

The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church's Quarterly Newsletter
5555 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, Ohio 45424



“And he was teaching them many things in parables, ... And he said, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear’” (Mark 4:2, 9.)

When I was searching for an appropriate message as we approach Election Day, I came across this prayer/poem in *The Presbyterian Outlook* online magazine. It's part of a series called “prayers for the moment.” It was written before the candidates debated in September, but it is just as relevant, if not more so, now. It lifts up Jesus' parables as models for living. Here is the poem, written by Erin Weber-Johnson and Mieke Vandersall, August 29, 2024 |Updated: September 13, 2024.]

Oh God,

*Another presidential debate,
at its base, so simple:*

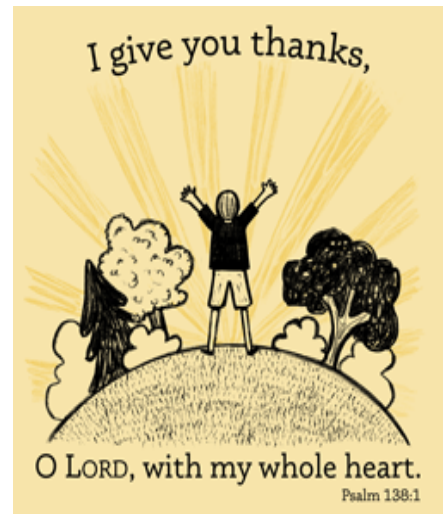
*Words and rhetoric and promises,
all ultimate and urgent.*

*In your parables, you point to different ways of being.
Can there be another way?
Where our shared humanity
is not questioned,
bodies not valued as numbers but as beloved.
Where we encourage the flourishing of the earth and each other?*

*In your parables, you speak of
systems of inequity that greedily take a widow's last mite.
Covenant between us, you, and the Earth.
Teach us to share food with 5,000.
Because here we find the miracle: there is enough.*

*Maybe that is our prayer —
to make a miracle out of struggle;
to bring life to systems that break bodies;
to move us to care for all our neighbors.*

Show us how to live, Christ Jesus. Amen.



If anyone would like to get together following the election for conversation and/or prayer, please let me know.

Yours on the journey together,

Pastor Julia

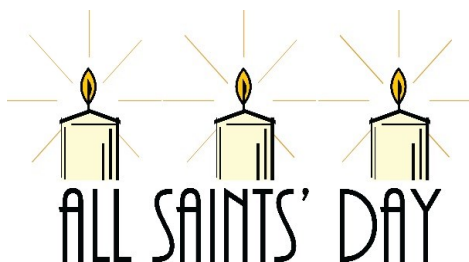
P.S. Don't forget that “*At a Glance*” monthly calendars are available each month to take home and post on your refrigerator or bulletin board. This is the best way to keep up with special dates, meetings and events at Faith Church. Thank you!

On **Sunday, Nov 10, 3-5 PM**, there will be a follow-up, again at Faith Church, to the **Small Church Gathering** that Faith Church hosted back in July. We'll have another opportunity to share with several of the other small churches surrounding Huber Heights about gifts and challenges, and the ways God may be leading us forward. How can we support one another through the Presbytery? How can we pray for one another? How can we learn from one another? Everyone is invited to attend, whether or not you are currently serving on a board or committee. Hope to see you there!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bob Christian who passed away October 16, 2024 at the age of 87.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family of Guy Gifford who passed away October 25, 2024 at the age of 86.



Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. All are invited to come forward and light a candle for loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant. This year we are especially remembering those who passed away in 2024: Dan Bolebruch, Bob Christian, Guy Gifford, Betsy Morris and Marj Zepernick.

On Sunday, Nov 10, pledge cards and letters will be available for pick up. Those that aren't picked up will be mailed. Then on Sunday, Nov 17 after worship, we will have a presentation of projected finances for 2025 and time for questions and discussion. Sunday, November 24 is **Thanksgiving Sunday**. Out of a spirit of thanksgiving, there will be an opportunity to come forward with your pledge card during worship. Pledge cards may also be dropped off in the office anytime. *Thank you in advance for giving of your time, talent and treasures to Faith Church!*



Worship and Nurture Committee

Our meetings will be November 6th – December 4th – January 8th at 9:30 at the church.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Please know that if you cannot join us in person, we use Zoom and our website faithchurchpcusa.org to keep in touch.



Coffee Hour continues with good food and lots of good conversations. If you wish to contribute with goodies or monetarily, sign up (again Sami will be glad to do the work) on the bulletin board.



Blankets by Faith continues to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30. We hope that you will consider coming and visiting with us. 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.



Sweet Communion Book Club Third Wednesday at 1:30 PM

November

November 20, 2024

**Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt**

The Book Club selection for November is “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. We will meet November 20th at 1:30. It is a beautiful examination of how loneliness can be transformed, cracked open, with the slightest touch from another living

December 18, 2024

**Canary Girls
by Jennifer Chiaverini**

December



The Book Club selection for this month is “Canary Girls” by Jennifer Chiaverini. Join us Wednesday Dec 18th at 1:30.

The **Canary Girls** were British women who worked in munitions manufacturing trinitrotoluene (TNT) shells during the First World War (1914–1918). The nickname arose because exposure to TNT is toxic, and repeated exposure can turn the skin an orange-yellow color reminiscent of the plumage of a canary.

January 15, 2025
The Little Princess
by Frances Hodgson Burnett



Advent study this year is called *“Patterns of Divine Possibility.”* Through our readings and also some artwork, we’ll be challenged “to embrace the complex, natural patterns of our creator in the world... to open our eyes to the intricate designs of God’s creation that often go unnoticed and to explore faith as trusting in the unseen patterns and embracing a fuller understanding of God’s handiwork.”

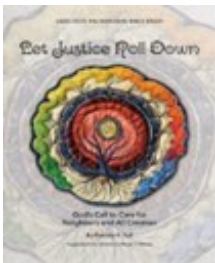
You can read the devotions as an email or take home a copy of the printed version beginning December 1. We’ll meet for discussion on three Thursdays in Advent: **Dec 5, 12, and 19, 10:30-11:30 AM.** Looking forward to good conversation, as always.

January

Welcome to a New Year 2025. [We wish you all a safe and happy start to the New Year!](#)

Advent is over, we have welcomed the birth of a newborn to lead us.

Sunday school will begin January 5th with lessons that help us examine our faith. Come join us at 9:30.



Presbyterian Women meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 11 AM with a lesson taught by a group member. Due to Christmas Eve, in December they will meet the third Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Please stay safe and keep in contact with us, we care about every member.

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



Blessing of the Animals

September 29, 2024



Mission and Outreach

Committee: Julia Williamson, Susie Tompkins, Diane Grycz, Mary Skare, Sheryl Williams

Christians Growing in Faith by Connecting and Caring is the guiding purpose of this committee.



November:

Tutoring began for 5th grade students. Our group always looks forward to every Tuesday afternoon Helping these children get excited about learning!! This is a one hour commitment for our students, and our teachers provide work they want the children to practice.

We continue to volunteer at the Food Bank and St. Vincent's Women's Shelter. Distributing food to families through the Dayton Food Bank and serving meals to those at St. Vincent's is an Outreach to our community that this committee commits.

Donations continue for eye glasses, pill bottles and women's toiletries.



December:



Adopt A Family is an annual giving for Faith Church. In the past, we have helped 2 families with children's gift and food. The Giving Tree will be announced and a sign up sheet will be posted.

The Pre-school staff lunch/dinner our committee donates to with food, time and a small gift for each teacher. Date of event will be forth coming.

Christmas Joy Offering is donated to students at Presbyterian Colleges and Retired Pastors.

Christmas Eve Offering has been donated to FISH, in past years.

Volunteering at the Food Bank and/or St. Vincent's will continue and dates will be announced.

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January:

Food Bank and/or St. Vincent's Women's Shelter volunteer date to be announced.

Crayons to Classroom: Donations for children's hats and gloves will continue through February.

Souper Bowl Sunday date and details will be announced and monetary donations will be sent to FISH.

Donations continue for eye glasses, pill bottles and women's toiletries.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Deacons are hosting the annual Christmas Eve Open House from 6:00-6:45pm. We will appreciate any cookie donations. You may drop them off December 22-24. We look forward to seeing you at this Christmas time with friends and family.



“[God] has made everything beautiful in its time” (Ecclesiastes 3:11.)

Worship Leaders

Greeters

Ushers

November

Communion Services: Sheryl Williams, Susie Tompkins, Chris Ten Broeke, Cyndi Adams

3	Sheryl Williams	Harry & Susie	Greg Hughes
10	Mary Skare	Diane Grycz	Bev Brown
17	Paul Brown	Sami Adams	Jan Beams
24	Cyndi Adams	Dottie Standley	Chris Adams
Standby Nursery: Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

December

Communion Servers: Keith Williams, Paul Brown, Cyndi Adams, Sami Adams

1	Keith Williams	Doris Harmsworth	Diane Grycz
8	Samantha Adams	Maria Biemly	Pamela & Greg
15	Pamela Matheson Jones	Vaughn & Jan	Cyndi Adams
22	Harry Tompkins	Greg & Pamela	Chris Adams
29	Mary Skare	Dottie Standley	Beverly Brown
Standby Nursery: Mary Skare, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

January

Communion servers: Cyndi Adams, Mary Skare, Keith Williams, Diane Grycz

5	Cyndi Adams	Maria Beimly	Chris Adams
12	Keith Williams	Doris Harmsworth	Chris TenBroeke
19	Nat Davis	Greg & Pamela	Greg Hughes
26	Samantha Adams	Bev Brown	Jan Beams
Standby Nursery: Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

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.

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

2024 SEPT Financials

MONTHLY FINANCES JULY-AUGUST

	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD Actual
TOTAL INCOME	12,980	9,240	7,941	134,024
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,353	10,358	9,042	106,475
TOTAL INCOME LESS TOTAL EXPENSE	-1,373	-1,118	-1,101	27,548

SESSION

Session Notes

August-October 2024

Session met in August, September, and October via Zoom. Pastor Julia continues to care for those not able to be with us on Sunday, including with visitations and communion. She also continues to attend PMV and UCC meetings and has resumed chapel for the preschool.

In July, Faith hosted a discussion by several small churches in the Presbytery, led by Rev. Jody Noble, pastor at Springfield Covenant. Rev. Noble encouraged the congregations to accept and adapt to change and to look at new ideas to try to get the congregation involved and try something not done before. Efforts continue to keep our web site and Facebook pages current and attractive. Session also continues to monitor our financial situation, noting that pledge income is in-line with the beginning of the year projections, though this still leaves a budget short-fall. We continue to look for ways to reduce expenses. Session agreed to host a second session, date to be determined.

New or revised policies will be drafted to include in the Policies and Procedures manual covering Pastor family leave, Anti-racism and harassment, sexual misconduct, and child and youth protection.



Administration
Committee

Chairperson: Keith Williams
Financial Secretary: Don Niece
Treasurer: Diane Grycz
Support: Paul Brown
Support: Greg Hughes
Support: Harry Tompkins
Rev Julia Williamson

ADMIN

Notes/Updates from the Admin Committee

1. AED battery has been replaced.
2. Audit of financial records for 2023 will be completed by the end of the year.
3. Roof leak in the copier room and in room 3 in the pre-school has been repaired.
4. The Eagle project to clean up and organize our garage has been completed. It looks great. Thanks to the Scouts for their hard work.
5. Budget presentation to the congregation will be November 17th. Please be prayerful about your pledge for 2025.

FAITH PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

We have been very blessed this year with 83 children registered at Faith Preschool! The children have been busy learning how to be kind to each other and learning skills they need for their future.

THANK YOU

I wanted to give a big thank you to Nat Davis for helping us with our sliding doors in the hallway! He took time out of his day to come and help us as we remodeled the hallway over the summer. If you haven't seen it yet, go take a look! I would also like to thank Mary Skare and the church members for helping set up church members to pass out cookies for our open house in August! What a sweet gesture! We also had a donation for scholarships from Faith Presbyterian Church! This is very helpful to the families who need a little extra help with their tuition! Lastly, we wanted to let you know that the children and the families LOVED getting their Halloween goodie bags! We appreciate Faith Presbyterian Church and our partnership so much! What a blessing!

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

In September Amanda Peters was our teacher of the month and she chose to have yummy football food and watch the Bengals game! We were so busy enjoying our time we did not get a single picture! Our teacher of the month for October was Ashley Boksuntiea and she wanted to go to Now and Zen and make our own terrarium. Afterwards we went to dinner! We are so blessed by our amazing teachers at Faith Preschool!

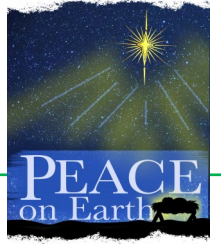
NO BONES ABOUT IT, JESUS LOVES YOU!

We partnered with Engage City Church with their Tent or Treat outreach. Faith Preschool was able to pass out candy to hundreds of families at this event. We also got to share with the kiddos that there are no bones about it, Jesus loves them! We were blessed by the families who donated candy for this event and for the teachers who participated!

Many blessings,
Kelley Britt



Special Happenings



NOVEMBER

- Nov 3- All Saints Day
- Nov 6- 9:30 Worship & Nurture
10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Nov 7- Noon- Lunch Bunch
6 PM- Mission & Outreach
7 PM- Admin
- Nov 10 - 3-5 PM Small Church Gathering
- Nov 13- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Nov 14- 7PM Session
- Nov 17- Financial Outlook Presentation
- Nov 19- 11 AM PW Bible Study
- Nov 20- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
1:30 Sweet Communion Book Club
- Nov 24- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov 27- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Nov 28- Happy Thanksgiving!



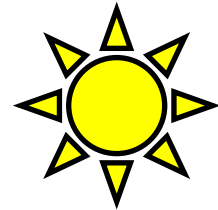
DECEMBER

- Dec 1- Advent begins
- Dec 4- 9:30 Worship & Nurture
10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Dec 5- 10:30- Advent Study
Noon- Lunch Bunch
6 PM- Mission & Outreach
7 PM- Admin
- Dec 11- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Dec 12- 10:30 Advent Study
7 PM- Session
- Dec 17- 11 AM- PW Bible Study
- Dec 18- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
1:30 PM- Sweet Communion Book Club
- Dec 19- 10:30 AM Advent Study
- Dec 24- 6 PM Open House
7 PM- Christmas Eve Worship
- Dec 25- Christmas Blessings!

JANUARY

Happy New Year 2025

- Jan 2- Noon- Lunch Bunch
6 PM- Mission & Outreach
7 PM- Admin
- Jan 8- 9:30 AM- Worship & Nurture
10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Jan 9- 7 PM- Session
- Jan 15- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
1:30 PM Sweet Communion Book Club
- Jan 22- 10:30 Blankets by Faith
- Jan 28- 11 AM- PW Bible Study
- Jan 29- 10:30 Blankets by Faith



BIRTHDAYS



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.

November

- 21 Jan Beams
- 25 Douglas Standley
- 27 Neal Standley

December

- 24 Paul Brown
- 26 Doris Harmsworth
- 27 Kelly Mayhew

January

- 3 Chris Adams
- 7 Susie Tompkins
- 11 Michael Grycz
- 11 George O'Bryan
- 21 Linda Niece
- 25 Duane Skare
- 31 Deborah Moore

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 needs a little cheer. For more information please contact Samantha Adams.

Memorial Flower Gift

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

For the Memorial flowers fund in Memory of / Honor of _____

Given By: _____

I would like to pick up the arrangement _____



Dave Henry, Debbie Moore, Roy Schroeder, Cathy Gonzalez, Sharon Gologanoff and the families of Bob Christian and Guy Gifford.

