

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fairview-Fairmont Family Center

Day/Brunch

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School,

Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

1:00 p.m. - Praying for Children

5:30 p.m. - Liberty Bells Rehearsal

6:15 p.m. - Pastoral Nominating

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

7:15 p.m. - *Soulstice*

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. - Worship/Communion

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School,

Youth Group

10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship

12:00 p.m. - Congregational Lunch



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 21):

8:30 a.m.: 39

11:00 a.m.: 106

Online Views: 35

Total Giving - \$4,898.94

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 28, 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 Ryan Claspy at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Liturgist** today is Howie McCall.
- **The Greeters** today are Daniel and Shelly Smith at 8:30; Logan Luce, Keith Edwards, Frank and Diana Smith at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Quinn O'Shea at 8:30 a.m.; Clare Dill at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Choir Accompanist** today is James Ross at 11:00 a.m.

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Walt Prest by Ruth Prest. Walt's birthday is on April 30th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Bonnie Murphy, Joe Shutts, Marlene Braham, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, 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:** Ripley (New York) Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Pastor, Phil Johnson; Rev. Carl Hull and Rev. Walter Green, Honorably Retired.
- † **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).

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

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 Doris Foster. She can be reached at 814-336-2575.**



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.



Presbyterian Women's Mission Focus for May is the Birthday Offering. Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence or women's concerns. Offering envelopes will be in the pews for giving, or you can mail your offering to the church with *Birthday Offering* in the memo.



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.



PNC Update: The PNC is analyzing 24 "criteria traits matches" and one candidate who reached out to the committee seeking to apply. The committee will meet again the last week of April to decide how many matches will be invited to apply for the position, as well as resubmit for new matches. We thank the congregation for your continued support and prayers.



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. Please call Madalyn Davis at 814-724-2088 if you would like to volunteer.



Adult Sunday School: Our study of Matthew 25 will conclude today. 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.



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.

Our next Soulstice gathering will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:15 p.m. Join us in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence.



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!



Attention graduating seniors both high school and college seniors. PLEASE text Shelly Smith at 814-795-1371 before May 17, 2024. Shelly needs you to contact her. We will be celebrating your achievements on June 2, 2024 at the summer worship service. Please plan to attend this service. (vickiefischer@meadillefpc.org)



Save the Date! Presbyterian Women are 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 today. 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. 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!



Dr. Corll will be on continuing education this week in Montreat, NC returning to the church next Sunday, to lead worship and preach the sermon: *Divine Expectations*. The study group will be reviewing *The Institutes of the Christian Religion, 1541 French Edition* by John Calvin, translated by Elsie Anne McKee; holding a conversation with the translator; receiving a presentation from a seminary professor; and discussing application to the local pastorate. The conference is underwritten in part by The Foundation for Reformed Theology, which invites clergy to annual weeklong seminars to promote better preaching, better teaching, and better pastoral care.