

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

12:00 p.m. – Worship & Music

Committee Meeting

Youth Group – Fiddler on the Roof

Monday, April 22

Earth Day

5:30 Cornerstone Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

1:00 p.m. – Praying for Children

5:30 p.m. – Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday, April 25

5:00 p.m. – Trustee Meeting

Friday, March 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fairview Fairmont Family Center Day

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School,

Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – Worship



Surplus items were discovered in storage. Check the table in the foyer for hidden treasures you may enjoy!



THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind,
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God,
- The maintenance of divine worship,
- The preservation of the truth,
- The promotion of social righteousness,
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Adopted in 1910, these six missional statements were intended to define the life and work of the church. These statements remain in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and appear in the opening pages of the Book of Order.

Attendance Last Week (April 14):

8:30 a.m.: 35

11:00 a.m.: 94

Online Views: 48

Total Giving - \$6,418.00

2024 Per Capita to date – \$5,338.00

2024 Per Capita Budgeted – \$6,000.00

Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,774.00

(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available downstairs in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is John Alexander at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Liturgist** today is Faith Smith.
- **The Greeters** today are Doris Foster and Sylvia Bridge at 8:30; Chuck and Ryan Claspy, and Tim and Kandy Davis at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Eva Fischer at 8:30 a.m.; Anna Bilka at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Cantor** today is Sonya Eagles–Dill at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Bonnie Murphy, Joe Shutsa, Marlene Braham, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, Linda Bennett, Ruth Cooper, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Marilyn and John Robb, Tom and Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Utica Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Pastor, Tina Kaye; Commissioned Pastor, Josh Botts, Moderator of the Coordinating Commission.
- † **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Tyler Schmidt, and Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.
- † **“The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center.”** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador),** Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Czech Republic - Along Side Ministry Int.), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Migration and Human Trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).

“He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.”

Colossians 1:18–20

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



The **Prayer Lifeline** is available to pray for your joys and concerns.

Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.



Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below.

(Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. We can visit with you by way of phone calls, virtual connection, or social distancing. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Barb Grzegorzewski. She can be reached at 814-336-1447.**

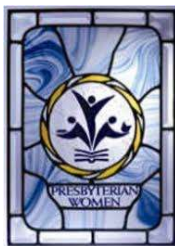


Praying for Children (momsinprayer.org)

Every child needs prayers for spiritual, emotional and physical protection and blessings. Everyone is welcome to come and pray on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Prayer focus for our children this for this month is 2 Peter 3:18. *But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*



If for some reason you must leave the sanctuary during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but would still like to watch what's going on, we now have the capability of livestreaming our service via the television in the youth room.



Update from Presbyterian Women: Check the April Evangel to learn more about our new monthly mission partner, Common Roots. Brochures are also available in the church office; visit their website at commonrootspa.org.



Presbyterian Women's April Mission Focus: The women are collecting **monetary donations** to make "Welcome Kits" for new residents arriving at

Fairview/Fairmont Apartments. The "Welcome Kits" will provide a few of the essentials needed to get an apartment started. If you choose to donate, please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and write "F/F Welcome Kits" in the memo. Thank you for supporting this local mission!



Presbyterian Women are also collecting sample-size shampoo, hand sanitizer, bath gel, lotion and toothpaste for homeless patients who visit the **Free Clinic**. Donations can be placed in the Church Office PW Bin.



New Members will be received in the near future.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please talk to Rev. Corll or one of the elder.



Outreach Films has opened limited streaming of the first four episodes of Season 4 of *The Chosen* through a church venue. Our church will be showing the episodes during Adult Sunday School in the Culbertson Room during the month of May.



Free Clinic Summer Fundraiser:

On June 15th, the same weekend of the Thurston Classic, the Clinic is having a fundraiser at the 4H barn at the Fairgrounds.

Vendors are paying a fee to be there, and we want to make their participation profitable for them. The event runs from 11 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. We need volunteers to wipe down tables as needed, police the area of debris as needed and to sell tickets for a basket raffle. There is a horse show scheduled for that day at the fairgrounds and a ball tournament is scheduled adjacent to the grounds. Shifts will probably be for two hours. Please call Madalyn Davis at 814-724-2088 if you would like to volunteer.



Adult Sunday School: Our study of Matthew 25 will continue today, April 21st, and conclude on April 28th. Matthew 25 has become an important focus in the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Specifically, it informs, inspires, and influences our work on three strategic priorities: eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism and building congregational vitality. The adult Sunday school class will be considering how Matthew 25: 31-46 speaks to, and leads us to pursue, these areas of work. We also will look at three different ways of interpreting the biblical text: a literal/plain reading, a historical/critical reading, and a spiritual/symbolic reading. Join us as we read, reflect, and respond to how God's word speaks to us as we strive to live a life that reflects Christian love.



Save the Date! Presbyterian Women is having their year-end luncheon at Venango Valley Inn on Wednesday, June 12, at noon. More details will be in the May Evangel. **This is open to all women of the congregation.**



MEET THE FAIRVIEW/ FAIRMONT FAMILY CENTER STAFF IN PERSON - APRIL 28!

Rosanne Sommers and

Emily Seibel, along with a resident of the Fairview/Fairmont Apartments, will present a Minute for Mission during both services on Sunday, April 28. In addition, there will be a slide show presentation about the Family Center in the Youth Room between both services and after the 11:00 service. Now's your chance to chat with the Family Center staff, meet a resident and see what goes on at the Family Center. You may already have some idea of this thanks to the pictures and narratives about the Family Center in the Sunday bulletins and the Evangel. The Family Center is the largest of our missions and has been in existence since 1977. This year has brought a new vision and increased participation by residents of all ages. The Family Center thanks all of you in the congregation who have supported our mission through your pledges and other support, especially from Presbyterian Women. Come and see what's happening and enjoy some brunch items along the way!



On Sunday, May 5th, after the 11:00 a.m. service, we will be celebrating Mary Zahora's 25th anniversary as administrative assistant.

The Session will be hosting a luncheon in her honor. They will provide meat trays, sandwich buns and cake for dessert. Members are asked to bring side dishes to share. Please join us as we celebrate Mary's longstanding dedication to our church!



The First Presbyterian Church Library has many books and DVDs for you to choose as you continue to "BLOOM"!

COME IN and CHECK THEM OUT!