

The Disciple

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



Easter Greetings Everyone,

“For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Yes we are still in the great 50 days of Easter! It's good that we walk by faith and not by sight. That helped me for a bit right after my two cataract surgeries in April. I didn't have any trouble with the procedures. And both times I only had to wear an eye shield for about 3 hours and then at night for a week. I guess when we're sleeping, we're more likely to rub our eyes by mistake. So I was glad for that extra bit of protection. I couldn't drive for a week after my first eye was done, as my eyes were off balance and couldn't work together well until I had the second eye done. Now I see distance with my left eye and mid-range with my right. As for reading, I still need glasses. And then there are all those drops!

I am thankful for the technology that makes this procedure relatively simple and painless. Just think what it would be like if we had a procedure to strengthen our faith, just like our sight. What might that look like? Sometimes when our faith is brand new, or after a particularly difficult time when our faith has been challenged, we may need to wear a “shield” for protection, kind of like that eye shield worn after surgery. What does your shield look like? My shield is made up of these things definitely: the beauty of creation, the love of family and friends, and the hope God offers us each and every day.

As we near the tale end (hopefully) of this pandemic, we need to be gentle with ourselves and seek out ways to celebrate God, our faith and our church. I give thanks today for all of you and for the gifts you bring to Faith Church. I give thanks for the joy of being together in worship, as well as out in the community like we were on April 28. I give thanks for springtime and the delightful colors of the trees and flowers. I give thanks for the gift of sight and the gift of faith.

Even though this has been a difficult year, we are moving forward together and rediscovering ways to care, connect and serve. This month we celebrate our preschool teachers on May 16th. And then we celebrate the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd.) Let's all wear red that day, the color of the Holy Spirit. May God's Spirit blow hope and peace and promise into your life and into the life of Faith Church! And may you be gentle with yourself. Find your shield and use it well.



Admin Notes

Thank you to everyone keeping your pledges up to date.

Chairperson: Greg Hughes
 Financial Secretary: Don Niece
 Treasurer: Diane Grycz
 Support: Paul Brown
 Next Meeting: May 6th at 7 PM



Finances:	Mar	YTD
Income:	\$ 32,666	\$ 65,340
Expenses:	<u>\$ 9,896</u>	<u>\$ 32,235</u>
Difference:	\$ 22,770	\$ 33,105

- We ended the month of March with \$22,700 greater than expenses.
- A member made their total yearly pledge this month, and this has really helped our finances.
- We also received the Payroll Protection Program payment of \$12,700.
- The first quarter payment of our Per Capita Connectional Support, General Assembly and Synod was made \$953.
- The unemployment office contacted the church about a fraudulent claim for unemployment. It was for someone that had never worked at the church. This was reported to the State of Ohio.
- A member donated a laser printer to the Preschool. This has been installed and working.
- Class number three in the Preschool had a light out, and the ballast was replaced.
- Due to the low use of the church building this year, we have asked Carol Weaver to not strip and wax the church side of the building. She will be doing the Pre-school side later this year.
- The Preschool is buying some TVs for classrooms, and we will help mount those.
- We are waiting to hear back from contractors about getting new doors for the church entrance.
- We did have a contractor out for the AC units for the sanctuary. The contractor recommended two additional furnaces to go with the outside AC units. This would bring everything up to date. This would bring the total cost to \$21,975. This would be up from the original cost of \$16,500, including the HVAC unit on the pre-school side. This is a project that will be done this spring.
- The capitol campaign is at almost \$30,000. *We are so thankful for the generosity of everyone.*

Session Notes



April 2021

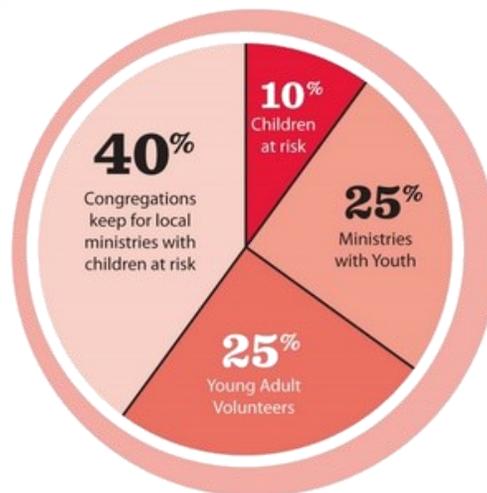
Session met on April 15, continuing to meet by Zoom for safety. Pastor Julia continues to show her care for us as she calls, texts, and sends cards. Session agreed she can resume home visits provided both the member and she are comfortable with the visit. We will continue to Zoom the worship services and post a recording on the church web site for the foreseeable future.

A report on the preschool was received from Kelley Britt, finances are in good shape and enrollment for next year is open. The preschool is planning a summer program for July. Nominating Committee continues to seek members willing to serve, if you feel the call, please contact Cyndi Adams. Especially needed are Session members. A Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for May 23 for the election of officers. *The Pentecost offering will be received May 23.*



Sunday May 23

*Psalm 71: 5-8
Lord God, you are my hope
I have trusted you since I was young.
I have depended on you since I was born.
You have been my help from the day I was born.
I will always praise you.
I am an example to many people.
You are my strong protection.
I am always praising you.
All day long I honor you.*



These verses in Psalm 71 testify that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults who are just beginning their relationship with Christ and the Church .

The Pentecost offering is one of 4 special offerings collected each year by our congregation. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. It unites us in a church-wide effort to support and inspire; then have those reached share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world.

40% of the funds donated will be retained by Faith and used for scholarships to Faith Preschool . This offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday which is May 23rd this year. Please celebrate Pentecost Sunday with us by wearing red to church on this day.



caring for
GOD'S
earth



Faith Presbyterian Church celebrated an Earth Day-themed Sunday on April 18, a beautiful, sunny, spring day. With Worship centered on our world and with clean-up kits (trash and recycling bags, gloves) distributed to the congregation, a few of us headed out into the church neighborhood immediately afterwards to pick up trash. A little exercise, a free dose of the sunshine's vitamin A, and the satisfaction of helping our community deepened our feelings of connection to God's creation.



Troops 268 & 5268



Thank you for your continued support of the Huber Heights FISH Food Pantry. Since receiving the huge collection of groceries from the Boy Scouts, deliveries are being made in increments because there was no storage room at the pantry for all of it at one time! *We would be remiss if we did not remember The Boy Scout troop's 268 and 5268 for their food drive that helped us create this wonderful problem. Maybe too much food is a good problem!*



We had a great day of work at the Food Bank on April 28. Thank you to the eleven volunteers from Faith who served 110 families 16,000 pounds of food!



(OGHS) is one of 4 special offerings collected each year by our congregation. For 2021 \$454 was collected. This collection is used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People to help our neighbors in need around the world.

Thank you for sharing God's love.



Our next meeting will be May 5th at 9:30 at church

Easter has arrived. The Lord has risen, **hallelujah!**

Our worship services continue to be both live and via zoom. We email the week's bulletin, announcements, and a link to Sunday's zoom worship. This email is sent to those we have on our email list. Contact faithchurch5555@gmail.com if you wish to be emailed the link. The service is also posted on www.faithchurchpcusa.org by Sunday night.

We are still keeping our distance in seating and when talking to others. As the weather improves we hope to begin to meet outside from time to time.

The Presbyterian Women have begun to meet again. The second Thursday of the month at 1 pm we are reading 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Into the light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. This study revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. There is always space to join us in this timely study.

If you have prayer requests for you or friends please let us know. Contact Pastor Julia or send information via the prayer chain for these needs. Remember to encourage yours friends with cards, letters, or phone calls. A chat with friends always lightens the day's worries!

We keep each of you in our prayers as the challenging time continues. As the weather improves, we all get our vaccine, and numbers of infections go down we hope to see you all return to worship with us.

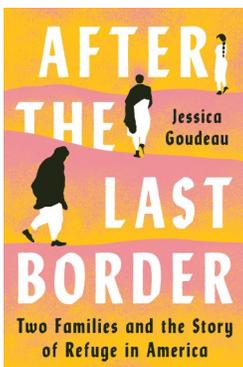
Please continue to stay well.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Adams, Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams, and Jo Hall.



	Worship	Greeter	Usher
2	Paul Brown	Chris TenBroeke	Doris & Clay Harmsworth
9	Jo Hall	Deacons	Chris TenBroeke
16	Keith Williams	Pat Harris	Chris Adams
23	Vaughn Beams	Alice Dibo	Diane Grycz
30	Jan Gifford	Beverly Brown	Cyndi Adams



Save the Date—Wednesday, May 19th for our next Sweet Communion Book Group gathering, at 5PM via Zoom.

Our book is After the Last Border, by Jessica Goudeau. It is the true story of two immigrant families, one from Myanmar and one from Syria, who come to this country in the 2000s. One critic writes, "*Absolutely breathtaking. A story of the unbelievable resilience of two refugee families, worlds apart, and the desperate humanitarian crisis that brought them to our doorstep.*" Dayton Metro Library has copies, and it is also available in e-book format.



We have had a great month at Faith Preschool! I can't believe we only have one month left of this school year! We had a great time celebrating the resurrection of Jesus! Thank you for the amazing goodie bags that you gave to the children! They LOVED them and the parents were very touched by them as well!

Many blessings,

Kelley Britt, Preschool Director

our staff says
"THANKS!"



Thanks for helping children bloom

Tee-rific tote (Make one for Mom)

You will need:

Old t-shirt

Scissors

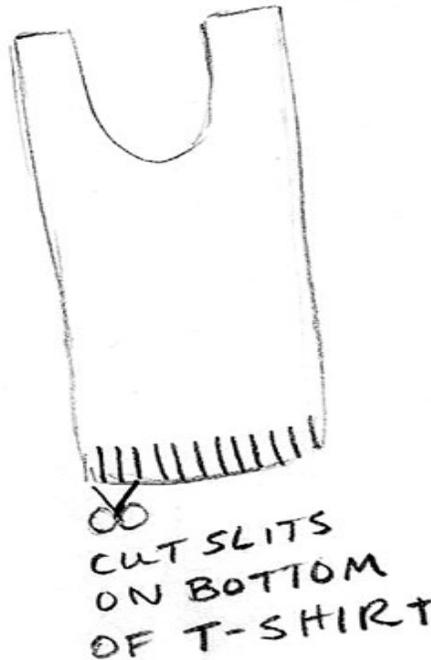
fabric markers to decorate

Instructions:

To prevent the shoulder from unraveling
fabric glue seams end.



Cut off the shirt's sleeves,
collar, and bottom hem.



Take one strip from
top and one from
bottom. Cross them.
Now start tying the
strips with sturdy
knots.

And it is ready to use as a tote.

Joke of the month:

Did you know they had cars in Jesus' time?

Yup, The Bible says the disciples were all of one Accord! (Ha Ha)



MAY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Clay Harmsworth
- 6 Zachary Standley
- 9 Shirley Doran
- 17 Brian Mayhew
- 21 Norma Lesher
- 24 Maria Beimly
- 26 Beth Griffin
- 28 Brittany Standley
Cindy Hanks
- 29 Shirley Hostetter

Memorial Flower Gift



On first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flowers arrangement 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 needs a little cheer. For more information please contact Samantha Adams.

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 _____

Remembering to thank a friend!

Faith would like to thank our former Pastor Rev. James Conley for generous donations over the past year. Many times these donations have been to honor Faith by purchasing flowers for Sunday Morning Worship. Rev. Conley served as pastor from October 1959 – August 1963.



*Maria Beimly,
Roy Schroeder,
Iris Anderson,
Bob Christian,
Debbie Moore,
George O'Bryan,
Beth Griffin,
Mary Swartzel,
Norma Lesher,
Betsy Morris*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  NATIONAL Day of Prayer May 6th						
2 10:30 A Worship	3 8:15A Exercise 6P Girls Scouts	4 8P Missions and Outreach	5 8:15 Exercise 9:30 A Worship & Nurture 10:30 A Blankets	6 7 P Admin	7 8:15A Exercise	8
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