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First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter

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MONTHLY REFLECTION

The following story was told in an article by Rubel Shelly, and I think it is highly appropriate today.

Columnist Deborah Mathis wrote about the time when she was at Union Station in Washington D.C. on a particularly busy day. The building echoed with a cacophony of sound – the public address announcer calling out arrivals and departures; loud music from radios and scores of ringing cell phones crying out for attention.

She could hear horns honking, machines clinking out change, and babies crying. A security guard was yelling at a man who was about to enter a forbidden area. Three women stood up from their bench in order to argue with each other more loudly. And a man in front of her was nervously pacing in a tight circle.

Suddenly, through all the din, she heard someone singing: *“What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear; What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer.”*

Slowly a change came over the noisy crowd. The voice continued: *“O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.”*

The quarreling women stopped their talking and quietly took their seats. People who had been tense and hurried seemed to slow and relax.

Everyone was straining to hear the voice singing the remaining verses of that old hymn. Ms. Mathis realized that she and most of the crowd was singing along.

The man in front of her, who had been behaving nervously quietly said: “Nice, huh? I don’t even believe in Jesus, but that’s nice.”

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you.” A legacy of inner peace is offered to all who know Jesus Christ, regardless of their circumstances.

May you experience God’s peace.

- Submitted by Jim Boroff

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 17 - We will be having a Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7pm at East Side, 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont.

April 20 - We will have Easter Breakfast at 9am at East Side. Worship Service will follow at 10:30 am. A signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex at the East Side building.

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2025 PER CAPITA

\$40.29



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

April

6 - peanut butter/ jelly

13 - saltines

20 - spaghetti

27 - spaghetti sauce

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

SATELLITES

We are going to Applebee's on April 9th at 11:30 am.

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



Easter Egg Hunt

On Palm Sunday, April 13th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages Preschool – 5th grade. We will have a time of fun throughout the Fellowship Hall at East Side Presbyterian Church (1020 Kentucky Ave.) after worship service. Weather permitting, the children will also hunt for eggs outside in the front yard. Easter baskets will be provided. Please contact Nikki Whetstone if you are planning to bring children to the hunt so she can make sure there are enough supplies. You can contact her at: 419-307-0718, in person, or leave a message in the office. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the table at East Side Church if you attend Sunday services. Come support and encourage the children while they are finding their eggs, and enjoy some fellowship with others!



SAVE THE DATE!

The First Presbyterian Deacons will be hosting a taco luncheon on Sunday, May 4 at East Side. More details coming soon! Plan to join us!

2025 BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to the East Side church building on:

• **Tuesday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. The next bloodmobile date will be 6/3/25.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is April 20, so that means it's time to order your Easter flowers. White lilies, dark purple hyacinths and yellow tulips will be used to decorate the East Side sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$15.00 each. If you wish to purchase flowers, complete the form below and mail it into the office, place it in the offering plate or call Susan Myers at 419-334-4718 to place your order by April 13, 2025. Thank you!

2025 EASTER FLOWERS



Do not pay now. Prairie Flowers will bill you.

Person ordering & to be billed: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Given by: _____

In Memory of: (deceased) _____

In honor of: (living) _____

To the Glory of God _____

Indicate how many you would like of the 3 flowers below:

Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____

Last day to order is April 13, 2025

All flowers should be picked up after the Easter Service on April 20th.

April 2025

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6 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Coffee Hour following worship 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	7 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	8 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	9 11:30a - Satellites 7:00p - FIRST Session @ FIRST building	10	11	12				
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Palm Sunday										
20 9:00a - Easter Breakfast @ East Side 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC Easter Sunday Newsletter Articles Due	21 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	22 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	23	24	25	26				
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4 William & Gerrie Hensley

Anniversaries



22 Jayne Wingo

10 John Fawley

3 Hannah Biller

23 Sherri Kennedy

12 William Hensley

5 Anne Humberger

15 Carley Crispen

6 Dwight Damschroder

24 Ralph Oxley

21 Sam Detwiler

9 Heather Haynes

Birthdays

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.

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

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

fremontfpc@gmail.com