



**First Presbyterian Church**

# Courier

**September 2024**

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# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

September 8, 2024

## MINISTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY: EVERY MEMBER

**Pastor:** Jane B. Johnson

**Secretary:** Bobbie Hall

**Clerk of Session:** Elaine Zingg

**Choir Director:** Edy Panjaitan

**Organist:** Patricia Penrose

**Pianist:** Edy Panjaitan

**Treasurer:** Michael Milam

## MINISTERS FOR VISION AND MISSION: SESSION:

**Class of 2024**      **Class of 2025**

John Mikelson

Pat Mikelson

Barbara Pettit

Jewell McCliment

Elaine Zingg

Barbara Taphorn

## MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Tom Hlasten

Barbara Patterson

## COMMITTEES:

**Discipleship and Worship:** Pastor Jane

**Evangelism & Mission:** Pat Mikelson

**Fellowship:** Barbara Taphorn

**Finance & Stewardship:** Mike Milam

**Nominating:** Pat Mikelson

**Personnel:** Pat Mikelson

**Presbytery:** Barbara Pettit

**Presbyterian Women:** Karen Henderson

**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 O'Hare  
*Papay-Costa Rica*
- Bob and Kristi Rice, *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#.



# OUR SESSION AT WORK

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

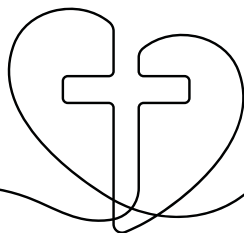
Now that the Presbytery has approved our decision to sell our manse and garage, at its August 28th meeting, Session approved our retaining Brewster Real Estate and Auction, LLC to handle the details of the sale. In May and June, Session had had preliminary discussions with Tommy Brewster about the difference between going for a sale directly to an interested buyer or proceeding with a public auction. Tommy Brewster provided us with a copy of the State of Ohio Residential Property Disclosure Form that must be filled out in advance of a direct sale to the interested buyer to alert him/her to issues that the buyer might want addressed by the seller before the sale goes through. This can be time consuming and expensive. At its August 28th meeting, Session approved auctioning the manse and garage and I am proceeding to contact Tommy Brewster to obtain a contract and proceed.

Treasurer Mike Milam provided Session with his usual financial report that showed a deficit for the month of July of -\$7,707.53 and for the year of

-\$15,465.94 which is within the range we have been expecting.

Pastor Jane reported that she is having a very busy summer with moving out of the manse and into alternative housing, calling and visiting with multiple congregational members and friends, several of whom were having serious health issues, taking a week of vacation to visit their son, and attending continuing education events and Session committee meetings, and printing the PW booklets for Audrey. Jane will resume leading Wednesday afternoon Bible study on Wednesday, September 4th.

Session approved Personnel Committee's motion to grant Bobbie Hall an additional 60 hours of paid personal time to accommodate her recovery from her broken ankle. Mission and Evangelism reported that they will be giving \$500 to a mission listed in the Presbyterian Gift Catalogue to provide mothers and newborns around the world with basic hygiene and health services.



# EQUIPPING PEACEMAKERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND AROUND THE WORLD

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain

an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Pizza with the Pastor to introduce First Presbyterian Church to newcomers in Bristol Village and other interested persons

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8 at 4:30pm**

We will visit newcomers in Bristol Village and distribute welcome bags to introduce FPC

and invite people to attend a casual lowkey Pizza with the Pastor at FPC. We will distribute about 25 welcome bags. If you would like to meet your neighbors and deliver a welcome bag, please call Pat Mikelson. If you have others that you would like to invite, welcome bags will be available the week of September 16.

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## SUMMER LIBRARY STORY HOUR HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Because the library is still being renovated following the building fire, their regular summer Reading Program was held at FPC three times this summer. FPC also donated

\$232 from our Pentecost offering to support this program. It was very nice to have little feet and voices in our building.



# FOOD PANTRY – HUNGER WALK

## Sunday, September 15, 1-4 pm

The Hunger Walk is a very important way to support the Pike County food pantry. Checks for the hunger walk may be made out to First Presbyterian Church – with HUNGER WALK in the memo section.

## PIKE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY CHANGE OF POLICY

Thanks to all who contribute food for distribution to Pike county residents. You may keep your extra plastic bags, however, as the Pantry is asking their clients to bring their own bags or to use boxes. This change is out of concern for good sanitation practices.

### COPE NEEDS

We are asking for any donations of hygiene products to start the new school year off.

- men's and women's deodorant (travel size is fine)
- shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- men's body spray
- hair ties, bobbie pins
- safety pins
- tampons (plastic dispenser)
- hair brushes
- dental floss
- tissues

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.  
Terri Dunham





# HUNGER WALK FOOD & DONATION DRIVE



Pike Outreach would like to invite everyone out to enjoy fun and fellowship at our Annual Hunger Walk Food and Donation Drive.

Each year the food pantry provides thousands of meals in Pike County.  
we need your help!!

Bring food, hygiene, or cash donations to help us stock the shelves for Pike County!

Walk and activities will begin at the  
First Baptist Church located at  
303 E Third street, Waverly  
Sunday, September 15

1 pm - 4 pm

# THE FPC MATTHEW 25 ANNUAL GRANT

The First Presbyterian Church of Waverly is accepting applications for its annual Matthew 25 \$1000 grant for projects ***that help break through structural barriers of poverty for children and youth in Pike County and will have a sustaining impact on these young people.***

The grant is open to any tax-exempt charitable organization, public school, library, or public agency serving children and youth in our area. Projects eligible for this grant may include one or more of the following:

- **Advocacy** – changing systems that disadvantage young people.
- **Collaboration** – programs that pull together resources to broaden support or increase the number of children served.
- **Programs that result in sustained improvement in**
  - learning and reading success
  - economic skills and employment opportunities
  - mental and physical health
  - respect and understanding among diverse groups in individuals
  - social, family and relationship skills
- **Seed money to increase financial resources for the above purposes**, e.g., matching funds and/or grant writing (for non-profits without grant writing staff)

We offer this grant out of a sense of obedience to a higher calling. Loving our neighbor, no matter what the challenge, is prompted by God's amazing grace and takes us beyond the boundaries of our congregation. We hope that this grant may just be a beginning of our attempts to reach out to the most vulnerable in our midst.

Matthew 25:40 ***“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers (or sisters), you did it unto me.”***

Grant applications will be evaluated on the following:

- Program provides hope and support for children and youth on their journey to become thriving, optimistic, independent adults and contributing members of society. This includes the ability to achieve better long term educational, economic, health, family stability and personal emotional experiences and outcomes.
- Number or percentage of children and youth impacted. Programs that provide significant long term life success on a limited number of children are considered.
- Staff and leadership strength of the program.

## THE FPC MATTHEW 25 ANNUAL GRANT (continued)

- Potential for program success - Clarity of purpose and how the program will be carried out.

Grant application must be submitted by mail and received by Friday, November 1, 2024. Please mail to Patricia

Mikelson, 336 Robin Rd., Waverly, Ohio 45690. For questions, call Patricia Mikelson at 614-330-9634 or email [pat.mikelson@gmail.com](mailto:pat.mikelson@gmail.com).

**This grant is funded by the McCluggage dividends.**





# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 LABOR DAY Office closed	3	4 PW 10:30 am Bible Study 4 pm	5 W&D 1 pm	6	7
8 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	9	10	11 M&E 2:30 pm Bible Study 4 pm	12 Clergy Breakfast 9 am Finance 10 am	13	14
15 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	16	17	18 Session 1:30 pm Bible Study 4 pm	19 Courier Articles Due	20	21
22 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Hunger Walk 1 - 4 pm	23	24	25	26 Prime Thyme Gardening 5:30 pm	27	28
Pastor Jane's Vacation						
29 Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Pastor Jane's Vacation	30					



**Remember in Prayer:**

Maurice Bailey  
Gary Baker  
Marilyn Beilstein  
Dan Beilstein  
Joe Blair  
Irene & Jim Clark  
Jeanne Conrad  
Gretchen & Gary  
    Crabtree  
Lanelle Crooks  
John Dawson  
Monica Dawson  
Jean Earnhardt  
Glenn Franklin  
Eleanor Fujita  
Bobbie Hall  
Jerry Hall  
George Hartwell family  
Bruce Henderson

Elinor Hodder  
Ruth Karner  
Sherlene Keefer  
Jewell McCliment  
John Mikelson  
Lynn & Eric Miller  
Barbara Patterson  
Tom Patterson  
Pat Penrose  
Glenn Rudie  
Jeff & Nancy Sapienza  
Rosann Severding  
Lew Stratton  
David Stinnett  
Melissa Stinnett  
Mary Stinnett  
Barbara Taphorn  
Allen Wollenberg  
Wollenberg family

Ruth Wonnell  
Elaine & Otto Zingg  
Diane Zwick

**Bristol Health Care:**

Jeanne Conrad - 103  
Bill Johnson - 113  
Lew Stratton - 105  
Barbara Taphorn - 310

**Birthdays:**

Ken Beilstein - 1  
Tom Patterson - 6  
Joyce Holben - 6  
Elaine Zingg - 12  
Betsy Hall - 13  
Gary Baker - 23  
Audrey Tysen - 23  
Sue Brodt - 26

**GREETERS**

**September**

Betsy Hall  
Bobbie Hall



**LITURGISTS**

**September** Bruce Henderson

**October** Bobbie Hall

**November** Tom Hlasten

**December** Sherry Sapienza

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CHURCH OF WAVERLY

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## The Amen Corner

THE DEEP END

TYSON COLE



"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."