



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WOOSTER

TOWER TIDINGS APRIL 2023

Dear Friends,

April has dawned with showers, though many flowers have already made an earlier appearance this year. It is hopeful to observe the gradual greening of our surroundings here in Wooster. I trust that one of these weeks we can put away our warm things until autumn returns.

The beginning of April brings us the sacred time of Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will share a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in Bruch Hall before moving into the sanctuary for the worship service at 7:00 pm that will include communion. The Good Friday Tenebrae Service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, when we will hear the Passion story from the Gospel According to Matthew and extinguish candles. Easter Sunday will include Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. followed by our fellowship time leading to worship at 10:15.

I look forward to sharing these meaningful services with you, and I also invite you to join fellow community members on Good Friday afternoon down on the square at 1:30 p.m. for an Interfaith Prayer Vigil focusing on homelessness.

As the month continues, opportunities for times of fellowship come in the forms of the Over 80's Luncheon and Program and the return of the First Friends dining groups. Contact information can be found for both of these events in the articles highlighting them.

A great joy of this program year is the number of new families, singles, and couples who have been participating in the life of the congregation in many ways. In order to strengthen these new relationships and provide information and answers to questions, I will be leading three "New Connections" classes on April 30, May 7, and May 14 during the Sunday School hour in Classroom 1. Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

As spring continues to blossom and bloom, may you be well and enjoy these lengthening days!

Blessings and Peace,

David

Resource Development Ministry

Greetings from the RDM!

It's hard to believe that we have finished out the first quarter of 2023 already!

The RDM is preparing the final 2022 financial report for the FPC annual meeting later this month and we are looking forward to updating the congregation on some of the projects that the RDM is working on for 2023.

An important task that the RDM is in charge of is the oversight of our church family's endowment funds. These professionally managed investments comprise of approximately 50% stocks and 50% bonds. The main objective of these funds are to help offset the current short-term operational expenses, unexpected emergency expenses such as the new heating system last year, and to help provide for the growth of our future.

Please contact any of the members of the Resource Development Ministry listed below if you ever have any questions or would like to have a general discussion regarding the finances of our church.

Blessings and Peace,

Tom Rumbaugh, RDM Chair

Dana Brooks, treasurer; Laura Neill; Stuart Miller; Mark Gordon; Jeff Perkins; and David Rice, Pastor

NEW CONNECTIONS

If you are new to First Presbyterian or have been here for a while but want to know more, please plan to join David and other members of the church for three sessions of building connections, answering questions, and sharing your own experiences. We will meet downstairs in Classroom 1 at 9:00 a.m. on the Sundays of April 30, May 7, and May 14. Come when you can and let us enjoy getting to know one another!





Our time on Sunday mornings continues to be filled with joy, laughter, and learning! The next few weeks we plan to visit other religious traditions. More details to come.

Our next youth gathering is April 15th-16th at the NuHop Center.

Save the date for these upcoming events-
NEW DATE May 13th – One Day Away Fundraiser 9:00am-2:00pm



Our next Eventide gathering will be Sunday April 16th at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Eventide is a simple contemplative time of song and prayer. Please plan to join us.



All children are invited to our annual egg hunt on Easter morning during Sunday school at 9:00am. The Youth will hide them and help the younger ones find them!



You're Invited!

After a three-year absence due to the pandemic, the Over 80's Luncheon is back this spring! The luncheon honors those in our church 80 years and older and will be held Tuesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Bruch Hall. A delicious meal will be served and a musical program featuring pianist Pam Yarnell and flutist Nancy Ditmer will be presented. Pam and Nancy are both retired faculty from the College of Wooster Department of Music. Please RSVP to the church office by April 17 and let us know if you need a ride. Invitations have been mailed but if you inadvertently did not receive one, please know you are most welcome. Please reach out to Pat Bare (330-465-3301 or pwbare@gmail.com) or Carol Gates (330-264-3413 or cmgates23@gmail.com) with any questions.

First Friends 2.0 – Spring 2023



Greetings from Faith and Nurture – time to re-start First Friends 2.0! For those of you not familiar, this is a dinner group of 6 – 8 persons, meeting roughly once a month, for the next 3 months (or as long as a group wishes to meet!).

No 'rules' here! Dinners can be anywhere the group chooses – each others' homes or restaurants. Also, in the past, some groups have chosen to invite others not currently active in our church community. Finally, some with busy schedules have signed up as substitutes, able to attend occasionally.

Keeping the same group together for a few months, allows us to get to know each other better.

There is a sign up sheet hanging in the Gathering area, or you can call either 330-641-6688 or email Dave at earleyd54@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Emily Hasecke



Our Choral Scholars

As the academic year draws to a close, we extend our sincere thanks to this year's Choral Scholars. We have been fortunate to have had seven College of Wooster students singing with us for all or part of the 2022-2023 academic year. In addition, we send our two graduating seniors off with our congratulations: Emily is receiving a dual degree in Political Science and Psychology, and Ben is receiving a dual degree in Art History and Philosophy with a Music minor. We wish them both the best in all their future endeavors.

Ben Read



Hudson Davis



Ethan Yoder



The Choral Scholar Program is made possible by the John Streeeter Memorial Music Fund.

- Eric Gastier

Paul Zito



Anya Smith



Jaden Levine





The congregation extends its sympathy to the family of Beth Irwin Lewis who passed away on March 3, 2023 in Oberlin, Ohio. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of Wooster with a Bachelor's Degree in History and later became an Art History Professor and Administrator here. She married her late husband Arn Lewis and together had 3 children, daughter Martha and twin boys David and Paul. She became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in the early 2000's where she not only sang in the choir but wrote a report calling for gender equality throughout the presbytery while she was a member of Session. Being born to a missionary family while living in Iran, Beth had a global perspective and appreciation of the World. She was independent, very active in gender equality and women's rights, loved the earth with her organic ideas and was a devoted mother and wife. She is survived by her sister, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. A memorial celebration of Beth's life is being planned for this summer. We are so blessed to have had the life of Beth among us.



The congregation extends its sympathy to the family of long-time member Carolyn Kearney who died on March 3, 2023. Carolyn was born in Pottstown, PA, graduated from Wilson College, and earned a Master's degree in Social Work from Western Reserve University. She married Walter Kearney in 1966 and together they celebrated 56 years of marriage. Carolyn loved books, had a special interest in children's literature, and enjoyed working as a librarian at Kean Elementary for fifteen years. Over her 50 years of membership at FPC, she served as elder, deacon, nursery coordinator, and member of the discipleship and fellowship committees, played in the bell choir, and regularly helped with church receptions. She was also actively involved in the community, volunteering with Power of the Pen, Pierre the Pelican, and Picture Ladies and serving on the board of People to People Ministries and the Mental Health Recovery Board of Wayne and Holmes Counties. Carolyn is survived by her husband Walt, her children Ian (Jennifer), Kathleen, and Patrick (fiancé Julia Williams), and seven grandchildren. Services were held at FPC on March 11 .

Wooster Area Interfaith Partnership

Good Friday Interfaith Vigil

prayers and plans of action
for those who are
experiencing homelessness
in Wayne county

April 7th 1:30pm @
Market Square



#3208

WCA WAYNE CENTER
FOR THE ARTS
ESTABLISHED 1973



Call for Artists

Entry Deadline: April 1st–May 1st

Afrocentric Visions Exhibit June 1st–June 30th

In honor of Juneteenth, WCA is hosting a month long celebration with an art exhibit & events centered around the African American experience & culture.

Wayne Center for Arts
237 S. Walnut St.
Wooster, OH
(330) 264-2787



LITURGIST SIGN-UP - YEAR 2023 IN THE SANCTUARY

If you or a member of your family (all ages are welcome)
would like to sign-up to be a liturgist during the 2023 year,

please sign-up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/liturgistsfpc>

Contact information will be in the link.

Also, you can go to the FPC website and go to the tab Worship Services and Resources
and drop down to the FPC Forms link that you would like to use.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE SIGN-UP YEAR 2023 IN THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to sign-up for Prayers of the People during the 2023 year,
please sign-up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/prayersofthepeople>

Contact information will be in the link.

Also, you can go to the FPC website and go to the tab Worship Services and Resources
and drop down to the FPC Forms link that you would like to use.

Thank you for Volunteering!



**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
YEAR 2023**

If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory
of a loved one in the Sanctuary
on Sunday mornings during the year 2023,
please sign-up at the following link:

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/sanctuaryflowers>

USHERS NEEDED– YEAR 2023

We need 2 volunteers for ushers for Sunday worship!
Please consider volunteering and sign up at the link below :)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2ushers>

Thank you for Volunteering!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Aiden Hiner
April 2	Bev Mapel, Everett Kelly, Edith Swank
April 4	Robert Wellington, Pam Giffin, Vallie Tew
April 8	Dreyco Earley
April 9	Jean Philippi
April 13	Mina Van Cleef, Keyonna Swank
April 14	Arline Gordon
April 15	Lydia Dunlap, Roberta Ross
April 18	Harry McClarran
April 19	Shirley Beckler
April 20	Gary Miller
April 21	Henry Perkins, Laura Bigley
April 22	Mae Kelly
April 24	Gordon Collins, Dena Morgan
April 25	Stacy Hancock, John Scott
April 27	Addison Hiner, Madelyn Iannantuono
April 29	Richard Wereley, Cindy Webster
April 30	Judy Mallonn

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Deadlines

FPC News Flash
Tower Tidings
Bulletin
Session
Session Packets

Submission Deadline

Wednesday by noon
15th of each month
Wednesday
2nd Monday of the month
2nd Monday of the month

Approximate Delivery

End of Week
End of Month
Weekly
4th Wed. of each month
3rd Sunday of the month