

APRIL 2021

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

### Alleluia! Christ Has Risen!

Our response to this greeting should be: "He is risen indeed!" Easter is a reminder that God is in control. That even when we look around us and see suffering and death, life is here! Even when we listen and hear words of hate, love is calling! Easter is a reminder to believe and have hope. For God is the victor and has given the gift of the resurrection. This is the miracle of Easter.

We can stand before the Risen Christ and know that when we are filled with despair, Christ will raise us up with hope. When we are buried in the tomb of our sin and selfishness, Christ will fill us with mercy and grace. If we open ourselves to God, God will strengthen us and help us to walk in the light of his promises and resurrection faith every day. While it may be difficult to live in the midst of our world and discern signs of God's presence, we know God is still there. We trust. We pray.

As we enter this Easter season, let us give thanks and rejoice that God's love conquers all. We are loved by God and covered with God's grace. This is a season of Spring, new life, and new beginnings. One of my favorite hymn texts is "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" by Brian Wren:

"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again. Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find. Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new."

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Let us journey forth with the Spirit's daring as God has, and is, and will make all things new!

Pastor Julie

**In-person worship has been temporarily canceled until Sandusky County is no longer "Red". There will still be "Zoom" services every Sunday at 10 am and Sunday School at 9 am.**

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#### Opportunities for Worship:

- Sunday School 9 am, via Zoom
- Worship 10 am, via Zoom

#### CONTACT INFO:

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#### NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE:

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office@fremontfpc.org

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## Christ University

Join us as we finish studying the book of Esther, Sundays at 9 am via Zoom.

*April 4 - Easter Sunday, no Sunday School*

*April 11 - Esther, Chapter 6*

*April 18 - Esther, Chapter 7*

*April 25 - Esther, Chapter 8*

*May 2 - Esther, Chapters 9 and 10*

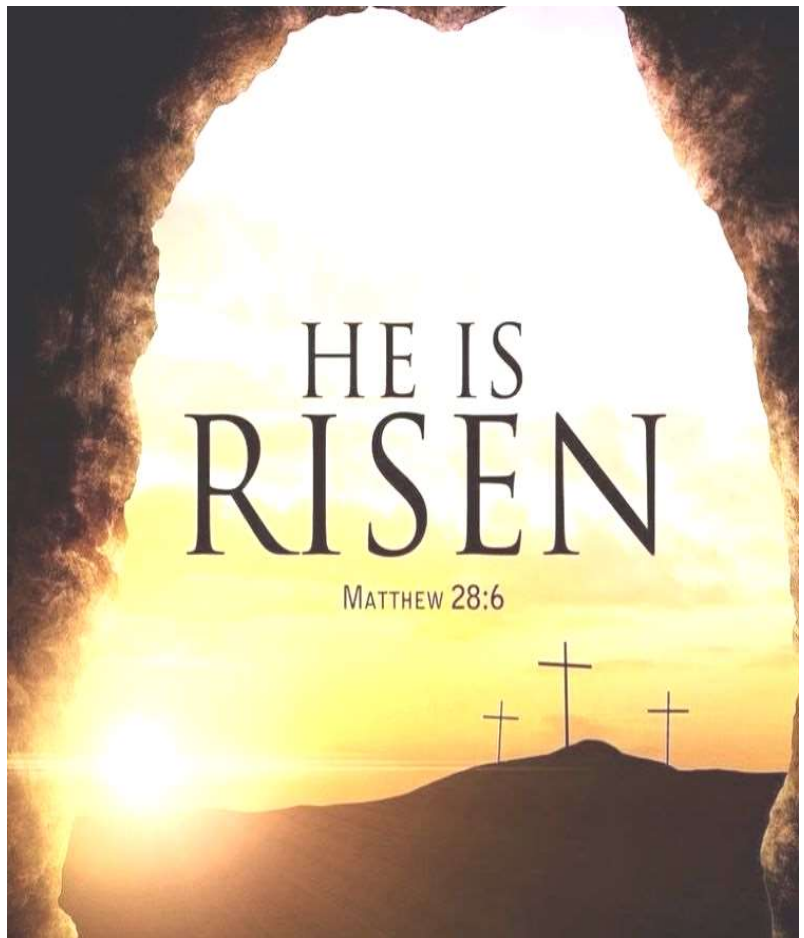
### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at:

office@fremontfpc.org.

Thank you! Amy Monk,

FPC Administrative Assistant



## SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETING

The regular February Stated Session was held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Session members present included: Jody Amor, Linda Hamilton, John Roush, Larry Stout, Bill Taylor, and Rev. Dr. Julie Kling, moderator. Bob Humberger and Ken Myers were absent. Pastor Kling opened with a poetic prayer provided by Christopher Fry and discussed discipleship, evangelism, and our living our faith.

With the State's ruling Sandusky County's COVID-19 status as "red", weekly Sunday School and Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday services will be on Zoom. Adult Sunday School will begin study of the Old Testament book of Ruth. Fremont Clergy Fellowship is preparing a composite video Good Friday Service.

Pastor Kling gave a verbal report of her January activities to Session.

The treasurers' report for January (includes Rainbow Station): income - \$10,512, expenditures - \$10,913, deficit - \$401.

The Leadership Team reports included: **Fellowship and Service** – Team is planning welcome back-to-church reception when normal church services resume. **Presbytery Report** – Pastor Kling and Bill Taylor will be attending the quarterly ZOOM Presbytery meeting on February 16. **Witness and Outreach** - John Roush will represent FPC at the up-coming two Discipleship Zoom Meetings

There was no old, but new business included approval to make the annual \$1,000 Mission pledge to Maumee Valley Presbytery again in 2021. Further Session approved a tentative Church Budget for the fiscal year 2021 to receive final approval at the May Session meeting. The church will receive "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering during Holy Week. Finally, Session approved the appointment of Lawrence Van Dyne and Russell Abbott to new 9-year terms as members of the Foundation Board. (This appointment must be affirmed by the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting.)

Pastor Kling closed the meeting with prayer.

# RAINBOW STATION NEWS



Happy Easter!  
Praise God  
for new life  
and new be-  
ginnings. It  
has been a  
year now  
since we had  
to shut down  
for 3 months  
due to

Covid19. We are anticipating a much better year this year, as we grow in attendance and in patience, as God does His work. We have learned a lot over the past year and are looking forward to learning a lot more as things open up more and we are able to get back to a more normal routine. Please keep us in prayer during this journey.

We currently have 10 enrolled in the preschool room, reaching our pandemic ratios of 9 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have 3 enrolled in the toddler room with calls coming in for the summer. Pray for our families as we try to serve them to the best of our ability.

We have been going outside more and are enjoying the play yard and our new house. Their sense of adventure is so awesome to watch as they look for critters under rocks and on the trees. They know that the outdoors are the critters' home and they are not to kill them, but be gentle with them.

Thank you for  
all of your  
support and  
prayers, they  
are greatly  
appreciated.

Have a very  
Happy Easter.  
Rainbow Sta-  
tion Staff



## RECYCLE!

Don't forget to bring in your used ink and toner cartridges to be recycled. These are returned to Staples, and Rainbow Station receives credit toward future purchases on needs such as paper and ink. Every little bit makes a difference! Thank you for your continued help!



## Happy Birthday!

- 3 Serephia Marino
- 8 Tessa Leathead
- 18 Lucy Burris

# HAPPY EASTER



## Neighbors' News

The Pandemic has changed our lives but not our commitment to help feed the hungry. If you are able to help until we are able to collect food items, please send a contribution to:

**The Sandusky County Food Pantry**  
**PO Box 445**  
**Fremont, OH 43420**

Please put **First Presbyterian Church Neighbors** on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your help, Neighbor!

## BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER!

Have you been looking to give back to your community in a way that will make a lasting ripple effect? Children in foster care who have a CASA volunteer are more likely to succeed in school, adjust better to change, and they are half as likely to re-enter the foster care system later. As a volunteer, you can make all the difference for a child who has experienced abuse or neglect in your community! Get involved. Change a child's story. Become a CASA. The next volunteer training will take place April 20 at 5:00 PM at CASA's Tiffin office (21 Court Street, Tiffin). To find out more information about CASA or to receive an application, visit CASA's website at [casaofssw.org](http://casaofssw.org) or call 419-448-1442

Learn everything you need to know  
 about Advocating for children in court.

Training starts April 20th,  
 2021 @ 5:00pm  
 21 Court St. Tiffin

## Announcing Kirkmont's 1st Annual HOME CAMPAign April 18-25, 2021

What is the HOME CAMPAign? It's a fun-filled, virtual, week long, fundraising event in support of the summer camp programs at Kirkmont Center.

### What ways will there be to donate?

1. Normal Donations but to the "Home Campaign" though our donations page, or send a check and write "Home Campaign" in the memo line.
2. Donations to our VENMO account (Write "home Campaign" in the memo line).
3. Donations-in-kind: See something on our list you have/want to support directly? Buy it and send it to us! That counts too and you can know exactly what your donations went to.
4. Peer-to-peer fundraiser "Bingo" for those who are social-media savvy.
5. An Energizer-a-Thon (like a walk-a-thon but with energizers) for campers and other young (or young at heart) people to raise money for each minute of energizers they commit to doing during our live-stream on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

And a 6<sup>th</sup> way we are keeping secret until we are ready to launch it!

Contact Amanda at [vista@kirkmontcenter.org](mailto:vista@kirkmontcenter.org) for more information!



APRIL

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|---|----|----|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|-------------|----|
|   |    |    |                               |  |  | 1               | 2           | 3  |
|   |    |    |                               |  |  | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday |    |
| 4<br>9:00a - Zoom Sunday School<br>10:00a - Zoom Worship  | 5  | 6  | 7                             |  |  | 8               | 9           | 10 |
| Easter Sunday   |    |    |                               |  |  |                 |             |    |
| 11<br>9:00a - Zoom Sunday School<br>10:00a - Zoom Worship | 12 | 13 | 14<br>7:30p - Session Meeting |  |  | 15              | 16          | 17 |
|   |    |    |                               |  |  |                 |             |    |
| 18<br>9:00a - Zoom Sunday School<br>10:00a - Zoom Worship | 19 | 20 | 21                            |  |  | 22              | 23          | 24 |
|   |    |    |                               |  |  |                 |             |    |
| 25<br>9:00a - Zoom Sunday School<br>10:00a - Zoom Worship | 26 | 27 | 28                            |  |  | 29              | 30          |    |
|   |    |    |                               |  |  |                 |             |    |

|    |                 |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 5  | Anne Humberger  | 21 | Samuel Detwiler |
| 10 | John Fawley     | 22 | Jayne Wingo     |
| 12 | William Hensley | 23 | Sherri Kennedy  |
| 12 | John Paulson    | 24 | Ralph Oxley     |
| 15 | Carley Crispen  |    |                 |

|               |   |                          |
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Birthdays





### ***THE BOARD OF DEACONS***

*Kaylee Amor*  
*Pam Clark*  
*Gerrie Hensley*  
*Amanda Herman*  
*Anne Humberger*  
*Lisa Zimmerman*  
*Josh Ross (Moderator)*  
*Diane Roush*

### **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       |
| Rainbow Station Director/Teacher | Roberta Patterson      |
| Rainbow Station Teacher          | Kathleen Daley         |
| Rainbow Station Floater          | Shari Mehling          |
| Rainbow Station Aide             | Kali Norris            |
| Co-Treasurers                    | Larry & Carol Van Dyne |
| Volunteer Parish Nurse           | Linda Hamilton         |
| Custodian                        | Scott Slatter          |

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** **COORDINATING TEAM**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Moderator        | Dannita Cowdrey |
| Secretary        |                 |
| Treasurer        | Carol Van Dyne  |
| Funeral Luncheon | Susan Myers     |
| Rachel Circle    | Dannita Cowdrey |
| Rummage Sales    |                 |
| At Large         | Jo Elder        |
|                  | Lois Livingston |

### ***THE SESSION***

*Jody Amor*  
*Linda Hamilton*  
*Bob Humberger*  
*Ken Myers*  
*John Roush*  
*Larry Stout*  
*Bill Taylor (Clerk)*  
*Rev. Dr. Julie Kling (Moderator)*



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