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First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter

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MONTHLY REFLECTION

When God closes a door...

On September 14, 2025, the last worship service will be held in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church at 120 South Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio. Thanks be to God for all the love and special memories that have taken place within these walls.

We arrived at this day through the work of the Sessions of First Presbyterian Church and East Side Presbyterian Church and the appointed Transition/Visioning Team.

The Transition/Visioning Team members were tasked to envision a merged church. The members took time to analyze the current operations of both churches, the buildings, the staff, and all the “stuff” in the buildings. Great care was taken to analyze the costs of operating the buildings, the anticipated repairs and maintenance for the next 10 years, and the size of the anticipated new congregation. In the end, the team recommended using the East Side building for the new congregation.

Since the proposal to merge and the steps laid out to begin making the two congregations into one new church was approved, both congregations have taken on the work of merging traditions, sacred items, staff members and duties, and the “stuff.”

...He opens a window.

In July, the new joint Session started meeting to work on creating this new congregation. A high priority was making the space “ours” by including traditions and sacred items that have held importance in the former congregations. One of the first tasks was to select a name that reflects this new congregation. Starting January 1, 2026, the church located at 1020 Kentucky Avenue will be known as Fremont Presbyterian Church. The Grand Piano will be moved from the First Presbyterian Building. Work has begun to combine the libraries, the kitchens, the music, and the nurseries, finalize a space for the Secretary, and obtain internet service.

Looking forward, the new congregation will be able to discern the best way to meet the spiritual needs of the members and friends and reach out to invite others to share our love of God.

Linda Combs

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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

September

7 - noodles

14 - potato flakes

21 - pears

28 - corn

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

CLOSING OF BUILDING SERVICE

You are warmly invited to join us for a final church service in our building at 120 S. Park Avenue. During this service, we will celebrate 192 years of ministry of The First Presbyterian Church, reflect on our journey together, give thanks for all the blessings we've shared, and close the 120 S. Park Ave location.

This special service will take place on:

Sunday, September 14

at 10:30 a.m.

120 S. Park Ave, Fremont, Ohio

We hope you will join us as we celebrate the continuing legacy of The First Presbyterian Church. Your presence would be a great encouragement to us all as we conclude this chapter and begin the next.

Light refreshments will follow the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

With love and gratitude,

The Church Leadership of The First Presbyterian Church

SATELLITES

We are going to American Table, 603 Plaza Drive, Fostoria. on September 10th at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



2025 BLOODMOBILE

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

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

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



American Red Cross

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS LAY LEADER?


We are looking for individuals who would like to serve as lay leader and assist in Sunday morning services. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex at the East Side building.

COFFEE HOUR



Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship! If you would like to sign up to help with Coffee Hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex at East Side. If you have any questions, please see Ann Weiler or Blanche McCormick. Thank you!

September 2025

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		2 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC				
7 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Coffee Hour after wor- ship 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	8	9 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	10 11:30a - Satellites	11	12	13
14 10:30a - Final Worship service @ FIRST bldg. - Coffee Hour after wor- ship 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	15	16 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	17	18	19	20
21 10:30a - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	22	23 5:00p - Vida Bible Study	24	25	26	27
28 10:30a - Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	29	30 11:30a-5:30p - Bloodmo- bile @ EAST SIDE 5:00p - Vida Bible Study				

Newsletter Articles Due

Birthdays

10	Beth Provonsha	21	Dennis Weiler
11	Cayla Crispen	24	Rick Keck
14	Cathy Bibler	28	Cheryl Magargle
17	Russ Abbott	29	Jon Detwiler



Anniversaries

13	Bill & Carolyn Taylor
15	Philip & Courtney Miarer

***FIRST AND EAST SIDE
JOINT SESSION***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ELDERS:

*Linda Combs
Dannita Cowdrey
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

EAST SIDE ELDERS:

*Cheryl Magargle, Clerk
Ross McCormick
Ann Weiler*

***FIRST AND EAST SIDE
BOARD OF DEACONS***

FIRST DEACONS:

*Rod Combs
Melissa Detwiler
Susan Myers*

EAST SIDE DEACONS:

*Pat Damschroder
Blanche McCormick
Alyce Ann Schmidt*

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
FIRST Treasurer	Linda Combs
EAST SIDE Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Linda Combs
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