



## Pastor's Column

### **God Moves Out of the Tomb**

<sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

(Luke 24:12)

When Peter found the empty tomb, he was amazed. It changed everything for Peter and the other disciples of Jesus. The church was begun soon after this. Imagine that! Jesus is resurrected from the dead and here we are centuries later still celebrating that God has moved out of the tomb, defeating death. This event is the central moment in our Christian calendar. It's the event that makes all the difference. This is where our belief goes from thinking Jesus was a good teacher or a prophet to believing in Jesus as God.

Let's not miss the importance of remembering Jesus's resurrection. I hope you will plan to participate in the various services and activities that are planned for Lent and Holy Week this year. Let's not let this important season pass by without spending special time with the Lord. My prayer for you is that you will be amazed once again by our loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace ~

Pastor Annie

### **Pastor Annie Out on Medical Leave**

Pastor Annie will be out on medical leave from April 22 through May 20. During this time, Rev. Norman Godfrey will provide pulpit supply. Session will provide pastoral care as needed, along with the help of several Presbyterian pastor friends who have agreed to fill in as needed. Please contact Elder Mary Neavin with visitation or pastoral needs. If there is a deeper need or funeral, Mary will contact one of our pastor friends nearby to help out. Please keep Pastor Annie in your prayers for a quick and complete recovery from surgery.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Messy Church 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	3	4	5
6	7 Moms Group 10:00am Gathering Place reserved 1-4:00pm * Ann Vacation	8 * Ann Vacation	9 Miriam Circle 10:00am Choir Practice 7:00pm * Ann Vacation	10 *Ann Vacation	11 *Ann Vacation	12 FPC Egg Hunt 11:00am Benge's Triangle Therapy Egg Hunt 2:00pm
13 Hike Germantown Metroparks. Meet at church 1:00pm	14	15	16 Choir Practice 7:00pm	17 Maundy service at UCC 6:00pm	18 Good Friday service here 7:00pm	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**\* Office hours will vary, please call office before coming in.**



1st		17th	
2nd		18th	
3rd		19th	Beth Pool
4th		20th	Blake Clabaugh
5th		21st	
6th	Jessyca Eiler Jeff Shoemaker	22nd	
7th		23rd	Luke Bowers
8th	Taylor Clabaugh Vickie Volkerding	24th	
9th	Pastor Annie Melick Austin Stonecash Marc Bill Bowers	25th	
10th		26th	
11th	Wendy Stonecash Brady Cooper	27th	Bob Beeghly Cindy Kinner Sue Hitch
12th	Russ Mann	28th	Marilyn Shepherd Gideon Smith
13th	Keith Schmidt	29th	Doris Barker
14th	Rylie Haynes Hannah Schmidt	30th	Zack Pool Cora Jean Murray
15th	Brenda Michael	31st	
16th			



## **Lent and Holy Week Activities**

- a. Messy Church Lenten Escape Room is April 2 at 6pm. We've planned a fun program to help us think about the Last Supper as we use clues to lead us to our own "upper room."
- b. Palm and Passion Sunday is April 13. We will have a beautiful service that takes us from Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem to his death later that week. The service will be music and Scripture interspersed to tell the story.
- c. For Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6pm we will join our neighboring church, the UCC at their building for a dinner and communion service. There will be some dramatic readings and good food. What a wonderful opportunity to be the body of Christ in our community by sitting down for a meal with our neighbors.
- d. Good Friday is April 18 and the UCC folks will join us here at 7pm for a moving service of remembering Jesus's death on the cross.
- e. Our Easter Sunrise Service will be on April 20 at 8am at the Benge's (911 W. Main St.) Park at Triangle Therapy and then either walk down the hill or take the transportation provided. The service will be around the campfire with refreshments afterward. Please bring a chair.
- f. Easter Worship Service will be April 20 at 10:30am. Don't miss the celebration of one of the most important days in our Christian calendar.

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS



## **April 12th - FPC EGG HUNT & Triangle Therapy Egg Hunt**

9:00am, please come help fill & hide eggs for our church egg hunt and the Triangle Therapy Egg Hunt for families with special needs.



## **May 4 - Mission May 5K**

Invite friends, family, runners, walkers, track friends to join us for a 5K at the fort. Entry cost is \$20.



## **June 12-13 Youth Mission Rummage Sale**

Start saving your gently used items for the best Rummage Sale!



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY

# EASTER EGG HUNT

12 APRIL | 2:00PM

ALL PRIOR, CURRENT, CAMP, AND GROUP  
CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE  
WELCOMED. RSVP TO YOUR THERAPIST, VIA  
FACEBOOK MESSENGER OR EMAIL  
[JVOGEL@TRIANGLETHERAPYSERVICES.COM](mailto:JVOGEL@TRIANGLETHERAPYSERVICES.COM)  
RAIN DATE: APRIL 19TH



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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Session**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Eaton**  
**February 9, 2025**

The regular meeting of session was held in person after Sunday worship and the “Souper” bowl luncheon in the church Gathering place. A quorum was present. Pastor Annie opened the meeting with prayer at 12:39 P.M.

**Members Present:** Molly Hurd, Carmel Mann, Teresa Schmidt, Susan Schaurer, Bill Brower, Bill Clayton, David Sikora, Taylor Clabaugh, Kathy McCreary, Randy Wright and Jake Schaurer. Also present were, Clerk of Session, Marie Hayes and Treasurer, Doug Moore.

**Members Excused:** Mary Neavin

**Members Absent:** Carson Cooper

**Treasurer’s Report:** January treasurer’s report was emailed prior to the meeting. **On motion**, by Bill Brower and second by David Sikora to approve the treasurer’s report as written. **Motion carried.** Doug reported that we have \$26,000 in the Capital campaign. Yearly statements were mailed, many thanks to Anne Grim and Ann Murray.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the January session meeting, the 2025 annual congregational meeting on Jan 19 th , the approval of the 2024 PCUSA’S statistical report and minutes of the email vote for approval of membership and infant baptism were emailed to all session members prior to the meeting. **On motion**, by Bill Clayton to approve the minutes as written and second by Teresa Schmidt. **Motion carried.**

**Communications:** The Presbytery of the Miami Valley’s first meeting was held February 8 th . Taylor Clabaugh and Pastor Annie attended via zoom. Taylor gave a brief report about the meeting which focused on Boundary Training and Denomination Resources.

**Report of the Moderator:** Pastor Annie is preparing for Lent. The Lent theme is “God Is on the Move”, we will have church fellowship activities on-the-move, and she is excited to start a Drama team to enhance our church ministry. Pastor Annie will be taking a leave for ministry in the Presbytery on Sunday, April 27 th and will have continuing education the week of May 5 th through May 11 th . She led the session in discussion over the first chapter in the Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers handbook. “The ministry of church officers, along with that of all Christians, is to be carried out in imitation of Christ, who showed his love by serving. A spiritual leader is one whose way of life is centered in a relationship to the God revealed in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. A spiritual leader leads others to seek and do God’s will.”

**Report of the Clerk:** All committees, please remember to email your committee minutes to me prior to the session meeting so I can include them in my monthly session agenda and email them to all session members. Add to the Rolls, #2312, Kendal Barton by reaffirmation on Feb 9th . Eric James-Todd Alexander, infant son of Kendal Barton and Chris Alexander received the sacrament of baptism on Feb 9th .

February minutes continued:

## Reports of the Permanent Committees

**Stewardship, Finance and Congregational Care:** Prioritized the roof repair and secondly the replacement of the Gathering Place windows. Bill Clayton presented the annual report at the congregational meeting on Jan 19 th . Committee discussed commissioning a portrait of Reverend Annie Melick to be displayed. Bill Clayton will contact Mark Willis about church insurance. Organ music is stored on a church thumb drive and backed up by David Sikora on his home computer. Consideration of future usefulness of the Memorial Committee was discussed and the committee is looking into better snow removal for the basement stairs. Members, Tom Courtney and Michelle Williams have requested to be removed from the rolls. **On motion**, remove from the rolls #1631, Tom Courtney and #2300, Michelle Williams by request. **Motion carried.**

**Worship and Fellowship:** The Anti-Racism and Harassment policies approved by session on Jan 12th are included in the Church's Administrative Manual. The head usher will now have the responsibility of securing nursery attendants. So far, three congregants have expressed interest in serving as attendants; Jillian Ditmer, Carmel Mann and Shelley Moore. Please contact any Worship and Fellowship committee member if you have interest in helping with this ministry.

Session has agreed to relocate the wooden cross. Possible locations are being explored, while a temporary location during Lent will be near the Secretary's office. The area where the cross is currently located will be utilized for congregation presentations and children's church. The committee discussed the much needed replacement of the Acolytes' candle lighters. Pastor Annie will place an order for new ones. Ongoing kitchen needs were also discussed due to the increased frequency of meal preparations.

A child liturgist participant with a presenter will be trialed during Lenten services.

Lent and Easter: Combined services with the congregation of the UCC church; Maundy Thursday will be held at the UCC church and Good Friday Tenebrae will be held here. This committee will take care of refreshments for the Easter sunrise service.

Lyle Melick is working on the organ sequencer and the sound system. Additional microphones will be provided for the sanctuary at the request of the music director. Another item of discussion was a gift to be given to guest musicians as a token of appreciation.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on January 12 th and February 9 th .

**Christian Education & Mission: Mission Topics:** Kathy McGinnis leads the Monthly Adult mission. Ideas are needed for local missions and the committee will try to target volunteers of more demographics. Contact HIT/Preble Habitat for volunteer opportunities. Randy Wright will help with the Blessing Box. More dedicated volunteers are needed for the Community Garden mission.

The committee is working on mission projects for our next Brunch church to be held on March 30th . Youth Mission: Bowl painting, Feb 2nd , after church, open to everyone. "Souper bowl", auction and soup/dessert fundraiser, Feb 9th . Proceeds will go to the foodbank.

Valentines Dinner, Feb 22nd , served by our church youth, \$20 per person, childcare available.



February minutes continued:

Requests for donations of Easter candy and small toys will start on March 23 rd . Easter egg hunt at church approximately 11:00 A.M., Triangle Therapy egg hunt to follow around 1:00 P.M., to be held on Saturday, April 12 th with a rain date of Saturday, April 19 th .

Potential Mission sites: Atlanta, Puerto Rico, which would incur a flight.

Other items of discussion were, Christian education curriculum; Women's retreat at Kirkmont, April 25th – 27th ; Youth Lock-In 30 hour famine in the fall; Compassion Camp, likely to be scheduled in July for three evenings; Senior Sunday (high school and college graduates) to be held on May 18th ; Confirmation classes.

**Messy church:** Dinner donations go back into the Messy church fund and donations During Celebration Worship go into the General fund. A separate planning meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. Planning team members are Shelly Moore, Molly Hurd, Beth Pool, Pastor Annie and Taylor Clabaugh.

**Old Business:** Reminder for all session members – Elder training via Zoom, Sunday, Feb 23rd from 1 – 3.

**New Business and Action Items:** New Policy – No one in church on a ladder alone, at least one other person must be present. Change communion from May 11th to May 18th as Pastor Annie will be gone for continuing education on May 11th . **On motion** to change May 11th Communion date to May 18th . **Motion carried.**

**Next meeting:** Sunday, March 9th after worship, please read the 2nd chapter in your Spiritual Leadership Church Officers handbook in preparation for the meeting.

**Adjournment and Closing prayer:** Session business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Annie at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Hayes  
Clerk of Session



### **Earth Care Tips**

We are introducing a new featured section in our monthly newsletter that is all about caring for the Earth and each other. This initiative stems from the most recent Elizabeth circle study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation by Patricia K. Tull. During this study, the Elizabeth circle was greatly moved by the impact each of us truly has on the environment around us. We experienced a healthy challenge to think of ways to better care for our home – Earth – and all living beings that share our home.

Our very own church family is a wonderful starting point for all of us to have a greater impact on caring for our world and each other. Together, we have a wealth of knowledge and a desire to learn how to be better stewards of the earth. Starting the conversation here can lead to changes in our individual lives and habits that branch out across our church family and outward to the larger community.

We invite everyone to share their “Earth Care Tips” so that we can learn best practices from one another. Tips may be anything that pertains to environmentally friendly habits in our everyday lives. Some ideas for Earth Care Tips could be related to gardening, health, managing weeds or pests, household care, composting, information about native plants/insects, reducing food waste, or recycling old household goods/clothes. If you have an Earth Care Tip that you would like to share with our congregation, please send your tip to [office@eatonfpc.org](mailto:office@eatonfpc.org) so that we can feature it in our upcoming monthly newsletters!



### **Our new website**

In February 2025, we launched a new version of our website, [eatonfpc.org](http://eatonfpc.org).

Members can access the church directory, join the weekly live stream, and make online donations just like before.

Here are some of the new features of our website:

- Detailed information about our ministries – youth, young children, men, women, and special interest groups (sewing, choir, community garden, etc.).
- A living event calendar to easily keep track of meeting times for different ministries, mission events, volunteer opportunities, and special worship celebrations.
- Anyone may contact the church office directly through a contact form
- Visitors can easily find information about our church, staff, and denomination
- A new “members” page where you can easily find:
  - ◇ The “giving” page to make online donations (the same way as before)
  - ◇ The “sermons” page where you can find sermons and bulletins for previous weeks and sermon series
  - ◇ The “volunteers” page where you can let the church office know what areas you would like to donate your time and talents to help

## Events Calendar:

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
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**30**  
MARCH





NEXT  
Upcoming Event

**Brunch Church – Pancake breakfast**  
Eaton First Presbyterian Church

30 MAR 2025		10:30 AM to 12:00 PM <b>Brunch Church – Pancake breakfast</b> Eaton First Presbyterian Church
07 APR 2025		10:00 AM to 11:00 AM <b>Moms Group</b> Eaton First Presbyterian Church
25 Apr 27 Apr 2025		All day <b>Kirkmont Presbytery Women's Spiritual Nature Retreat</b> Kirkmont Center in Zanesfield, Ohio

## Listen to Current and Past Sermon Series:

RECENT SERMONS SERIES

			
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	<p><b>Six Stone Jars; The Economy of Jesus</b></p> <p>January 19, 2025 - March 2, 2025</p>	<p>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.” Luke 4:18 A miscalculation has occurred. The wedding guests have drunk all the wine before the party is over. At times life can feel like we’re “running out” of so much and scarcity is shutting down the party. In these moments, we are invited to turn to the currency and economy of Jesus. In his economy, the true measure of abundance is fullness for the whole community, not just for some. Let us build the Kingdom of God by drawing from jars of Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace for all people.</p>
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SIX STONE JARS; THE ECONOMY OF JESUS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING 5 MESSAGES

	<p><b>FILL MY CUP WITH GRACE</b></p> <p>March 2, 2025 By Rev Annie Melick Six Stone Jars; The Economy of Jesus</p>		<a href="#">▶ WATCH SERMON</a>
	<p><b>FILL MY FUTURE WITH VISION</b></p> <p>February 23, 2025 By Rev Annie Melick Six Stone Jars; The Economy of Jesus</p>		<a href="#">▶ WATCH SERMON</a>

If you have any questions about or suggestions for the website, please contact:  
Taylor Clabaugh  
Cell: 937-733-0609  
Email: info@taylormysite.com

Eaton FPC spent a reflective day at the Cincinnati Underground Railroad Museum. A beautiful museum about a horrible part of our history. "The way to right the wrongs is to turn the light upon them and learn from them."



"I looked at my hands  
to see if I was the same person;  
now I was free.  
There was such a glory  
over everything.  
I felt like I was in heaven."

HARRIET TUBMAN

America's answer to the intolerant man  
is diversity – the very diversity which our  
heritage of religious freedom has inspired.

- Robert F. Kennedy

• ANTI-SLAVERY, FREEDOM

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY**

"IT WAS WE, THE PEOPLE;  
NOT WE, THE WHITE MALE  
CITIZENS; NOR YET WE, THE  
MALE CITIZENS; BUT WE, THE  
WHOLE PEOPLE, WHO FORMED  
THE UNION."

1820 ~ 1906

Most people think of women's rights when they think of Susan B. Anthony, but she was also a very important abolitionist.

It was highly women to speak that time. And harassed her

## Messy Church & Ash Wednesday Service

Our March Birthday Bunch in their wonderful hats!









God was on the move. Having a wonderful dinner with church family and friends.

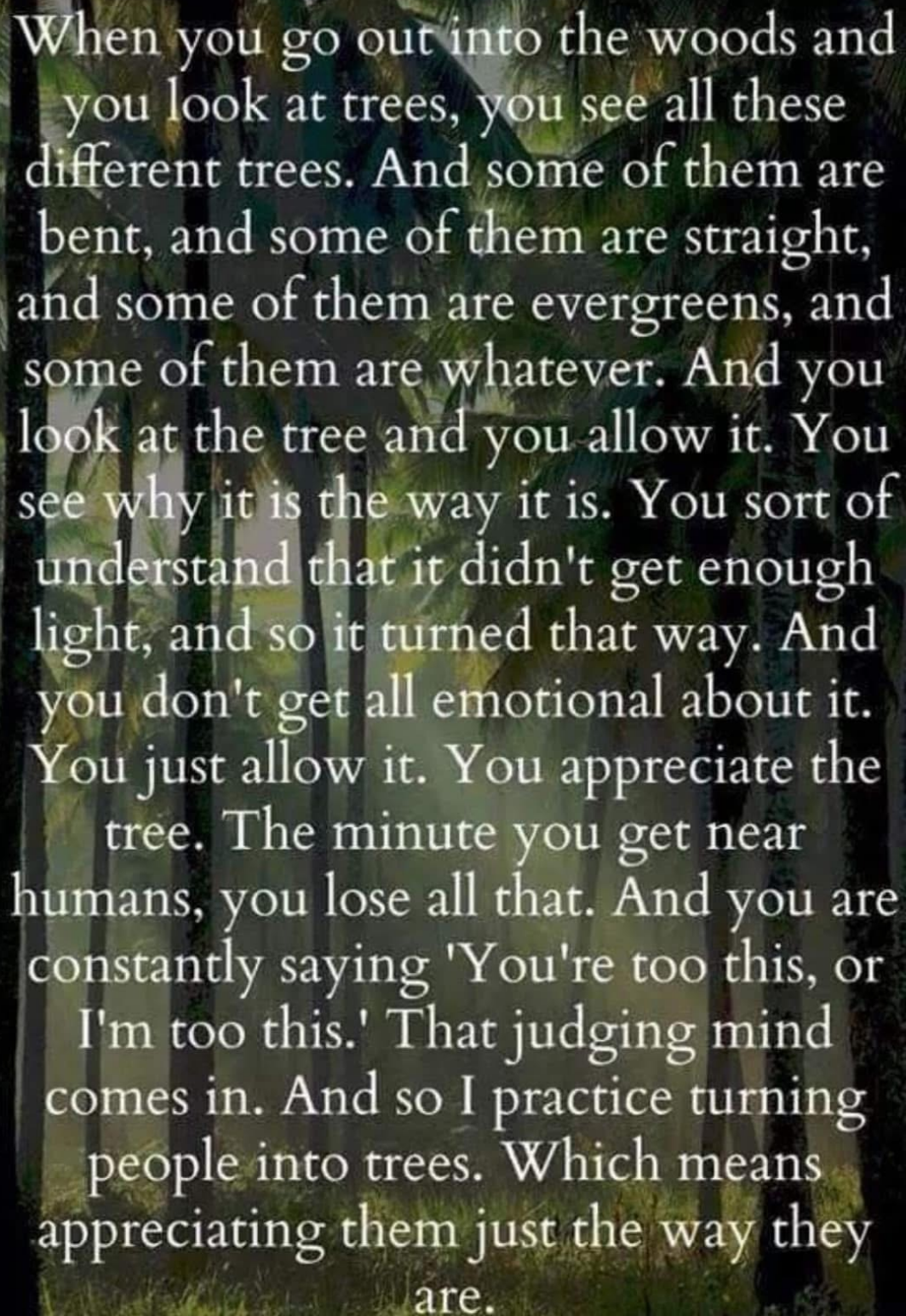






God was on the move at Hueston Woods. A lovely dinner with church family and friends.





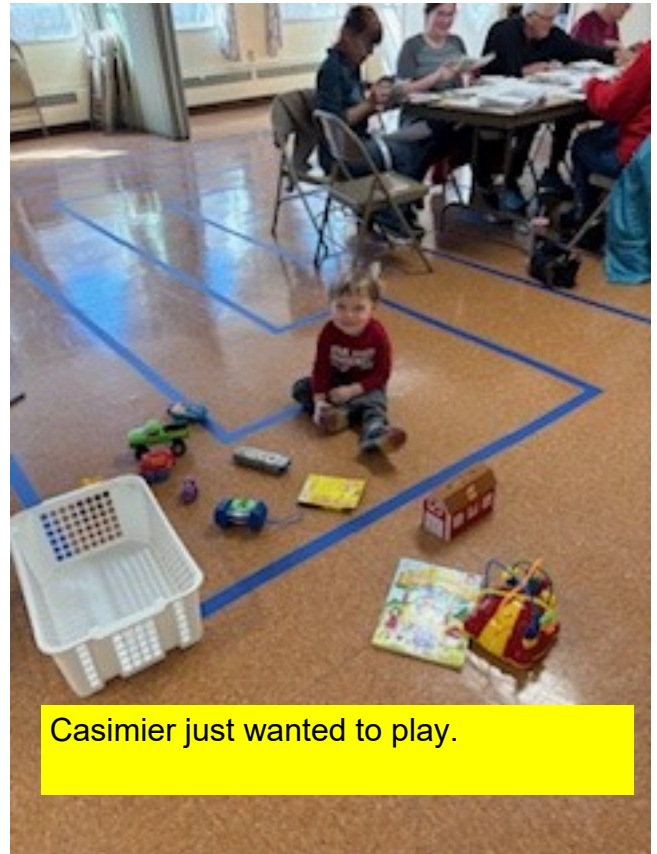
When you go out into the woods and you look at trees, you see all these different trees. And some of them are bent, and some of them are straight, and some of them are evergreens, and some of them are whatever. And you look at the tree and you allow it. You see why it is the way it is. You sort of understand that it didn't get enough light, and so it turned that way. And you don't get all emotional about it. You just allow it. You appreciate the tree. The minute you get near humans, you lose all that. And you are constantly saying 'You're too this, or I'm too this.' That judging mind comes in. And so I practice turning people into trees. Which means appreciating them just the way they are.

-Ram Dass





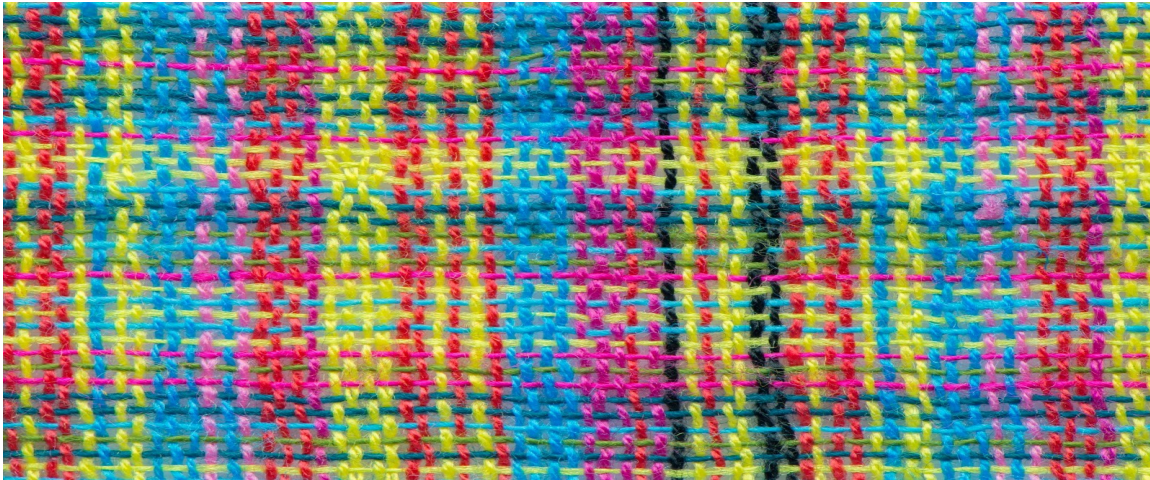
Adult Mission Day:  
Stuffing envelopes for the HIT Foundation.



Casimier just wanted to play.



Our cooks making a meal for those in need.



***2025 Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat***

***April 25-27, 2025***

Woven Together:

Unity Through Biblical Friendships

***Registration is now open!***

***<https://kirkmontcenter.campbrainregistration.com/>***

***\$225 for weekend; Saturday only \$100***

***Retreat will be held at Kirkmont Center***

***6946 Co Rd 10, Zanesfield, OH 43360***

***Worship and Discussion Leaders: Rev Ann Melick,***

***Rev Jackie Nowak, Beth Pool, Cindy Wakeland***

***Scholarships available by contacting***

***[info@kirkmontcenter.org](mailto:info@kirkmontcenter.org)***

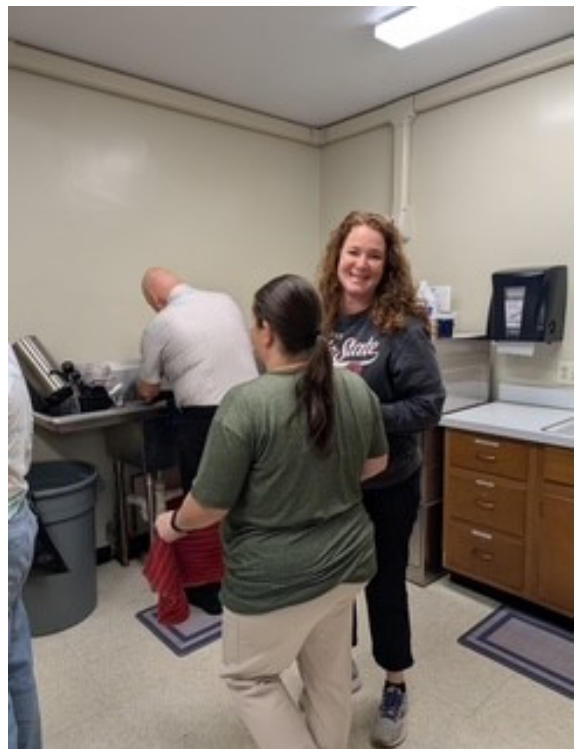
***More retreat information can be found at <https://>***

***[www.kirkmontcenter.org/events/](http://www.kirkmontcenter.org/events/)***

***Sponsored by Presbytery of the Miami Valley, The Blessing Center Collaborative, Xenia United Presbyterian Church and Kirkmont Center.***

***For more information please contact Rachel Kelley, Beth Pool or Pastor Annie!***

Brunch Church and Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Mission Trip. What a Great day!

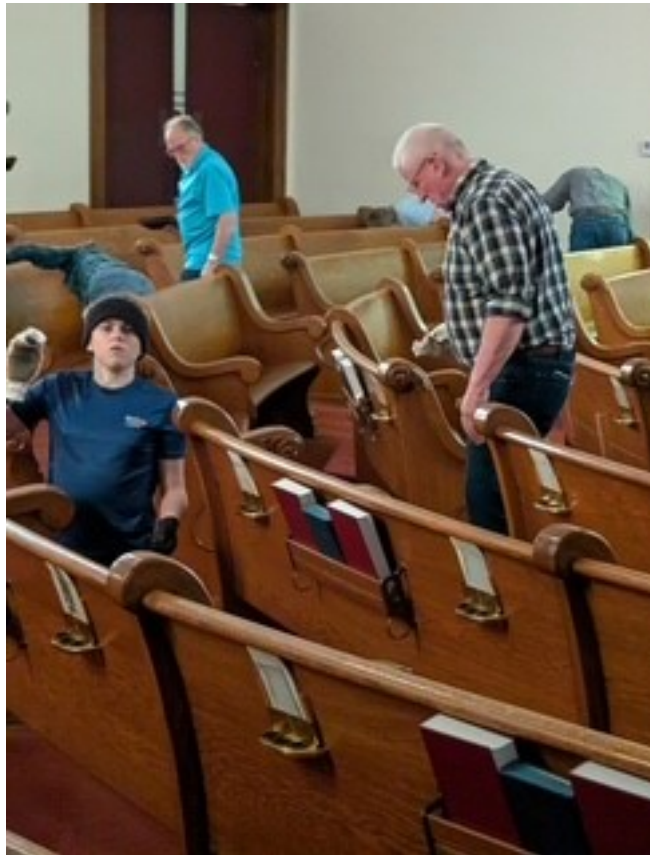




Brunch Church mission project was to clean our sanctuary. The pews were all wiped down, cushions were vacuumed. It was a good group that pitched in to help clean.









Saturday, May 3rd at 12:00pm

Cullen & Melissa Phillips are hosting at their home  
203 W. Main St., Eaton

Cost is \$10 to be paid at the time of reservation. This will go towards the Blessing Box needs.

Ann Murray will be taking the reservations. Please stop by to see her Monday-Thursday from 10-2  
or Sunday morning.

Seating is limited so get your reservations in as soon as possible.

On the day of the Tea please bring items to donate toward the Blessing Box. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends**

*"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"*

*~Jeremiah 29:12*

### **In our continuing prayers:**

Countries of War

Sarah Gregg –Continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy Acheson - pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort - stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes - home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Greg Neavin - chemo treatment

### **Remember and Uphold:**

Elaine Hawley - Vancrest

Tom & Diane Kline - Vancrest

### **Our Shut-Ins at Home:**

Doris Barker

Julia Withrow

For our Nation and those who serve

### **Church Members & Friends In The Service**

*Lt. Mac Altom/ U.S. Army*

*Jeremy Barnes/ Navy*

*Caleb Cosmi / Air Force*

*Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy*

*Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve*

*Cliff Garey / Navy*

*Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force*

*Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard*

*Zack Pool/ Air Force*

*Tanner Crabtree/ Army*

*Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy*

*Grant Davis / Army Reserve*

*Richard (Alex )Trogdon/ Navy*

*Grace Wagner / Basic Training*

*Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active*

*Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines*

*Brett Barnes / Navy*

*Ryan Hall / Army*

*Drew Roach / Navy*

Soldier's Prayer

*Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.*

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116,  
email: [annmurray916@yahoo.com](mailto:annmurray916@yahoo.com), [call the church office](tel:937-456-3754), 937-456-3754,  
[office@eatonfpc.org](mailto:office@eatonfpc.org), or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

