

SCRIP

The next Scrip order is July 7. 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.

CHURCH LIFE

As promised, here is the first of our summer recipe series! Submit your recipe to Hope!

Sheri's Summer Salad



Start with $\frac{3}{4}$ c sugar, dissolved in a little warm water. Add about 1 c vinegar. Add cucumbers and onions, salt and pepper to taste. (Measure with your heart!)

Sheri keeps a big jar in her fridge and adds to it all summer long! YUMMY!

THANK YOU

We received a thank you letter from Lauren Rogers, Ministry Engagement Advisor, from the Office of Ministry Engagement and Support in recognition of our contribution to the mission work of Mark Hare and Jenny Bent.



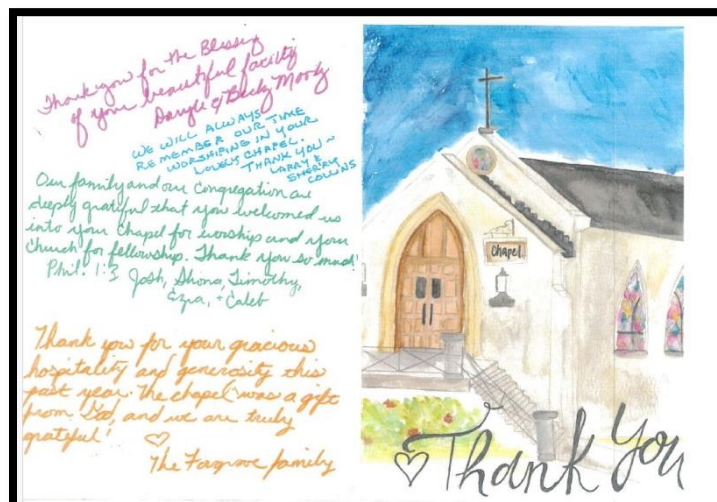
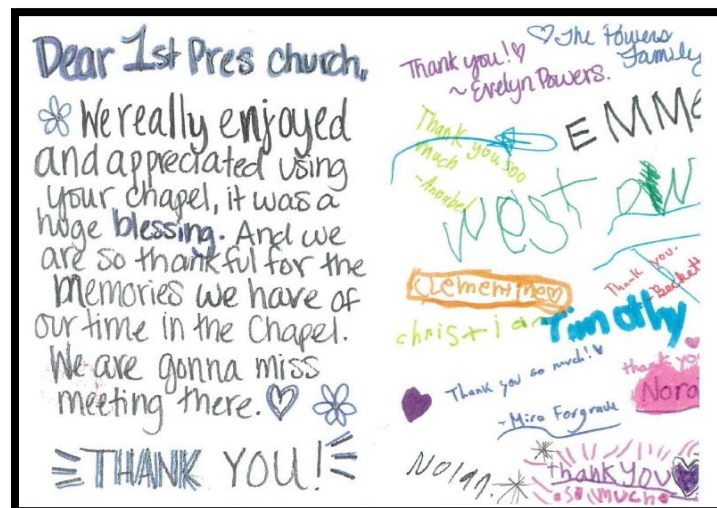
Thank you First Pres for all you do to support our many mission projects both locally and around the world!



A big THANKS to our handy maintenance man, Gary, for sprucing up our outdoor signs to match the awnings with fresh blue paint --- They look great!

Thank you, Gary, for all you do at the church. Your hard work is seen and appreciated!

We received a lovely handmade thank you note from Rooted Fellowship for our hospitality in sharing our building with them. Thank you, FPC, for being a blessing!



A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Recently, (6/9), Forrest Smythe celebrated a milestone birthday! Here he is partying at the Fairgrounds with family and friends...

Happy 90th birthday Forrest!



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

SERVING AT CANDLEWICK



The ladies of FPC hosted a dinner and sing-along at Candlewick Commons on

Tuesday, June 18th. It was well attended and the fellowship was sweet. If you are interested in serving in this ministry of encouragement, please see Sandy Noland.

THE **SECRET STRENGTH** OF
A NATION IS FOUND IN THE

• *faith* •

THAT ABIDES IN THE **HEARTS**
AND **HOMES** OF THE COUNTRY.

-Billy Graham



God *bless* America