



The Bell Tower

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

April MMXXV



A WELCOME RECEPTION for our NEW COVENANT PARTNERS is scheduled for April 13th (Palm Sunday). Please come to Calvin Hall after worship to meet and greet our new friends in Christ: Dan Shrock, Darlene Artman, and Lyn Cepris.

Romans 15:7. "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

EASTER WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL

Sign-up sheets are available at each entrance of the sanctuary. The prayer vigil will begin Good Friday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. through Holy Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. Times of prayer are hour intervals. Please feel free to come for all or part of that time, alone or with others. All are invited to join this time of prayer and meditation. Our Board of Deacons has once again agreed to provide building security during the vigil.

Lenten Season & Worship Schedule

*The
Season
of
Lent*



- April 13 – Palm Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
- April 17 – Maundy Thursday Worship (Communion in the Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m.
- April 18-19 – Prayer Vigil 6:00 p.m. -10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday
- April 20 – Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Hempfield Park - Sanctuary Worship 10:45a.m.

Easter Share Offering

The Mission Committee has decided to designate the Easter Share Offering to SHOW (Shared Hope for Orphans Worldwide). SHOW was founded by Brian Saunders and supports an orphanage, school and the local community in Uganda. The Share Offering will be collected through Lent. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for God's work around the world.



Place your order for lilies in honor and/or memory of your loved ones. Lilies are \$9.00 and the deadline is **April 7**. They will be placed in the chancel area for Easter morning and taken with you after worship.

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: _____

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Presbyterian Women's Spring Tea

*Please join us for the opportunity to gather
for the Presbyterian Women's Tea*

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall

If you have a favorite teacup please bring it with you.

*Tea time treats will be provided (including a teacup if
you do not bring one). Vintage clothing and hats
are encouraged, but not required.*

*Program: Jared McGary, Pymatuning State Park
Environmental Educator will speak about the
fascinating history of Pymatuning Dam.*



Hannah Wallace	4/1
Terri Clark	4/4
Betty Wansor	4/6
Jamie Hart	4/7
Greg Sewinsky	4/7
Tammy Geibel	4/10
Linda's Camlin	4/11
Dorothy McGinnis	4/12
Don Shipton	4/12
Brenda Wallace	4/13
John Russell	4/15
Sarah Nystrom	4/16
Jean Zane	4/17
Becky Bray	4/18
Charles Hinds	4/19
Keaton Walberg	4/21
Cindy Petrarca	4/22
Bretton Walberg	4/23
Rylan Walberg	4/25
Erin Straw	4/26
Bev Kiser	4/27
Dick Krueger	4/28
Sally Warrender	4/28
Pat Williams	4/28

Youth

Chloe Carter	4/4
Avery Davis	4/29

If by some chance your **birthday** has been listed incorrectly or unintentionally omitted from this publication, please advise the church office of the corrections needed. Apologies for any inadvertent errors. Each birthday is a cause for celebration and we don't want to miss a single one!

APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

4/6	Barbara Deist & Sue Wilson
4/13	Ericka Dershimer & Savannah Johnson
4/20	Nancy Hoffacker & Carol Houck
4/27	Molly Davis family

Greeters Schedule

4/13	Bill & DaVee Hazlett
4/20	Tom Harpst
4/27	Dan & Sue Wilson
5/4	Karen Edwards
5/11	Randy & Sue Blum
5/18	Bill & DaVee Hazlett

The Women's Daytime Circle will meet at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, April 1, 2025 in the church Conference Room. Nancy Hoffacker will lead the Bible Study on The Queen of Sheba. Coralee Armstrong will share devotions. All women are welcome to join us!

Next PW Evening Circle is on APRIL 1 (No foolin'!)

6:00 p.m. at Mary K. Miller's. Please read pages 5-13 of Chapter One in our new book: "Twelve Ordinary Men".

Thank You 7th -12th Sunday School Class

A big thank you to the 7th -12th Sunday school class for taking the time and initiative to tidy up the tabernacle model. This class has been studying the book of Exodus, where they learned about the tabernacle.

The tabernacle model was donated to our church by Mrs. Theodore Moran, Sr. in 1979. She dedicated many hours researching the details to create an accurate representative. The students were able to see up close the tabernacle including the Holy of Holies, the twelve tribes, and the Arc of the Covenant.

Mrs. Moran's goal was to provide a teaching tool that would help future generations understand God's promises to His people. How exciting that 46 years later, our Sunday school program is fulfilling her wishes.

If you would like to see the students' work on the tabernacle, it is on display in the hallway past the senior high room near the church safe.

200th Anniversary

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE "FACTS FROM THE PAST"

Pipe Organ

According to history written in the First Presbyterian Church 125th Anniversary Booklet (1950), a dedication of the new pipe organ occurred on February 17, 1929. The organ had been remodeled and rebuilt at a cost of \$7,252. A program of organ music was offered at both the morning and evening services by Mrs. Pau E. McMichael, organist and Herman Stahl, the builder of the organ. At the time of dedication, it was one of the finest and largest organs in Western Pennsylvania.

Special Service

On Sunday, May 21, 1961, a "Service of Moving Into and Consecration for Worship of the New Sanctuary" occurred. The pastor was Marshall D. Berryhill. (Several current members of FPC may remember this service.)

1931-1932 Yearbook

In The Year Book of the First Presbyterian Church for 1931-1932 there were 12 Group Divisions listed of Woman's Guild. The women of the church who wished to be a part of the Woman's Guild were divided into monthly groups with the names of the groups being the months of the year from January - December.

Attention Pirate Fans!

June 28, 4:05 p.m.

Mets vs. Pirates

Session, again, has generously agreed to pay for a 56-passenger coach to the Pittsburgh Pirate game on Saturday, June 28.

Fifty tickets (rows W-Z section 108) are available along the 1st baseline and under roof. There are also 6 tickets in the same section but are handicap accessible. All First Presbyterian Covenant Partners are welcome along with friends and family. Youth, 13 years and under, should be accompanied by an adult. Session has also agreed to pay for all youth tickets. The cost for regular seating is \$61/ticket which includes \$5 for concession. The handicap seats are \$54 which also includes \$5 for concession. The Anderson Coach will begin loading from the First Pres parking lot at 12:45pm and depart at 1:00pm on June 28. **The deadline to purchase tickets is June 15.** Contact Karen Edwards at 724-866-5115(call or text) to reserve your tickets. Cash or checks will be accepted. Checks should be made out to **First Presbyterian Church** with **Pirate Tickets** on the memo line

Scholarship money is available by contacting Dan Baker at 724-588-6897(call or text).





**Invitation to an All Church Breakfast for
FPC Graduating High
School Seniors**

Sunday April 27, 2025

To recognize and honor the graduation of First Presbyterian Church's High School Seniors, Class of 2025, all Covenant Partners, family and friends are invited to breakfast on Sunday, April 27, at 9:30 AM in Calvin Hall. A buffet of breakfast casseroles, fruits and pastries will be provided. Please come, celebrate and enjoy this occasion.

Be a star substitute!

Substitute Sunday School Teachers and Classroom Helpers, Preschool-12th grade, are always welcomed and very much needed! Please contact Elders Dan Baker or Laura Stitt, Christian Education Committee Chairpersons if you are interested.



Vacation Bible School - June 16 to June 20, 2025 - 9am to 12pm

Registration for VBS 2025, inviting children ages 4 through completing 5th grade, is now open on the church website, fpcgreenville.com/vbs.

Volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help prepare for VBS ahead of time, or would like to help the week of VBS contact Kelly Minner, kelly.minner@gmail.com

Decorating meeting times for VBS this month are Wednesday April 2, 16 & 30 from 10am-12pm in the Men's Den. All are welcome to gather to help!

Session Notes

A regular Meeting of Session gathered on Monday March 10, 2025 with Transitional Pastor Jeff Wildrick as Moderator.

Information:

- Deacon positions were announced: CO-Moderators – Doug Groover and Ruth Reither, Secretary/Treasurer – Janie Miller
- Deacon Committee Appointments: Security Team – Doug Groover and Tom Mentch, Memorial Gifts Fund – Mary Jane Fay, Nominating Committee – Karen Edwards, Finance/Stewardship Committee – Doug Groover.
- Kids of the Kingdom preschool (KOK) is thriving and has a full enrollment of 24 students. March is also the beginning of accepting applications for next year.
- Office Hours were announced: Monday through Friday – 8:00 AM to about 3:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Our Pastors phone numbers and email addresses are published each Sunday in the Church Bulletin; therefore, they can be reached at any time.
- The Property Committee reported that three (3) electrical contractors are bidding on our electrical project. A timeline will be available soon.
- Sunday School Renovation Committee reported that the architect and designer are due to come back to the committee soon with renderings.

Approved Motions:

- To make an offer to Jeffery Wildrick to become an “Emergency Transitional Pastor for FPC.
- To accept an invitation from Hillside Presbyterian Church for a joint worship this summer, 7/27/2025.
- For Pastor Jeff to lead a series of six classes on the subject “What in the World are we Here for?” starting on 3/23/2025, 4:00 PM.
- (the next step), approving the creation of a Transitional Pastor Search Team, made up of five elders, to seek and recommend to session a candidate for Certified Transitional Pastor (CTP).

This Search Team will be created by – Personnel Committee members, Elder Chair Person Gail Fay, Elder Sam Dailey, and Emergency Transitional Pastor Jeff Wildrick.

- The Chapel will be open during Holy Week, April 14 – 18, for prayer and reflection from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.