

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### 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 - Mary  
Zahora's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### Monday, May 6

*Holocaust Remembrance Day*

### Tuesday, May 7

1:00 p.m. - Praying for Children

5:30 p.m. - Liberty Bells Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 8

1:00 p.m. - Knit Unto Others

5:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

### Thursday, May 9

*Ascension of the Lord*

9:30 a.m. - Grace Circle

1:30 p.m. - Hope Circle

### Friday, May 10

Summer Evangel Articles Due  
(June, July, August)

### Saturday, May 11

### Sunday, May 12

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day*

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Liberty Bells 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 28):

8:30 a.m.: 42

11:00 a.m.: 113

Online Views: 64

Total Giving - \$2,518.00

2024 Per Capita to date - \$5,406.00

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

May 5, 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 Daniel Smith at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Liturgist** today is Scott Ladner at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Greeters** today are Howie and Carol Ann McCall at 8:30; Sandy Janes, Chris Lafferty, Paul and Francie Huber at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Lainey Schutz at 8:30 a.m.; Perry Hilburn at 11:00 a.m.

### 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:** Watson Run and North Shenango Presbyterian Churches and Greg VanderVeen, preaching; Rev, Samuel Yao Amafu-Dey, Synod Moderator, Upper Northern Presbytery, Ghana.
- † **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 Sthresley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

## 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](mailto: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 Phyllis Carr. She can be reached at 814-763-3926.**



**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.



**KNIT UNTO OTHERS**  
*Get your needles and yarn out. . .*

Knit Unto Others will meet Wednesday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone interested in the fellowship of knitting, crocheting or cross stitching is welcome. We make prayer shawls for those in need of the warmth of God's love, and the comfort, prayers, and support from their friends of faith. If you have any questions, you can contact Kandy Davis at [ksdavis70@zoominternet.net](mailto:ksdavis70@zoominternet.net) or 814-807-0156.

**PRAYER SHAWL DISPLAY...** It's been a few years since Knit Unto Others displayed prayer shawls in our sanctuary, so we felt it was time to show you our recently completed creations. On June 2, you may view the shawls before and after the church service and chat with members of Knit Unto Others. Many hours of preparation have gone into these shawls including searching for patterns, yarn types and colors. Prayer shawls are prepared for the members of First Presbyterian Church. Requests for a shawl may be directed to either Carol Ann McCall or Kandy Davis or leave a message in the Knit Unto Others mailbox in the Church office.



**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



**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](mailto:vickiefischer@meadillefpc.org))



**"Goodbye Winter, So Long Snow!** The More You Read This Month, The More You'll Know!!" So, visit our church library and find a good book or DVD. Come In and Check Them Out!!



**Youth Group will have a very busy month.** They will be involved in a service/mission project and attend a lock-in on May 25-26<sup>th</sup>. They will also be assisting with honoring our high school and college graduates. Check Facebook regularly for the details.



**The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women** was born in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift." Hallie encouraged the women to offer "a penny for every year you have lived, and if that is a secret, bring a dollar!" Over the last century, this offering has provided grants to more than 200 major projects. *Birthday Offering envelopes will be available in the pews during the month of May or you can send a check to the church with "Birthday Offering" written in the memo.* Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**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.**



**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.

**Our next *Soulstice* gathering will be on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.** Join us in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence. This will be our final gathering before our Summer break.