



First Presbyterian Church

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MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

March 26, 2023

MINISTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY: EVERY MEMBER

Pastor: Jane B. Johnson

Secretary: Bobbie Hall

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Audrey Tysen

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Pianist: Keats Rivas

Treasurer: Michael Milam

MINISTERS FOR VISION AND MISSION: SESSION:

Class of 2023

Class of 2024

Class of 2025

Tom Hlasten

John Mikelson

Pat Mikelson

Susan Thomas

Barbara Pettit

Jewell McCliment

Joyce Holben

Elaine Zingg

Barbara Taphorn

MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Bob Penrose Irene Clark Barbara Patterson

COMMITTEES:

Discipleship and Worship: Pastor Jane

Evangelism & Mission: Pat Mikelson

Fellowship: Barbara Taphorn

Finance & Stewardship: Susan Thomas

Member Care: Pastor Jane

Nominating: Pat Mikelson

Personnel: Glenn Rudie

Presbytery: Barbara Pettit

Presbyterian Women: Barbara Taphorn

Property: Barbara Pettit

Technology/Communication: John Mikelson

MEMBERS SERVING IN OTHER PLACES:

- Allen Wollenberg, Pike County Outreach Council of Churches
- Mark, Jenny, Kella Rosa, and Aika Estela Hare
Papay-Costa Rica
- Jim McGill, *Sudan*

We are open for worship in the church at 10:15 am. Masks are optional, but recommended. Fellowship Hour follows after worship. We continue to have worship on line each Sunday morning at 10:15 am. You can tune in by your computer or telephone.

If you are using a computer to connect: Open your computer browser (Internet Explorer, Chrome or Safari) Enter <https://zoom.us> 542 773 5626 in the address bar. Follow screen instructions. Password: 6NgnrH

If you are using a phone to connect, dial 312-626-6799 and then enter ID:

542 773 5626#.

When prompted for a password enter 355142#.

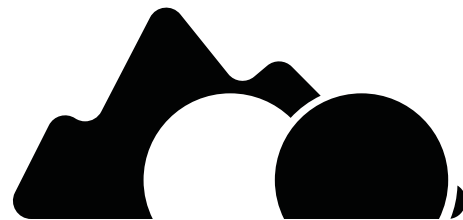
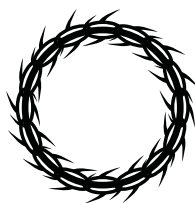


A VIEW FROM THE PEW

REV. DR. DOUGLAS E. HOLBEN

Maybe it's the old fuddy-duddy in me, but each year when we get to the month of April I can't help but think of the bright flowers that spring up and the smell of their fragrances that fills the air. I remember the beloved annual family photo session in front of our house "all-dressed-up" with new clothes after the Easter Service. While bringing back marvelous memories of days of 'yore, I also am filled with renewed hope and exceeding joy at the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

Theologically the central and pivotal event of Jesus Christ is his rising from the dead which we celebrate each Easter and which we remember in our worship of Almighty God each Sunday morning. Experientially the resurrection of our Lord fills believers with unspeakable good news which we can hardly contain. In our days of this earthly life let us be emboldened to share our joy and our everlasting life which we have been given with all the world in all that we do and with all those we meet. Happy Easter to all! The Lord is risen indeed!



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Sunday, April 16, at 9:15, Sunday School will RESUME. Come early for a good seat and join in a fellowship of learning disciples.

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OUR SESSION AT WORK

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

Rev. Dr. Douglas Holben was guest Moderator at our March Session meeting as Pastor Jane will remain on Disability Leave until May 2, 2023, and the Presbyterian Book of Order states that Session meetings are to be moderated by an ordained pastor. Before going on disability leave, Jane also set up a schedule of who will be covering the Wednesday Lenten Lunches studies on the book *Meeting Jesus at the Table*.

Doug and Joyce Holben will be leading the study on chapter 6 on March 22nd; and Karen Henderson will do chapter 5 on March 29th .

Three retired Clergy who have been worshipping with us on a regular basis will be preaching in Jane's absence. Rev. Otto Zingg will preach on March 26th and lead the Maundy Thursday service on April 6th; Rev. Cal Tysen will preach on April 16th; and Rev. Bruce Henderson will preach on April 30th.

Two women that most of us had not met before will also be preaching during Pastor Jane's absence. The first of these is Rev. Kathleen A. Nice who many of us met for the first time when she preached March 19th. She will preach again Palm Sunday - April 2nd, and Easter Sunday - April 9th. Pastor Kathleen grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She is presently serving on the Presbytery of Scioto Valley's paid staff as Transitional General Presbyter, having replaced

Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh who retired last fall. Our Presbytery (POSV) is one of the 167 Presbyteries in the U.S.A. It consists of 87 churches located throughout 22 Ohio Counties. Its office is located in Columbus. Our second female guest, who will be speaking at the April 23rd service, is Emily Krause Corzine, who is Moderator of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Last month Session decided we would not have an Easter sunrise service, but would have a meal rather than snacks after the 10:15 service. At the March Session Meeting, Barbara Taphorn reported that the Fellowship committee decided that to allow for members who might be having family gatherings at noon on Easter, instead we will have a 9:15 breakfast at the church on Easter Sunday. Barbara also announced that rather than having separate mother's and father's day suppers this summer we will have a catered family dinner at 5:00 pm. on Friday, May 19th.

The finance committee reported that it had arranged for B.V. resident Rosita Bamba to audit the church's financial records. After the Session meeting Rosita's written report on the audit was turned in. Once again, the figures being reported by Treasurer Mike Milam are accurate. The problems she cited were from the bank not returning weekly deposit slips and check signers sometimes failing to initial invoices.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PAT PENROSE

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 1:30 PM at the church. Lesson 7 of *Celebrating Sabbath*, "Sabbath and Self-Care" will be taught by Study Leaders, Barbara (Babsy) Pettit and Elaine Zingg. Hostesses will be Pat Penrose and Barbara Taphorn.

The **Spring Gathering** for Presbyterian Women will be on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church, 222 N. Broad Street, Lancaster, OH. The theme is *Pursuing God's Dream of a Healthy Planet Where All Life Can Thrive*. We hope many from our group will plan on attending this Gathering.

We look forward to seeing you at the April meeting and remember to bring your offering.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MIKE MILAM

February's income was \$19,295.84 (10-year average \$15,370). The expenses for February were \$14,074.06 (10-year average 14,636).

This provides a net gain of \$5,221.78 in our Operating Budget for the month. For the year we are \$6,677.23 in the black.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The First Presbyterian Church of Waverly will NOT be hosting an Easter Sunrise Service this year. However, the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe is. Set up on the back parking lot of the church, it is a "drive-in" service where you stay in the comforting heat of your car while a large sound system broadcasts the service.

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:00 am

13 Mead Dr, Chillicothe, OH, back parking lot

740-774-4440

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,**

the **Presbyterian Hunger Program,** and **Self-Development of People** - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope



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FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

CANNED TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN
MAC AND CHEESE

COPE NEEDS

BODY WASH
WOMEN'S DEODORANT
GENTLY USED MEN'S BELTS

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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 6 – 7 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 7 – 7 PM

Easter Schedule

Easter Brunch
9:15 AM

Easter Worship Service
10:15 AM

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PRESBYTERY REPORT

BABSY PETTIT

As usual, it is so good to be in Presbytery meetings to see how the 87 churches in our Presbytery work together. I don't know how many were at Overbrook Church but there were about 55 attendees, including me, on Zoom.

We were called to worship by prayer and reading of Luke 11:5-13. The new transitional General Presbyter, **Rev. Kathy Nice**, challenged us with her message of "Radical Hospitality." We are to keep asking over and over – never fearing to ask God for the hard things of life. We need to be going out and bringing God into situations. Actually God is already there but people do not always know. We need to bring that to their attention. We need to trust God. When we share God with others, we are giving a level of hospitality. We must be persistent in prayer. Kathy said she will make God's presence known in the midst of all meetings where she is—as we sing, vote, pray, etc.

Executive Presbyter Report: Kathy Nice said that since coming here in January, she has preached, performed funerals, meetings, and installations. She has many other dates on her calendar, including Waverly. She is working to know the working parts of the presbytery. Call her to make an appointment if you want to meet or talk to her.

Chip Hardwick, Synod Executive,

presented a list of upcoming programs and ministry. Content Includes Church and Mental Health, Overcoming Clergy Loneliness, Boundaries Training, Child Sexual Abuse Protection Training and Anti-Racism Training. Chip can be contacted at chip@synodofthecovenant.org or 309-530-45478. There are counseling and other services available for students at Michigan State University during this vulnerable time after shootings there. Let Chip know if you have referrals.

Claire Lewis of Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program talked about loans for capital projects including windows, roofs, wings, boilers and special purpose loans for such as ramps, elevators, energy efficiency projects. Rebates may be available from the loans; \$5½ million have been given back since this was started.

Steve Brand reported on the Commission of Discernment and Design. Several meetings were held to learn the process and current structure of Presbytery and how it operates as well as its strengths and weaknesses. This stretches through its 20 years. The Commission is working on core values—who we are and who we strive to be. The core values identified are nurturing spiritual community, connection, unity in diversity, spirit-led adaptability, and outreach. The commission envisions a presbytery that operates with

PRESBYTERY REPORT (continued)

these in the forefront. The commission would like examples from churches, in 2-3 sentences, of times we have exemplified these core values. Send to: discernment@psvonline.org. Critical success factors or goals are being developed. Examples are develop training, networking, volunteers, staff, programming.

Commission for Nurture and Outreach reported upcoming events. May Pre-presbytery will be a discussion of earth care and climate change. A youth retreat will be held at Camp Akita this fall. Nov. 30 to Dec. 12 is a global-justice mission trip to Israel with a Jordan extension from Dec. 12-16, Neighborhood Mission Grants will be given priority to new proposals. If you have a continuing or repeat proposal, submit it during the last 3 months of 2023 in case there is money left.

The Treasurer reported that 93% of budgeted income came in for 2022 and 88% of budgeted expenses was spent. The 2023 budget was split in two parts—operations and mission—so it is sure that per capita goes only for operations.

The Commission for Congregational Life wants especially to work through the assigned liaisons between it and churches. The clerk is the church contact. The goal is to build and maintain relationships within the Presbytery.

The Commission for Church Professionals reported it has approved the Pastor's Emergency Fund policy. There were 20 new members, approvals, and dissolutions listed.

The Coordinating Team presented the rules for hybrid meetings. They were approved. The first reading was held of the proposal for roles and responsibilities for Committee on Representation. This is to assure more diversity in the makeup of Presbytery members and leadership.

There were 33 amendments to the Book of Order approved by 225th General Assembly (2022) and recommended to presbyteries for their vote. Two-thirds of all presbyteries must vote affirmative in order to ratify them. We voted on half of the amendments and will complete voting on the rest at next Presbytery meeting.

LITURGISTS

April	Sherry Sapienza
May	Emma Edgington

GREETERS

April	Bobbie Hall Jeanne Conrad Barbara Taphorn
May	Betsy Hall Pam Clark Barbara Taphorn

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 PALM SUNDAY Service 10:15 am	3	4	5 Finance 10 am Presbyterian Women 1:30 pm	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 7 pm	7 GOOD FRIDAY Tennebrae Service 7 pm	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY Brunch 9:15 am Service 10:15 am	10 Property Committee 10 am Fellowship 1 pm	11	12 M&E Speaker Tammy Jones 3:00 pm	13 Clergy Breakfast 9 am W&D 1:30 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:15 Service 10:15 am	17	18	19 Session 1:30 pm	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:15 Service 10:15 am	24	25	26	27 Prime Time Gardening 5:30 pm	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:15 Service 10:15 am						



Remember in Prayer:

Maurice Bailey
Gary Baker
Marilyn Beilstein
Dan Beilstein
Jim Clark
John Dawson
Jerry Hall
George Hartwell
Bud Hobday
Jane Johnson
Janet Marsh
Marty Miller
Ann Oyer

Barbara Patterson
Tom Patterson
Bob Penrose
Martha & Ed Pool
Jeff & Nancy Sapienza
Dimitry Sergay
Lew Stratton
Angie Strewsbery
Julia & Kara Washington
Allen Wollenberg
Judy Wollenberg
Elaine Zingg

Bristol Health Care:

George Hartwell - 105
Bud Hobday - 125
Bill Johnson - 113
Janet Marsh - 24
Judy Wollenberg - 312

Birthdays:

Melissa Stinnett - 6
Edy Panjaitan - 7
Kitty Neely - 23
Pastor Jane - 25
Mike Milam - 26
Janet Marsh - 30

REMEMBERING MACK EARNHARDT

Long time church member Mack Monroe Earnhardt, Sr. died February 28, 2023, at the age of 96 years. Mack served in the U.S. Army Air Forces 1944-1946 and graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1949. Mack and his wife, Jean, were married in December of 1951. In 1954 Mack, Jean, and family moved to Waverly and Mack began work as a chemical engineer at the Goodyear Atomic Corporation Plant at Piketon, where he remained until his retirement in 1989. The Earnhardt



family joined our church in 1955 where their 2 children were active in age-appropriate activities for a number of years. Their daughter, Susan (married to Judge Deering) joined the church in 1966. I don't know when Mack Earnhardt was ordained as a Ruling Elder, but he was listed as serving as such in 1981 on a list I have that was prepared December 10, 2010. Jean and Susan remain members here. Consistent with Mack's wishes, a private funeral service was held for the family.

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