

# The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church's Monthly Newsletter

5555 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, Ohio 45424



*Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:3)*

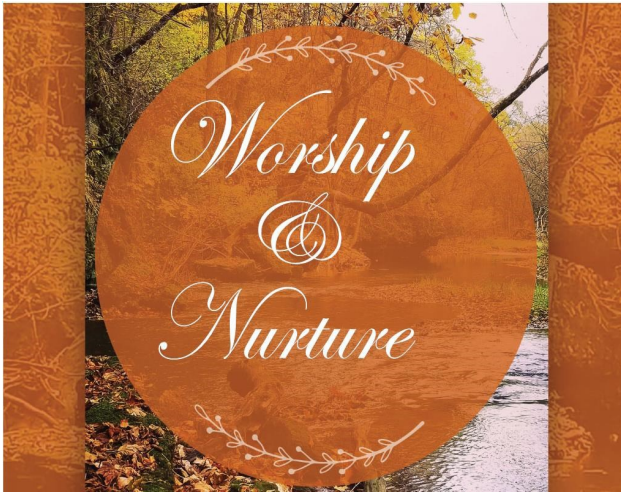
There's a lot going on in the church offices this month! Work on the ceiling, floors and walls is scheduled to begin February 20. There is still a leak over the main office desk, and so the tiles will be taken down and replaced after they figure out what is causing the leak. And there will be new carpeting. You know how many different opinions there always are about carpeting! A few of us got to argue about it recently. But it was all in good fun. Lastly, the offices will be painted. And it will look wonderful.

On a sadder note, Susan Ayres, who has been Church Secretary since Fall, 2022, is leaving February 15 to take a full-time administrative position at a construction company. Susan has been such a joy to work with. She is meticulous with details and adds her own special touch to the work she does. She quickly learned how to post the worship videos to Faith's website, and has done an amazing job with The Disciple and bulletins. She always has a smile on her face for anyone who walks in the door. She conquered the puzzlement of the Ring doorbell and added her special touch to the website. Susan will join us in worship on February 18 so that we can all say a proper good-bye. We wish you well Susan, even though we don't want to see you go.

Can you believe Lent is almost here? What work will you commit to God during Lent? I hope you can join us on Thursday mornings beginning February 15 at 10:30 for a discussion of the book, *When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough*, by Lillian Daniel. "Spiritual but not religious" is a phrase we hear a lot these days. People innately feel a need to connect with a greater power, but we are not doing it in church as much as we used to. We can learn so much from understanding the reason for this. The book is humorous, candid and light. I think we could all use a dose of those things about now!

Wishing you Lenten blessings,

Pastor Julia



**Our next meeting will be February 7th at 9:30 am at the church.**

Everyone is welcome to come and join us in our journey of connecting the Worship and Nurture of the congregation. Blessings to each of you.



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

## February Volunteers

*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.*

	WORSHIP	Learning Center/Nursery	USHER
4	Cyndi Adams	Sami/Cyndi	Chris Adams
11	Scouts BSA	Mary/Chris T	Scouts BSA
18	Harry Tompkins	Sami/Cyndi	Chris TenBroeke
25	Nat Davis	Sami/Chris T	Cyndi Adams

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

**Communion Servers:** Samantha Adams, Cyndi Adams, Diane Grycz, Mary Skare

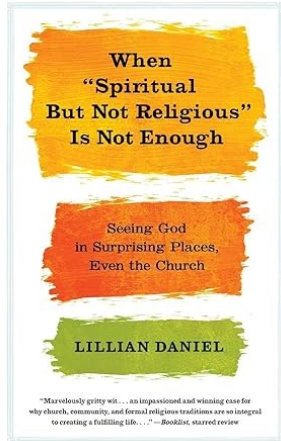
## Greeters

February 4	Jan & Vaughn Beams
February 11	Scouts BSA
February 18	Greg Jones & Pamela Matheson-Jones
February 25	Nat & Jennifer Davis

Our worship services continue to be both live and on Zoom. We can also be found at our website: [Faithchurch5555@gmail.com](mailto:Faithchurch5555@gmail.com) .



Lent starts early this year! Our Ash Wednesday service will be at **5:30PM on Wednesday, Feb 14**. I hope you can join us as we begin the season of Lent together.



Our **Lenten Study** begins on Thursday, Feb 15, 10:30 AM. Bring a bag lunch, and we will be reading *When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough*, by Lillian Daniel. She has a great sense of humor! "Humorous and sincere, this book is about people finding God in the most unexpected places: prisons, airports, yoga classes, committee meetings, and, strangest of all, right there in church." Books will be available for \$6. Please sign the list in the parlor if you'd like a copy.



Sunday school continues at **9:30 am every Sunday morning** with lessons from the "Wired Word", a program that explores current events and helps us apply our faith.



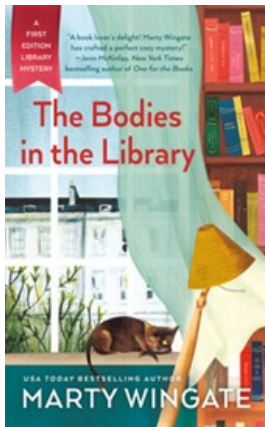
**Lunch Bunch**

*Let's have lunch together! **Lunch Bunch** meets Thursday, February 1st at Noon, at Rip Rap Road House, 6024 Rip Rap Road. Please join us for a good time and good food!*



**Soon, we will begin looking for people to join Session. Please take some time to prayerfully consider helping us in this important work of the church.**

# +Sweet Communion Book Group

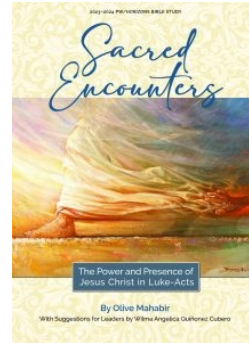


## Book Group News

We are taking a break from discussing books during February and will come roaring back in March with The Bodies in the Library by Marty Wingate, a mystery which takes us to Bath, England. All are welcome to

join us on **March 20 at 1:30 PM** in the sewing room at Faith Church for discussion, snacks, and communion.

# Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women's study meets February 27th at 11 am. Come join us as we study Sacred Encounters.



# Blankets By Faith

Every Wednesday at 10:30 am, ladies gather to tie, sew or crochet blankets. We also have some who come to just talk. We made 54 beautiful blankets that will go to the YWCA, St Vincent De-Paul homeless shelter and Project Linus. Each of these places serves the people that are in need of a warm blanket. If you would like to come and visit, we would welcome you with open arms and conversation and if you need help with a project you are working on, we even provide help to fix your project. We also can use contributions to help with material.



# Happy Valentine's Day

February 14<sup>th</sup>, a day to say I love you to your special loved ones.

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



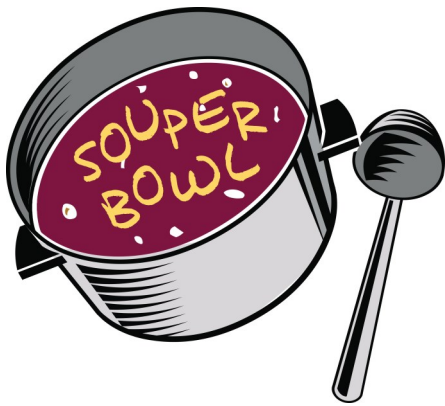
# Mission and Outreach

The next volunteer day at the **Dayton Food Bank** will be **Thursday, February 1st, 9:00 -11:00**. The task will be packing Senior boxes. Please join us for a time of service and fellowship. Contact Mary Skare for more information. Thank you for your continued support!



The Girl Scout Troop that meets here on Monday evenings recently hosted a speaker, Samuel Boateng. He is a math teacher from Ghana, and helped the Girl Scouts learn about his home country. He also shared that he is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana!

## Scouts BSA and Souper Bowl Sunday



The Super Bowl is on February 11th and it is also Scouts BSA Sunday at Faith. The Scouts will be leading us in worship and providing special music. I has been a tradition at Faith for many years to take up a collection in support of the hungry after church. Proceeds will go to FISH, our local food pantry. Following the church service there will be a soup luncheon in the parlor. If you would like to contribute an item for the luncheon such as soup, crackers, bread, etc. please sign up on the sheet in the parlor. We hope you will join us and Scouts BSA for the Souper Bowl, even if you're not a football fan!



Mission and Outreach is once again accepting **used clothing** through the end of February for St. Vincent de Paul. If you have good, clean used clothing please leave them in the small Sunday School room on the right side of the hall. Thank you!



**Crayons to Classrooms** has expressed a need for children's hats, gloves, and mittens now that winter is here. If you would like to donate some of those items, you will find a colorful bag in the coat room in which to leave them. Thank



We are accepting donations of toiletries for the battered women at the YWCA. The box to donate is located in the coat room.



### Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat

“Women at the Well: Dropping Our Labels to Live as God Intended”

April 12-14, 2024 at the Kirkmont Center, Zanesville, OH

[info@kirkmontcenter.org](mailto:info@kirkmontcenter.org)

# Session Notes

January 2024

Session met on January 11 via Zoom. Pastor Julia attended the Preschool Christmas programs and attended several UCC and PMV meetings. She continues home visits, bringing communion to those who cannot join us on Sunday mornings.

Session elected Cyndi Adams as commissioner to the February Presbytery meeting. Also approved was a pledge for full payment of Connectional Support and Per Capita. These are used to provide for the operations of the Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, and the General Assembly. Members are encouraged to add the amount shown on the Pledge Cards to help cover this obligation. Also, March 3 was approved as the date for the annual meeting for a financial update and for reports from the Committees regarding last year's activity.

Next Meeting: February 8th at 7 PM



## **ADMINISTRATION**

## **COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Keith Williams

Financial Secretary: Don Niece

Treasurer: Diane Grycz

Support: Paul Brown, Greg Hughes, and Harry Tompkins

Finances:	Dec	YTD
Income:	\$ 9,193	\$ 149,295
Expenses:	<u>\$ 15,371</u>	<u>\$ 143,147</u>
Difference:	\$ (6,178)	\$ 6,148

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### Notes from the Admin Committee:

- Thanks for turning in your pledge cards so that we can continue to budget for 2024.
- Reviewed Church Insurance Policy for 2024.
- Reviewed and approved 3 Facilities application requests.
- Work on outside of church is finished. Project beginning in February to fix office ceiling tile grid, replace carpet and some inside painting.
- Thank you to Mary and Duane Skare and Vaugh Beams for their work of cleaning up and trimming in the memorial garden
- Internal Financial audit for 2022 was performed by Jan Gifford and Doris Harmsworth without any findings
- New large TV and stand is up and running



## FAITH PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

What a great start to the new year we have had! The children came back and were ready to learn. In January we got to learn about snow and ice, arctic animals, patterns, money and so much more. We focused on our Bible Verse on Gentleness and our Bible hero was Hannah!

## TEACHER OF THE MONTH - WHITNEY DAMANI



Our teacher of the month for January was Mrs. Damani. We got to celebrate her birthday during the week where we brought lunch and gave her and the kids cupcakes to celebrate. Then for our Teacher Night Out she wanted to go to Old Scratch Pizza and play a game called Telestrations. It was so much fun celebrating Whitney and the joy she brings to the students and the teachers.

Blessings, Mrs. Britt





# FEBRUARY



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### February Birthdays

- 3 Terry Harmeyer
- 7 Kyung-Hee Swihart
- 13 Denise Standley  
Nat Davis
- 15 Barbara Ellis
- 18 Mark Jenks
- 29 Anita Melton

### February Anniversaries

- 14 Jim & Jean Gayley
- 25 Mark & Kyung-Hee Swihart



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, Betsy Morris,  
Roy Schroeder, and Marj  
Zepernick.



# February 2024

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