

The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church October Newsletter
5555 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, Ohio 45424



Enter [God's] gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to [God], bless his name (Psalm 100:4.)



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! This year marks the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving in 1621. When the Pilgrims (also called Separatists) sailed across the ocean on the Mayflower, it was to escape from a Church that had become very corrupt. Up until they set foot on a new continent, they hadn't been able to worship God as they chose. First they left England for Holland, and then from there, sailed across the ocean. During their first winter here, half of them died from disease, starvation, or injury. But still in the spring of 1621, when the crew of the Mayflower was ready to sail back to England, not one of the Pilgrims wanted to go with them. Instead they persevered and with the help of the Native Americans, planted crops, built shelters and slowly learned how to live in their new land.

It is true that parts of the traditional American Thanksgiving story are probably folklore. And it's true that the Native Americans suffered immensely from their encounters with the newcomers for hundreds of years and still do. Yet giving thanks is something all cultures have in common. It is good and important for us all to give thanks to God.

Here are two things we can do to acknowledge the Native American viewpoint. We can be specific in calling the people who first met the Pilgrims by their name. They were the Wampanoag peoples (a Native nation based in Massachusetts.) Secondly, we can read a land acknowledgment at our Thanksgiving tables this year. This is a statement used to recognize Indigenous peoples as the original stewards of the lands on which we live. Recently the Presbytery began reading a land acknowledgment at the beginning of each meeting. Here is a sample land acknowledgement for the Dayton area.

We recognize the deep and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous People and their traditional territories. We acknowledge that we are on the historic homeland of the Shawnee, the Chippewa, the Delaware, the Iroquois, and the Miami Tribes, among others. Let this acknowledgement serve as a reminder of our ongoing efforts to recognize, honor, reconcile and partner with the people whose land and waters we benefit from today.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Julia



Administration Committee

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

Finances:	Sep	YTD
Income:	\$ 6,828	\$109,896
Expenses:	<u>\$ 10,039</u>	<u>\$ 93,020</u>
Difference:	\$ (3,211)	\$ 16,876

Pledges were down again this month. Our expenses were more than income the past five months. The Payroll Protection Program Loan we received in March has helped carry us thru. Jan Gifford and Jan Schroeder have volunteered to do the annual church audit.

Megacity performed the annual fire inspection. Two of the batteries powered lights failed. The battery has been replaced in one and the whole fixture was replaced in the other.

Bulbs in the sanctuary have been replaced. Some shingles on the roof have also been replaced.

Korreck Plumbing was in and fixed a clogged drain on the roof.

Session Notes

October 2021

Session met on October 14 by Zoom. Pastor Julia attended both UCC and Presbytery meetings and made three visitations. She also participated in the Crop Walk and led preschool chapels. Faith was asked by Presbytery to again this year send two representatives to the Presbytery meetings. This request was respectfully declined. Arrangements are being made with the Presbyterian Historical Society to digitize our records for better preservation. An online giving platform has been implemented for Faith members and friends. The current Covid 19 protocol will continue, conditions will be monitored monthly.

Faith Presbyterian Church On-Line Giving

In October we *announced an electronic option for sending your pledges and gifts, for those who would like the convenience of making contributions on-line.*



Find the "On-Line Giving" highlighted at the top right corner of our website home page: www.faithchurchpcusa.org The link will take you to the dedicated Faith Presbyterian Church giving page. There you will find the different giving options.

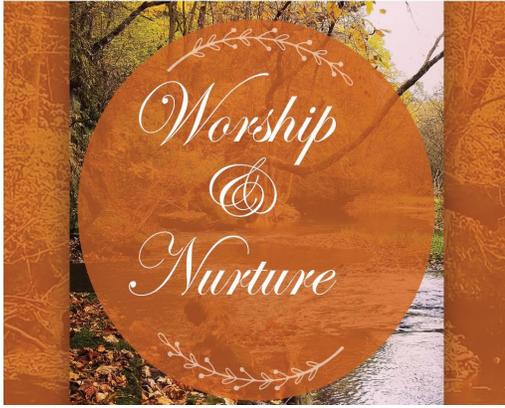
You can chose from the featured categories, e.g., General Fund, FISH, Missions to Haiti, etc., You can also make a one-time donation or set up an account for frequent giving to your specified mission or automatic recurring payments such as pledges.

Contributions can be debited from a checking or savings account, or processed using a credit or debit card.

Please note that there is a small transaction fee. It will be charged to Faith, or an option during checkout will allow you to add this amount to your donation. The full amount of your on-line payment (including the fee if you choose to pay it) will be included in your annual contribution report.

Most churches have found that the convenience of on-line giving yields an increase in donations that easily outweighs the fees charged to the church, but we will keep an eye on this for future budgeting.

Take a moment to explore this new feature by going to www.faithchurchpcusa.org . There is a lot of information right on our home page.



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

We would like to thank you for all the donations and help filling the trick or treat bags for the Pre-School. We filled 95 bags for the teachers to give out. The kids enjoyed receiving the treat bags.

I wish we could say that we are starting Sunday School with “The Present Word” as our lessons, but we are holding off until the Covid 19 numbers are down.

November 7th will be a Serv of Remembrance **for those whose loved ones have died this past year.**"

We will decorate for Advent on Wednesday Nov. 22nd with the Boy Scout troop doing the hard work. We will begin at 6:30 and finish with Pizza.

We are continuing to maintain your physical distance and wear masks. Outside is better for conversations. Thank you all so much!

May your Thanksgiving be a time of reflection and family this year. May you have a blessed month. Remember to laugh, love and share.

Cyndi Adams, Jo Hall, Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams, & Pat Harris



Sunday's Leaders for November

	Worship Leader	Greeter	Usher
7	Sheryl Williams	Pat Harris	Chris Adams
14	Vaughn Beams	Ellen Mayhew	Beverly Brown
21	Ellen Mayhew	Dottie Standley	Cyndi Adams
28	Paul Brown	Beverly Brown	Chris Tenbroeke



Cold Weather is coming; inclement weather conditions sometimes result in making it necessary to cancel church or related activities. We have discovered that calling everyone is ineffective during closures so we will now only notify Channel 2 and Channel 7. Please check these channels on either the internet or TV for this information.

HUNGER ACTION CONGREGATIONS

The Presbyterian Hunger Program celebrates Presbyterians working to alleviate hunger and end its causes.

The Hunger Action Covenant states:

“As disciples of a loving God who inspires us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God, we commit to faithful action to end hunger and address its root causes.”

We hope that our congregation will be ready to enter into the Hunger Action Covenant, with the Mission and Outreach Committee submitting our application by the annual deadline of September 15, 2022 and being recognized by the PCUSA on World Food Day on October 16.

Addressing Root Causes:

One of the areas to support ending hunger is addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable developments.

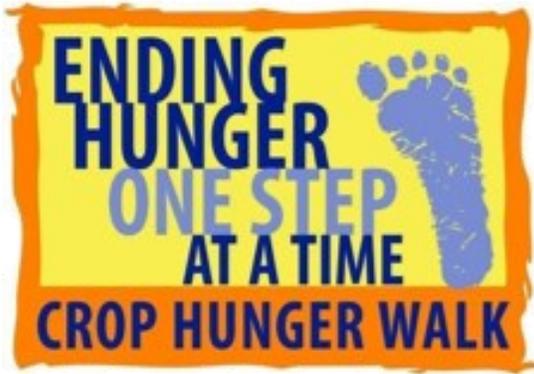
Presbyterian Church mission co-worker Cindy Corell serves in Haiti working with a local farmer organization. They have provided resources, including an agricultural technician to help families build new gardens. It is a project designed for sustainability. Farmers in the project are encouraged to share the knowledge with neighbors.

Cindy Corell asks for prayers for the people of Haiti.

To read Cindy's latest newsletter go to pcusa.org/missionconnections. Mission co-workers are listed alphabetically. You will find her under C and her newsletter will be there.

Mission and Outreach Committee believes this is a mission we should support financially and in prayer in our endeavor to become a Hunger Action Congregation.





Our
Faith
Walkers

ENJOYING
A
WONDERFULL
WALK



HELP US CIRCLE THE GLOBE WITH LINKS OF LOVE



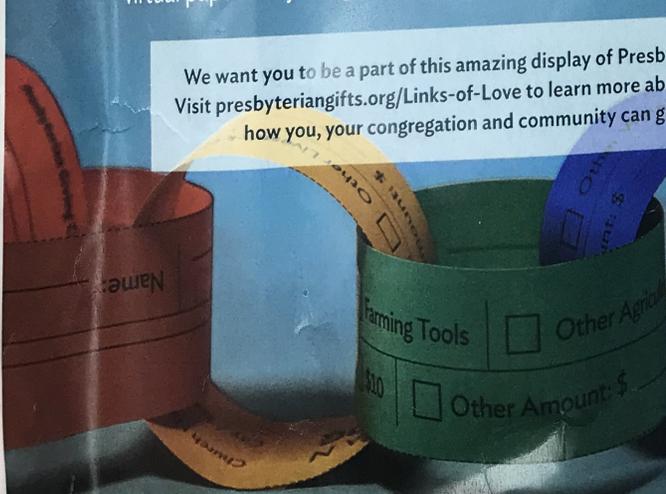
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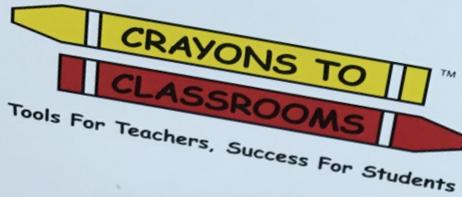
*Thank You for
Your support!
Melanie
Roney*

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog's activity, Links of Love, is helping the whole Church come together and see the power of our shared ministry. People across the country are connecting their generous actions together and reaching out to join with one another and people in need all over the world. Each decision to give results in a virtual paper link joining with others in an illustration of how we are connected.

We want you to be a part of this amazing display of Presbyterian generosity. Visit presbyteriangifts.org/Links-of-Love to learn more about this activity and how you, your congregation and community can get involved.

PRESBYTERIAN
GIVING CATALOG





September 16, 2021

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Thank you for supporting classrooms throughout the Greater Dayton community with your recent gift Crayons to Classrooms. Your support will restock inventory of basic supplies in the Teacher Resource Center. As you may know, eligible teachers are invited to shop at no charge once each semester. Your generosity makes it possible for students to go back to school with self-confidence and the supplies necessary to put their best foot forward!

Thank you.

*Daniella Atkinson
4th grade
St. Anthony* 

Dear Pastor Williamson and Congregation,

Without access to the most basic school supplies, students are unprepared to succeed at school. Your Stuff the Bus gift of **\$125.00** brings relief to students, families and teachers by offering free school supplies and educational material at Crayons to Classrooms.

In a recent survey from the Kids In Need Foundation, 93% of teachers reported that access to free school supplies creates a more equal learning environment. In this survey a local teacher shared,

"It makes my students feel equal to their peers when they have the supplies they need. They also take care of the supplies when they have ownership over the supplies given to them."

Our goal is to ensure no student goes to school without the basic supplies necessary to learn. We believe helping disadvantaged students to succeed is as simple as . . . one pencil, one eraser, and one notebook. You are making this possible and supporting teachers and students in our community.

With gratitude,



Amy Kopp
Development Manager

many thanks for supporting our mission!

Note for tax purposes: This letter will serve to acknowledge your gift for tax purposes. No goods or services have been provided in exchange for this gift.

Meals for Saint Vincent Drive



Girl Scout Troop 3022 has invited Faith Church to join them in preparing casseroles for St. Vincent DePaul shelter. This troop meets at our church and we think it is a worthy cause. If you would like to make a donation of an ingredient for the casseroles you may sign up to do so on the sheet on the office window. Ingredients should be brought to the kitchen by November 9 and the casseroles will be mixed together on November 10. They will be frozen and the Girl Scouts will deliver them on November 13. If you would like to help fix the casseroles we will meet to do that at 10:00 am on November 10. Thank you for your support.

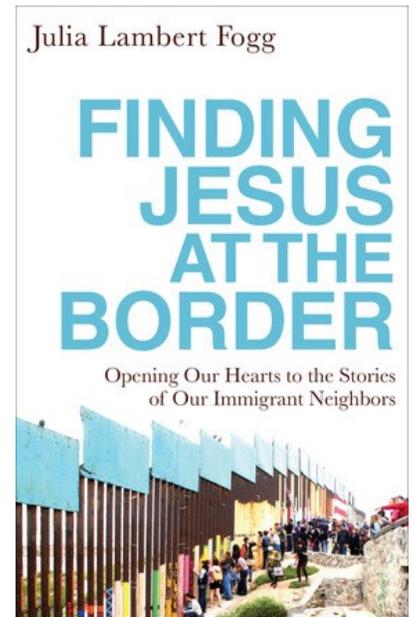


FISH deliveries for the month of October were 27 boxes of cereal and 12 bags of other groceries. Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

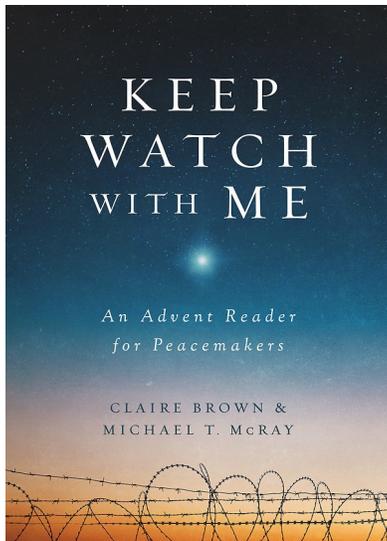
Sweet Communion Book Club

Our November book selection moves us to the heart of the immigration crisis. Interweaving biblical narratives of border crossing with stories of immigrants at the U.S. Mexican border, author Julia Lambert Fogg, professor of religion and pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, invites us to consider our responses to the plight of our neighbors at the U.S.- Mexican border from a foundation of faith and compassion.

Our next discussion will be Wednesday, November 17, from 5-6 PM by Zoom. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Julia (937) 233-0873 or Linda Niece (937) 760-4546.



Yes, Advent is almost here!



The first Sunday of Advent is November 28. Our Advent Study this year features the book, *Keep Watch With Me: An Advent Reader for Peacemakers*, a daily devotional featuring diverse contributors from many different countries and walks of life with stories, reflections, prayers and spiritual practices to sustain and challenge us. We will read one devotion a day and then meet on four Wednesdays (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22) for discussion. In person or on Zoom, TBD. If you would like a book (\$10) please sign the sheet on the table by the door.



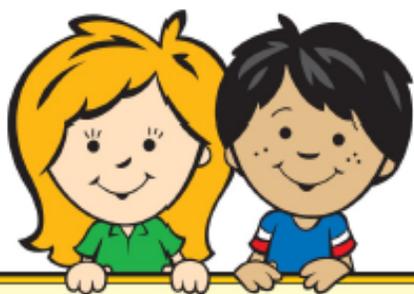
Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

How to help fight the Coronavirus:

1. Regularly wash your hands.
2. Faithfully fold them in prayer.
3. Repeat vigorously.





KIDS PAGE

Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.



What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

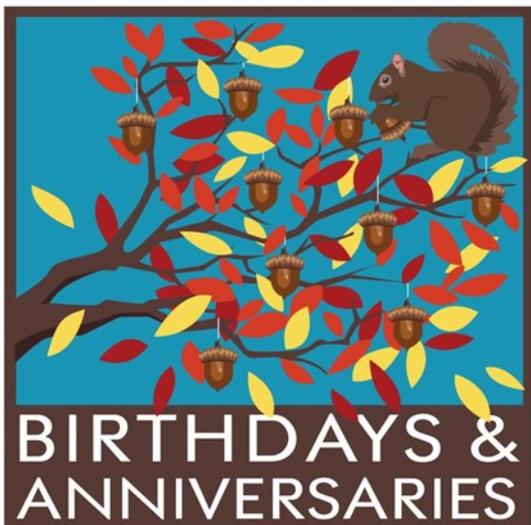
Faith Preschool News

The first part of our school year has been amazing! We are making new friends and learning along the way! At this time we have a total of 91 students! God is good! They have been busy soaking up the sunshine on the playground and in the church yard playing tag and many other fun activities. They are gaining social skills by learning to talk with their teachers and their classmates as well as having show and tell. They are learning about praying about their joys and concerns with Pastor Julia! Thank you to Faith Presbyterian for all your support to help make a difference in these

*Blessings,
Kelley Britt
Faith Preschool Director*



NOVEMBER



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.

- 7 Bob Christian
- 18 Barb Kilburn
- 21 Pat Harris
Kim Sharp
Jan Beams
- 22 Kyle Hughes
- 25 Guy Gifford
Douglas Standley
- 27 Neal Standley
Pat Farrar

- 13 Clayton and Doris Harmsworth

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 _____



*Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you.*

Norma Leshar, Betsy Morris, Roy Schroeder, Mary Swartzel, Bob Christian, Jan Beams.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> 	<p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No Preschool Election Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise 9:00 A Worship & Nurture</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 P Missions and Outreach 7 P Admin</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>All Saints Sunday 10:30 A Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise 7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise 10:30 Am Blankets</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 P Presbyterian Women 7 P Session</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:30 A Worship Stewardship Presentation following worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise 7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise 10:30 Am Blankets 5P Book Club</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday 10:30 A Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Preschool</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving No Preschool</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise No Preschool</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 A Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:15 A Exercise</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 P Popcorn with the Pastor</p>				