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# **First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter**

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*And he said: Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3 (NIV)*

One day the stress of ministry was getting the best of me. There are times the pastoral issues and demands of the ministry can weigh heavily on a pastor.

Dealing with internal conflicts and intense differences of ideas among some church members was overwhelming. A dark and heavy cloud hung over me as I worked at my desk in the church building. I was feeling down when I heard voices outside.

I walked to the window to see what was happening. The children from our preschool program were laughing, running, and playing as they waited for their parents to pick them up. Children without worries and burden, excited about life.

The longer I watched them, the better I felt about myself and my ministry. Their angelic voices and palpable joy lifted my spirits. The dark cloud over me disappeared. I felt renewed by the sight and sound of joy coming from the children. I knew instantly that God was watching over me.

Now, whenever I hear the voices of children at church, I stop what I am doing and walk to the window. The joy, energy, laughter, and smiles of the children fill my soul.

God, thank You for the children in our world; may their joy, laughter and playfulness fill our hearts.

Pablo Diaz

*Pablo Diaz is a devotional writer for Guideposts.*

*Article submitted by Blanche McCormick*

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**2025 PER CAPITA**  
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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**

#### March

**2 - peanut butter**

**9 - saltines**

**16 - jelly/jam**

**23 - corn**

**30 - tuna**

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

### SPRING FORWARD 2025

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9.



Before you go to bed Saturday night, remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

### SATELLITES

We are going to Deny's on March 12th at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



We will be having an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 6pm at the East Side building.

A Soup and Sandwich meal will be provided, followed by the service.

All are welcome!

### SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

Joint services at 1020 Kentucky Ave are automatically canceled whenever a *Level 2 or 3 Snow Emergency is in effect for Sandusky County as of 8 am on Sunday morning.*

If services are canceled or moved due to extreme cold, you will receive a recorded call. If you are not on the call list and would like to be added, please call Amy at 419-334-7171 or email at [fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com).



*Information about snow emergencies is available on the Sheriff department's recorded information line:(419-332-2613) or web-site ([www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency](http://www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency)).*

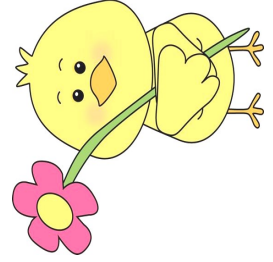
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## Birthdays

1	Betty Sargeant	9	Jay Provonsha	20	Stephanie Stull	3	Rod & Linda Combs
4	Alex Clark	10	Bill McConnell	21	Cole Kinsey		
5	Michael Clark	16	Janice Zimmerman	24	William Yeager		
6	Josh Ross	19	Susan Myers	25	Nathaniel Cowdrey		
6	Carol Van Dyne	20	Carolyn Clark				

## Anniversaries



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SESSION**

*Dannita Cowdrey  
Bob Gamble  
Bob Humberger  
Nicole Whetstone  
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

**EAST SIDE SESSION**

*Cathy Bibler,  
Barb Haynes  
Ann Weiler,  
LuAnne Yeager  
Cheryl Magargle, Clerk  
Ross McCormick*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF DEACONS**

*Rod Combs  
Melissa Detwiler  
Anne Humberger  
Susan Myers  
Carolyn Taylor*

**EAST SIDE BOARD OF DEACONS**

*Alyce Ann Schmidt  
Pat Damschroder  
Lois Magargle  
Blanche McCormick*

**THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
FIRST Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
EAST SIDE Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Carol Van Dyne
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
At Large	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

All Sunday Worship Services for First Presbyterian and East Side congregations are now held at the East Side building located at 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont. Worship begins @ 10:30 a.m.

To change how you receive your newsletter or to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please email the church office at:

**fremontfpc@gmail.com**

**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