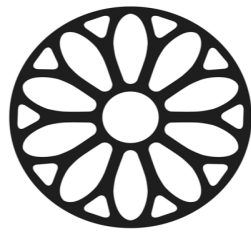


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February 2022



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Looking for a new name for our newsletter!

Please give us your suggestions - email, call, text, or jot it down on a piece of paper and give it to Rajean on Sunday.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Deacon of the Month - Julie Butcher	Boy Scouts 6:30 P-Hall	1 Cub Scouts 6:30 P-Hall	2 Clarion Ringers 6:00 pm Chancel 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm P-Hall	3	4	5 Deacons 9 am AA - 7:00 pm
6 Communion	7 Christian Growth 6:30 pm	8	9	10 Mission Council 7:00 pm	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17 Hospitality & Fellowship 6:pm	18	19
20 Trustees 9:45 am	21	22	23 Worship Council 5:15 pm	24 Session 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28					

“Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. – Genesis 4:1 & 2

I had a question about Adam & Eve. “How are Adam & Eve the source of all humanity if they only had sons?”

I would like to make sure that I point out that I am responding to this question in a Biblically literal way. I believe it is also very possible to approach this topic, faithfully, in other ways.

Well, the quickest answer comes from Genesis chapter 5:3-5. *“When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.”* This Scripture makes it clear that Adam had more than just his three famous sons, but not how many. Adam lived to be 930 years and had other sons and daughters. Tradition can give us more clues, but it cannot give us a clear headcount. Josephus wrote in ~90 A.D. that tradition says that Adam had 33 sons and 23 daughters. Adam had many children, and this makes it biologically possible for Adam and Eve to be the beginning of all human life.

Well, what about genetically possible? It's actually pretty interesting. Scientists have something called a genetic isopoint, and what that means is the time in which groups of people begin to share the same genetic history. Another way to say that would be the time in which everyone's family tree is identical. It is estimated that the global genetic isopoint is somewhere between 5300 and 2200 B.C. This lets us know that the entirety of the earth's population becomes genetically related by between 5300 and 2200 B.C. That's really not that long ago. Abraham was born in 2166 B.C. Most of us are genetically connected even more recently. Most Europeans have a genetic isopoint of 1000 A.D. and most people of Jewish decent carry a common family tree beginning in 1492 A.D. with a group of Jews who were deported from Spain.

Having a common ancestry (Adam & Eve), sometimes makes people a little uncomfortable. It creates the need for some kinds of incestuous relationships. However, there are no theories as to the origins of humans that do not require some incestuous relationships at the, or near the very beginning. Each step of evolution would require those with adaptations to mate with others with the same or similar adaptations. Also, most cultures view incest as wrong because these types of relationships are more likely to create children with limitations or deformity. This is because gene mutations are more likely to manifest themselves when both parents carry the same gene mutations. Adam & Eve would not have had these mutations as they were themselves created by God. Many generations later, these types of mutations began to arise, and the law of Moses put an end to these types of relationships.

So, how can Adam & Eve be all of our biological ancestor? They had lots of children.

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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)

5. Help with the sound board or video (See Nick Preston)

TREASURER'S TIDBITS

The church is debt free. Attached are the detailed income and expense reports generated by the treasurer for the year 2021. Starting balance for 2021 in the general fund was \$35,444.25 Total income \$301,664.78 (which included \$100,000 from investments) and total expenses \$277,105.41 with an ending balance of \$60,003.62.

Income	Total for 2021	Expenses	Total for 2021
General Fund	106,065.56	Wages	165,548.54
Pushpay Net Income	44,725.36	Building & Grounds	43,116.67
Interest Income	17.33	Manse	10,911.06
Church Farm	21,780.00	Administration	12,083.41
Misc. Income	2,035.75	Mission Council	15,000.00
Operating Income	175,624.00	Worship Council	4,,541.56
Investment Income	100,000.00	Christian Growth	1,440.96
Total with investments	275,624.00	Hospitality	1,089.56
Shelter House Pledges pd	11,600.00	Stewardship	-
In-out income	14,440.78	Other Expenses	15,861.40
Total Income	301,664.78	Total Expenses	277,105.41

Investments – Financial Advisor Justin T. Dawson. Treasurer meets with Justin on a regularly basis.

Fund Name	December 2020	December 2021	Withdrawn in 2021
Unrestricted	763,522.11	742,045.97	100,000
Capital Improvement	11,098.41	12,733.58	
Deacons	27,661.00	27,484.04	5,000
Scholarship	71,812.07	79,643.04	
Total	874,093.59	861,906.63	105,000

Question of the Day!

Does anyone know the date of this picture?



Junior Choir

First Row - Marjorie Hunter, Julie Andrews, Elizabeth Otis, Ann Dews, Ann Hire, Nancy Humphries, Annette Cline, Carolyn Christie, Carolyn Beatty.
Second Row - Fritz Prosch, Bradley Bennett, Jim Williams, Bill Humphries, Jack Alkire, Tom Vrettos, Bill Trimmer.
Third Row - Faye Ann Sagar, Sandy Campbell, Sue Paul, Marilyn Bishop, Sue Barchet, Diane Elliott.



Nursery Room

Joni Behrends
with Ruth Kellis
1988

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

Recently the Junior Church class conducted a fun experiment by adding baking soda to vinegar that created a large bubbling mixture that overflowed out of their soup soup. The experiment helped students see what an impact such a small amount of hope in God's word (baking soda) had on others (the vinegar) and how we might be like baking soda when we share hope with others.



Follow Me; HOPE - LITTLE SHARE, BIG IMPACT

In our Bible story, Mary and Elizabeth's hope in God's promises and God's love was multiplied when they could share it with one another. *Luke 1:26-55*. The children were encouraged to be sharers of hope in their families, schools, and communities in the coming week discovering how a little bit of hope and joy created more in others.

Session met on January 27, 2022. Session approved the ordination and installation for Nancy Crouse, Diana Melchiori and Mary Stolsenberg to be held during worship on February 13.

They approved the use of the building on Monday nights for the Choral Society. Mission council presented and the session approved collection of four special offerings, OGHS; Pentecost; Peace and Global Witness; and Joy as well as the children's Centsability and the Christmas Eve offering. Altrusa presented a request to place a Little Free Library outside of the Food Pantry. They will maintain this. The Worship council presented and session approved the Communion dates for 2022. They will fall on the first Sundays of each month and Maundy Thursday and Ash Wednesday. They also noted that they were looking at the hearing support equipment to provide better audio to those who may be hearing impaired.

Look forward to hearing more about Lenten activities. Great things are being planned

MISSION COUNCIL

Church Camp and Conference Sunday - Feb. 13

During worship on Feb. 13, the congregation will be learning about church camp opportunities for our children and youth this summer at Kirkmont Camp and Retreat Center. As families are planning summer activities and vacations, it is time to schedule summer church camp experiences as well.

We hope to show a short video produced by Kirkmont of last summer's camps and to hear about camp experiences from 1 or 2 of our youth. There will also be some information about the PC(USA) Youth Triennium to be held this summer that some of our high school aged youth are planning to attend along with youth from all across the U.S. There will also be information about how church members can help support these young people and these activities.



Kirkmont Center is dedicated to outdoor experiences of discovery, learning, and wonder, to the end that individuals and groups grow in their relationship to God, one another, and the earth.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01 - Rev. Steve Brand

220 N. Hinde St.

2/01 - Ashley Armintrout

4649 Washington Waterloo Rd.

2/06 - Dianne Junk

11860 St. Rt. 56

Mt. Sterling 43143

2/12 - Paul Johnson

Court House Manor Assisted Living #102

555 N. Glenn Ave.

2/15 - Joey Pickelheimer

823 Washington Ave.

2/25 - Lynn Heiny

628 Peddicord

2/28 - Joshua Pickelheimer

823 Washington Ave.



**Happy
Birthday**

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/02 - Jerry & Julie Butcher

149 Staunton Sugar Grove Rd.

2/06 - Dan & Laurie Bishop

132 Eastview Rd.

2/16 - Larry & Charlene Bishop

804 Merritt Way



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**Isabelle Stratton -
hospital**

**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 #211

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/02 - David Penwell

512 Columbus Ave.

3/05 - Rilyn Jones

1133 Vine St.

3/08 - Carol Waddle

6358 Snow Hill Rd.

3/11 - Julie Butcher

149 Staunton Sugar Grove Rd.

3/18 - Carmen Enochs

1330 Gregg Rd.

Jeffersonville 43128

3/19 - Bob Crouse

922 Lincoln Dr.

3/20 - Lauran Perrill

329 Gregg St.

3/20 - Jordan Mead

540 Highland Ave.

3/20 - Halli Wall

225 Eagles Way

3/21 - Calvin Brand

220 N. Hinde St.

3/28 - Annette Garland

862 Bunkerhill Glendon Rd.

3/28 - Mary Stolsenberg

430 S. Fayette St.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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We're on the Web!
www.wchofpc.org
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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 Stolsenber	Josh Pickelheimer	Kitten Richards

The Trustees

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