

PRESBY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PACKET

MARIETTA, OHIO

April 2024

Our Vision

“By the grace of Jesus Christ, we will strive to share the Good News with the world, to nurture each other in our faith and to go into the world sharing Christ’s love and mercy.”

April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

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Packet Articles are due Third Friday of every month.

Flight Aware Update

As the journey continues, we are in a holding pattern. We have currently exhausted the available candidates. Some candidates have withdrawn from consideration. Those remaining and self-referrals sent us their applications. From these, we can see and hear them deliver a couple of messages. We also do a little fact finding with this age of social media.

We do not take this responsibility lightly. Those candidates we have discussed, this committee unanimously felt were not a good fit for our congregation. We hope you find this encouraging that we are not looking to find a warm body to quickly fill this position. Instead, we hope to find someone that is compassionate for all our members and passionate for Christ and our mission inside and outside of these walls. We pray for someone confident in leadership but can lead by example, someone who can speak of the Gospel not only in the pulpit but also in their daily walk.

One may think we are asking for too much but remember whom we are asking. God has someone for us. We must prayerfully and patiently wait. We are thankful that Reverend Mike has expressed his willingness to lead until our next pastor can be called.

Nancy McCartney
Linda O'Brien
Jill Anderson
Cathy Piekarski
Jim Warner



I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ~ Jeremiah 29:10-11

Being a Blessing to Others

The generosity of those gone before us, and those who quietly step up to support a current need, puts us in an enviable position to maintain programs, develop community and youth initiatives, and sustain the mission of our church. So many churches today are not as fortunate.

The operating budget of First Presbyterian Church cannot afford all the building maintenance, youth activities and trips, music program and instrument maintenance, mission initiatives, worship materials, technology enhancements, our new meditation maze in the former

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From Reverend Mike's Desk

Easter Is Ended!

It is, you might think.

The last Easter anthem has been sung ...

The last sermon in the living presence of the Christ
has been spoken ...

The last girl in a pretty bonnet with an angelic face
has walked out the doors of the church...

And the ushers and the custodian have picked up the last
scraps of paper that cluttered the empty sanctuary ...

Easter is Ended!

Or so you might think ...

Until I see the father stand by a small boy in a hospital bed,
confident that God could be trusted with his dying son ...

Until I see a mother patiently give of herself to instill love
and character into the heart of a daughter...

Until I see one who has broken the grip of one of the most
vicious habits that can imprison a person ...

Until I see a child give up a cherished toy because a sick
friend has seen it and looked at it longingly ...

Until I see a teenager cheerfully take over the management
of a household while the mother went to care for a neighbor
in trouble ...

And for so long as we see in the lives of others the love and
understanding and sacrifice that God gave our world when
Jesus came ...

then we shall know in the highest sense ...

Easter Is Never Ended

(Adapted from the Alliance United Methodist Church, Carlisle, PA)

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playground, and Wednesday night gatherings. The generosity of others through Endowments provides for us what other churches can no longer afford.

As the Unrestricted Fund grows, more church needs, not covered by current Endowment Funds, are and will be supported. It is a significant investment in our future and welcomes those who wish to contribute.

If you are considering a gift to First Presbyterian Church's Endowments, please contact Chairman John Miller (740-376-9186) for a confidential discussion of your wishes. He will help you decide where your gift will have the greatest impact, whether it is a gift to an existing fund or the creation of a new fund that will support an unmet need.

Endowments and Special Funds Committee: John Miller, Committee Chairman, Matt Evans, Jennylou Brock, Jerry Brock, Susie Evans, Hank Goehring, Richard Murdock, and Gail Reynolds.

LOST AND FOUND

Pictured is a small sample of items found in the church over the last few years, months and even last week. Drop in and take a look some time!

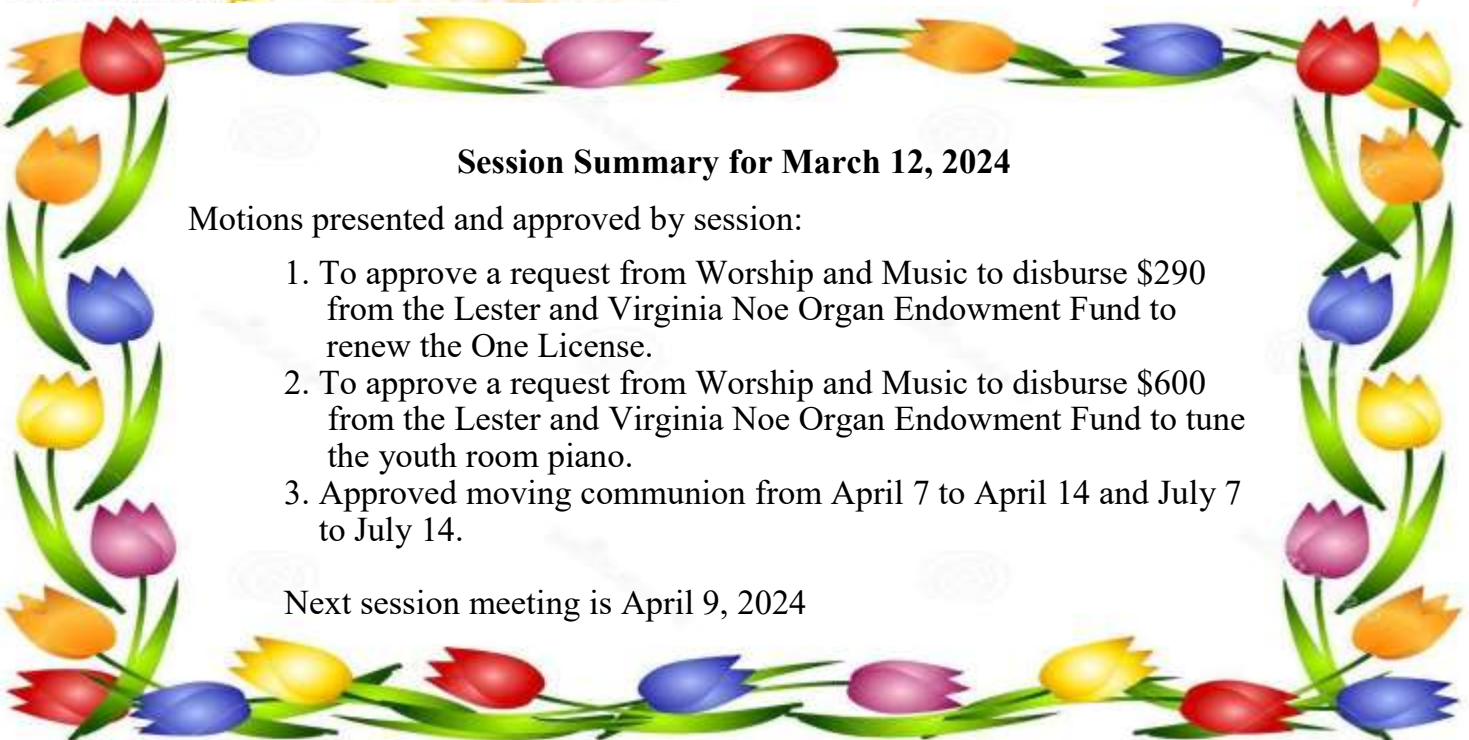




James Mitchell	April 3	Rick Peoples	April 8	Addison Schuck	April 16
John Scheve	April 5	Charlie Graham	April 13	Eli Graham	April 17
Matt Evans	April 6	Mary Jane Lawson	April 13	Elfrieda Ratzlaff	April 20
Richard Ratzlaff	April 6	Carrington Van Dyk	April 13	Florence Kim	April 27



A fresh **Sip 'n Chat** sign-up sheet is on the big bulletin board downstairs, with dates extending into July. Please sign up to host one Sunday; the snacks you provide do not have to be elaborate! And remember: you can also host a Sip 'n Chat 'n Care to benefit your favorite charity.



Session Summary for March 12, 2024

Motions presented and approved by session:

1. To approve a request from Worship and Music to disburse \$290 from the Lester and Virginia Noe Organ Endowment Fund to renew the One License.
2. To approve a request from Worship and Music to disburse \$600 from the Lester and Virginia Noe Organ Endowment Fund to tune the youth room piano.
3. Approved moving communion from April 7 to April 14 and July 7 to July 14.

Next session meeting is April 9, 2024

Fun at the Bunny Breakfast/ Egg Hunt!



Brunch and Anastasia Were a Great Combination!



Manna presentations on the second and fourth Wednesdays (and sometimes the 5th) have been informative and entertaining.

On January 10, Rev. Mike shared pictures and experiences from his and Carol's trip to Italy.



Susan Westover gave a very interesting presentation on the history of our church and the Dawes family on March 13.



Tickets Now Available

Friday, April 26th, 2024



GoPacks Top Chef Challenge

5:30-9 pm, Marietta Shrine Club



Local chefs will show off their skills as they create original dishes using items frequently sent home in GoPacks!

Dinner, Cash Bar, Culinary Themed Auctions,
Wine Drawing, Whiskey Pull, 50-50 Raffle



GoPacks4kids.org

For Tickets See

*Heather Warner or
Judy Peoples or
Pauline Lee or
purchase online*

**\$50 per person,
\$375 Table of 8**

SAVE THE DATE

Church Golf
Picnic

SUN, JUNE 2



Manna

6 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Program
Every Wednesday
through
the end of May



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Glory 11:15am - Sip & Chat 21	11am - Mon. Prayers 6pm - B & A 6pm - Deacon's Mtg 1	12pm - Endowments 6pm - Wor & Mu 2	8:30am - Harvest of Hope 5pm - Handbell Rehearsal 6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Bees 6:30pm - Youth Group 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts 3	7pm - AA 4	10am - Front Porch 3:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 5	Front Porch Ministry 9am - AA -Res Room 6
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Glory 11:15am - Sip & Chat 14	11am - Mon. Prayers 15	12:30pm - CE meeting 6pm - Session 6pm - Tea and Tomes 6pm - Eve Board Meeting 16	5pm - Handbell Rehearsal 5:30pm - Legal Services 6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts 17	7pm - AA 18	5:30pm - Stampin' Up 7pm - AA 19	9am - AA -Res Room 20
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Wednesday evening presentations in April

Bible study will be the **SECOND** Wednesday of April, instead of the first.

On the first Wednesday Manna, April 3, there will be a 6:30 p.m. presentation about everything to do with bees from **Bearsville Bees** out of Parkersburg, which should prove interesting.



On the fourth Wednesday Manna, April 24, **Gabriel Project** of West Virginia will be here to share their mission, their goals, and their achievements with us.

