

The Disciple

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



A note from Pastor

Julia

Then God said to Noah..., "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you..." (Genesis 9:8.)



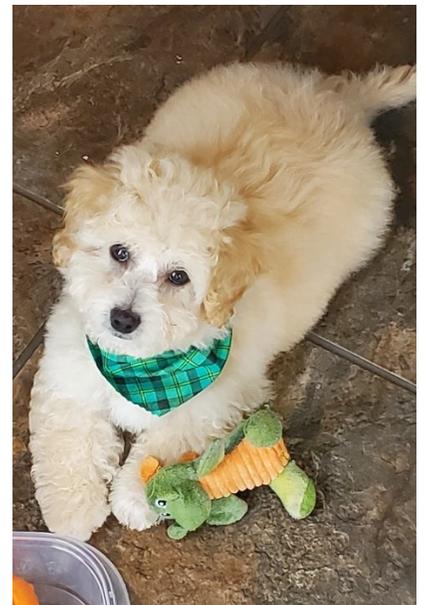
I'd like to introduce you to Lily. She is a cockapoo (cocker spaniel & miniature poodle mix.) She is 3 months old. Lily's favorite things to do are play outside, give kisses, chase after her ball and chew shoelaces. She also loves to snuggle.

Lily likes to come to church with me. She has her own crate in my office where she stays when it's time for a nap or mom has to get some work done. The first day she met Sarah in the office. Now every morning she is here, she runs into the office looking for her new friend. She has also made some friends in the preschool and has joined the children for chapel time.

I would like to train Lily to be a therapy dog and to go on visits to the hospital and nursing homes. I tried to do this with our last cockapoo Becket, but he wasn't quite able to pass the test. He preferred the quiet life and long walks in the park.

Many of you have already met Lily and if you haven't, she'd love to make a new friend. We are all pleased to be back together for in-person worship (with a Zoom option too.) As more and more people receive the vaccine, we will be able to do more and perhaps even have coffee after worship. That would be a treat!

Easter is April 4th this year with our Maundy Thursday worship at 5:30 on April 1. The days are getting longer and spring will be here soon! The birds have returned and resumed their morning chorus. Praise God for that and for all of God's creatures.



Wishing you God's blessings as we journey together through the season of Lent.

Pastor Julia



Administration Committee

Chairperson: Greg Hughes
Financial Secretary: Don Niece
Treasurer: Diane Grycz
Support: Paul Brown

Next Meeting: March 4th at 7 PM

Finances:	Jan	YTD
Income:	\$ 16,111	\$ 16,111
Expenses:	<u>\$ 13,778</u>	<u>\$ 13,778</u>
Difference:	\$ 2,333	\$ 2,333

- Thank you to everyone keeping your pledges up to date. We ended the month of January with \$2,333 greater than expenses.
- We have received \$1101 in donations for our Per Capita Connect Support payment to Presbytery which we pay quarterly.
- FISH offering collection in January was \$611.
- Building Insurance for 1st quarter was paid \$2196. This is an increase of \$486. Admin is discussing this with our agent to see if we can get a better rate.
- Tax filings for 2020 were completed and W-2s and 1099s were issued.
- Snow removal from the parking lot has been done 3 times this winter for \$450. We have a contract with Cardinal Lawn and Landscaping.



Session Notes

March 2021

Session met on Jan. 14, continuing to meet by Zoom for safety. Pastor Julia continues to show her care for us as she calls, texts, and sends cards, and makes hospital visits. She officiated a memorial service for Emily Christian, led preschool chapel, attended a UCC meeting, and attended “The Year of the Big Shift” educational program. Pastor Julia has also been counselling one of the Boy Scouts who is working to earn his God and Life Award. Session received a preschool report indicating that sign-ups are proceeding well for both Spring and Fall terms. Also discussed were options to avoid cancelling church services in the future. See separate article on this.



In the past inclement weather has forced cancellation of Sunday services to keep our congregation safe. However, given the electronic communications capabilities we now have, this doesn't need to happen. Instead, we will convert the service to a Zoom format, Pastor Julia presiding from the comfort of her wing-back chair.

If it is necessary to cancel, announcements will continue to be made on TV channels 2 and 7. If possible, these announcements will note that the service will be held via Zoom. At the same time, an email will also be sent to the congregation noting the change and providing the Zoom link.

Since we have this option, we would expect it will continue even after the COVID-19 pandemic ends as the Zoom links can be set up and sent out quickly. In the event service is cancelled, it will be recorded and posted on the church web site.



Our next meeting will be March 3rd at 9:30 at church.

Our worship services are live and being zoomed. The good news is the virus spread continues to decrease. We ask that everyone remember to sit 3 seats apart unless part of family unit.

Lent has begun and our Lenten Study is still going on at 5 pm on Wednesdays starting over Zoom.

The Presbyterian Women will start meeting on March 11 at 1 pm. They will do chapter 1 and decide how to proceed with further study.

We urge you to call the pastor or send information to the prayer chain if prayers are needed for you or friends. We even encourage you to call your friends and have a chat.

We keep each of you in our prayers during this challenging time. Hope is in the air with the vaccine being given to those who are in the high-risk category and now school teachers are getting the vaccine and schools are back in session. We hope everyone stays well.

We will begin asking for people to join us on Session and the Deacons. Please take some time to think about helping us in this important work of the church.

Cyndi Adams, Kyung-Hee Swihart, Chris TenBroeke and Jo Hall.

This year's Lenten study features daily reflections from the book *Calmly Plotting the Resurrection*, by Donna Schaper. Schaper provides a daily guide for our journey through the Lenten season, filled with personal illustrations, inspirational stories, and words for reflection. Perfect for individual study and for adult groups, *Calmly Plotting the Resurrection* is a helpful resource for anyone seeking a meaningful journey toward Easter.

Copies are available in the church office for \$16.00 or they can be ordered from Amazon. We will meet Wednesdays at 5pm, on Zoom: March 3--Are We There Yet? March 10--Are We Lost? March 17 --Parabolic Thinking: The Land Beyond Lost, Next To Doubt March 24 --What Is Enough Resurrection? March 31 --Rising April 7--Risen .





There was a nice variety of jobs to do at the Food Bank neighborhood distribution at the Life Enrichment Center on Wednesday, February 24. Pastor Julia was traffic director and other opportunities were vegetable baggers, dessert stockers and the job of loading groceries into cars as the cars drove by each station.



Faith volunteers were Diane Grycz, Chuck Doran, Pastor Julia, Sheryl Williams, Cyndi Adams, Sami Adams, Chris Adams, Ellen Mayhew and Mary Skare. It was a gorgeous day to be outside! *Thank you to all for your service!*



Life Enrichment Center
Because everyone has value.



One thing remains steadfast and true: We are the Church, together, no matter where we are, and the Church belongs with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace for life.

Because food is life ... gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are helping the people of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Thanks to gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing, the garden projects of Owe Aku (pronounced OH-WAY AH-KOO) are making a difference. This nonprofit organization puts people in charge of their own well-being and teaching Lakota history and culture. The Pine Ridge Reservation is located in the county with the lowest per capita income in the nation. The pandemic has dramatically amplified the desperate need for food security.

Because water is life ... gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are helping the families in a remote area of Bolivia face a more hopeful future by building infrastructure to address the communities' critical water shortage. Their goal is to install pipes to transport safe well water to those in need.

Because survivors are key to shaping lives focused on justice for all ... gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are helping Black Women's Blueprint. They're not just addressing issues of trauma but they're also providing things like food and housing assistance that people need in order to be whole.

The Special Offerings of the PC(USA), including One Great Hour of Sharing, offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25. Our gifts directly support people experiencing hunger, homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger. One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way that Presbyterians come together in mission and ministry with those whom we see are in need.

Because we are the Church, together ... we give to One Great Hour of Sharing because of where the Church belongs, of who the church is. Please give generously so that our Church will continue to become, as Isaiah said, "repairers of the breach." And as we always say: When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

***Into the Light: Finding Hope* March 11 @ 1 PM**

Through Prayers of Lament

by Lynn Miller

Presbyterian Women will be going through Lesson One : psalms of lament. We will be meeting in person if you have questions email faithchurch5555@gmail.com or speak with Jo Hall.

The ladies will always make room for one more.





Materials:

Green construction paper

Pencil

Craft sticks

Glue

Scissors

Instructions:

Take a pencil and draw a hand print on the green construction paper, use three or four pieces of green construction paper. Cut out the hand prints. Glue the hand prints onto the craft stick at different places to form the leaves of a palm branch.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!” shouted the people.

Matthew 21:9

Faith Preschool Happenings!



Learning about healthy food!



Valentine's Party Fun



Learning about keeping our teeth healthy!



What a great time we have had meeting Lily!



Chapel with Lily

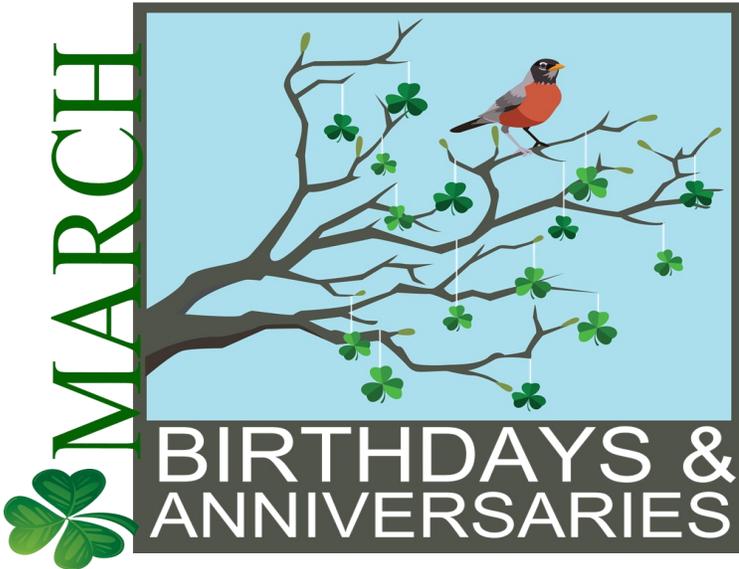
We want to give you all a HUGE thank you for all the donations and support for our school! What a blessing you all have been!

Take a look at a few of the things we have been doing!

Many blessings,

Kelley Britt





- 1 *Dave Henry*
- 2 *Jenny Davis*
- 3 ♥ ***Roy & Jan Schroeder*** ♥ ♥
- 5 *Lorrie Brown*
- 6 *Cyndi Adams*
Samantha Adams
- 8 *John TenBroeke*
Dave Farrar
- 14 *Erica Jenks*
- 16 *Jennifer Flaim*
- 18 *Seth & Chad Turner*
- 20 *Chris TenBroeke*
- 21 ♥ ***Dave & Pat Farrer*** ♥ ♥
- 24 *Linda Poole*
- 28 *Daniel Brown*

Bags of Goodies

We will be sending an Easter bag of Goodies to the Preschool since we won't be able to get together for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for donations of candy, small toys, or money to buy items. Please consider helping to provide items for these bags. I will need these items by March 21st so I can put the bags together and deliver them that week. Give donations to Samantha Adams. Thank you!



Chris Adams, Iris Anderson, Alice Dibo, Beth Griffin, Betsy Morris, Jan Schroeder, Deborah Moore, Mary Swartzel, George O'Bryan, Norma Lesher, Bob Christian, Maria Beimly, Dottie Standley, Teachers, School Bus Drivers, Doctors, Nurses, Frontline & necessary medical workers.



One of the important ministries Faith supports is YWCA Dayton shelter services. They operate two domestic violence shelters, one in Montgomery County and one in Preble County.

This program provides:



Over 50% of domestic violence victims are reluctant to leave their abusers because they'd also be abandoning their pets. The YMCA partners with local vets, and animal rescues to all are safe and care for.

In 2020 the YMCA Dayton assisted 672 client families. This is why we collect necessary hygiene and infant care items.

Items needed:

- diapers (any size)
- Deodorant
- Body/Hand lotion
- Combs/brushes/picks
- Ethnic hair care shampoo/conditioner
- first aid kits
- pillows
- toothpaste a
- mouthwash (alcohol-free)
- shower flip-flops
- soaps/body washes
- toilet paper/paper towels
- toothbrushes (adult and child size)

We will be collecting these items all year long. Speak with Diane Grycz for questions or more information. Donations may be left in donation bins in the coat room. Thank you for your continued support in a ministry that is saving lives!



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

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement return the following form with your donation to Samantha Adams. The arrangements cost is \$18 for one and \$36 for two. Please make checks are payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. Your Gift will be recognized in the bulletin unless you instruct otherwise. Also be sure to mark if you would like to pick up the arrangement.

All arrangements not collected will be delivered to those in need of their day brightened. For more information please contact Samantha Adams.

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

For the Memorial flowers fund

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

I will pick up the arrangement



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9 A Worship & Nurture 10:30 A Blankets 5P Lenten Study	4 6 P Missions & Outreach 7 P Admin	5  World Day of Prayer	6
7 10:30 A Worship	8	9 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor	10 10:30 A Blankets 5P Lenten Study	11 1 P Presbyterian Women 7 P Session	12	13
14 10:30 A Worship Remember! Time Changes this Sunday!	15	16 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor	17  ST Patrick's Day 10:30 A Blankets 5P Lenten Study	18	19	20  Spring is Here!
21 10:30 A Worship	22	23 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor	24 10:30 A Blankets 5P Lenten Study	25	26	27 Passover begins
28 Palm Sunday 10:30 A Worship Holy Week	29	30 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor	31 10:30 A Blankets 5P Lenten Study			
March 7	Worship Leader			Usher		
March 7	Cyndi Adams			Chris TenBroeke		
March 14	Ellen Mayhew			Bev Brown		
March 21	Jan Gifford			Chris Adams		
March 28	Samantha Adams			Mary Skare		