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WE ARE A NURTURING, VIBRANT
CONGREGATION, REACHING OUT
TO THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.

Sunday Worship:

8:30 a.m. in person
& 10:30 a.m. in person
or livestream on Facebook



Article Deadline: 15th of each month

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April 2024



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2024



When I arrived in Parkersburg, I was almost immediately invited to join up with a group called the Ministerial Alliance. Clergy from across Wood County would gather and support each other. Often, I was the only female present. I felt fully accepted and part of everything, but I missed the clergywomen groups that I had experienced in previous calls. I knew there were a lot of female pastors in the area; I just didn't know how to connect with them.

Last summer, I connected with some local female clergy. We formed a group on Facebook and started meeting every few months to connect and support each other in ministry. Sometimes we would do something together, like make candles or prayer beads. Other times we meet for lunch to talk about how ministry is going and what's going on in the area. We support each other, hear each other's stories, and pray together.

Out of this, I learned about a group of churches who had



started working together to feed the community on weekends. There are a lot of places to get a meal during the week. But on weekends, it could be a bit more difficult. The Gathering on 14th Street serves a meal on Saturdays. Sundays were then divided among the other churches participating. Christ United Methodist serves on the First Sunday of the month, the local Methodist churches work together to serve on the second Sunday of the month, St. Paul's United Methodist serves on the third Sunday of the month, and Hope Mission and Good Shepherd serve on the last Sunday of the month. This means

that there was a vacancy about once per quarter: on the fourth Sunday of the month when there were five Sundays. After talking to the

Mission Committee and the group of churches that make up the Community Meal Initiative, I volunteered our church to host once per quarter on the fourth Sunday when there are five Sundays in the month. Thank you to everyone who made the meal a success on March 24th. We had a great time and got to feed a number of people from the

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community. We also gave out underwear, socks, and hats to many who needed them. Thank you to everyone who brought food, prepared the meal, set-up, served, and cleaned up.

I'm really excited about this ministry. I love working with other churches to do ministry and to have fellowship. Last year, I also connected with the other Presbyterian pastors in the area and we had our first cluster events! We hosted the choir from Geneva College, with multiple churches helping and us hosting the beautiful concert. We did a pulpit swap in July. And this month, we have another opportunity to come

together as well! On April 21 we are meeting up for a 3:00 p.m. cruise on the Valley Gem and a delicious potluck meal.

We are part of the body of Christ. And as Presbyterians, we believe in being connected. That means that we can participate in ministry together, and fellowship together, all that we might glorify Christ and connect as brothers and sisters in Christ. To God be the Glory!



Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Annie

PRESBYTERIAN VALLEY GEM CRUISE

Sunday, April 21

3:00 — 4:30 pm

More details will be announced soon. Check the Sunday bulletins as well as your inbox for a Flocknote.



Bring a Covered Dish to Share

GUESTS WELCOME!

Handicap Accessible

Sign up in the foyer on Sundays, or call the Church office Mon-Thur @304-422-5426.

SATURDAY STEWARDS



The Saturday Stewards want to thank all the folks who helped with cleaning and oiling the woodwork in the Sanctuary. We have received many compliments about the lovely

appearance of the pews and Sanctuary. We hope to do this each spring and fall.



A NOTE ABOUT SATURDAY STEWARDS:

We enthusiastically welcome *anyone* that wants to help work at the church on Saturdays. Even if you can spend only an hour or two, or can help once or twice a month, that would be great! We always can use your help. And ladies, we definitely could use your feminine

touch! We are an open group for both men and women. We meet each **Saturday at 8:30 a.m.** in the Harris Room and normally finish by noon or before. It's also a great opportunity for fellowship. Please consider joining us. If you'd like more information, please call or text me @304-588-6203.



Mike Beckett, Chair
Facilities Management

Volunteer Recognition

Don't forget to submit your nominations for Volunteer of the Quarter (March 31) by Sunday, April 7. We will announce the winning nominee in April bulletins and in the May newsletter. Forms are available in the foyer.



Happy Birthday!

Adam Kaufman	8th
Joe Finley	11th
Bob Dunn	16th
Susan Niday	16th
Riley Shuman	16th
Bronson Linville	17th
Kyle Allen	19th
Elsie Coleman	19th
Danielle Scohy	21st
Roy Schleicher	24th
Lori Rings	25th
Marianne Mason	28th
Judi White	29th

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Dinah Tebay	3rd
Sunny & Jean Percy	4th
Joe & Debra Finley	10th

Special Dates in APRIL

- Earth Day - 2nd
- Administrative Professionals Day - 24th

A Duty and a Privilege

The purpose of worship is to adore and to praise God. Worshiping God is both a duty and a privilege. As those who were created and redeemed by God, it is our duty to offer our praise and thanksgiving. It is our privilege to come into the presence of the Most High God. If we feel good after worship, that's a bonus God has given us, but it's not the true purpose for our being there.



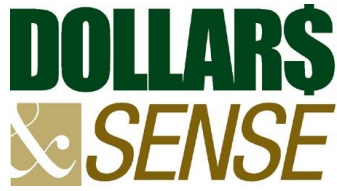
April 7th

Kelly Beckett
Joe Foley
Barbara Lucas
Melanie Thompson

May 5th

Kelly Beckett
Morgan James
Amy Leach
(one more needed)





Below and on the next page is the latest update on church finances from our Treasurer. Keep in mind, reports are a month behind due to the publishing date of the newsletter. If you have any questions, you may contact Chris Alfred at finance@fpcburgvw.org.

Financial Statement as of February 29, 2024

	Budget	Actual
2024 Budget		
Income		
Sunday Offerings		
<i>Pledges</i>	\$ 126,175.00	\$ 33,292.00
<i>Contributions</i>	\$ 44,624.00	\$ 9,616.60
<i>Per Capita</i>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 543.60
Sunday Offerings	\$ 172,299.00	\$ 43,452.20
<i>Facility Rentals</i>	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 6,223.64
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 175.00	\$ -
<i>Misc. Income</i>	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Interest from F. Trust</i>	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 263,474.00	\$ 49,675.84
Expenses		
<i>Discipleship</i>	\$ 2,048.00	\$ 170.00
<i>Mission</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 112.59
<i>Worship & Music</i>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 775.42
<i>Salaries</i>	\$ 149,698.00	\$ 26,318.07
<i>Facilities</i>	\$ 81,630.00	\$ 10,643.66
<i>Per Capita</i>	\$ 3,273.00	\$ -
<i>Communications</i>	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 39.05
<i>Office Expenses</i>	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 3,137.27
Total Expenses	\$ 263,474.00	\$ 41,196.06
Difference	\$ -	\$ 8,479.78

ASSETS

CHECKING

Operating Fund	\$ 9,664.04
Restricted Funds	\$ 50,537.80
Deacons Fund	\$ 3,698.55
Total Checking	\$ 63,900.39

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDS

Checking	\$ 1,794.74
Savings	\$ 1,627.84
Total PW Funds	\$ 3,422.58

INVESTMENTS

Deacons CD	\$ 6,058.01
Morgan Stanley Stocks	\$ 4,076.45
United Bank Founders Trust	\$ 66,889.79
Wesbanco Founders Trust	\$ 1,343,834.76
Presbyterian Women Investments	\$ 150,929.29
Total Investments	\$ 1,571,788.30

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,639,111.27
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SESSION

Mike Beckett
 Mikki Bosley
 Greg Boso
 Katie Buchanan
 Kristin Holliday
 Morgan James
 Amy Leach
 Jess Linville
 Bill Niday
 Pastor Annie
 - Moderator
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 Senta Goudy,
 Clerk
 Chris Alfred,
 Treasurer



DEACONS

Joyce Boso
 Elizabeth Ellis
 Ann Emrick
 Joe Foley
 Kathy Hinkley
 Debby Karr
 - Treasurer
 Becky McGinnis
 - Moderator
 Susan Niday
 Lori Rings
 - Secretary
 Melanie Thompson
 Sarah Townsend



APRIL

- 6th:** Festival of Faith
Presbytery event
at FPC, Charleston
- 21st:** Valley Gem Cruise
Cluster event - 3 p.m.
(details TBA)

MAY

- 2nd:** National Day of Prayer 
- 4th:** World Labyrinth Day event
(details TBA)
- 9th:** Ascension of the Lord
- 12th:** Mother's Day 
- 19th:** Day of Pentecost 
- 26th:** Trinity Sunday
- 27th:** Memorial Day (*Church office closed*)

Many thanks to all who helped with our first Community Meal on March 24. So many of you donated food, cooked, served and helped with cleanup - and it was deeply appreciated!

We provided approximately 35 folks with a delicious meal and handed out socks and underwear to those who needed them. We felt it was very successful and helped to fill a void for so many of our neighbors.

The next meal we will host is on Sunday, June 23rd. So please mark your calendars as we will be again be reaching out to you for help.

Thanks for
Caring



In its attempt to better communicate with the congregation, the Session is now including meeting highlights in the monthly newsletter. Below are the highlights from their **MARCH** meeting:



- Session is systematically going through committees' roles and goals. This meeting, the Communications Committee was the focus. A marketing form is being created to help get information about events to Communications and to Judi in the office to better advertise the events.
- There was a discussion about the Free Community Meal on March 24. A group of churches have come together to feed the community on the weekends. The Sunday meal rotates with different churches hosting the meal each week, and FPC is serving about once per quarter. See the Pastor's Page for more information.
- Pastor Annie's vacation was approved for July 16-22.

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT MEALS

The
Gathering

Check the weekly menu theme in the foyer & sign up to bring a specific item.



APRIL

2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
<p><i>"Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present."</i></p> <p>—N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 PM KOM Knitters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 PM PW Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 PM The Gathering</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Festival of Faith in Charleston</p> <p>8:30 AM Facilities Management / Saturday Stewards</p> <p>12:00 PM HA Mtg.</p>																																										
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