



First Presbyterian Church

June 2026

Pastor's Column –

Let's Go On a Quest Together

Travel plans are gearing up. Some of you have just returned. I hear about travel to South Carolina, Spain, Bahamas, Missouri, and Indiana. I hear about great adventures in Preble County at the Fort, in gardens, and on the farm. This month is our chance to dig deeper into the idea of a Quest, going places with the intention of it being a spiritual experience. We might call it a pilgrimage or a spiritual journey.

I wonder if we might carry this intention of getting to know people, looking and listening to our surroundings, and watching for what God is doing amongst us. Maybe we can have this intention when we are just going to the doctor. We can look around the waiting room and pray for those who need care. We might carry this intention when we are at the store or at a park by paying attention to all of our senses and letting the Spirit lead us to engage with people we meet along the way.

*May you travel in an awakened way,
Gathered wisely into your inner ground;
That you may not waste the invitations
Which wait along the way to transform you. ²*

² To Bless the Space Between Us, by John O'Donohue, Convergent, New York, 2008. P.54.

-Rev. Annie Melick



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14 Special Music Keith Jones Communion Sunday Session Meeting	15	16	17 Quest Discus- sion Groups 11:00am & 6:30pm	18	19	20 Juneteenth Music Festival & Food Trucks 4-9pm
21 Father's Day Special Music Erika Brandenstein MD & Family Youth Mission Trip	22 Ann vacation Youth Mission Trip	23 Ann vacation Youth Mission Trip	24 Ann vacation Youth Mission Trip	25 Youth Mission Trip	26 Youth Mission Trip	27
28 Backyard BBQ 12-2	29	30				



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3rd		19th	Jennifer Paul Bianci
4th	Barb Wright	20th	Alice Lindley
5th		21st	Ed Kalil
6th		22nd	Jennifer Steele
7th		23rd	Isabella Hurd McIntosh
8th	Miranda Munz James Kelley	24th	
9th	Kiser Buehner	25th	
10th	Marie Hayes	26th	Ed Brown
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12th	Andy Tinstman	28th	George Henry
13th		29th	Denise Sanders
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Session
First Presbyterian Church, Eaton OH
April 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of session was held in person after worship on Sunday, April 19th in the church Gathering Place. A quorum was present.

After a short devotion from Exodus, Chapter 18, verses 1-12, Pastor Annie opened the meeting with prayer at 11:49 A.M.

Members Present: David Sikora, Mary Neavin, Randy Wright, Taylor Clabaugh, Kathy McCreary, Pat Anderson, Coni Rutherford, Michael Fomin and Marie Hayes, Clerk of Session.

Members Excused: Bill Brower, Bill Clayton and Riley Buehner.

Report of the Treasurer: March treasurer's report was emailed prior to the meeting. Doug sent the monies raised at the "Souper Bowl" fundraiser to the Common Good Food Bank.

Approval of the minutes: March session minutes were emailed on April 16, 2026, to session members.

On motion by Kathy McCreary and second by Taylor Clabaugh to approve the treasurer's report as written and the March session minutes as written. **Motion carried.**

Communications: A thank you letter for our donation to Jacob's Ladder was shared by the clerk.

Report of the Clerk: I attended the annual minute reading on March 14th at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church. Our 2025 session minutes were approved without exception.

Report of the Moderator: Pastor Annie extended her heartfelt gratitude to the Session and the congregation for the support and care shown to her and her family during the recent passing of her father.

Performed the baptism of Makdisi Kip Viscusi on Easter Sunday at the 10:30 A.M. service

There will be a Good Future's presentation today at 2:30 P.M.

Reports of the Permanent Committees:

Stewardship, Finance and Congregational Care: The savings account has been transferred to a money market account that will provide us with a better return.

The insurance policy was reviewed and renewed for the 2026 fiscal year. There was a slight increase in coverage and minimal increase in cost.

Receiving bids to upgrade our fire alarm system; the elevator phone is working.

Susan Schaurer has offered to take care of the Capital Campaign Improvement plaques.

The committee also discussed; whether to include "local missions" on the giving commitment card and Legacy planning endowment.

Worship and Fellowship: Doug Moore is waiting on an itemized quote from the company who came to look at updating our audio/video needs.

Holy week plans were discussed and finalized. Pastor Annie will be holding an acolyte training on Sunday, April 26th after worship, lunch will be served to those attending.

A new food cart was ordered to be used specifically for food items and communion only.

The committee will be providing small appreciation gifts to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Lord's supper was celebrated on Sunday, April 19th.

April minutes continued:

Christian Education and Mission: Brunch Church was held April 1st, the mission project was building garden containers for the backyard garden at church.

The youth held a Pancake breakfast/brunch fundraiser on Palm Sunday.

Youth Christian Ed programs: Pastor Annie sent information about upcoming youth and children's camp opportunities, scholarships are available to help pay a portion of the camp cost. Presbyterian's Women's retreat: April 24-26, at Camp Kirkmont.

Youth Mission trip 2026: Cooperhill, TN, June 21st – 26th

The Big Backyard BBQ will be June 28th.

Compassion Camp will be held, Monday through Wednesday, July 13-15 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., the committee is looking for volunteers to help with activities.

Discussion/plans for the next Sandwich ministry on April 26th, looking for volunteers to help distribute sandwiches.

Earth Care committee update: planning to apply in Feb 2027. The committee is discussing ways to strengthen our congregation's care for creation.

Other Committees: Personnel committee meeting requested by Pastor Annie.

Old Business/Action Item: Clerk of session sent an email to all session members on April 1st for approval of communion for Messy church. **On motion** to approve communion to be served on April 1st at Messy Church. The vote was taken and approved. **Motion carried.**

Pastor Annie led session in discussion over chapter six in the Spiritual Leadership handbook, "*Working With Others*". The chapter focuses on the spiritual and practical aspects of working with others, emphasizing that effective leadership depends on collaboration among church leaders. The chapter guides leaders to adopt a "servant leadership" model, utilizing varied leadership styles to navigate relationships and foster unity within the body of Christ.

New Business: Randy Wright and Pat Anderson will attend the Board of Pensions online benefits seminar on Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 A.M.

Pat Anderson will be attending the Miami Valley Presbytery meeting on May 12th.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 17, 2026; read chapter 7 in the Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers handbook for discussion at the meeting.

Adjournment and closing prayer: Session business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Annie at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Hayes
Clerk of Session



Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and “journey” a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. “Quest” comes from the Latin root meaning “ask, seek.” This four week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that

travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures.

*Join us in this worship series
featuring resources from special guest Rick Steves.*

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| June 7, 2026 - | “Leaving Home” | Exodus 13:17-21 |
| June 14, 2026 – | “The Encounter” | John 4:7-40 |
| June 21, 2026 – | “The Reflection” | Revelations 21:22-26 |
| June 28, 2026 – | “Returning Home” | John 15:1-17 |

Quest Discussion Groups and Juneteenth Outing

Morning Discussion Group – Wednesday 10-11:30am on June 10 and 17

Evening Discussion Group - Wednesday 6:30-8pm on June 10 and 17

Join Pastor Annie at the church in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion about travel with intention. Bring pictures of your recent travels for the discussion if you want to. Even if you’ve never traveled very far, please come! You can come to all of them, but it’s okay if you can only make one or a few.

Juneteenth Music Festival and Food Trucks – June 20 from 4-9pm at Eichelberger Amphitheater in Huber Heights. Sign up so we can arrange car pooling (Sign-up Sheet at Information Desk or call the church office.) We will travel to Huber Heights with the intention of learning about another culture through food, music and conversation!

New Offering Boxes

The Session wants to try something new, so be on the lookout for our new offering boxes. They will be located on the Information Table and windowsills near the glass door entries. They are wooden boxes with a slot to put your offering in. When you arrive, just put it in the box. We will still have the offering time during the worship service with the ushers bringing the offerings forward to be dedicated to God’s mission. The rationale for doing this is that many of us do not give every week or we give online, so it might be easier to do this and not pass the plates. It might take a while to get used to, but let’s give it a try!



A note from High School Graduate Lyla Barney:
 Hello. My name is Lyla Barney. I have been a part of this church for as long as I can remember and have made many memories along the way that I will cherish forever. Some of my earliest memories come from inside the church whether it be Vacation Bible school, Logos, or Sunday church services. I just graduated from Eaton High School and plan on commuting to Sinclair for their Radiology Technology program in the fall. I would like to thank everyone for their support, and I would like to thank the church for shaping me into the person that I am today.
 Lyla Barney



Big Backyard BBQ is on June 28th right after church, 12-2pm. There will be outdoor seating, so in the spirit of summer and fellowship with our neighbors come and enjoy!

Chef Randy Wright will be cooking up tasty burgers and hot dogs. Games for all, popcorn, cotton candy, and an ice cream truck will be here. Please bring your friends & family. Invite anyone from the community to join us!

Our Community Garden is all planted and ready for ongoing care. Please stop by any day/time to help care for our plants. If you are interested in participating in the watering crew, please contact Randy Wright. Otherwise, feel free to weed the garden, and keep an eye on its progress!





Activities on Summer Break

- Miriam Circle
- Elizabeth Circle
- Moms Group
- Messy Church
- Children’s Church

Sandwich Ministry Update:



Each month, our ministry is expanding its reach! In May, we distributed sandwich meals from our church, the A.S.K. playground, and the Masonic Lodge. We were able to feed 21 people and even sent some of them home with a bagged lunch for later! Leftover meals are taken to My Neighbor’s House, homeless shelter, and/or the H.I.T. foundation. Thank you to all of those that have donated

desserts, their time making sandwiches, stuffing bags, and passing out the meals. We love seeing a variety of volunteers, and we hope more will join us in the coming months.

In June, our sandwich ministry will be done via our annual Big Backyard BBQ.



Compassion Camp, July 13-15, 6:00-8:00pm. All ages are welcome.

Fall Worship at Fort St. Clair, September 20th. Bring your lawn chair and a dish to share. What better way to appreciate the beauty of God’s creation than to worship in nature.

Blessing of the Pets, October 4th. More information on this event will be coming soon.

FPC 2026 MISSION TO Copperhill, TN
SPONSOR A YOUTH

Dear FPC YOUTH Friends & Family,

Hebrews 13:21

God will equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our 2026 youth mission team will be going to TEAMEffort's Copperhill, Tennessee mission site June 21-June 26 TEAMEffort is a non-profit inter-denominational Christian mission organization that has been providing life-changing, eye-opening, and faith-building mission experiences for youth for over 25 years. They offer opportunities for youth groups to put their faith into action through challenging and rewarding mission projects. The area around Copperhill in the Appalachian mountains is filled with incredible people who need help. Our team will serve in an area that will meet the needs of the community and make a lasting impact on each member. There will be building opportunities ranging from clean up to ramp building to house repairs. While there, our group will stay in a facility with dorm style bunking in cabins in Copperhill. There will be a dining hall, activity area and chapel on campus. All meals are provided except three lunches and two dinners during travel and free time.

As we put our faith into action by ministering to this community by helping to improve their homes and communities, we will also be showing them that the love of Christ is at the center of their lives. Most importantly while we work, we spend time in Christian fellowship with our church group and with people from all over the USA. We are trying to be God's hands and feet to His people. We will learn a lot about ourselves and God's plan for us.

The trip cost will be \$549. Each participant pays \$150 deposit for travel expenses so \$399 per participant needs to be raised. Right now, we have 15 participants. In the past, most funds have been raised by fundraising. One way we can raise the money is by getting sponsors.

Will you help sponsor us?

\$883 pays for a Rental Van for the week which holds 7 people.

\$399 pays for a Youth lodging

\$150 pays for the travel & food expenses for 1

Total Youth Cost

\$549 pays for a Youth's Full Trip expenses- lodging, food & transportation

Any amount is very helpful and greatly appreciated!

If you donate over \$150, you will receive a Mission T-shirt if desired.

Our transportation cost is up because of the increase in gas and van rentals.

So, \$549 x 15= \$8,235 total funds needed

Thank you for always supporting our youth! We are so very blessed with the great kids and families we have! They know you are always behind them, no matter what, and this creates the strong Christian children at FPC!

If you would like to sponsor/donate, please feel free to mail it in to

FPC Youth Mission

PO Box 125

Eaton, Ohio 45320

or bring it to church on any Sunday by June 14.

God's love & Blessings,
Beth & 2026 Youth Mission Team



Summer concert

Eaton

Area

Community

Band

Sunday, June 14, 3pm

Performing Arts Center

600 Hillcrest Drive, Eaton

Moderator and Vice Moderator continued

Assembly, a Commissioner to the Synod of the Covenant, Chair of Staff Support, Chair of the Executive Presbyter Search Committee and the Stated Clerk Search Committee, Member of the Transition Visioning Team of the Presbytery, co-leader of the Small Church Transformation Project, and Missional Presbyteries Project Participant.

She is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Theology. Diane lives in Loveland with her husband and three cats. She has two adult sons.

Vice Moderator
Ruling Elder Greg Eyler
The Presbyterian Church, Hamilton

Greg is a Ruling Elder and Deacon from The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. A lifelong Presbyterian and Ohioan, he graduated from Miami University with a degree in History and completed additional coursework in Geriatrics at the University of Cincinnati. Greg entered long-term healthcare as a recreational therapist and served as the department head until his retirement in 2012.

Over the years, Greg has served the Hamilton congregation in many capacities, including as a Stephen Minister. Presently, he is on the session and chairs the Nominating Committee. He has a passion for Seeker Ministries and Multicultural Ministries. In the early 2000s, Greg was a contributing writer for the ecumenical periodical "Net Results," focusing on identifying new ideas for vital churches and ministries.

Greg has been involved with PMV since the 1990s and recently served on the Nominating and Staff Support Committees. He is also a member of the Administrative Commission working with the Corinth congregation.

Single, Greg enjoys spending time with his nieces and nephews. As well as selling mid-20th Century glassware and dinnerware at an antique shop in Lebanon. In his spare time, he collects postcards and grows African Violets and Irises.



Quick Response

Scan this image using your mobile phone's camera to be directed to the PMV website to access the links in this newsletter and more.

Introducing Good Futures Accelerator

What if you could use your church buildings and property to further your mission and ministry in your neighborhood and to generate new forms of income?



Good Futures Accelerator was designed by Rooted Good to help congregations address core questions relating to the use of property for mission and ministry in the changing context congregations face today. The project aims to help congregations understand their changing context – both in terms of ministry and finances.

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley has joined in this program and is hoping to create a cohort of churches which are working through the Good Futures Accelerator. PMV is also offering the possibility of a \$5000 grant to churches that complete the program and come up with an idea to fulfill their mission and purpose in their communities that utilizes their buildings and creates possibly new revenue streams for the church.

Our hope and prayer are that this in-depth study will help churches fulfill their mission and purpose in our local communities, utilizing our buildings and land in new, creative ways, and generate new revenue streams. As we know, our God has created everyone to do good work, and the role of faith communities in the world today is still significant. And more needed than ever.

► Learn more at tinyurl.com/PMVGoodFutures

Synod Presbyterian Women's Gathering
In Dayton July 24-25



Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Covenant will hold their annual gathering right here in Dayton at **Southminster Presbyterian Church**, 7001 Far Hills Avenue, July 24-25. The Synod includes 11 presbyteries and nearly 700 congregations throughout Michigan and Ohio (and small slices of Indiana, Kentucky, and Wisconsin).

► Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/SynodPW/2025

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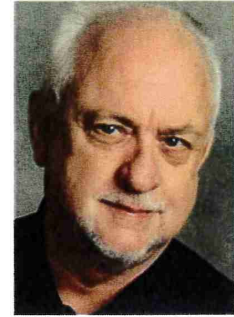
Preparing, equipping, nurturing, and connecting congregations in their ministries for God's mission.

Bulletin/Newsletter Insert

Spring 2026

Meet our new Moderator and Vice Moderator

At its May 12, 2026 meeting, Presbytery of the Miami Valley elected Minister of Word and Sacrament Diane Ziegler as Moderator and Ruling Elder Greg Eyler as Vice Moderator for 2026-27.



Moderator
The Rev. Diane Ziegler
The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, Bellbrook

The Rev. Diane Ziegler was raised in the Oxford Presbyterian Church. She has served as Stated Supply pastor of The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church since 2016, and as Parish Associate of the Oxford Presbyterian Church since 2010. Prior to serving the Bellbrook church, Diane served as Executive Director of Kirkmont Center, as transitional pastor for the Belle Center United Presbyterian Church, and as pastor of the Reily Presbyterian Church.

Within the presbytery, Diane has served as a Commissioner to General

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THE 227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 22 - July 2, 2026



The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will include online committee meetings June 22-24 and in person plenaries June 28-July 2 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The General Assembly as an event occurs every two years. It includes the gathering of committees who recommend actions to plenary sessions, opportunities to break bread through shared meals, educational opportunities, moments of public witness, the election of the Moderator(s), and more.

Representing Presbytery of the Miami Valley are:

Commissioners

The Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich, Corinth Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder Alice McCollum, Trinity Presbyterian Church

Alternate Commissioners

The Rev. Dr. Caitlin Deyerle, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton
Ruling Elder Marge Morgan, Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church

Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Adriano Herrera, College Hill Community Church PC(USA)

Alternate Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Will Ford, College Hill Community Church PC(USA)

Presbytery staff attending

The Rev. Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter

May Messy Church



Tori Falkner reading a Mother's Day poem.



Ladies Tea held on May 16th at the home of Melissa & Cullen Phillips.





Welcome

Archer Neavin Barnes
May 17, 2026
8lbs-9oz, 19.8 long

Parents: Ashley & Jordan Barnes
Siblings: Aly (5) and Blake (2)
Grandparents: Brad & Mary Neavin
Great Grandparent: Stella Davidson

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

Stacy Creech - prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend

Jack & Nancy Turner - recovering at home

Ron Mickelson - recovering at home

Diane Kasten - recovering at home

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline - Vancrest

Alice Lindley

Our Shut-Ins at Home:

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Lt. Mac Altom/ U.S. Army

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

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

Ryan Hall / Army

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy

Grace Wagner / Basic Training

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active

Justin McIntosh - Army National Guard

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

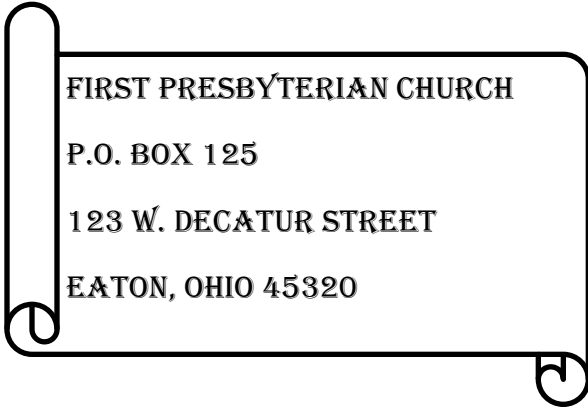
Brett Barnes / Navy

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, [call the church office](tel:937-456-3754), 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.



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Our Mission: *Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

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Personnel Committee: *Randy Wright, Bill Clayton, Pat Anderson

Presbytery Commissioners: Kathy McCreary, Taylor Clabaugh, David Sikora, Coni Rutherford, Riley Buehner, Michael Fomin

Nominating Committee: *Mary Neavin, Bill Brower,
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