



THE FORECASTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I know it is easy to think of Easter as a single day, but, in the liturgical year and through church history, Easter has a season, just like Christmas runs through Epiphany. For Easter that season runs until Pentecost.

We definitely frontload our celebrations in the liturgical calendar, and this can bring up the question of where do we go from here? We started the Church year with Advent and Christmas, we are only 1/3 of the way through the year, and we have already "completed" Jesus's life.

We could easily jump into diving further into the stories of the Gospels. We could dive into the Epistles and look to how the teachings of Christ have been applied since the first century. Or, we could dive into the Old Testament and look at what it looks like to live in relationship with God through the ins and outs of daily life through the generations.

Even if we move in different directions for the season in worship, my suggestion for you is to spend some time this season thinking on grace and mercy. Here are some questions for you to consider over the next month.

What does the empty tomb mean for you, and for all of us? What does it mean for us to receive the grace and mercy of God? How do we live toward others when we have been the recipients of God's grace and mercy?

Happy Easter!

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From the Session

First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown Vision Statement

The First Presbyterian Church, an increasingly diverse faith community,

- *opens its heart and doors to all,*
- *serves everyone with compassion,*
- *fosters spiritual growth through scripture-based worship and study*
- *works for racial and social justice for all; and,*
- *models the principles of Jesus' life and teachings in the world.*

SESSION UPDATE

Clerk's Corner

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7 p.m. The following actions were approved at the meeting:

- Approval to sell maple syrup from Jane and Monroe P. Warner's trees with all proceeds going to the Mission Committee designated for Care Packages to the students at the Campus Lofts.
- Session approved Rev. Warner's participation in a fellowship with the Center for Public Justice which will include study and interaction with colleagues. This experience will allow Rev. Warner to explore old theories and learn new ones in light of his almost two years in active pastoral ministry.
- All present Ruling Elders and the Clerk signed a letter in good standing for Rev. Warner to receive state accreditation to officiate at weddings in the State of West Virginia.
- The worship services is now streaming for those unable to be in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning. A link is emailed upon request to interested worshippers.
- The offering received at the worship service at the Schaff Lecture will be donated to the Presbyterian Family Services.
- Session approved the motion from the BEG Committee to allow Dylan Mirone, a member of Scout Troop #55, to create a painted labyrinth in the center courtyard. This is Dylan's Eagle Scout Project.

Session will meet next on May 20, 2025 in the Church Library at 7 p.m.

Patricia Gruver, Clerk of Session

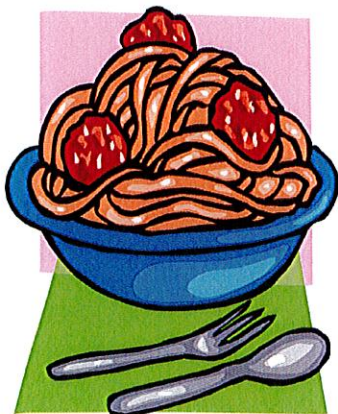
UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES FOR 2025

In order to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the following dates have been approved by the Session:

Sunday, May 4

Sunday, June 1

Sunday, June 8



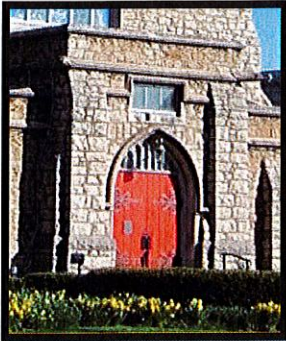
SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

12 P.M. – 5 P.M.

Come join our Scout Troop, Troop #55 for a heaping plate of spaghetti with meatballs, salad, drink, bread and dessert. All for only \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Dine in and take out available. After worship and communion, bring your appetite into the Helen Chapel and have lunch with the Scouts.

Mission and Community Ministry



MISSION COINS REMINDER

We continue to collect coins for the **Red Door Café and Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church**. Your loose change helps provide a meal and groceries to our community neighbors in need. You can help by depositing your coins in the collection plates on Sunday mornings. You may write a check and put in the memo – RDC.

THANK YOU,
The Mission Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- WHO – Members and Friends of FPCYO
- WHAT – SUMMER DAZE party with our neighbors from Gutknecht Tower
- WHEN – Saturday, June 21st from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE – FPCYO Helen Chapel
- HOW – You can help us host this event by
 - Supplying cookies
 - Supplying puzzle books or toiletries for prizes
 - Helping residents play Bingo
 - Assisting with Bingo or serving snacks
 - Helping with set up or clean up – 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Mission Committee thanks you for your help. Please see Wilma Miller at worship to sign up or call Margie Patterson at 330-507-2345.

THANK YOU!!

The Mission Committee would like to thank you for your generosity during Lent. We received many donations of food for our **Super Six** drive. The items will be taken to Protestant Family Service to add to their food pantry. We also surpassed our **One Great Hour of Sharing goal**. We collected \$1,705.

FPC Book Club

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 10 A.M.

Our selection for May is a Historical Fiction – *The Women: A Novel* by Kristen Hannah. In 1965, Frances “Frankie” McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother’s path to serve in Vietnam. Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. This story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way and who sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism. It is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine who idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

We hope you will join us on May 13th in the Parlor of the Church. Please join us even if you haven’t finished the book. For more information – call Becky Murray 330-360-7526.

Below are the books we are reading this year.

JUNE – Romance – *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Hiller. A story of summer, secrets and lies. In the course of a single day on Cape Cod, one woman must make a life-changing decision that has been brewing for decades. Best Seller, Reese’s BC

JULY – Biography – *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxis.

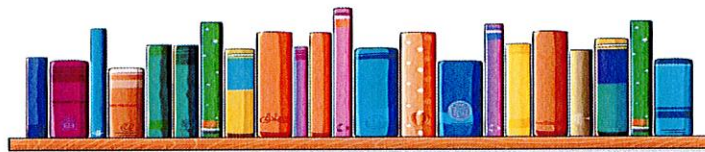
AUGUST – Young Adult Fiction – *The Last Brass Ring* by Liz Hill. Lilli Whitaker spends the summer of 1989 before her senior year with a job at a run-down amusement park, which leads to romance, new friendships, and a long-hidden family secret.

SEPTEMBER – Historical Fiction – *The Butcher: a Novel* by Joyce Carol Oates. A harrowing story based on history about Doctor Silas Weir, a gyno-psychologist at a women’s asylum in the 19th century.

OCTOBER – Nonfiction – *Heartwood: The Art of Living with the End in Mind* by Barbara Becker. Becker inspires readers to live with the end in mind and proves that turning toward loss rather than away is the only true way to live life to its fullest.

NOVEMBER – Historical Fiction – *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

DECEMBER meeting at Piccadilly Parlour to decide next year’s books.



Flowers for Worship

We welcome your participation in making the chancel a visual representation of the worship we offer our almighty God each week. If you are interested in helping us keep fresh flowers for the chancel, contact Patty Schuley in the church office.



Prayer List

Please keep these members of our congregation, our family and friends, our neighbors, our mission partners, and people around our nation and world in your prayers.

- The residents of the Realty Building & International Tower
- The people of the Ukraine
- The people of Israel and Gaza
- Our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant Family Services, CityScape, Needle's Eye, RAHAB Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, the City of Youngstown, our community, and for one another.
- NuShawn Moore (Jackie Rogenski's daughter)
- Carol Reed
- Patrice Hight (Carol Reed's sister)
- Lila King (Lynn Toman's mother)
- Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister)
- Ron Strasik (Renaë Scharf)
- the Sarver family (Lynn Toman)
- Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson)
- Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller)
- Audrey Frost's family
- Barb Altman
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Martin Goss
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Julius Balogh
- Arlene Wright
- Marlen Sue Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory
- Leanne Comstock
- Sandy Benson

May Birthdays



5-1	Christian Bes	5-18	Julie Miller
5-2	Maryanne Limmer	5-18	Monty Warner
5-2	Lorne Mossman	5-20	David Helsel
5-8	Abel Ayana	5-22	David Phibbs
5-10	Darrel McClendon	5-26	May Einfalt
5-10	Glenn Patterson	5-28	Joanie Cochran
5-15	Cindy Milicich	5-29	Mike Shepherd
5-18	Miranda D'Amico	5-31	Wuyuni Wan-Tatah



Commemorative Ornaments



To honor First Presbyterian Church's 225th anniversary, the Anniversary Committee is selling commemorative ornaments. The ornaments are ceramic, 3 inches in diameter, have a beautiful picture of the church on one side and the wording "First Presbyterian Church 1799-2024" on the other. The cost is \$5.00 per ornament. Please contact Patti Keenan, pbk1010@gmail.com or 330-770-0999 for more information or to place an order. There are a limited number of these ornaments available.



MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				12 pm – Staff Mtg 6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC		10 am – Jim Ray Visitation 11 am – Jim Ray Funeral
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Service 11 am-Communion 12-5 pm – Troop 55 Spaghetti Dinner – HC		7:30 am-7:30 pm – Board of Elections – Parlor 5:30 – 7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC 6-7 pm – Bible Study Parlor	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor 11:30-1 pm – Lunch Time Learning – HC	5 – 8 pm MFHC Clinic 6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Service 11 am 		10-11 am – FPC Book Club - Parlor 6-7 pm AMF – Bible Study – Parlor 6 pm Scouts 7 pm – Mission Mtg – Library	6:30 pm – Finance Mtg – Pastor's Office		10 am-1 pm – OL Living Well – HC	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Service 11 am		6-7 pm AMF – Bible Study – Parlor 6 pm Scouts 7 pm – Session Mtg – Library	10-11:30 am – Saving Our Seniors HC	MFHC PT 9 am – 12 pm PT 4 pm – 8 PM Clinic – 5– 8 pm 11-1 pm – Reentry Coalition Quarterly		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship Service 11 am	OFFICE CLOSED 	6-7 pm AMF – Bible Study – Parlor 6 pm Scouts		MFHC PT 9 am – 12 pm PT 4 pm – 8 pm		