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MARIETTA OHIO

## May 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.”



Our high school graduates will be honored during the service on Sunday, May 19th, with a reception in their honor in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Join us in congratulating them!

Queen of months,  
supremely fair,  
Cloth'd with garments  
rich and rare,  
None in beauty can  
compare  
With thee, sweet May.

- Peter Burn

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Packet Articles are due  
Third Friday of every month.



### **Kate Evans**

Kate is graduating from Marietta High School. She served on Student Council and is a 3 year varsity volleyball player. Kate’s hobbies include snow skiing and hiking.

Kate will attend Ohio University and plans to major in speech pathology.



### **Brandon Clift**

Brandon is graduating from Marietta High School. He participated in marching band, symphonic band and bass chorus at MHS. Brandon is a member of FPC’s youth group.

Brandon will attend Ohio University, where he plans to major in chemical engineering.

## From Reverend Mike's Desk

### Labyrinth at First Presbyterian to be Dedicated on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Have you noticed the black and grey bricks neatly arranged in a circular pattern where the playground used to be? That is a prayer labyrinth. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta is one of the few churches that have such a resource. We will dedicate the labyrinth on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> as a part of the "Sip 'n Chat" after the Service for the Lord's Day.

You may wonder: what is a labyrinth? A labyrinth has meandering paths, with a singular path leading to the center. Labyrinths are an ancient archetype dating back some 4,000 years, used symbolically, as a walking meditation, choreographed dance, or site of rituals and ceremony, among other things. Labyrinths are tools for personal, psychological, and spiritual transformation, also thought to enhance right-brain activity. Labyrinths evoke metaphor, sacred geometry, spiritual pilgrimage, religious practice, mindfulness, environmental art, and community building.

People walk a labyrinth for many reasons. Some do it to relax, some as a walking meditation, some just for fun. Research is ongoing to understand all the benefits of walking a labyrinth. Labyrinths are not a "new age" fad. They have been found all over the world dating from the earliest antiquity. Labyrinths were often a part of medieval cathedrals. It was believed that a Christian should at least once in their life make pilgrimage to the Holy Land. However, that is a very expensive and time-consuming project. So, labyrinths were built to simulate that pilgrimage so that more Christians could have the "spiritual" benefits of a pilgrimage.

As First Presbyterian Church grows into this wonderful Resource, more information about its history and how to use it will become available. Please join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> after worship to dedicate the First Presbyterian Church Prayer Labyrinth to the glory of God and for the use of the congregation and community of Marietta.





<b>Kelsie Graham</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>Pauline Lee</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>Linda Scheve</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Stacy Elliott</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>Kelly Campbell</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Barbara Wieferrich</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Erick Dowler</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>Cathy Piekarski</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Nancy Murdock</b>	<b>May 28</b>
<b>Susie Evans</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>Sharon Slater</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>Patrick Elliott</b>	<b>May 30</b>

### 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

**Lovely photos from Easter Sunday. Thank you, Pauline!**





## The Alun O. Jones Memorial Youth Activities Fund

A good example of how an established endowment fund can grow over the years and continue to keep on giving is The Alun O. Jones Memorial Youth Activities Fund. It was established in memory of the Reverend Alun O. Jones, minister of First Presbyterian Church from 1961 to 1969 (died September 21, 1969) with a gift of \$5,000. Upon her death Virginia Noe contributed \$10,000 to it. Today that \$15,000 has grown to \$85,000 in principal plus has income available for use of \$31,000. The income is available for special projects involving our youth in service to others where they have raised, by their own efforts, a portion of the necessary funding.

When you consider a gift to Endowments or if you want to establish your own legacy contact chairman John Miller for details, or any member of the Endowments and Special Funds committee including Jerry Brock, Jennylou Brock, Matt Evans, Susie Evans, Hank Goehring, Richard Murdock, Gail Reynolds or Erlan Wheeler.

## What is *Per Capita*

Per Capita is “the tie that binds” — annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.

- ✦ It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of word and sacrament/teaching elders.
- ✦ It is how Presbyterians come together to discern God’s call in their lives.
- ✦ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.
- ✦ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” (BOOK OF ORDER, G-4.0101)



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## Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial day is a day for honoring and remembering those who died in active military service

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



# SHOE DRIVE

May 1st thru June 30th

## To raise funds for the Marietta Emergency Shelter

Shoes collected become inventory and an economic lifeline for micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries who sell the shoes in their small businesses for a living wage.

We will earn money for every pound of shoes we collect. This money will then be donated to help launch the Marietta Emergency Shelter.

**MORE SHOES = MORE MONEY**

**Only gently worn, used and new shoes.**



**Not Accepted:** Single Shoes or mismatched pairs of shoes, Ice Skates, Rollerblades / Roller Skates, Wet / moldy shoes, Shoes with holes or tears

**Accepted:** New or gently used Sneakers, dress shoes, men's shoes, women's shoes, children's shoes, boots, sandals

**Shoe donations can be dropped off at**

First Presbyterian Church  
501 Fourth Street, Marietta, OH  
740-373-1800





## Golf Picnic

June 2, 2024

5:00 pm

Pioneer Golf  
(Next to Walmart)

Hot dogs, Beverages, and Table Service  
will be provided

Bring a pot luck dish to share

Golf before hand or play miniature golf afterwards

Bring a friend, or invite a neighbor to join you

### Fun, food and fellowship



**Our magnificent, masterful, and motivating Manna continues in the month of May**

**Every Wednesday in May begins with a meal at 6:00 pm**

**Program at 6:30 pm followed by choir practice at 7:00 pm**

- May 1** Rev. Mike will be ready to answer questions for him related to the Bible or theology in general
- May 8** Pat Peoples will speak about the Marietta Emergency Shelter (Money raised from the Shoe Drive will go towards this project)
- May 15** Learn about the Circles Campaign of the MOV
- May 22** Presentation from the Boys and Girls Club
- May 29** Musical presentation by David Nuss and Mike Seely



May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Glory 11:15am - Sip & Chat 28	11am - Mon. Prayers 29	5:30pm - Campus Martius 30	5pm - Handbell Rehearsal 6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts 1	7pm - AA 2	10am - Front Porch 3	Front Porch Ministry 9am - AA District 15 4
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Glory 11:15am - Sip & Chat 1:30pm - Meghan Hahn 5	11am - Mon. Prayers 6pm - B & A 6pm - Deacon's Mtg 6	12pm - Endowments 12pm - Eucharie Group 6pm - Wor & Mu 7	5pm - Handbell Rehearsal 6pm - Manna dinner 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts 8	5:30pm - Stampin' Up 7pm - AA 9	(No title) 10	9am - AA - Res Room 11
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Glory 11:15am - Sip & Chat 12	11am - Mon. Prayers 2pm - Kiwanis Club 13	11am - Kiwanis Club 12:30pm - CE meeting 14	5pm - Handbell Rehearsal 5:30pm - Legal Services 6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Circles 6:30pm - Youth Group 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts 15	7pm - AA 16	17	9am - AA - Res Room 18
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat - 19	11am - Mon. Prayers 20	12:30pm - Circles 4pm - Tea and Tomes 6pm - Eve Board Meeting 21	6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Boys & Girls 22	7pm - AA 23	24	9am - AA - Res Room 25
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 26	11am - Mon. Prayers 27	11:30am - Com.Meal 12:30pm - Circles 28	6pm - Manna dinner 6:30pm - Seely & Nuss 29	7pm - AA 30	31	Front Porch Ministry 9am - AA - Fall Hall 1

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*Mother's Day is May 12th*

*A mother's love is eternal, transcending time and space, a guiding light that illuminates our path even in the darkest of times - Unknown*

*Motherhood: All love begins and ends there - Robert Browning*

*In the end, mothers are always right. No one else tells the truth -  
Randy Susan Meyers*

*The phrase 'working mother' is redundant - Jane Sellman*

*A mom forgives us all our faults, not to mention one or two we don't even have - Robert Brault*

*Motherhood is the greatest thing and the hardest thing - Ricki Lake*

*A mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved. - Erich Fromm*