

January 2024

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Pastoral Reflection: Being Faithful in a New Year

Having celebrated the joys of Christmas, let us take time to reflect on the meaning of Christ's birth and prepare ourselves for the new year.

Christ was born in a humble stable surrounded by barn animals and common shepherds. Jesus came into this world not as a mighty warrior or earthly king but as a child of humble birth who grew up to serve others. Jesus came to show us the way of love, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus came to save us from our sins and to give us the gift of eternal life.

The carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" invites us to join in the angelic choir in adoring Christ, our Savior. It beckons us to come and behold Him and to worship Him. The carol reminds us that Jesus is the Word of God, the Light of the world, and the Son of God.

I associate singing this carol with Christmas Eve, but it is also appropriate to keep singing it in our hearts as we prepare for the new year. Let us ask ourselves: How can we follow Christ more closely? How can we serve Him more faithfully? How can we love Him more deeply and share the good news of His birth with others?

Since the new year is a time of resolutions, let us make a resolution to grow in our faith, to live in God's grace, and to witness to God's love. May we also make a resolution to be people of prayer and pray constantly and consistently for God's guidance, protection, and blessing.

May we be truly thankful for God's gifts, God's mercy, and God's continuing presence in our lives.

Let us come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant into the new year committed to be faithful disciples.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Julie



### CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

The church now has a post office box to receive incoming mail. If you need to mail checks or other correspondence, please mail to:

**First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 682  
Fremont, OH 43420**

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### Opportunities for Worship:

Sunday School: 8:30 am, via Zoom, resuming 1/21/2024

Worship:

- **January 7** - 10:00 am at First Presbyterian
- **January 14** - 10:00 am at First Presbyterian
- **January 21** - 10:30 am at East Side, followed by a meeting of both Sessions
- **January 28** - To be Determined

### 2024 PER CAPITA

\$39.10

## 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**

**January**

**7 - Oatmeal**

**14 - Peas**

**21 - Applesauce**

**28 - Potato Flakes**

Thanks for your help neighbor!  
Rod and Linda Combs

## 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](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com).

Thank you! Amy Monk,  
FPC Administrative Assistant

## NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE:

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

[fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com)

## CHURCH un-DECORATING

The church un-decorating originally scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. A new date is yet to be determined by the Witness and Fellowship committee. Thank you.

## AVAILABLE PHONE LOCATIONS

In order to attempt to solve a phone issue in the building, all but three phones have been unplugged. In case of emergency, working phones are located upstairs in the library and downstairs in the hall near the Garrison St. door.

Thank you.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will resume on January 21, 2024. Sunday School is at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, via Zoom. A new Zoom link will be sent out via email soon. If you do not receive the link before the 21st, please contact the church office at 419-334-7171 or [fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com).

## SATELLITES

We are going to The 818 Club on January 10th at 11:30 am.

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



***Special prayer request:*** Please keep Audine Leeper and Jim Hiser in your prayers.

## SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY



Services are automatically cancelled whenever a *Level 2* Snow Emergency is in effect for Sandusky County as of 8 am on Sunday morning. Information about what level the county is at is available on the Sheriff department's recorded information line:

(419-332-2613) or website ([www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency](http://www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency)).

# January

	1 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	2 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	3	4	5	6
	Happy New Year					
7 10:00a - Worship at FPC 5:00p - Vida Church	8 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	9 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	10 11:30a - Satellites	11	12	13
14 10:00a - Worship at FPC 5:00p - Vida Church	15 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	16 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	17 6:30p - Deacons 7:00p - Session	18	19	20
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day					Newsletter Articles Due
21 8:30a - Zoom Sunday School 10:30a - Worship at East Side - Meeting of both Sessions 5:00p - Vida Church	22 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	23 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	24	25	26	27
28 8:30a - Zoom Sunday School TBD - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	29 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	30 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	31			

## Birthdays

3	Mary Ann Perry	24	Jane Reinbolt
9	Courtney Miarer	25	Amanda Herman
11	Dick Adams	26	Aaron Miarer
13	Elizabeth Biller	28	Audine Leeper
15	Jeff Hall	30	Helen Cominsky
17	Kyle Amor		

## Anniversaries

22	Larry & Barb Stout
28	Donn & Joyce Jones





### **THE SESSION**

*Rev. Dr. Julie Kling (Moderator)*

*Dannita Cowdrey*

*Bob Gamble*

*Bob Humberger*

*Nicole Whetstone*

*Bill Taylor (Clerk)*

### **THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julie Kling
Choir Director	Lori Damschroder
Organist Emeritus	Paul Livingston
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
Volunteer Parish Nurse	Linda Hamilton
Custodian	Scott Slatter

### **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

### **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

*Melissa Detwiler*

*Joan Gamble*

*Anne Humberger*

*Susan Myers*

*Carolyn Taylor*



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To contact the pastor, call the church office  
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In case of a pastoral emergency,  
call 419-341-2548.