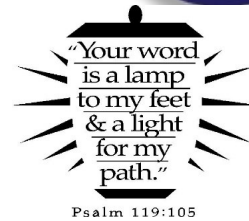


# The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church's Quarterly Newsletter



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).*

Hello Everyone and Welcome to our first Quarterly Issue of *The Disciple*. The Mission and Outreach Committee put some good thought into the best way to divide up the year. This *May/June/July Disciple* issue covers the summer months. *August/Sept/October* will cover the beginning of the program year. *November/Dec/January* will be our Thanksgiving/Christmas News and we all know not much happens in January, and who wants to put together a newsletter the day after Christmas? So then *Feb/March/April* works well to cover the news around Lent and Easter.

The reason for doing this was threefold. First, we want to lessen the load a bit on those who work hard to write articles. Many times the information is readily available in the weekly bulletin, and if not, by an email blast. Since the bulletin is emailed each week, even if you're not present in worship that Sunday, you still can read the bulletin electronically.

Secondly, we are looking to put more emphasis on the website. Faith Church has a wonderful website. If you haven't been on it in a while, please take a look at [faithchurchpcusa.org](http://faithchurchpcusa.org). Our website is the primary way new folks find Faith Church. We know this because we ask! How did you find us? The last three times I asked this, everyone said, we were on your website.

And last of all, have you visited Faith Church's *Facebook* page recently? If you're on *Facebook* regularly, please visit and "like" our page. We need to keep our page active. News from the Presbytery and the Food-bank appear on our page and that is well and good. But our newsfeed can also be clogged up with other information that has nothing to do with Faith Church. Folks looking for a church often turn to *Facebook* as well as the website. So it's important to maintain our page the best way we can.

These days, technology is the "way of the world." As much as we might like to turn back the clock, we can't. God's Word to us comes through many channels: prayer, scripture, conversations, personal experience, nature, and yes also, technology like websites, *Facebook* and even *Zoom*! God's Word is still "*a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.*" It's just that sometimes that lamp is the light from the computer screen. So let's work together and work smart- make the most of our volunteers' time and energy and get the word out there that Faith Church is a warm, welcoming community. Because that's the truth!

Springtime Blessings,

Pastor Julia

A Warm Welcome to Lynn Swingle, our new church secretary! Lynn plans to be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Lynn and her husband, Doug, moved to the Dayton area recently from the suburbs of Columbus to help care for their two young grandchildren. Doug and Lynn met while serving in the Air Force and have been married 33 years. Lynn attends a nondenominational Christian Church. She enjoys hiking and gardening. She loves animals and especially dogs. She has a German Shepherd and a Husky mix. Lynn looks forward to meeting members of the congregation.



On June 11, Pastor Julia is headed to Spain for two weeks to walk part of an ancient pilgrimage route called El Camino de Santiago. For hundreds of years, pilgrims have been walking this road to Santiago de Compostela and the cathedral there which supposedly is the burial site of the Apostle Saint James. There are many traditions to observe along the way. She will return on June 23.

While she is gone, Rev Lynn Bova, Pastor of Honey Creek Church and also the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, will provide emergency pastoral care. Steve Davis will lead worship on June 16 and Michelle Sloane will lead worship on June 23.



**Take me out to the ballgame!** On **July 3** in the evening, you are invited to join Hawker Church (Pastor Julia's husband David's congregation) at the Dragons Game followed by fireworks. We will have a private area (the Café Deck) behind first base, as well as seats in the stands. Tickets are \$20 and include a hat. Please sign the list in the parlor. Tickets are going fast!



This summer join us on five Thursday mornings as we delve a little deeper into the meaning of prayer in our lives. What would help you have a stronger prayer life? How about when we pray as a congregation? We will read a short book by Anne Lamott called Help Thanks Wow The Three Essential Prayers. We'll also use some other resources as we consider the meaning of prayer in our lives and even try out some new ways to pray.

We'll meet **July 11, 18, 25, August 1 and 8** at 10:30 AM. Bring a lunch or snack except on Aug 1 when we'll head to Lunch Bunch together. If you'd like to order a copy of the book (only \$6 on Amazon,) indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the Parlor.

*Worship and Nurture*

*Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday of June (we will skip July) 9:30 at church.*

*We continue to worship in person and use Zoom to allow those unable to come to worship.*



*Coffee Hour continues and if you wish to contribute with goodies or monetarily (again Sami will be glad to do the work), sign up on the bulletin board.*

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*Mothers day is May 12th—Cook her favorite meal and take her out for ice cream*



***Pentecost is May 19<sup>th</sup>. A birthday celebration for the Church.***

Make this summer a great one here are ten suggestions for a Great Summer

*Think that good things will happen!*

*Express gratitude to a loved one*

*Take a walk around your house or block!*

*Go out and get some sunshine and watch the birds!*

*Do something you have not done in years!*

*Reach out to a friend and have a good chat and laugh!*

*Get up early one day and watch the sunrise!*

*Tune into the Olympics and cheer an athlete to win -Go USA! – June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Look closely at a flower or tree you haven't noticed before!*



*June 16th is Fathers Day—Celebrate with his favorite food*



Blankets by Faith continues to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30. We are always grateful for donations of money or material to continue our work. Some people sew, some tie blankets and some just come to talk. We hope that you will consider coming and visiting with us.

Please call the pastor or send information to the prayer chain if prayers are needed for you or your friends. We keep each of you in our prayers.

Cyndi Adams, Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams, and Naomi Henry

Because we are changing the Disciple to quarterly, below is a list of Worship leaders and Ushers for May, June and July. Cyndi

*Your service to Christ and the Faith Family is very much appreciated. Without each volunteer we would not be able to perform even the most basic functions, and we on the Worship Committee are extremely grateful for your donation of your time and gifts.*

**May**

Date	Worship	Nursery	Usher
<b>Communion Server: Maria Biemly, Paul Brown, Cyndi Adams, Chris Ten Broeke</b>			
5	Cyndi Adams	Mary/Chris T	Doris Harmsworth
12	Harry Tompkins	Sami/Cyndi	Chris TenBroeke
19	Paul Brown	Sami/Chris T	Chris Adams
26	Sheryl Williams	Sami/Cyndi	Diane Grycz

**June**

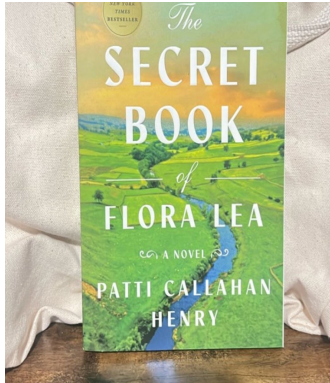
Date	Worship	Nursery/Standby	Usher
<b>Communion Servers: Sami Adams, Sheryl Williams, Mary Skare, Diane Grycz</b>			
2	Mary Skare	Mary/Chris T	Chris TenBroeke
9	Nat Davis	Sami/Cyndi	Nat & Jenny Davis
16	Harry Tompkins	Sami/Chris T	Beverly Brown
23	Cyndi Adams	Sami/Cyndi	Jan Beams
30	Keith Williams	Sami/Cyndi	Chris Adams

**July**

Date	Worship	Nursery/Standby	Usher
<b>Communion Servers: Sami Adams, Mary Skare, Chris Ten Broeke, Cyndi Adams</b>			
7	Sami Adams	Mary/Chris T	Diane Grycz
14	Keith Williams	Sami/Cyndi	Bev Brown
21	Paul Brown	Sami/Chris T	Mary Skare
28	Sheryl Williams	Sami/Cyndi	Chris TenBroeke

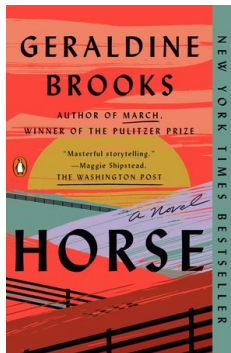
*If for any reason you can not volunteer on the date listed, please try to find a replacement. If you still cannot find someone to fill in, please contact Worship Committee. Cyndi Adams 937 252 7865*

## +Sweet Communion Book Group



### Book Group News

The Secret Book of Flora Lee by Patti Henry is our June selection. When a woman discovers a rare book with connections to her past, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood in the English countryside during World War II are revealed in this “beguiling blend of hope, mystery, and true familial love” .



Horse by Geradine Brooks is our July selection

**A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.**

All are welcome to join us on **June (date to be determined) and July 17th at 1:30** in the sewing room at Faith Church for discussion, snacks, and communion.



### Session Notes

April 2024

Session met on April 11 via Zoom. Pastor Julia made several visits to those not able to attend services with us. She also attended PMV and UCC meetings, finished the Lenten study and interviewed secretary candidates. She reported that Lynn Swingle will be joining us as our new secretary beginning in May.

We received a preschool report from Kelley Britt. She noted the preschool is installing cameras in the classrooms, overlooking the playground, and in the Social Hall as additional security measures. She is also looking into new playground equipment.

Session approved scheduling a Congregational Meeting for May 19 for the election of officers. Session also continues to review the financial situation tracking pledges against the budget and forecast as well as looking for other efficiencies and potential cost reductions.



*Summer is coming—are you ready!*

**FAITH PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

What an amazing school year it has been! We have seen so much growth in all the kiddos and now it is time for them to move onto summer! It is hard knowing that we may not see some of them as they move onto the next chapter of their life, but we have blessed with the time we have had.



**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**

MARCH-Melinda Mescher-For Ms. Mescher’s teacher outing we went to Old Scratch Pizza! It was a great time getting to relax and hang

out to celebrate Melinda! She is an amazing teacher and has built some amazing relationships this year.



APRIL – Kathy Klarer - Mrs. Klarer wanted to keep her celebration simple, and we had a pizza party to celebrate her and show her some love! Kathy helps on Fridays and LOVES to greet the kiddos with a smile!

MAY- Faith Britt & Amy Paden – Faith Britt is our newest hire, and she is my daughter! She is loving her experience with the kiddos so far and has made some amazing connections with our kids. Amy Paden is at home most of the time with her son, but she is always available by phone with any computer issues we have, help with various jobs she can do at home and more!

We have been very blessed with this school year. So many situations to be thankful for, some hard situations, some very sad moments, many God testimonies! We will now focus on summer camp and the upcoming school year! As always, thank you for your support!



Blessings,  
Kelley Britt

# Mission and Outreach



Dayton Food Bank: May 1, 2024, 11 Volunteers, packed 226 boxes to feed 904 children

Next Food Bank Volunteer date is June 12, 2024 from 9-11:30 at the Living Word Church in Vandalia.

Dates for June and July will be updated in the Bulletin and on line.

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Blanket Sunday: Mother's Day, May 12, 2024 – A \$10 donation buys 1 blanket to those in need, can also donate on line.

St. Vincent De Paul volunteer date: May 8, 2024, from 10:30-1:30, preparing tables and a lunch for those in need.

Pentecost Sunday: May 19, 2024: to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and others.

The special offering will be divided as follows: 25% to Faith Pre-school and 75% to the Presbytery.

RED is the color which commemorates this holiday, so if you choose, wear RED to church!!!!

June 16, 2024: Father's Day Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing: update on donation amount: \$675.00

Collecting: Eclipse glasses, pill bottles, hygiene products for women, and eye glasses

Submitted by: Susie Tompkins



## FAITH TUTORING

Thank you to the tutors who worked this school year with second graders from Valley Forge. The Faith Tutoring program started in 2014 with 7 tutors and students from second and third grades. It has run continuously since then except for the Covid break in the 2020-21 school year. The congregation has shown much support with donations for books and snacks as well as the volunteers who have worked with the children. Original volunteers who have been involved from the beginning are Chris TenBroeke and Cyndi Adams. Other members who have volunteered or are still volunteering are Bev Brown, Dottie Standley, Roger TenBroeke, Chuck Doran, Doris Harmsworth, Jo Hall, Vaughn Beams, Lorrie Brown, Susie Tompkins and Duane Skare. Several other friends in the community who have volunteered are Ernie Stockton, Sharon Back, Connie Fox and Kim Hill. The parents of the students as well as the teachers at Valley Forge always express appreciation for the work that is done. It seems that the tutors, too, enjoy their job!



## FOOD BANK

**The Foodbank**  
Solving Hunger in the Miami Valley

The next Food Bank work day will be Wednesday, June 12, 9:00-11:30 am, at the Living Word Church. The church is located at 926 E. National Road in Vandalia. The Food Bank will have a Mobile Market that day at which there will be drive through pick up of groceries. If you are able to help please let someone on Mission and Outreach Committee know. Thank you for your support of this project.





# ADMINISTRATION

Next Meeting: June 5th at 7 PM

# COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Keith Williams

Financial Secretary: Don Niece

Treasurer: Diane Grycz

Support: Paul Brown, Greg Hughes, and Harry Tompkins



## Notes/Updates from the Admin Committee

- Office renovations are completed. Thanks for everyone’s patience during this process. The main entrance door ADA motor will be installed on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cameras have been installed in the pre-school classrooms and hallways and in the parlor for the safety of the students. The camera in the parlor will not be on from Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

Scouts have approved an Eagle project to organize our garage. They will clean up the area and add shelving to minimize items on the floor.

Money has been moved from our money market account to a 5-month CD at 5.15 %. The Treasurer continues to look for better returns on our money that are safe.

YTD end of March total assets is \$90,883

## Financial Report (1<sup>st</sup> Q 2024)

	January	February	March	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$14,553	\$18,379	\$35,335	\$68,267
<b>Expense</b>	\$12,293	\$12,079	\$13,202	\$37,574
	\$2,260	\$6,300	\$22,133	\$30,693

Income includes \$20,000 transfer from MM account (total for 3 months)



## May/June/July Birthdays

### May

- 6 Zachary Standley
- 9 Shirley Doran-Traub
- 24 Maria Beimly
- 28 Brittany Standley Garamone

### June

- 9 Mary skare
- 22 Melissa Brown
- 24 Terry Hughes
- 26 Cathy Gonzalez

### July

- 11 Pamela Matheson-Jones
- 22 Sheryl Williams



On the first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flower arrangements on the chancel in memory / honor of loved ones of the family of Faith.

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory/ honor of a loved one return the following form with your donation to Samantha. The arrangements cost \$18 for one and \$36 for two, make the checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. Your Gift will be recognized in the bulletin, unless you ask otherwise. Please check the form if you would like to pick up the arrangements after worship, otherwise it will be delivered to someone who

## Memorial Flower Gift

Please accept my donation of \$18\_\_\_\_\_ \$36\_\_\_\_\_

For the Memorial flowers fund in Memory of / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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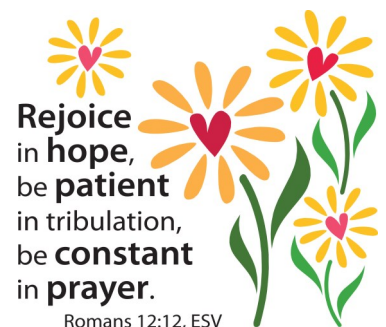
Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to pick up the arrangement \_\_\_\_\_



*Guy Gifford, Dave Henry,  
Debbie Moore, Roy Schroeder,  
Cathy Gonzalez and the family  
of Dan Bolebruch, Marjorie  
Zepernick and Betsy Morris*



# May 2024

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			19:30 a Worship & N Bunch	2 12 Noon Lunch Bunch	3 8:15a Exercise	4
5	6 8:15a Exercise	7	8 8:15a Exercise 10:30a Blankets 5:30p Scouts BSA	9	10 8:15a Exercise	11
9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship				7:00p Session		
12	13 8:15a Exercise	14	15 8:15a Exercise 10:30a Blankets 5:30p Scouts BSA	16	17 8:15a Exercise 11:30 Preschool Program	18 Graduation Party
9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship		6:15p Girl Scouts				
19 <b>Pentecost</b>	20 8:15a Exercise	21	22 8:15a Exercise	23	24 8:15a Exercise	25
9:30a Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 ANNUAL MEETING and Carry in dinner		6:15p Girl Scouts	10:30a Blankets 1:30p Book Group 5:30p Scouts BSA			
26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 8:15a Exercise	28	29 8:15a Exercise	30	31 8:15a Exercise	30
10:30a Worship	-	11a Pres Women 4:15 Tutoring	10:30a Blankets 5:30p Scouts BSA			