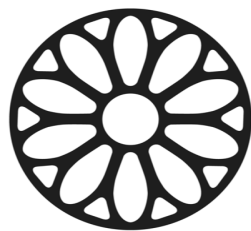


Deacon
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April 2022



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Youth Musical Sunday May 15th

Rehearsals for this Youth Musical begin Sunday March 27th!

Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings from 9-10am.

This musical has parts for youth and children of all ages!



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10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14 Seder Meal 6:00 pm	15 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	16
17 Easter 7:30 Sun Rise 8:30 Breakfast 9:30 Egg Hunt	18	19 Lunch Group 11:30 am	20	21 Mission Council Zoom - 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Trustees 9:45 Anointing Service	25	26	27	28 Session 7 pm	29	30

"Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." – Revelation 5:1-5

This is one of my favorite scriptures because it gives us a behind the scenes view of Easter and shows just how counter to our expectations God can be. Here John is weeping because there is this scroll that contains God's full plan for humanity, and no one is able to open the scroll. God's plan is trapped, unable to move forward and so John weeps. Then one of the elders tells him to stop because the one who is worthy has arrived. Not only that but he has triumphed and is therefore able to open the scroll and remove its seals. God's plan can move forward!

At this point, I wonder who John expected to see coming forward to open the scroll. Who is this Lion of the tribe of Judah? Who is this triumphant Root of David? Who is this being that can open the scroll no angel, no elder, no beast can open? Think of all the strange and fantastic things that John has witnessed and will continue to witness as we work through the Book of Revelation, surely this being who can open the scroll must be the most supreme, powerful and awe inspiring of them all.

So, John looks and behold what does he see? A dead sheep. Seriously, a dead sheep. John never could have expected that. Here is verse 6: *'Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.'* The scene then continues to unfold with the 24 elders, the 4 living creatures and thousands of angels worshiping this lamb all while singing this wonderful summation of the Gospel:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." That first Easter the heavens erupted with praise as the savior of this universe, a lamb who was slain, triumphed over the power of death and was able to put God's plan into motion. That lamb did something those powerful beasts, angels, and elders could never do.

On earth, that first Easter looked very different as people witnessed a man dying on a cross. Not what they had hoped for a week prior when they declared Jesus the king of Israel. They expected an earthly powerful king who would save Israel from the Romans and create a kingdom that rivaled that of Israel under David and Solomon. Not what they expected, but they were right, this man who died on the cross was the king of Israel and he did create a kingdom more powerful than that of David and Solomon.

God seldom follows our expectations of power, but don't be fooled, Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation and eternal life. How powerful that is. How powerful that lamb, that Jesus, that man is. The Bible is full of stories in which God's might is shown in ways our eyes interpret as weak. From a still small voice to a baby in a manger, God's might is often revealed in ways our eyes interpret as weak. Do not make the mistake the rulers of the day did that first Easter, or so many have since. Do not mistake God's power for weakness. It is the power of freedom and salvation for all who will accept it.

Rev Steven Brand

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Maundy Thursday Seder Pot-Luck

Thursday April 14th

6pm in the Persinger Hall

The Christian Seder:

The Seder celebrates deliverance. First God delivered his people from slavery; giving them their own land. Second God delivered his people from sin; giving them the salvation found in Christ. The Seder is also called the Passover Meal. This meal is what Jesus was celebrating with his disciples in the upper room when he instituted Communion. Come and celebrate the Good News with us in this tradition instituted by God. Look at Exodus 12 & Luke 22 for more information. April 14th 6pm in Persinger Hall. The service will include the full Seder meal as well as communion and the retelling of the Exodus.

Please RSVP by April 11th by using the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or calling/emailing the office.

Pot-Luck Dinner:

During the Seder Service we will be eating an actual meal. The church will be providing the ceremonial foods. The meal will be pot-luck so please bring a dish to share. There are no specific foods that are served at Seder meals, but please bring foods that generally fit into the rules for Kosher cooking. I have included these rules on the back. Have fun with this, find some new recipes, and scour the internet for traditional Jewish foods.

Some Typical Seder Foods:

Beef Brisket, Lamb, Turkey, Chicken, Matzoh, White Fish, Fruit & Nut Deserts, Macaroons, Roasted Meats, Baked Vegetables, Cheesecake, Kugel, Lox, etc...

Simple Kosher Rules:

Land mammals must have cloven hooves and chew its cud. Any land mammal that does not have both of these qualities is forbidden. The Torah specifies that the camel, the rock badger, the rabbit and the pig are not kosher because each lacks one of these two qualifications. Cattle, sheep, goats, deer and bison are kosher.

Things that are in the water must have fins and scales. Thus, shellfish such as lobsters, oysters, shrimp, clams and crabs are all forbidden.

Fish like tuna, carp, salmon and herring are all permitted.

All birds of prey and all scavenger birds are forbidden. Other birds are permitted, such as chicken, geese, ducks and turkeys.

Rodents, reptiles, amphibians, and insects are all forbidden.

Dairy products cannot be eaten with meat. Eggs can be eaten with meat. So no cheese covered chicken. No cream in your chicken casserole.

Good Friday Service

The Road to Salvation
Comes Through the
Cross

April 15 @ 7pm
In the Sanctuary



Good Friday Service – Good Friday commemorates the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. We call it good, not because it was a good day, but because his death is a major turning point in the story of humanity. Because of this day, our sins no longer need to be held against us. Let us remember this with a solemn service of worship at 7pm on April 15th.

Easter Morning Service

Join us for a special Easter Morning Service @ 7:30am in the Backyard of the Manse.

Come and hear folks share their testimonies.

Enjoy fellowship and worship early morning around a fire with coffee or a hot chocolate.



Easter Early Morning Service – 7:30am, in the backyard of the manse. This service will feature prayers and stories focused on the ways in which God has changed our lives. We will have the service in the backyard of the manse around a fire, holding our cups of hot coca and coffee. See pastor Steve if you would like to share a story of yours in which God has changed your life. If the weather is bad, the service will move into the sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 17

@ 9:30am



We're having an **Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday** upstairs in 3 of the church's Sunday school rooms.

If you are able, please help with **donations of egg fillers** like individually wrapped candy, stickers, and small toys.

There are enough plastic eggs to fill, but **pre-filled eggs are always a treat.**

We will collect donations in the wooden well at the church **through Good Friday, April 15.**



Special Anointing Service - *“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” – James 5:13-14*

We are on the verge of a new season in the Church. It is a season of change as we pass through Lent and head into the spring. As Christians, we often suffer from a lack of wholeness due to the stresses of the day, physical ailments, sin, or distraction. Biblically and historically, the Church has used the anointing with oil and the laying on of hands as a way to bring us back to wholeness and as a way to mark times of extreme change. This is a powerful tool that we seldom use in today’s Church.



April 24th at the end of worship we will have a service of anointing and laying on of hands. Pastor Steve and several church members will be up front for anyone who would like to be anointed. To take part, go up to Pastor Steve for the anointing and then see one of the prayer persons for a time of prayer and laying on of hands. You can be as specific or as vague as you want to be in your reason for taking part in the service. See Pastor Steve if you would like to be a person who prays with/for others.



Young(ish) Adult Lunches – Once a month, the younger adults of the church will be meeting for lunch after worship. This will begin May 1st, be a time of fellowship and an opportunity for discussion and growth.

Lunch Group – We wanted to start a fun and casual fellowship ministry. With that in mind we are starting a fellowship lunch group that will meet once a month for lunch at different restaurants around town. The first one will be April 19th @ 11:30am at Big Boys. Please RSVP to Rajean by the 18th so we can call and give the restaurant a heads up. Everyone is welcome!

Church Newsletter – We would really like the church newsletter to be an important resource for the congregation. We want it to list all of the church's meetings, events, special services, fellowship times, and programming. Please share all of the information you know with Rajean, so our church newsletter can have all the information. However, we want it to be more than just a comprehensive list of announcements. We want it to have articles and pictures that capture the events of the previous month. We also want it to have interesting articles, resources, recipes, and jokes. So, if you take a good picture or see something interesting or have something fun to share, send it in. Please make sure to turn items into Rajean by the last Monday of each month.

Mission Bulletin Board - You might have noticed that the mission bulletin board with the world map on it has moved into the back of the sanctuary. This is because we would like to update that map to reflect all of the different missions and ministries that are supported by First Presbyterian. This map is meant to show every mission, missionary, ministry, and benefit that we are a part of. Collectively, as a congregation, but also individually. What ministries, missionaries, missions, or beneficial organizations do you support with your time, talents, or offerings? Share those with the whole congregation by bringing in something that represents each group individually and pin it to the map. This could be something that shows their name, their ministry logo, their picture, etc...

Property Notes:

-Folks are needed who are willing to work to help maintain the church's mulch beds. This would mainly involve weeding, litter pickup, and general beautification. (Does not include trimming bushes.)

-Josh Creagan has been contracted to do several things around the church. He is to mulch the church and front of the manse. Maintain the bushes around the church and manse. Mow the lawns around the church building and parking lots. He will also be taking care of shoveling and salting the steps and sidewalks around the church.

-A small group of trustees have been working on cleaning up and decorating the handicap entrance in order to make it more appealing.

-The small meeting room next to the kitchen has been cleaned out and is now available for use as a meeting space.

Facilities Manager Report -

Maintenance projects around the church are in full swing! Earlier this month several lighting fixtures were repaired, switches were replaced and light ballasts installed around the church.

The kitchen sink in Persinger Hall needs replaced. The 50 plus year old garbage disposal finally crossed the bridge and met its heavenly reward. The disposal and sink are all one unit, and need replaced with a new prep sink and disposal. We are working on a cost estimate to present to Trustees.

The outside of the bell tower is structurally secure, and now it's time to do something with the inside of the tower. Currently there is mold, crumbling plaster, ceiling damage and it's basically a disaster. A quote has been obtained from Rennison Painting. Mr. Rennison is licensed to remove mold. He will also remove the carpeting and drywall as well as prep and paint the room from top to bottom. The cost for repairs is \$6,200.

There is a section of fence at the back of the manse that needs replaced, and I am waiting on a quote to get that repaired. I am also working with a roofing contractor to fix that pesky leak in the ceiling of the Hinde Street foyer. Last month we had several days of heavy rain and it didn't leak. So, I replaced the ceiling tile, and guess what? It leaked again! (More on that story in the next Deacon Beacon).

Yours in Christ,
David Penwell

Seder Feast 1997



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Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

March 28, 2022

Dear Congregation,



I am writing to thank you for coordinating and hosting the recent fundraiser on behalf of Ukrainian refugees.

While my visit that day was brief, I enjoyed the opportunity to donate funds in support of a worthy cause. The spirit of compassion shown by members of the First Presbyterian Church and many friends and residents of our community to act to confront human suffering is commendable. I am proud of you and your efforts to support the people of Ukraine.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Denen
City Manager
Washington Court House

JD



What a wonderful day this was! We raised over \$4,000 for Ukrainian refugees through the PS(USA) Disaster Assistance. The dinner had over 130 people in attendance and over 40 different people helped prepare the meal. A huge thank you to everyone. I would say that this goes to show the wonderful things we can accomplish together if we listen to God's leading voice and say YES!?



Second Chance Center of Hope
 420 W Oakland Avenue, Washington C H, OH 43160
 740-620-4133
 centerofhopewch@gmail.com

March 28, 2022

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

God has truly been blessing us at Second Chance Center of Hope. He supplies all of our needs, many times before we even have to ask. If you are not aware, we were having plumbing issues and had received a quote for over \$13000.00 to have it fixed. That company bowed out at the last minute and we found another company that was able to come in and repair our issues. This is the God part, it was at a fraction of the cost of the other and we received donations that paid almost all of it. **BUT GOD!!!**

We have partnered with many recovery based service agencies and have been able to help over 15 of our clients get into drug rehab. Most of them are either still in recovery or released and still doing well. Many have come in or sent messages that had it not been for Second Chance giving them love, respect, and kindness, they believe they would be dead. One of them is on the path to becoming a minister!!!

Our client base has grown tremendously. Our Food Pantry has gone from 55 households in January 2021 to 154 households in 2022 . We provided 981 meals in 2021 and so far this year we have provided 2187 during the same time frame. With that being said, we are so thankful for those of you who donate monetarily or by taking up collections. We are all in this together and Second Chance could not exist without the help of you all!!!

Our hope is that God blesses you for all the good work you are doing for the community and for us. We truly love your servants hearts!!

Items needed right now:

Blessings,

Chiquita Nash
 Program Director

- Men's & women's deodorant
- Dish soap
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soups - Chicken noodle, vegetable, tomato, cream of mushroom
- Ramen noodles
- Ketchup & mustard
- Always needed: canned corn & green beans

4/04 - Linda Maurer

877 W. Cherry St.

North Liberty, IA 52317

4/05 - Joy Heiny

Court House Manor Assisted Living

555 N. Glenn Ave. #110

4/05 - Dennis Mosny

7327 St. Rt. 729 NW

4/07 - Judith Fabb

1247 Paddock Loop

4/08 - Todd Tackage

218 Eagles Way

4/09 - Debra Grover

2820 US Hwy 35 NW

4/10 - Nancy Crouse

922 Lincoln Dr.

4/10 - Kristin Preston

203 River Rd.

4/12 - Diana Brand

220 N. Hinde St.

4/13 - Judy Fox

890 Wood Rd. New Holland 43145

4/14 - John Morris

793 McLean St.

4/20 - Jeannie Johnson

2911 Main St. NW

4/23 - Elaine Crutcher

1217 Riverside Dr.



4/10 - Gary & Linda Campbell

500 S. Glenn Ave.

4/11 - Alford & Mary Ann Carr

407 E. Court St.

4/12 - Nick & Annette Garland

862 Bunkerhill Glendon Rd.

4/12 - Mark & Jana Miller

137 Carolyn Rd.

4/13 - Shorty & Judy Fox

890 Wood Rd.

New Holland 43145



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

CH Manor Assisted Living

555 N. Glenn Ave.

Paul Johnson #102

Joy Heiny #110

Jack Witherspoon #116

Four Seasons Nursing Home

201 Court House Parkway

Becky Thompson #206

Frances Wilson #107

Hopewell House

17273 St. Rt. 104

Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dan Isham #145

St. Catherine's

250 S. Glenn Ave.

Carmen Johnson #34

Sue Crosby

8417 Sierra Meadows Blvd.

Apt. #135

Naples, FL 34113

At Home

Lynn Heiny

Rollo Marchant

Faye Ann Persinger

Wanda Robinson

Barbara Zoodsma



Four for You! The Presbytery of Scioto Valley would like to make you aware of the following upcoming events/programs:

Called to be Easter People - A Matthew 25 Challenge

Beginning on Easter Sunday, all churches in our presbytery are being encouraged to join our "We Are Easter People Challenge". The goal of the challenge is for Scioto Valley congregations to jointly log 2022 hours of Matthew 25-related mission service during the seven week-period between Easter and Pentecost. Our efforts, and those of our fellow Scioto Valley Presbyterians, will be recorded and celebrated throughout the challenge. The only requirement is that the hours of service be undertaken by a congregation and directed to our brothers and sisters Christ called "the least of these:" those who hunger, those who thirst, those who are sick, those who are strangers, those who are imprisoned, those who are naked. Your congregation is encouraged to send weekly updates to the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org<mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org>. Please include your church name, the project, how many hours, a contact person, and email. Thank you.

Our presbytery is offering an anti-racism book study and conversation over zoom for three Thursdays in May, the 12th, 19th, and 26th from 1:00 -2:00 pm. Whether you have been an ally for years or just recently opened your eyes to racial injustice, guiding your predominantly white church toward anti-racism is a daunting task. Join other members of presbytery for a book study on Wait - Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-racist Church by Kerry Connelly, Bryana Clover, and Josh Riddick. This book will guide church leaders and staff through an examination of all aspects of church life, including leadership, preaching and liturgy, music, small groups, buildings, and grounds, and more, to help churches create an action plan that will take them toward not only becoming anti-racist but also actually doing anti-racist work and becoming a justice-oriented organization that leans more fully into the kin-dom of God. We will meet on zoom for three Thursdays in May, the 12th, 19th, and 26th from 1:00 -2:00 pm. You are responsible for getting your own book. Register in advance for this meeting at a link on the calendar at psvonline.org<<http://psvonline.org>>

Plans are underway for our Presbytery Youth Retreat at Camp Akita this fall on November 12 - 13. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date!

This year our Presbytery will offer two mission locations in West Virginia for Presbytery mission work teams the week of October 23-29. We will be working with the West Virginia Mission Advocacy Workcamps (WVMAW) at locations in Colcord, West Virginia and Hampden, West Virginia. Applications will be available soon. Contact Jeannie Harsh at jeannie@psvonline.org<mailto:jeannie@psvonline.org> if you are interested in putting your name on the mission work team list.

Volunteer Needs:

Greeters for: April 10, 24, May 8, and 22

Liturgist for: May 29

Sound for: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 22, and 29

Manna for: May 1, 22 and 29





*Landscaping
Looking Good!*



Little Free Library – You might have noticed something new went up on the side of the church by the food pantry. This is a little library, and it was put in by the Carnegie Library and Altrusa. The idea is that we put books into it that we don't want anymore and take books out of it that we would like to read. Give a book, take a book. Look through your home libraries and consider adding books you have finished reading but are still in good shape. Books of all kinds and for all ages of people are needed.



Dinner & A Movie



Rev. Brand's Installation Service.

The offering for the presbytery's clergy emergency fund raised \$481.00!



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Fayette County Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1 pm - 3 pm

*If you would like to donate
please make your ck out to the
Fayette County Food Pantry*

The Session
Clerk of Session Jennifer Pieratt
Moderator Rev. Steve Brand

2022	2023	2024
Sara Creamer	Gary Campbell	Nancy Crouse
Nick Preston	Debra Grover	Carol Waddle
Dick Glass	Sandy Patton	Carole Wright

The Deacons

2022	2023	2024
Amy Booth	Ashley Armintrout	Carol Halliday
Julie Butcher	Martha Cooper	Diana Melchiori
Mary Stolsenberg	Josh Pickelheimer	Kitten Richards

The Trustees

2022	2023	2024
Lauran Perrill	Jason Booth	Polly Dean
Janet Robinson	John Pickelheimer	Jill Maddux-Roberts

2022 Per capita - \$40.00 per member

The deadline for DB articles, dates, and/or info is the 26th of each month.

All about First Presbyterian Church
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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
In-person at 10:30 am
Live stream on facebook @ 10:30 am
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