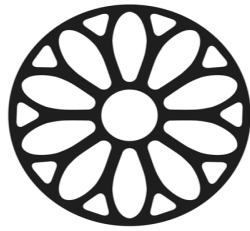


Deacon
Beacon
January 2022



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE

Happy
New Year

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Washington Court House

We seek to share the wonder and love of God with all by inviting everyone to join with us in:

- **Worshipping** in ways that invite us into the presence of God, equip us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and send us out empowered by the Holy Spirit
- **Growing** in faith, discipleship, and generosity through study, fellowship, and service
- **Supporting** each other in times of need, celebrating together in times of joy, and ministering to one another in times of sadness
- **Serving** our neighbors in need by joining with local, national, and global partners in the name of Jesus Christ

January 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Deacon of the Month - Martha Cooper	Boy Scouts 6:30 PH	Cub Scouts 6:30 PH	Clarion Ringers 6:00 pm Chancel 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm PH			1 AA - 7:00 pm
2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Christian Growth 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Mission Council 7:00 pm Zoom	14	15 Deacons 9:00 am
16 Trustees 9:45 am	17 Annual reports due to Jennifer Pieratt	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Session 7:00 pm	28	29
30 Congregational meeting	31					

'For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thought and attitudes of the heart.'

– Hebrews 4:12

Over the next few months, I will be doing a sermon series based on questions that have been given to me by you, the congregation. There is still time to send me questions, if you have any. I am always happy to answer questions, but I need them in the next week or so if you want them to be a part of this current series. With this series in mind, I think it is important to talk a little bit about responding to questions about God.

God has chosen to reveal himself in different ways, but it is important to remember that God has not chosen to reveal everything to us. Theologians tend to divide the ways in which God reveals himself into two categories: general and specific. General revelations are ways in which God reveals himself that are readily available to everyone without limitation. Examples of general revelations are how God reveals bits and pieces of his character and presence through the complexity of life, the vastness of the universe, or human experience. We can learn a lot about God through the fingerprints he has left for all of us to see.

Specific revelations are ways in which God reveals himself that have some type of limitation. Examples of specific revelations include the words of prophets, sacred texts, or when God speaks directly to individuals or groups. In Christianity, we believe that specific revelation comes from the pages of the Bible, the words and life of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit within us. When we spend time under the discipleship of Jesus, when we read the Bible, when we discern the movements of the Holy Spirit; God reveals himself to us.

When we use general revelation to speak about God or discern his will, we must keep in mind that this type of revelation is limited. General revelation tends to be vague and needs interpretation. People throughout history have looked out at the same creation, the same universe, the same human nature and have used those clues to describe God in thousands of wildly different ways. As Christians, we must interpret what we learn in general revelation through our specific revelation, or we risk a warped view of God and his will for our lives.

When we use specific revelation to speak about God or discern his will, we need to keep in mind what it does and does not say. One of the most dangerous things we can do is say God wants something we don't know he wants; say that God acts in a way we don't know he acts; say that God is telling us something, we don't know he is saying. Or even worse, say God wants something, or acts in a certain way or is saying something the Bible tells us for sure isn't true. To avoid this, we must learn the contents of our specific revelation. We must read our Bibles, we must spend time in discipleship with God, we must work to be able to understand the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

All this to say that we don't know everything about God. We are limited to only what God has chosen to reveal to us. When we try to answer questions about God's character, His will or His plan we must remember that. Sometimes we can give clear and detailed responses to questions about God. Other times we can't give much of an answer at all. We really have to be OK with that and not fall into the tempting trap of filling in the details ourselves.

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We have several opportunities to serve in areas that might interest you:

1. Greeter - Hinde St. door



2. Liturgist - script provided for you to look over before Sunday

3. Manna - fellowship time 9:45 - 10:15



4. Usher Captain (or usher)

If you would like more information on any of these areas, please ask the church office or Sara Creamer regarding Manna.

Opportunity to provide **flowers** on Sundays in memory or in honor of a loved one, an occasion, etc. Also, any questions on the flowers please contact the church office.

The Deacons have used the egg cartons however, if you would still like to donate egg cartons the bag will be by the office door. AJ and Grace Armintrout sell their eggs at the Farmer's Market. They donated their eggs to the Deacons for the Christmas boxes this year. They have to pay for their egg cartons and it would be nice if we could provide egg cartons for the young entrepreneurs.

TREASURER'S TIDBITS

Per Capita for 2020 is \$40.00 per member. It can be paid through Pushpay or by putting a check in the offering plate with Per Capita in the memo. If you have never used Pushpay and would like to do so please ask and I will be glad to work you through it. Besides paying your Per Capita, Pushpay can be used for offerings and special offerings. You can set it up weekly, monthly, etc. as recurring and it can be changed at anytime. Some like to pay as the offering plate is being passed and that can be done as well. You can use your debit card, credit card, or checking account to set it up. **Happy New Year!** Rajean

BABY NEWS!



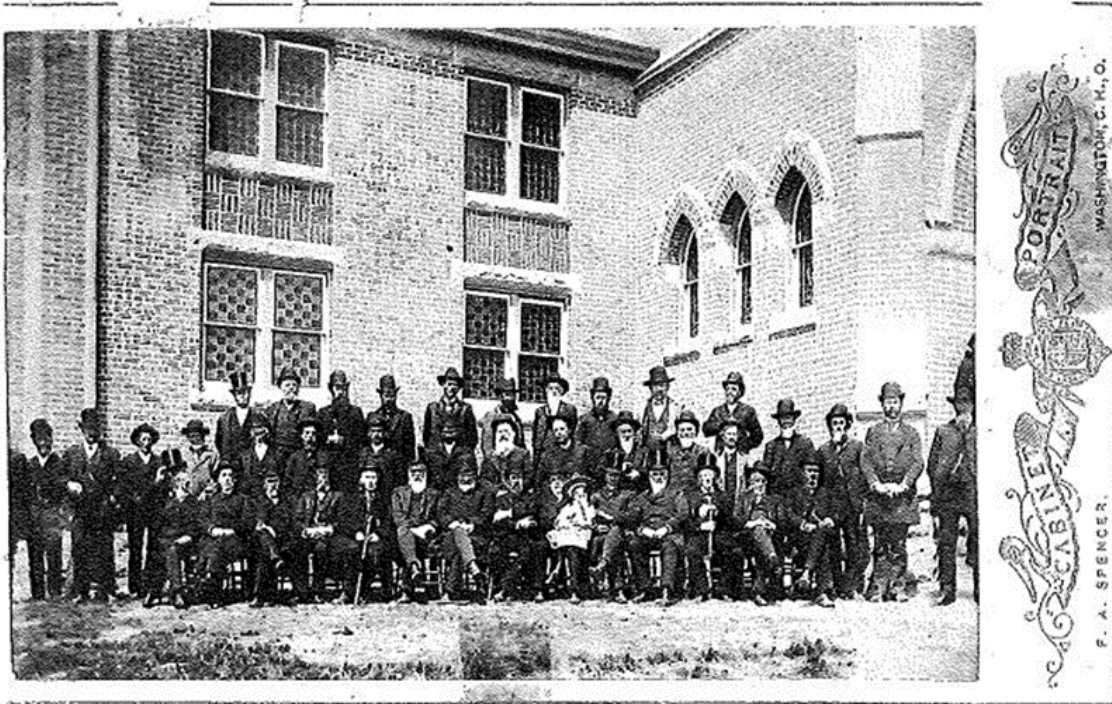
Katie and Carl Purdin are excited to tell their church family they are expecting their first child!
Their precious gift from God is due July 10, 2022.

Congratulations!!!!

***A big thank you to my church family for the food, cards, prayers.
A special thanks to Rev. Brand for his visit to the hospital.
I miss all of you!***

***Love,
Sue Frump***





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Beginning January 2, 2022, grades Pre-K through 5 and grades 6 through 12 **Sunday School classes** will no longer meet Sunday mornings due to the lack of volunteer leaders.

Volunteer teams of 2 adults are needed to lead **Junior Church during worship** each week. Flexible rotation times can be selected. Once every 4 weeks, or once every 5, 6, 7, 8 weeks are available. Please let us know if you would like to serve His children in this way.

Junior Church and Sunday School classes decorated, wrote messages, and mailed **Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards** to Homebound or Recovering Church members and friends. Youth and children sent out about 30 cards.



Recently Junior Church and Sunday School classes learned how much better we can **share the love of Jesus when working together** by participating in a simple building block activity.



The Session met December 7 in the choir room and by Zoom. Annual education given by Presbytery is on Jan 8, 2022 and it was moved that the registration for anyone who would like to attend would be covered. The budget for 2022 was reviewed and approved. The ordination and installation of the new officers will be January 9, 2022 and the annual meeting of the Congregation will be held January 30, 2022. There will be communion on January 2, 2022. Christian Growth council notified the session that Sunday School for youth will be put on hold for the time being as interest and attendance have waned. Extra effort will be put into the Junior Church program held during the Worship service. The Mission council requested that the Christmas Eve offering go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program which helps all over the world as well as in the U.S. Per capita for 2022 will be \$40.00 per person. The membership rolls were reviewed as the pandemic and subsequent issues have shifted some of our members.

MISSION COUNCIL

As we begin a new calendar year, it is always good to look back at the just concluded year to find those places where God was at work in and through our congregation. In this ongoing strange time in the life of this congregation where things aren't what we would consider "normal" yet, God has been very present and active through the variety of mission outreach of this congregation.

One of those areas is through the extraordinary giving to the 4 PC(USA) Special Offerings during the year. The Mission Council thanks all of you who participated in any of these special offerings – One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. These offerings are benefitting the ministries of the larger church, but also here locally through the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation as well as supporting our young folks who attend church camps in the summer.

We finished the year strong sending \$1,350 to PC(USA) Mission Agency from the Christmas Joy Offering that is used to provide support for the special needs of past and present church leaders, as well as, the support of future church leaders by supporting educational opportunities for racial and ethnic minority students.

A second area of specific outreach was through the Christmas Eve Offering which was designated this year to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. That offering of \$1,120 was combined with the year end balance of the Mission Council of \$5,129.80 to make a contribution to PDA of \$6,249.80 to this very important ministry of the PC(USA). PDA has been very active across the country providing support to Presbyterian churches and ministries that have been affected by the great number of natural disasters. To learn more about what Presbyterian Disaster Assistance does, you can go to pcusa.org/pda.

A third area of specific outreach in December was the overwhelming response to the Adopt-a-Family project that provided gifts and food to a local family that had been recently affected by a fire in their home.

Through the ongoing mission activities we, as a congregation, are continuing to reach out to share the wonder and love of God wherever God leads us. All of this is made possible only through your continued financial support of the ongoing work of the church, whether through your regular tithes and offerings or through the many special mission opportunities.

The Mission Council will begin planning for 2022 at its organizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13. This will be a Zoom meeting. If you would like to become more involved in the mission outreach decisions of the congregation, you are encouraged and invited to become a part of the Mission Council.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/03 - Nick Preston
203 River Rd.

1/04 - Mary Ann Carr
407 E. Court St.

1/06 - Nick Garland
862 Bunkerhill Glendon Rd.

1/08 - Becky Seaman
P.O. Box 354

1/10 - Nicholas Bishop
132 Eastview Rd.

1/17 - Rod Farmer
1392 Itawamba Trail
London 43140

1/18 - David Bishop
3863 US Highway 42 S
Delaware, OH 43015

1/21 - Cindy Sagar
123 W. Circle Ave.

1/23 - Addyson Leisure
482 Staunton Jasper Rd.



1/24 - Alice Craig
500 Kathryn St.

1/25 - Laura Grover
2820 US Highway 35 NW

1/27 - Janet Robinson
1239 Farmington Lane

1/28 - Christy Wall
225 Eagles Way SE

1/29 - Sue Maddux
558 Albin Ave.

1/30 - Kitten Richards
1218 Storybrook Dr.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

1/27 - Jesse & April Penwell 813 Clinton Ave.

Happy Anniversary!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Carriage Court
500 N. Glenn Ave. Rm #1
Isabelle Stratton

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
Frances Wilson #102
Becky Thompson #206

Hopewell House
17273 St. Rt. 104
Chillicothe, OH 45601
Dan Isham #145

St. Catherine's
250 S. Glenn Ave. #34
Carmen Johnson

Sue Crosby
8417 Sierra Meadows Blvd.
Apt. #135
Naples, FL 34113

At Home
Lynn Heiny
Faye Ann Persinger
Wanda Robinson
Barbara Zoodsma



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas 2021





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[facebook.com/fpcwcho](https://www.facebook.com/fpcwcho)



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 (1 yr)	Martha Cooper	Diana Melchiori
Tammy McGarvey	Josh Pickelheimer	Kitten Richards

The Trustees

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

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
... Sunday Services
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
In-person at 10:30 am
Live stream on facebook @ 10:30 am
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