



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF WOOSTER

## TOWER TIDINGS MAY 2025

Dear Friends,

It seems that April showers are giving way to May showers, but the resulting greening of northeast Ohio is certainly a treasure to behold! We are coming to the end of this program year with a flurry of activities and opportunities for service and participation.

Worship highlights include celebrating our graduating seniors during the service on May 4; our Spring Celebration worship on May 11, led by our wonderful children and youth, during which we will welcome our Confirmation Class and honor our gifted Sunday School teachers, and after which participate in a “Plant Exchange” sponsored by the Earth Care Team; then on May 18, our college colleague Rev. Dr. Chan Sok Park will be preaching; and we return to our summer worship schedule on May 25, with the single morning service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Also, it’s not too early to put June 8 on your calendar as the date when we will worship outdoors at Oak Hill Park.

Looking ahead, the onset of summer brings a Bible study opportunity beginning on the second of June; our youth will have their “Party at Paula’s” and engage in a service-learning project; the Family Hike returns; the “Over 80’s” will be honored with lunch and a program; and the Earth Care Team reminds us of the Hazard Waste Collection Event that will be coming.

All of these activities do not begin to be exhaustive, because there are always opportunities to volunteer as ushers, liturgists, flower providers, offering Prayers of the People, and in community organizations. And so, with the lingering memories of this past program year and our celebratory Annual Congregational Meeting at the end of April, may we have an enriching and engaging summer.

Blessings and Peace,

David

## Session Highlights

2025	2026	2027	Staff
Paula Abrecht	Wes Davis	Tammy Brooks	Rev. David Rice
Dave Earley	April Gamble	Mark Gordon	Amy Baxstrom, CE
Bobbi Jentes-Mason	Laura Neill	Steve LoGuidice	
Mimi Lewellen	Kris Evans	Jeff Perkins	
		Lisa Rumbaugh, Clerk	

This highlight for Tower Tidings is written to update the congregation on the work of the Session of First Presbyterian Church. This summary will include information from the Annual Congregational Meeting that was held on April 27, 2025 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service and an enjoyable potluck lunch.

Rev. Rice opened the meeting with prayer and then informed those in attendance that Jean Knorr and Dave and Sonja Tugend's relocations to Dayton and Grove City, respectively. We will miss these active, joyful church members and are so grateful for the talents they shared with us during their long membership terms here.

Mimi Lewellen, chair of Nominating Team, offered the slate of officers for Elders and Deacons that were elected unanimously. Elders elected include: Paula Abrecht (2nd three-year term), Mark Gooch, Jack Rogers, Becky Webb and youth elders (one-year terms): Calin Baxstrom, Elli Gordon and Aiden Hiner. Deacons elected include: Carol Gates, Sue Herman, Mimi Lewellen, Diana Rice and Lois Bruch (one-year term to fill vacancy Class of 2025).

Laura Neill from Personnel and David Rice formally acknowledged Amy Baxstrom's completion of the educational coursework and exam process for certification as a Christian Educator. Muskingum Valley Presbytery has also received notice of this accomplishment. The Rices were excused from Bruch Hall and Laura Neill, representing Personnel, presented the Pastor's Terms of Call, which were approved by those present at the meeting.

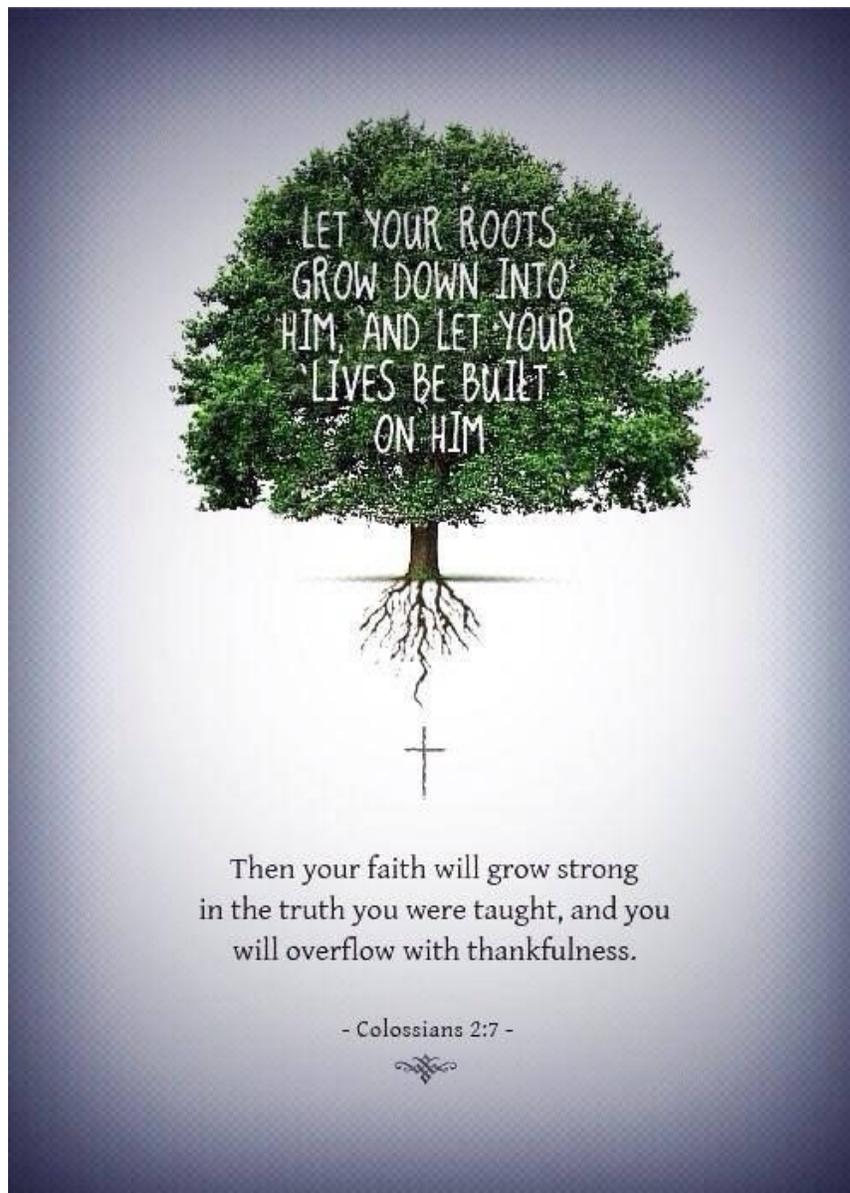
Steve LoGuidice of the Resource Development Ministry Team (RDM) gave the financial report from 2024. Steve explained that a budget shortfall of approximately \$150,000 was realized and those funds were taken from the investment/endowment account to balance the budget. This use of investment/endowment funds has been needed for five of the last six years. Steve explained the revenue and growth challenge ahead of FPC. Congregational giving has declined 25% since 2019 due to the decline in membership from 133 giving units in 2019 to 101 in 2024 (decline of 22%). Session (under advisement of RDM) will review expenses carefully and identify areas where costs can be cut without reducing ministries and programming. Steve asked members to consider giving extra to the church whenever personal finances allow. Session will work to develop a strategic plan to grow our membership so we can do more for our community and our world. Church growth is the path forward that is needed.

## *Session Highlights*

Staff reports from Rachel King and Amy Baxstrom and updates from each of the coordinating teams were heard. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. These congregational meetings are important opportunities for us all to be together and learn about the ministries, programs and continuing needs of the church.

Members of Session will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please reach out to any of the Elders listed above with any questions or concerns. Positive feedback is also welcomed as this team is working diligently to listen, discern and communicate successfully. Minutes from each Session meeting are located in a notebook in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions or concerns to be shared with the Clerk of Session, please use this email address:

[sessionclerk@firstpreswooster.org](mailto:sessionclerk@firstpreswooster.org)





Last week on behalf of the Resource Development Ministry (RDM) I was honored to give a financial update to the congregation at our Annual Meeting. I want to share the same update here so that those who could not attend the meeting have a full awareness of our financial condition.

For those unaware, RDM is the budget committee of the church. Our charge is to pay close attention to revenues and expenses, lead the annual stewardship campaign, and to ensure that the financial foundation of the church is strong – the strength of our financial condition enables everything we do here at FPC. I want to give you a sobering update on the 2025 budget and get you excited for the important and energizing work we have ahead of us to strengthen that financial foundation so that we can do more for each other, our community, and the world.

If you had a chance to read the RDM's report on the final 2024 results in the annual report, you know that our budget performance was weak. With income of around \$500,000 and expenses of \$650,000 we had a shortfall of about \$150,000 in 2024. This hole was plugged by using money from our endowment, and the use of endowed funds at that level is not sustainable. Our performance in 2024 was not a one-off – our expenses have been outpacing our revenues for a number of years, and we have responsibly used income from the endowment to cover this deficit. But that gap is widening, and without action will become unsustainable.

The reason for this is straightforward – we have a revenue and growth challenge.

While church spending has fluctuated over the years, this fluctuation is mostly due to changes in spending on our facilities – some years require more renovations and repairs than others. But some context – in 2019 our church expenses were \$653,000. In 2024, our church expenses - \$652,000. This represents good, responsible expense control.

However, on the revenue side, over the same period – in 2019, congregational giving was \$547,000. However, last year it was \$405,000 – a 25% decline. This is not caused by those who pledge giving less – the amount given per giving unit has stayed relatively constant. The primary challenge is the decline in membership and therefore the decline in number of people/families pledging. In 2019, we had 133 giving units – in 2024 we had 101, a decline of 22%. And 2025 is even worse – we only had 90 pledge cards returned, 11% fewer than last year.

This is not a challenge unique to First Church – this is something Presbyterian and other mainline churches have been dealing with for some time. This fact does not diminish our challenge, but it puts the challenge in context.

In response, in the short term – meaning the 2025 budget - we're taking a thoughtful and proactive approach. First, Session will carefully review our expenses to identify areas where we can reduce costs without cutting the programs and ministries that are vital to our church's mission. These ministries are the heart of who we are, and we will do our best to protect them.

Second – and we know this is a big ask. We are in a very difficult economic environment with regards to investment returns and retirement income, with uncertainty around growth of inflation and unemployment. So we're not going to ask you to add a certain percent to your pledge. But what we will ask is this – as you look at your personal finances each week or each month, and you feel comfortable giving a little extra to the church, please consider doing this. Every dollar is important and every dollar you can spare is appreciated.

Third, we will be using a portion of our decreasing endowment to help bridge the gap in the short term. This is not a long-term solution, but it can help us maintain stability as we work toward a more sustainable future.

Now – the fun really starts as we think about what we get to do – what we need to do - in order to finally solve this financial challenge. And that is – welcome more people into the church. That is the fundamental solution to our biggest challenge. Having more people allows us to do more for our community and the world. And having more people allows us to solidify the financial foundation of the church, which also allows us to do more for more people. Church growth is a virtuous cycle, and this is the path forward we need to take together.

Over the coming months, this spring and summer, Session will be developing a detailed strategy and game plan to do this, to be shared with the congregation at the beginning of our program year in August. But one thing we know – this effort will require enthusiasm and cheerful hard work from members, friends, and staff, the extension of creative worship, and the addition of exciting programs. We have a great opportunity to take the work and impact of our church to the next level – to solidify the financial future of the church and allow us to do more for more people.

First Presbyterian Church has been serving Wooster for over 200 years, but I believe our best days are ahead of us – if we can meet this challenge. And I think we can.

Steve LoGiudice, on behalf of the RDM

Tom Rumbaugh, chair; Dana Brooks, church treasurer; Stu Miller, Laura Neill, Mark Gordon, Steve LoGiudice, Jeff Perkins, and David Rice, Pastor;





**Mixed Company will meet Wednesday, May 14th at The Tilted Farmer in Seville at 4:30 PM. Meet at the church at 4:00 PM to car pool. Call Kathy Turning (330-347-6620) by May 13th, if you plan to attend and let her know if you need a ride.**



At the end of January, The Creative Academy moved out of the lower level of our church building. This area will be cleaned, refreshed and made ready for use in new ways that are yet to be determined.

Many of us have limited awareness of this space within our church building that has been a mission and an asset to our church for many years.

Please feel welcome to walk through this area following the 10:30 service on May 4, 2025. You can see each of the learning spaces as well as the large group area (previously used as our Fellowship Hall). Elevator access is available.

You will see toys and furnishings that have some love left to give. If you are interested in taking any of these items, please feel free to do so. A donation will be gratefully accepted. It is important that this area be cleared as soon as possible, so you may take items with you that day or plan to pick them up during the next week.

Many of our children were loved and cared for in these areas of learning, friendship and fun. It is time to re-imagine this space to meet the needs of those in our community, as well as supporting our church budget.

# One Sunday a Month

Have you got one Sunday a month to be an usher?

We use four teams of four people:

First Sunday, Second Sunday, Third Sunday, and Fourth Sunday of the month.

Any Fifth Sunday is rotated between teams.

We have some dedicated ushers and subs,  
but currently some ushers are serving on two teams.

We would like to have four teams with no doubling up.

Duties are light---passing the offering plates, greeting people  
as they enter the pews, helping with seating when needed.

If you have one Sunday a month and would like to volunteer  
for an easy, but extremely helpful, church activity,  
please let Susie Slack or Nancy Young know.

**Susie: ([sslack5647@gmail.com](mailto:sslack5647@gmail.com), 330-465-2291)**

**Nancy: ([nayounghome@gmail.com](mailto:nayounghome@gmail.com), 330-347-5129)**



# Worship Updates

As we get ready to start our Summer Worship Schedule on May 25, there are many things to look forward to each Sunday this month!

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - Last Sunday with ARISE  
Recognizing Graduating Seniors during  
10:30 Worship**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Spring Celebration during 10:30 Worship  
Service led by FPC Children & Youth,  
Teacher Recognition, and Confirmation**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Sunday with Sunday School**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> - Summer Schedule Begins:  
Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00**

**Save the Date: Our annual  
Outdoor Worship Service will  
be on June 8 at Oak Hill Park!**





**Megan Armour** will be graduating from Wooster High School this year. She has appreciated the community that First Presbyterian Church has given her. Megan has grown close to almost everyone here and looks forward to coming every Sunday to see her favorite people. Next year, Megan plans on attending Denison University, majoring in Data Analytics.



**Emma LoGiudice** is graduating on May 18th, 2025, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ohio Northern University. In August, she will move to Orlando, FL to begin a six-month internship with the Disney Corporation (working in Disney World). Upon completion of her internship, she plans to return to Ohio to seek a full-time position in pediatric nursing. She is grateful for the continued support that First Presbyterian offered throughout her college experience (including supporting her work in the Dominican Republic with Ohio Northern Nursing without Borders).



**Sophie Gamble** is graduating from Hamilton College this year. Sophie is an anthropology major with a minor in French Government. She will be attending The University of Pennsylvania next year for a graduate program in educational policy.



**Ignacia Mendez** is an economics major, political science and Mathematics minor at the College of Wooster graduating in May 2025. After Wooster she will be starting a Quantitative Economics Master at Boston University. She is super excited for what comes next!



**Jessie Berth** will graduate from the College of Wooster this May with major in Psychology and a Studio Art minor. Next year, she will be starting a Master Program in Sport, Exercise, and Performance psychology at Minnesota State University, Mankato. During her first year she will apply to a second master's program for Mental Health Counseling, so ideally, she will complete two Master's in 3 years.



**Dorothea Prech** will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology at the College of Wooster. She is from Cleveland Heights, Ohio and will return to Cleveland this fall to pursue a master's in social work at Case Western Reserve University. Although she currently attends Wooster Mennonite church, First Presbyterian was a great place of spiritual growth for Dorothea. She had the honor of being baptized here by Rev. David Rice. She found it very special to attend this church over her college experience and prays that students continue attending as it's such a welcoming and nurturing church.



GABBY HOO | '26  
KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology  
Music  
Double Major



SARAH MOLDOVER | '26  
STERLING, VA

Music Therapy  
Major

## 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 five College of Wooster students singing with us for the 2024-2025 academic year. In addition, we send our three graduating seniors - Hannah, Paul, and Ethan off with our congratulations. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.*

*- Eric Gastier*



HANNAH WELLS | '25  
DOVER, OH

Music Education  
Major



PAUL ZITO | '25



ETHAN YODER | '25  
GRANGER, IN

Music Composition  
Major



## **WORSHIP AT OAK HILL PARK**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 10:00AM**

This year our outdoor summer worship service will be held at Oak Hill Park on Sunday, June 8, at 10:00am. **Note:** *If the morning turns out to be rainy, worship will be held in Bruch Hall at 10:00am.*

The park is located on the west side of Oak Hill Rd. at the roundabout.

There is ample pavilion space with picnic table-and-benches seating, but feel free to bring your own chairs. There is also ample car parking space within short, flat, walking distance of the pavilion.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come together for worship at this small gem of a park with inspirational views across the hills and valleys of God's creation.





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**VIP (VERY IMPORTANT PRESBYTERIANS) LUNCHEON**

**Honoring Our Church Friends Over 80**

A VIP (Very Important Presbyterians) Luncheon honoring those in our church family 80 years and older will be held Thursday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Bruch Hall. A delicious meal and a musical program featuring David and Karolyn Rice are planned. Invitations will be in the mail soon.





Check out the calendar below for events.

If you have a special activity you would like to do, please let me know!

### **Upcoming events**

These dates are subject to change based on weather, so watch your email/text for updates.

#### **May 4**

Senior Recognition at 10:30 Worship- YAY MEGAN!!!

#### **May 11**

Spring Celebration- ALL YOUTH participate

#### **May 18**

Last Sunday School - Recap

#### **June 1**

Party at Paula's 4:00-6:00

#### **June 8**

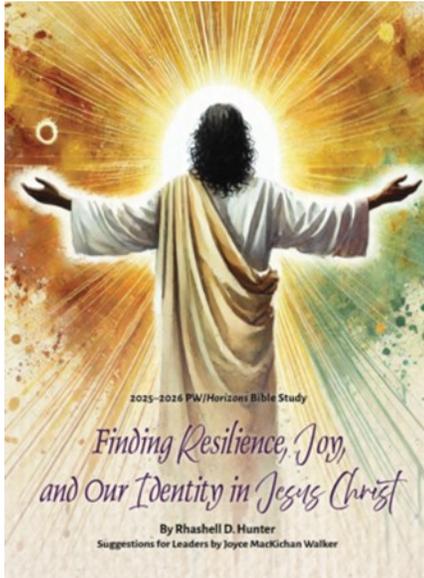
Outdoor Service @ Oakhill Park 10:30am

#### **June 9-11**

Youth Service Learning Days 10:00-12:00

#### **June 18**

Family Hike - Wooster Memorial Park 6:30pm



Starting June 2 at 10:00am we will gather in the Parlor and meet over the summer for some coffee and conversation. In the last several years we have experienced much stress and change. Our political climate, environmental stressors, and family dynamics have created chaos that swirls around us. This summer, we will find the path to healing and peace through two books. We will begin with the Horizon's Bible Study titled *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*. In this study we will follow biblical characters and writers and learn how they model resilience, joy and finding their identity in Christ. We will then move into Steven Charleston's book, *Ladder to the Light*. Charleston's book is one of comfort, truth, and challenge in a time of anguish and fear. Please plan to join us. Email Amy Baxstrom- [abaxstrom@firstpreswooster.org](mailto:abaxstrom@firstpreswooster.org)



Please plan to attend our Spring Celebration Worship on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. This Sunday is the culmination of our Program Year that includes Confirmation, Teacher Recognition,

Sunday School updates and songs from Miss Rachel!

It is a wonderful morning of celebration and worship!



# Our Earth Care Project for May

**Add** native plants, **reduce** nonnative plants and **eliminate** invasive plants.

Join us on May 11 for a “plant exchange” after our 10:30 worship service.

We will have a selection of native plants available. If you bring in one or more used plastic pots you can exchange those for a new plant. OR you can bring in a native plant from your own garden to exchange for a new plant.

When we consider problems, we need to address to help sustain our environment and make our planet and our own lives healthier, usually we think of water pollution, air pollution, greenhouse gases, recycling, renewable energy sources.... But do we consider what plants we grow and how we grow them as a component of sustainability? What about our own backyards??

## Why Native Plants?

“**Dwindling biodiversity** is a threat to the foundation of life on earth. In the last century alone, we’ve lost millions of acres of diverse ecosystems. **Native plants help protect and restore biodiversity**, improve air and water quality and provide wildlife with quality food and shelter.”

(<https://greatercleveland.wildones.org/>)

Making room for natives is foundational to ecological horticulture.

## What is a Native Plant?

Native plants are species that existed and evolved in a region without human introduction. They are the primary source of energy in ecosystems and are **well-adapted to local conditions**. Native plants **support the native insect population**. Feed the insects and in turn feed the birds. Did you know that it can take between 6000 and 9000 caterpillars to raise one clutch of chickadees? In the U.S., oak trees support nearly 900 species of caterpillars. Oak trees are the most powerful of the “keystone plants” (according to Doug Tallamy). Goldenrod is another important plant supporting caterpillars.

Yes, I hear you saying, “But I like my ornamental nonnative plants and trees... **How much of it do I have to give back? How many hostas can I keep?**” There’s one study looking at the percentage of native versus nonnative woody plants needed to support a population of chickadees. The conclusion of this single study was an acceptable compromise would be 70 percent native, which means 30 percent nonnative. However, you don’t have to think about redesigning your entire landscape.

Doug Tallamy teaches that there are 4 ecological responsibilities of every landscape:

Every landscape needs to manage the watershed in which it lies.

Every landscape needs to support pollinators.

Every landscape needs to support a viable food web.

And every landscape needs to sequester carbon

So you've got your ornamental landscape already established; it's already doing some of those things. Which ones can you do better each year? Work at it one bit at a time. Maybe you can **add an oak tree**. Maybe you can **add a little patch of goldenrod** that's not there now. Maybe you can **plant more milkweed** for the migrating Monarchs. Consider this: ***“Can I improve on any one of those four goals incrementally over time?”*** And that way you can feel good about doing it and it gets done, but it's not overwhelming.

The concept is simple: each of us can contribute by planting oaks and native plants in our yards, whether that would be one oak tree, a 1/4 acre meadow, a small pollinator garden or even a few containers with native plants that would help migrating butterflies or other pollinators. If each of us dedicates an area of our landscaping to oak trees and native plants, then we can establish conservation corridors across the country which help our local wildlife as well as migrating creatures.

Wendell Berry reminds us that, “we have been given the earth to live, not on, but with and from....we did not make it....” (thus) “our use of it must be determined... by reverence and humility, by local memory and affection...” He continues, “Above all, we must not damage it *permanently or compromise its natural means of sustaining itself.*”

*Add native plants and remove invasive ones everywhere that we live, work, learn, pray, and play.*

### **Where to buy native plants in our area:**

**You must make sure that the plants you buy have not been previously treated with insecticides**

1. Cloverland Greenhouse: 6330 Berlin Twp Rd 309, Millersburg
2. Terra Depot, 7404 Shepler Church Rd. Navarre; <https://www.theterradepot.com/contact-us/>  
They have an extensive selection
3. Wild Ones. <https://greatercleveland.wildones.org/resources/>
4. The Wilderness Center, Wilmot, Ohio 330-359-5235
5. Powell's Native Wildflowers, North Canton <https://www.powellsnativewildflowers.com/>
6. Natives in Harmony, Marengo, OH
7. Wildlife Plant Nursery, Sunbury, OH

**\*\*\***If you are buying milkweed for Monarchs, do NOT buy “Tropical milkweed” (*Asclepias curassavica*). It can harbor a parasite which is deadly to Monarchs.





**Resources:**

--Here's a great series of seminars regarding plant biodiversity. You can still find these online.

***“Tending Nature: Native Plants and Every Gardener’s Role in Fostering Biodiversity”*** provided by the OARDC (now CFAES).

--The Four Ecologically Crucial Things You Should do in your Garden.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/09/realestate/ecological-gardening.html>

--Wild Ones Greater Cleveland Chapter: <https://greatercleveland.wildones.org/>

--"Nature’s Best Hope” by Doug Tallamy

--“How Can I Help? Saving Nature *with* Your Yard,” by Doug Tallamy.

He answers nearly 500 ecology and native plant questions.

-- <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/11/realestate/landscape-designs-wild-ones.html>





## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events Announced for May 2025

To make an appointment:

<https://www.timetorecycle.org/resources/schedule-an-appointment/wayne-schedule-appointment/>

Always think about *reuse* before throwing anything away!

*Your Earth Care Team*



# WAYNE COUNTY MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT HERE!



## BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Wayne County Health Department

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

PLACE: Wayne County Fairgrounds

TIME: 2-6pm *\*By appointment only*

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- **Automotive Fluids & Car Care Products**  
Oil, antifreeze, fuel injector fluid, etc.
- **Cleaning Supplies & Other Household Chemicals**
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**  
All tubes up to 8 ft, CFL of all sizes
- **Diesel, Kerosene & Gasoline**  
Limit 10 gallons per car. Containers will not be returned. All containers must be closed tightly.
- **Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides & Fertilizers**
- **Oil-Based Paint**  
NO LATEX PAINT
- **Mercury-Containing Devices**  
i.e. Thermometers
- **Aerosols**

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. Must have an appointment
2. Remain in vehicle
3. Provide driver's license
4. Sign an affidavit certifying that the waste was generated in a household and used for residential purposes only

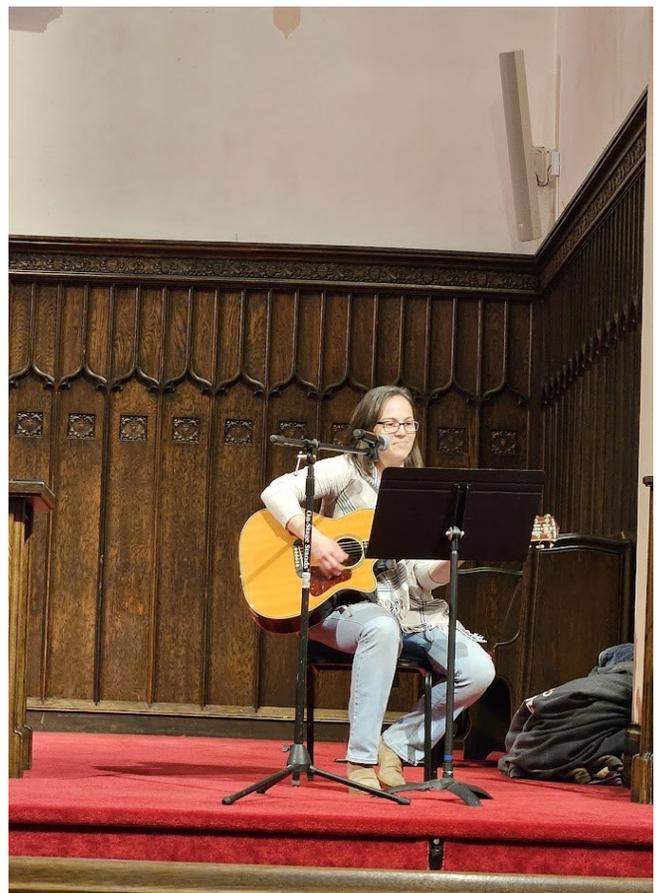
### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Schedule online at [timetorecycle.org/resources/schedule-an-appointment/](https://timetorecycle.org/resources/schedule-an-appointment/)

For questions, please call Wayne County Health Department at 330-264-2426 x 0.



# EARTH DAY AT FPC







**A BEAUTIFUL EASTER CELEBRATION  
AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



# Volunteer/Advocacy Opportunities

## Salvation Army Wooster Corps - 437 S. Market Street, Wooster



Soup Kitchen operates daily, Monday-Friday, Noon-1 PM  
Help needed before, during and after the meal with meal prep, serving and cleaning up. Other volunteer opportunities are also available!  
Contact: Brenda Drouhard at [brenda.drouhard@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:brenda.drouhard@use.salvationarmy.org) or 330-264-4704

## Trinity United Church of Christ - 150 E. North St., Wooster



Breakfast served daily, Monday-Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Help needed before, during and after the meal with meal prep starting at 7 AM, serving and clean up generally until 10:00 AM. No need to be present the entire morning.  
Contact: Suzanne Feltner at [suzannefeltner@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannefeltner@yahoo.com) or 330-264-9250

## Christ United Church of Christ - 301 N. Main St., Orrville



Cook on one Thursday a month from 1-5:00 PM to prepare a meal that feeds 180 people. Meal is comfort food that people easily recognize and is served as takeout. Contact: Katie LeMasters at [friendshipmealsinc@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipmealsinc@gmail.com)

## Rittman United Methodist Church - 211 N. Metzger Ave., Rittman



3rd Wednesday of the month. 4-5:00 PM Assistance in food pantry,  
5-7:00 PM Dinner Clean up. Contact church secretary at 330-925-4015

## People to People Ministries - 454 E. Bowman St., Wooster

Contact: Joe Szeker at [joe@ptpm.net](mailto:joe@ptpm.net) or 330-262-1662



**Intake Specialist:** M -F 8:30 AM - noon and 1-5:00 PM  
**Special Projects Coordinator:** Seasonal with flexible days/hours  
Oversee Back to School Project (June – early Sept.) and Christmas Toy Project (Nov. – Dec.)  
**Special Projects Sign-Up Coordinator:** 2 to 3 weeks of service at Back to School Sign-Up (usually in July) and 2 to 3 weeks of service at Thanksgiving and Christmas Sign-Up (November) plus some hours of preparation before the sign-ups.  
**Pantry helper:** M-F 9 AM - noon and/or 1- 4:30 PM  
**Clothing Room helper:** M-F 9 AM - noon and/or 1:00-4:30 PM

## Viola Startzman Clinic - 1874 Cleveland Rd, Wooster

Contact: BethAnne Burkhart 330-262-2500 ext.104 or [bburkhart@startzmanclinic.org](mailto:bburkhart@startzmanclinic.org)



Need for professionals to volunteer in the dental and medical clinics. Other needs include cleaning services, assistance with office projects and painting. See all opportunities on the website (<https://www.startzmanclinic.org>). Click on "Join Our Team" and then "Volunteer"

## The Wooster Homelessness Task Force

Contact Email: [whtfoh@gmail.com](mailto:whtfoh@gmail.com)



**Media/marketing volunteer:** Anyone with (but not limited to) design, social media, writing and marketing skills, or an interest in public policy advocacy.

**Mentor to the Unsheltered:** Become a trained volunteer to aid the unsheltered

**Severe Weather Shelter** - Be trained as a volunteer for the Severe Weather Shelter located at the Salvation Army. Volunteers serve as needed/available from 6-10:00 PM, evenings when temperature is 25 degrees or below wind chill, from December - March

## The Wayne County Housing Coalition



Wayne County Housing Coalition meetings are open to the public and held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am in the conference room at Wayne County Job & Family Services, 356 W. North Street (back entrance off parking lot)

## Coalition on Housing & Homelessness in Ohio



Sign up for advocacy alerts and our newsletter on the "advocacy" page at <https://cohhio.org/>

## The League of Women Voters of Wayne County



For information on membership and current issues, see our website at <https://lwvwaynecounty.org/> or our Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/lwvwaynecounty>

For additional volunteer opportunities, go to



## Volunteer Now – In Wayne and Holmes Counties

[Volunteernow.info](http://Volunteernow.info)

Managed by United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 1	Mariska Masci
May 2	Kay Rowekamp
May 3	Jeff Perkins
May 5	Shannon Foster
May 6	Steve Slack
May 7	Tim Walker, Addy Conrad
May 8	Katie Walker, Matthew Nielsen
May 10	Grant McMillen
May 11	Gabriel Reith
May 12	Anne Brush
May 13	Seth Miller, Sue Froelich
May 17	Ken Alexander, Rick Maxwell, Nicholette Rogers
May 18	Brett Hiner, Ella Reith
May 21	Sonja Tugend
May 23	Trevor Dunlap, Lisa Rumbaugh
May 24	Steve LoGiudice
May 25	Emma LoGiudice
May 28	Kathy Odenkirk, Seth Kelly
May 29	Jim Gorrell
May 30	Leigh Oaks, Kim Ogle



**LITURGIST SIGN-UP - YEAR 2025  
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>

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!**



**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
YEAR 2025**

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>

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Hours: M, T, Th - 9-4  
Wed & Fri. - By Appt.

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