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# **First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter**

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## **MONTHLY REFLECTION**

I'd like to share with you a story about a successful businessman by the name of Stanley Tam, who was born in California in 1915, moved to Ohio as a young boy, and grew up on a small farm outside Lima, Ohio. As you can imagine, life was not easy growing up during the Great Depression, and although a good student in high school, further education was out of the question. Although his parents saw to his church attendance, he never really became a "Christian" until his future seemed to be at its darkest hour, and he finally agreed to allow Christ into his life. In a "talk with God," he was reminded of a promise he had made to the Lord: That he would turn his business over to the Lord if He would show him the way. And with that conversation, a new covenant was born. For letting God make the decisions and run his business, Stanley would give God 51% of the ownership of his business and also share in 51% of his profits. By 1975, the business outgrew its facility, and they purchased thirty-three acres of land along I-75, erected buildings covering five acres of floor space, and expanded sales to thirteen million dollars annually, heading toward a goal of twenty. In reading his Bible one morning, he recalled reading the verse in the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, which reads: "Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth". By 1979, they were providing a million, five hundred thousand dollars a year to missionary outreach across the world.

According to Stanley, "To me, making money is pointless unless one's objective is to help others." Case in point: "With God, all things are possible."

What happened to Stanley? He retired from his business, United States Plastic Corporation, in 1999, but continued to remain active in his discipleship and Christian missionary work. He finally passed on to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ two years ago on April 16, 2023, at the age of 107.

I guess God has a job for all of us at our young ages!

Bill Taylor,  
Clerk of Session, FPC

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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**

**May**

**4 - cereal**

**11 - potato flakes**

**18 - green beans**

**25 - pears**

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

**2025 BLOODMOBILE**

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



**American Red Cross**

- **Tuesday, June 3 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

*Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.*

**Taco Luncheon**



The First Presbyterian Deacons will be hosting a taco luncheon on Sunday, May 4 at East Side. Everything

will be provided, so please make plans to stay after worship on the 4th to join us for food and fellowship!

**SATELLITES**

We are going to Tackle Box on May 14th at 11:30 am.

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



**FPC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

On Sunday, May 18 following the worship service at East Side, we will have a Congregational Meeting to review the 2024 FPC annual report and nominations of new elders and deacons. Printed annual reports, as well as updated combined directories including First and East Side members will be available in the East Side sanctuary on Sunday, May 4.



# May 2025

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4 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Taco Luncheon following worship 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	5 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC		6 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	7		8		9		10
11 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	12 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC		13 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	14 11:30a - Satellites 7:00p - FIRST Session @ FIRST building	15	16		17		
<b>Mother's Day</b>										
18 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - FIRST Congregational Meeting @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC Newsletter Articles Due	19 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC		20 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	21 6:30p - FIRST Deacons @ FIRST building	22	23		24		
25 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	26 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	<b>Memorial Day</b>	27 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	28	29	30		31		

- 5 Barb Haynes
- 9 Leland Bartson
- 12 Mark Cominsky
- 20 Jerry Clark
- 23 Dannita Cowdrey
- 5 Codey & Jenna Herman
- 6 Robert & Lisa Zimmerman
- 16 Jay & Beth Provonsha



## Anniversaries

- 23 Brittany Stout
- 24 Sally Clark
- 24 Bonnie Ross
- 30 Peggy Earhart

## 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.

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

**fremontfpc@gmail.com**

**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