



CHIMES



Dear Church Family,
The PCC is a major focus and the primary mission of First Presbyterian Church. We have often been asked how much support the church provides to the PCC, yet providing a detailed answer has been difficult. We can now provide some details about the amount of support that the church provided to the PCC in 2021.

Description	Amount
Mission Committee	
Brightwheel software	\$2,280
Contribution toward monthly food costs	\$770
Administrative expenses	\$3,894
Other (including Employee of the Month; various lunches, dinners, and celebrations; transportation costs for field trip)	\$2,807
Other church support	
Utilities (half of the church's \$38,325.85 utilities expenses reduced by the \$17,730.80 contribution of the PCC to the church)	\$1,432
Insurance (60% of the church's \$13,054.16 insurance bill; the PCC is probably responsible for more than 60% of the expense)	\$7,832
Church employees providing services to the PCC	\$33,482
Major repairs and upgrades	\$135,475
Total church support for the PCC in 2021	\$187,972

The church contributed \$33,482 to the PCC through church employees who provided services to the PCC. These church employees provided maintenance services, HR support, administrative services, and Christian education. That sum does not include any amount for the time that Pastor Désirée spent working on PCC issues, which were her major focus in 2021.

In 2021 the church spent a total of \$135,475 on major repairs and upgrades to the portion of the church building that the PCC uses. The results are nothing less than spectacular! The repairs and upgrades literally span from floor to ceiling: new floors, new windows, new paint on walls, and new ceiling tiles. Cabinets have been repaired and a kitchenette completely rebuilt. All of this work was done in support of the PCC.

As you can see, First Presbyterian Church provides a considerable amount of financial support to the PCC in addition to providing the facility that houses the PCC. The church's commitment to the PCC remains strong, and it looks forward to continuing to serve the London community.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark





PCC NEWS



March came in like a lamb this year, but it definitely went out like a lion at the PCC!

We had a lot of fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17. The children set out leprechaun traps in the hopes that they would catch Lionel the Leprechaun, but once again he was too sneaky for us. The PCC picture day was on March 23. It was a big success. For Community Helper's Week, we had the opportunity to host the mayor of London and a few of our parents to discuss their jobs with the kids.

There are a lot of fun activities planned for the month of April!

We will be having our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on April 13. Many activities have been planned for the children, including an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny. We will also be having our PCC Art Show the week of April 18. We will be showcasing the children's art throughout the center. Everyone is invited to come see their artistic creations.



PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Bailey at sjbailey19@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed.

If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou and his church are building a new village school in the country of Guinea Bissau. This will be the only school building in the area. They have finished the mud wall, and are feeling the pressure to complete the roof before the rains come. Please pray that time will be on their side so that the roof may be completed and the kids will be able to have their classes indoors.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

CURRENT MASK MANDATE FOR WORSHIP

The Church's mask mandate remains in place for 2-years-old and older . Only those with breathing issues are exempt from this mask mandate. The worship guidelines have been updated. Printed copies are available.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 10—Palm Sunday

April 14—Maundy Thursday. In person service, 7:30 pm

April 15—Good Friday, 7:30 pm Zoom worship service

April 17—Easter Sunday

April 15 & 18—Church office will be closed

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

There will not be a blood pressure check in April, but it will resume in May. Look for the information in the next Chimes, and May announcement inserts.



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An Easter egg hunt is being planned on Easter Sunday, following the church service for any children that are in attendance. There will be two areas ... One for the little ones, and one for the bigger kids. Bring your basket, and best hopping shoes! Hope to see you there.

WELCOME TABLE

The next Welcome Table will be on **April 21, 2022**. We usually feed about 50-60 people. You will find two recipes on the next page, but any recipe you can do would only require providing 8-12 servings of what ever you would like to provide. Use disposable pans. Plan to deliver the food to the AME Church by 4:30-4:45 pm. The menu is ...

- ◆ Easy Chicken Casserole – Green Bean Casserole – Dinner rolls
- ◆ Any dessert

Thank you for any help that you can provide. – Dolly McDonley 740-852-7553

EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE ... Serves 12

1 bag egg noodles (12 oz or so)

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can cream of chicken soup

2 cups cooked shredded chicken

Approximately 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Cook noodles. Heat soups together on stove top with a bit of milk to thin down a bit. Add noodles and chicken. Put in a 9X13 casserole dish and sprinkle some cheddar cheese over the top.

Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Note: The soup can be both cream of chicken or both cream of mushroom or one can of each.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE ... Serves 12

2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup

2 tsp soy sauce

¼ tsp black pepper

8 cups (4 cans-14.5 oz each) green beans, drained

1 cup milk

2-2/3 cups French fried onion rings

Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1-1/3 cup onions in a 13X9X2" baking dish or 3 qt. casserole.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture and sprinkle with the remaining onions.

Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 150

The church will be hosting the first meal for 2022 on April 18th. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

13 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)

11 pounds of penne pasta,

7 institutional size cans green beans

3-4 SERVERS 2:00-4:00 (in church Narthex).

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help ...

(email dblaho@columbus.rr.com or call (614) 736-5126).

Please have donations to the church by April 10th.

NARTHEX COLLECTION BOXES

The Mission Committee would like to remind everyone about the collection boxes located in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting:

- ◆ Empty medicine containers with labels removed
- ◆ Items for Sufficient Grace
- ◆ Toiletries for the homeless
- ◆ Discarded ink cartridges for the pipe organ fund
- ◆ Eyeglasses for Lion's Club

Also, aluminum cans that are bagged can be left by the outside door under the portico by the fellowship hall.

CHURCH PALS NEEDED

Hope & Cody Smith are looking for adults who would like to be 'pals' of the children that attend church. Special mailboxes will be set up in the Narthex to 'deliver' the mail and special little packages to the kids. Email Hope for details at hopenmiller1994@gmail.com

Julie Oswalt's Ordination Service

I would be honored to have my home church celebrate my ordination with me. My Ordination Service will be held at 4pm on Sunday, May 1, at Liberty Presbyterian Church. I look forward to seeing you all there! - Julie



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We will be in your neighborhood soon Tuesday, April 19th

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FAMILY
LIVE LAUGH
LOVE
BE HONEST
FORGIVE OTHERS
PLEASE & THANK YOU
SAY YOUR PRAYERS
ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL

It's APRIL! Just in time for the spring rain that will usher in May flowers.

Spring fever is revving up. We are anxious to get out and about. Here are some ideas to help you do just that.

The temps will still be going up and down, but don't let that stop you from getting out and enjoying the weather.

Have FUN!!!

- What can be better than a family hike or bike ride. Make plans to go riding in your neighborhood, or head out to one of the Metro Parks with your bikes, or your best hiking shoes. You will find playground equipment, picnic tables, and grills to help make a full day of it.
- "Take me out to the ballgame" ... The Clippers are playing in April!
- Fishing ... If you are under 16, no license required.
- Kite flying. Find an open field on a windy day and see how many kites you can get up in the air.
- Kings Island's opening day is April 16.
- Ohio Historical Center. Free entrance to sites all around the state with membership.
- Ft. Ancient in Warren County. There are many trails throughout Ft. Ancient. Plan a picnic. Visit the museum. There is a canoe livery next door ... Take a trip down the Miami.
- Cedar Bog Nature Preserve in Urbana, Ohio ... April 9, 8-10 PM ... The Moon, Stars & Planets. Join in for an evening of discussion on all things in the night sky. Interesting facts about the constellations, planets, and our moon. A telescope will be available. Call 937-484-3744 for more information. \$5 entrance fee, but free for OHC members.
- Earth Day is April 22. Plant a tree. On April 23, there will be an Earth Day walk at Cedar Bog from noon—2:00.

Easter Eggs: What Is The History Behind This Tradition?

Have you ever wondered what eggs have to do with Easter? Why do we dye and hunt for Easter eggs every year? What is the connection between Easter eggs and the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Many of us might think Easter eggs and Easter egg hunts are a commercialized form of the Easter celebration. But their roots are deeply embedded in the practices of early Christians in eastern cultures. There is religious significance behind the Easter traditions that we still practice today.

Although eggs were a symbol of fertility and rebirth in pagan cultures, eggs were used by early Christians to symbolize parts of the Easter story. Easter eggs represent the empty tomb from which Jesus resurrected. Christians developed different traditions surrounding Easter eggs.

Eggs remind Christians of the end of the Lenten fast, and the joyful conclusion of that discipline on Easter. Dairy products such as milk and eggs were not eaten during Lent. Eggs on Easter are symbols of Lent turning to Easter, and the joy of the resurrection.

The early Christians of Mesopotamia began the custom of dyeing Easter eggs. Originally, Christians dyed eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross.

Early Christian missionaries dyed the eggs different colors to represent different aspects of the Easter story. They used **yellow** to represent the resurrection, **blue** to represent love, and **red** to represent the blood of Christ. Sometimes, the missionaries would paint biblical scenes on the eggs and hide them. This is one of the earliest forms of the Easter egg hunt.

One of the earliest Easter egg hunts that most resembles the modern Easter egg hunt can be traced to Martin Luther, a key leader in the Protestant Reformation. During this time, men would hide eggs for women and children to find. The joy the women and children experienced as they found eggs mirrored the joy the women felt when they found Jesus' tomb empty and realized He had risen.

Just like early Easter egg hunts, we hide eggs for children to find. For our modern Easter egg hunts, we hide special goodies inside each egg. Therefore, when children open the Easter eggs to find their surprise inside, they experience happiness and joy—the same happiness and joy Jesus' followers experienced when they heard the Good News of His resurrection. Even the grass around the nestled Easter eggs reminds us of new life.

Another Easter tradition is egg rolling, which is a symbolic reenactment of the stone rolling away from Christ's tomb.

Having its roots in the Greek Orthodox tradition, children across Europe and eastern countries play egg tapping. In its early days, red eggs were cracked together when people exchanged Easter greetings. Eventually, it evolved into a competitive game for children.

The history behind the Easter egg traditions are embedded in the roots of early Christianity. Understanding the different symbols of Easter eggs may give us something new to teach the children in our lives.

For those born in April ...

Your birth flowers are the Daisy - (representing innocence, love, purity) and the Sweet Pea (which signifies blissful pleasure).

If born between April 1 —April 19, your Zodiac sign is Aries. If born between the 20th & the 30th of April, your sign is Taurus.

Your Birthstone is the diamond, symbolizing balance, clarity, and eternal love.

Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775 with the "Shot heard 'round the world" ... Battles of Lexington and Concord

April's full Pink Moon will rise on Saturday, April 16, reaching peak illumination at 2:57 P.M. EST, but won't be visible until after sunset. This full Moon is also known as the Paschal Full Moon.

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912

Mutiny on the HMS Bounty took place on April 28, 1789

In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was president.

Special Days of April ...

April Fools' Day – April 1
Autism Awareness Day – April 2
Easter – April 17
Earth Day – April 22
Arbor Day – April 29

George Washington's inauguration was April 30, 1789

FUN FACTS FOR APRIL

Looking for someone who wants to share a story about their fur baby next month. Can't wait to hear from you!!

MEET MY BEST BUDS ...

MEOW MIX



Meet Foxy's 'little sister'...

One day while taking a walk, we heard meowing in the brush, and out popped a gold striped adult cat who proceeded to follow us home.

Because she was very talkative, we named her Meow Mix. She was so friendly, that we were sure someone was missing her, but no one answered our lost cat ad.

Meow Mix continues to draw attention from neighbors when they see her taking daily walks with us.

Our porch is her preferred domain where she snoozes in the sun on the swing, the

wicker chair, school desk or nestles inside her insulated cat box, complete with heating pad, on cold days. Come and check out Meow Mix and her insulated box if you would like directions on how to make one.

Tom & Loyce Lloyd 



Those born in April see the glass as Half Full. They always see the silver lining. You are very empathic and make great friends. You are loyal, generous and a good listener. You possess the spirit of a warrior and the strength of a bull. While you can be impatient, you are a go-getter. You love adventure and are not afraid to take a risk. You are born with the skills to be a leader.

Bob & Harriet Dana	April 8
Charles & Carol Remley	April 19



Joseph Morlock	4/2
Doug Armfelt	4/2
Beverly Woodard	4/5
Steve Welk	4/9
Phil Hankins	4/10
Tina Hart	4/12
Elizabeth Spinning	4/12
Reese Schrock	4/13
Linda Kilgore	4/13
Gary Peart	4/13
Everett McSavaney	4/16

An Irish Anniversary Blessing

May the Lord smile upon you in all your comings and goings.

May you share more blessings than burdens, more laughter than tears,

and more strength than you will ever need.

May the past make you grateful and the future make you hopeful,

and may each passing year of your togetherness affirm that love lasts

when you put faith and family first.

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 ● 10am Worship ● 2pm Russ Walls 90th	28 Organ Tuning	29	30 ● 1pm PCC Leadership	31 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	Apr 1	2
3 ● 10am Communion ● 10am Worship ● 11am Deacon Meetin	4	5	6 ● 1pm PCC Leadership ● 5pm Stewardship Cor	7 ● 4:15pm Mission Comi ● 6pm Worship Commit ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 ● 10am Palm Sunday W	11 ● 11am PCC Leadership	12	13 ● 1pm PCC Leadership ● 6pm PCC Committee ● 7pm Session Meeting	14 ● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal ● 7:30pm Maundy Thur:	15 Office Closed for Good ● 7:30pm Good Friday	16
17 ● 10am Easter Sunday ¹	18 Office Closed for Easte ● 2pm Help House mea	19	20 ● 1pm PCC Leadership ● 5pm Christian Educat	21 Welcome Table Meal ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 ● 10am Worship	25	26	27 ● 1pm PCC Leadership ● 5pm Generation to Ge	28 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

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