### October 2024

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Dear Members and Friends of the First Presbyterian Church,

October, where did that name come from? Everyone knows this is the tenth month of the year and, yes, it's the first full month of Fall. Well, actually it's derived from the eighth month of the Roman calendar. But more importantly for us Presbyterians, it's also Stewardship Awareness Month. A month when we give serious consideration to the ongoing



needs of our church community and the support of our mission to those in need.

Jesus has taught us to be generous with our love for each other, to be forgiving, and to share his gift of generosity.

Karl B. Travis, a Presbyterian Pastor, after seven years of failing health, finally finished his book entitled "God's Gift of Generosity" while lying in a hospital bed in Hospice care. After waiting three years in Hospice Care for the final day, there was a miraculous turnaround in his health. Later, a formerly denied surgery significantly restored him to a near-normal life that permits him to share his thoughts with us today in his lectures and writings.

Needless to say, spending years preparing for death and then experiencing such a dramatic change gave him a unique opportunity to look at life's true values and gifts and to share those with us. He genuinely treats all of life as a gift because he believes in God's goodness, abundance, and graciousness. Kristine Miller, executive vice president of Horizon's Stewardship,

explains it as: "The generosity of God, the generosity to God and finally the generosity with God, that ultimately makes the case for how giving from a posture of gratitude can transform a giver's life."

We don't have to go through the same transition as Pastor Travis, but we can experience the joy of Giving by showing our gratitude to God for his life, love, and grace that has been bestowed upon us.

"Everything we have and give comes from God" l Chronicles 29:14

Bill Taylor Clerk of Session

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# **Neighbors' News**



In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you

did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room.
As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

(optional) - Dish Soap and/ or Liquid Laundry Soap

# **October**

6 - Soup

13 - Peas

20 - Peaches

27 - Saltines

Thanks for your help neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

# Let's Make Buckeyes!

Mark your November calendar and

come join the Presbyterian Women in making buckeyes! The fun will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm, and Wednesday,



November 20 at 1:00 pm. Both days will be in the FPC church kitchen. All from FPC and East Side are welcome to come and share some laughs and make some memories as we work together on this project. Join us on either or both days.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

- All Sunday Worship Services in October will be held at East Side Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, October 6 Coffee Time at East Side after Worship
- November Worship at FPC
- December Worship -at East Side

### **SATELLITES**

We are going to Applebee's on October 9th at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



### **NEW ADDRESS FOR JO ELDER**

JoAnne Elder is currently living at Bethesda Care Center in Fremont. Her birthday is coming on November 22, so if you'd like to send her a birthday card or other communication, please send it to:

JoAnne Elder Bethesda Care Center 600 N Brush St, Fremont, OH 43420

### THANKSGIVING MEAL

Join us in celebrating God's generous bounty with a Fellowship meal after church on



Sunday, November 3rd. Bring only your appetite, as all food and beverage will be provided.

Please add your name and number of guests to the sig-

nup sheet in the social room so we have a head count. We hope to see you there!

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11



**October** 

# 30 Paul Deffenbaugh

Marian Steen

18

Diane Bascone

Lucy Hull

19

Carolyn Taylor

17 Don Steen

Paul Stout

Lois Livingston

27

Elliot Herman

Birthdays

Philip Miarer

17

# Anniversaries

- Bill & Stacey McConnell Mike & Amy Oprie 12 27
  - Jon & Melissa Detwiler Michael & Pam Clark





### THE SESSION

Dannita Cowdrey
Bob Gamble
Bob Humberger
Bill Taylor
Nicole Whetstone

# THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Organist Emeritus Paul Livingston
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Custodian

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Scott Slatter

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

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Rachel Circle Dannita Cowdrey
At Large Jo Elder
Lois Livingston

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Rod Combs
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### **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at: fremontfpc@gmail.com.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

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