

# FPC NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

BY PASTOR ANDREW GILMAN

As Presbyterians, we enjoy a form of Church government that is connectional between our own congregation and the many other congregations in our region (Midwest Presbytery) as well as EPC churches across America. There are 627 congregations with 125,000 members in our denomination. These member congregations are invited once a year to attend the General Assembly. This year that meeting will take place in Memphis Tennessee from June 18th - 20th.

Ecclesiastical meetings of this nature may seem to some as if they would be a tremendous burden and a bore. However, having attended 4 General Assembly meetings, I can assure you that these are joyful and fulfilling meetings. Each day begins and concludes with worship. At each service a sermon is delivered by some of the best Bible expositors of our denomination. The break times are filled with visiting between old friends and former colleagues. Breakout sessions are an excellent time to make new friends.

The days at General Assembly are long. They begin at 9AM and often wrap up at 8PM after evening worship. (Continued on page 9)

### KEY DATES

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#### JUNE 2

Communion Worship  
Volleyball Practice

#### JUNE 3

First Volleyball Game

#### JUNE 7

Main Street First Friday  
Volleyball Game

#### JUNE 16

Happy Father's Day

#### JUNE 17-21

Church Office Closed

# DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

## Q. 72. WHAT IS JUSTIFYING FAITH?

**A.** Justifying faith is a saving grace<sup>1</sup> that works in the hearts of sinners by the Spirit<sup>2</sup> and the word of God.<sup>3</sup> By it sinners are convinced of their sinfulness and miserable condition and realize that neither they nor anyone or anything else can get them out of that lost condition,<sup>4</sup> and by it they give full assent to the truth of the gospel promise;<sup>5</sup> they receive and rest on Christ and his righteousness for pardon from sin,<sup>6</sup> as the gospel tells us, and for being accepted and accounted as righteous in the sight of God for salvation.<sup>7</sup>

1. Heb 10.39.
2. 2 Cor 4.13, Eph 1.17-19.
3. Rom 10.14,17, 2 Thes 2.13.
4. Acts 2.37, 16.30, Jn 16.8-9, Rom 6.6, 7.9, Eph 2.1, Acts 4.12.
5. Eph 1.13, Rom 10.8-10.
6. Jn 1.12, Acts 16.31, 10.43, Gal 2.15-16.
7. Phil 3.9, Acts 15.11.



# READING PLAN

## WEEK 1 | JUNE 3-7

- Psalm 93
- Psalm 94
- Psalm 95
- Psalm 96
- Psalm 97

## WEEK 2 | JUNE 10-14

- Psalm 98
- Psalm 99
- Psalm 100
- Psalm 101
- Psalm 102

## WEEK 3 | JUNE 17-21

- Psalm 103
- Psalm 104
- Psalm 105
- Psalm 106
- Psalm 107

## WEEK 4 | JUNE 24-28

- Psalm 105
- Psalm 109
- Psalm 110
- Psalm 111
- Psalm 112

## YOUR MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Luke 6:46-49

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

# BIRTHDAYS

06/03 Peter Haviza

06/04 Terri Fryman

Brad Hare

Cora Ervin

06/09 Olivia Hounshell

06/12 Kathy Lockhart

06/15 Richard Martin

Natalie Milligan

06/19 Tina Smith

06/20 Carol Funderburg

Dale Dickerson

06/22 Thomas Funderburg

06/23 Randall Ervin

06/26 James Ward

06/27 Hugo van der Walt

06/30 Arlene Bankson

# ANNIVERSARIES

06/04 Peter & Louann Haviza

06/05 Thomas & Glenna Funderburg

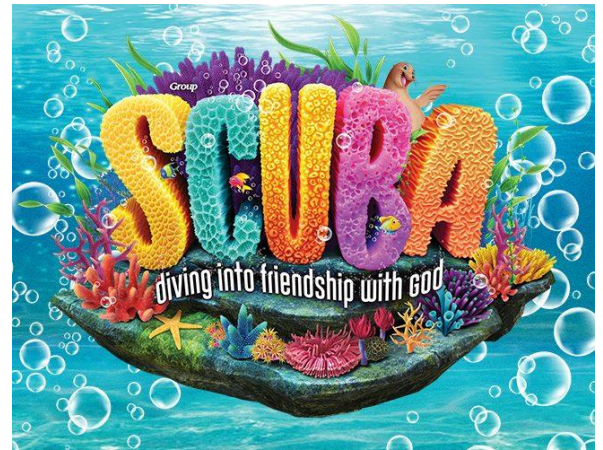
06/15 John & Karen Burkett

06/21 Dale & Anna Lee Dickerson

06/24 Jim & Terri Fryman

06/28 Hugo & Bre van der Walt

# EVENTS



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2024**  
**6PM-8:30PM**

Snacks | Crafts | Music | Games  
Underwater Bible Adventures

**VOLUNTEERS:** Sign-ups to serve will be available later this month. Mark your calendars now and PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

**ATTENDEES:** Registration is now open online to all Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders! \$10 per kid or \$20 per family. (Scholarships are available.)

**PROMOTION:** We use Main Street Greenville's First Friday events in the summer to promote VBS. Our first one is June 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be giving away ice cream to the community. Sign-up at the welcome desk!



# DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OPERATIONS UPDATE

By Paige Ervin

## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION WHEN YOU NEED IT

This year has been a busy one and people have had questions come up about dates and times for various events at the church. Here are 2 ways to stay informed!

1. FPC News – Our monthly newsletter has all the details in it about any upcoming events. The newsletter is always available on our website and on the app. Take a hard copy home with you from church and hang it on your fridge!
2. Church App – Our app is available on smartphones AND computers. It always has a running calendar of events available for you to view. It also has the latest prayer requests and more. See me if you want help getting the app set up!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUNE FIRST FRIDAY

We need a team of volunteers to represent our church downtown on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. This is a volunteer job that can be done while sitting as you will simply be passing out cups of ice cream and people will be able to add whatever toppings they want on their own. No scooping is required on the night of, but we will take people to scoop ice cream after worship on June 2! Sign-up at the Welcome Desk to represent FPC at First Friday!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be in prayer this summer about how God might have you serve at FPC this fall. We are always looking for more volunteers in our nursery, Children's Church, and AV booth. We are also looking for volunteers to open and close the building on Sundays.

### MEAL FOR THE ROYER FAMILY

Join us for a Celebration of Life honoring Russ Royer on Saturday, June 8 at 3pm here at the church. (Visitation will take place 1-3pm before the service.) We will be providing the family with a meal after the service. If you would like to help with the serving of the meal, or if you would be willing to provide a dessert for the meal; contact Paige in the office.

### NEW MEMBER VOWS

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 2 as we welcome new member, Michele Good, into our body.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The FPC Office will be closed for two whole weeks this summer. Pastor Andrew Gilman and Paige Ervin will be away June 17-21 for General Assembly and again July 8-12 for vacation. As always, the office will remain closed on Fridays as well.

## GROW OPPORTUNITIES

### MEN'S STUDY

The men will meet again on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am at the church, in The Nook. Their current study, "Transformation" is based off Romans 12:2. Contact Augie R. (906-523-4459) for more details.

### WOMEN'S STUDY

The women's study is on break until the fall. However, they will once again do monthly walks together around town. Join the women Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am at the gazebo in the park. You will walk around the park as a group until about 9:30am and then Jan will lead the group in a devotional time.

### PASTOR'S STUDY

Every Wednesday at 10:30am, Pastor Andrew will continue his study through Ezra in The Nook. All are welcome to attend. (No study on June 5 or June 19.)

### COVER THE CHURCH

In the parlor, this prayer group focuses on praying for FPC, its' Sunday morning worship service and ministries. You are invited to pray silently in the parlor or pray aloud as you feel led. They will meet every Sunday at 9:30am and pray until 9:45am, leaving plenty of time for socializing before church!





# PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the following updates from last month.

**05/25/2024:** Russ Royer passed away earlier this morning around 9:30am with Phyllis and the family by his side. Please continue to pray for them all.

**05/20/2024:** Didi Howell saw a physical therapist and was told she has possibly pinched a nerve in her hip rotator muscle. Praise God for answers and some relief! She is working on building back her strength, so please continue to pray for her.

**05/16/2024:** PRAYER PRAISE! Becky Luce is home after her knee surgery and doing well. Pain is being managed and recovery is going smoothly. Thank you for your prayers.

**05/16/2024:** Baby Noah (Sheldon) is in the hospital in New Orleans. Trying to determine if meds are improving spasms or if new ones have developed. He is not sleeping or eating as he was.

**05/14/2024:** Didi Howell Prayer Update - I feel that I have turned a corner this week with gaining back some strength! I carried Sammy around church on Sunday for the first time and have been carrying him a little each day without much pain. I appreciate everyone's prayers and still need them. I have a long way to go, and I need to be careful, so I don't have another setback. I'll be seeing a physical therapist soon. Please pray for wisdom if this would be helpful.

**05/14/2024:** We have scheduled for Samuel to have a procedure on June 6th to remove the skin growth on his chin and ear. Please pray the surgery goes as well as possible and that he won't be in pain afterwards. We appreciate everyone's prayers throughout this past year regarding this situation.

**05/13/2024:** Becky Luce has knee replacement surgery today. Please be in prayer that the procedure goes as planned and that she would have a smooth recovery.

**05/13/2024:** Please keep Russ Royer in your prayers. He is currently at Wayne Hospital on the 3rd floor with a UTI and heart arrhythmia. Both are being monitored and treated.

**05/07/2024:** Thank you for your prayers for Sammy Howell. He will be scheduled to have chin and ear tags removed with no MRI needed! (No official date has been set yet.)

**05/06/2024:** Please be in prayer for Sammy Howell. He is going to Children's tomorrow to see if he needs an MRI. If they determine he does, it may happen tomorrow too.

**05/06/2024:** Please keep Jocelyn's grandson, Noah Sheldon in your prayers. Over the weekend he was in the hospital where he underwent several tests (CT scan, EEG, MRI) to determine if he has Infantile spasms. He is now on medication and being evaluated for the best treatment.

# FPC LIFE (CONT. PG. 9)

## REMEMBERING RUSS ROYER

Russ Royer passed away on Saturday May 25, 2024, with his family by his side. You are invited to join us for a Celebration of Life service for Russ on Saturday, June 8 at 3pm here at the church. Visitation will take place at 1pm before the service.

## BLANCHARD THANK YOU

To the Presbyterian Church family, Thanks so much for all the prayers sent to our family after the passing of Hazel. We really appreciated all the cards and for hosting the dinner after the funeral. Thanks to Helen Miller and the others who contributed food to our meal and for hosting a great spot for the dinner. Thanks again! Leo "Buzz" Blanchard, Mary Neels and Lori Johnson and families

## NEW MICROWAVE

Thank you to Dale and Anna Lee Dickerson for donating their microwave to the church for us to use in the kitchen. Our prior microwave gave out while popping popcorn for the festival.

## NEW COMMUNING MEMBER

On Sunday, May 5th, Mylee Hines professed her faith before the congregation and took communion for the first time with the larger body of Christ. Congratulations Mylee! We look forward to seeing your faith mature and blossom in the years to come.

*\*Email the office at any time with any of your own FPC Life submissions.*

## SENIOR SUNDAY RECAP

We celebrated our senior, Carson Henry, on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> during worship. Carson was awarded the FPC Mikesell Trust Scholarship and the Clark Family Scholarship. Carson will be attending Findlay University in the fall. You are invited to join Carson and his family to celebrate his graduation from Greenville Senior High School on Thursday, June 6, 2024, 6:30-10:00pm at J & J Enterprises Party Facility 3875 State Route 502 Greenville, OH 45331.

Lilly Hayes was awarded this year's Pete & Kay Brown Memorial Scholarship and Dianne Brown Memorial Scholarship. Graham Milligan was awarded this year's Herb Stentzel Service Award.



*\*Look to hear from another one of our FPC Kids next month!\**

First Presbyterian Church of Greenville Ohio  
Minutes of the Session of  
April 11, 2024

**I. Opening**

**A. Call meeting to order with reading of the Word and prayer**

The April 2024 stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was called to order on April 11, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church at 7:10 PM by Pastor Andrew Gilman. Pastor Gilman opening the meeting with prayer.

**Members Present:** Pam Bowman, Lisa Headley, Rebecca Detling, Peter Haviza, Randy Tester, Craig Leland, and Jan Roestamadji (7). Quorum was met.

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Agenda** A motion was made to approve the agenda with modifications including payment for dinners in May and Fall study school series by Pam Bowman and seconded by Jan Roestamadji. The motion passed 7-0.

**Approval of Minutes** Jan Roestamadji motioned to approve the March 2024 minutes. This motion was seconded by Peter Haviza. The motion passed 7-0.

**II. Agenda Items**

**FYI Leadership Ladder** Andrew Gilman presented a small part of chapter 9 from the book: *The Leadership Ladder*. This ladder entails steps towards building biblical knowledge and outlines living missionally, making disciples, mobilizing ministry, leading ministry, leading leaders and planting churches. The discussion resulting turned around how this might apply to our church leaders. After the discussion, Andrew also mentioned that 100 people have preregistered for the upcoming Festival of the Risen King.

**FYI Baptism and Sharing faith** Pastor Gilman informed us that Mylee Hines and Meeka Conley are interested in professing their faith and in Mylee's case having a baptism. Andrew noted that this profession of faith will take place for both on April 14, 2024 at 9 AM. Two members of session are requested to witness this as well. If confirmed Meeka will be baptized on April 28 and Mylee will be able to attend her first communion on May 5, 2024.

**Financial Report** Jan Roestamadji presented a brief report in which the highlights were mentioning that \$15,048 was given in March and that otherwise it was a quiet month for expenses. John Vehre, Craig Leland, and Randy Tester also reported on the status of the building expenses and other outstanding loose ends. Craig indicated that \$118,557 have been collected in pledges with another \$100,000 yet to be collected. JV indicated that a fourth invoice had been received from Bruns bringing the total amount billed up to \$608,545.93. There is still roughly \$15,041.65 in expenses yet to be paid. JV also reported that change orders had added \$17,440.93 to the cost of the project. Randy Tester stated that most punch order items have been met, but he is still reviewing a handful of items that need to be verified.

**Midwest Presbytery in Grand Rapids, Michigan** Andrew Gilman will be attending this meeting, which will be taking place from May 10-11, 2024. Andrew also asked if any on session would also like to attend. Jan Roestamadji indicated interest and a motion was made to commission her to attend the meeting. The motion was made by Pam Bowman and seconded by Craig Leland. The motion passed 7-0.

**General Assembly in Cordova, TN.** Pastor Gilman also indicated that he will be attending this conference, which is taking place from June 18-20, 2024. Paige and Kelsey Ervin also will be attending, but no vote is required on this as neither Paige nor Kelsey are members of session.

**Documentation on Building and authority to grant building use.** Pastor Gilman reviewed documents and costs on building use and noted a desire for staff to be allowed to authorize Groups to use our facilities. A motion worded *The Session of FPC grants the head of staff and the director of ministry operations the authority to grant permission for building use.* This motion was made by Jan Roestamadji and seconded by Pam Bowman. The motion passed 7-0.

**Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts (Parish Life)** The Deacons recently determined that they would rather make a monetary donation to the youth ministries of the church rather than spend their budget on flowers for Mother's Day. After discussing the ramifications of this and the lack of a budget for parish life as well, a motion was made worded: *The Session of FPC hereby votes to provide something small for ladies of the church on Mother's Day and men of the church on Father's Day as part of our ongoing hospitality ministries to the body of FPC and visitors.* Peter Haviza made the motion, which was seconded by Jan Roestamadji and passed 7-0.

**Scholarship Committee Formation** *The scholarship commission is hereby formed on April 11, 2024 and will be dissolved upon the completion of its task on May 19, 2024. The following names are given authority by the session to make these decisions on their behalf for the 2024 disbursement year: Rany Tester, Jan Roestamadji, Amanda Hines, Kathy Lockhart, and Paige Ervin.* Peter Haviza made the motion, seconded by Pam Bowman, and passing 7-0.

**FYI Session Committees** Heads of the various committees reported on the rosters of their committees for 2024. Committees are complete with the possible exception of the nominating committee.

**Trust Committee (Randy Tester)** Randy reported that there is a meeting of this committee scheduled for May 2, 2024. He also indicated that there are plans for updating the Investment Policy Statement.

**Executive Session** A motion was made by Jan Roestamadji to enter executive session, seconded by Pam Bowman and passing 7-0. After 5 or 10 minutes of discussion, session left executive session and resumed normal business.

**Pastor's Report** Pastor Gilman submitted a written report and orally reviewed highlights. Lisa Headley motioned to accept the report seconded by Randy Tester and passing 7-0.

**Deacon's Meeting** A written Deacon's report was submitted to session. After reviewing it a motion was made by Lisa Headley to accept the report, seconded by Pam Bowman, and passing 7-0.

### III. Closing

**Prayer.** A closing prayer was made by Jan Roestamadji.

**Adjournment.** Jan Roestamadji motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Rebecca Detling. The motion passed 7-0.

John Vehre  
Clerk of Session

Andrew Gilman  
Moderator of Session

## LEADERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH

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DEACONS	(NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 5)	7:00PM
STAFF	THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024	7:00PM
SESSION	THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024	7:00PM

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024 (CONT.)

The schedule includes finding spaces for meetings and classrooms in a large unfamiliar church building. You have minimal time to arrive at the right place at the right time all the while weaving between 100s of others on their way to their own scheduled meetings. It is quite exciting and daunting all at once.

During the week there will be a focus on the four Gospel priorities put forth by the Stated Clerk Dean Weaver. These are Strategic Leadership Development, World Outreach, Church Planting, and Church Health. I happen to be one of 16 representatives for church health representing the Midwest Presbytery. We, as a committee, are responsible for equipping sessions throughout the week. We have invited Sam Rainer as a guest speaker. He is a well known author and consultant on church revitalization. His most recent book is "The Surprising Return of the Neighborhood Church".

This will be a large part of my week at the General Assembly participating in these sessions as a leader alongside the rest of the team and Sam Rainer. We have over 600 people registered for our various sessions and seminars.

Paige and Kelsey Ervin are also attending the General Assembly this year. The thing that excites me most about their participation is the opportunity for both of them to see the larger part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church gather and worship together. Kelsey will have the added benefit of meeting with the Next Gen ministries group over the course of the week. This is a gathering of young ministers and lay people from across the country who are committed to doing ministry to the next generation.

Since Kelsey is now a key part of our church's mission to our youth this is an excellent way to rub shoulders with and glean ministry experience from a host of people who are doing this important work all across the country. Please be in prayer for Kelsey as she goes into a larger world of ministry. Pray that she makes some new friends and contacts as well as gathers some inspiration

and insight through the conversations and seminars she participates in.

As you all know Paige has been an indispensable part of our staff here at FPC for a few years now. Please pray for her as she enjoys the worship and also gathers with others in administration portions of ministry from many churches throughout the denomination. It is wonderful to have our staff and members in attendance at this General Assembly and they are certainly to be applauded for their initiative and proactive efforts to participate and grow in their gifts for the church this way. Thanks to all those who are helping them make the trip and thanks to all of you who are committed to praying for them as they attend and gather all the blessings God has in store for them in Memphis.

Please keep in mind that the church office will be closed during the General Assembly since both Paige and Pastor Andrew will be out of town. Calls can still be made to Pastor Andrew's cell phone and the church office calls can be forwarded in case of emergency as well.

Thank you all for your prayers and I look forward to giving you all a report on the Assembly when I return. Thanks again. This is a tremendous blessing to be part of a connectional denomination where we join together for gatherings like this.



\*\*\*The main sessions have been livestreamed in the past and should be again this year. Be on the lookout for information on how to access those links as we get closer so you can worship and be a part of the week with us—in the comfort of your own home.



# FPC LIFE (CONT.)

## SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

FPC Mikesell Trust scholarships were awarded to Carson Henry, Lilly Hayes, and Graham Milligan. The Clark Family Scholarship was awarded to Carson Henry. Lilly Hayes was the recipient of both the Pete & Kay Brown Memorial and Dianne Brown Memorial scholarships this year. Graham Milligan was awarded the Herb Stentzel Service Award.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN & BEAMSVILLE

# VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

JUNE 2024

## FP&B @ IBC

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024 - 07.30 PM  
500 West South St. Arcanum

## FP&B @ LIVING WATERS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 - 07.30 PM  
8140 Goffena Rd. Versailles

## FP&B @ COMM. OF FAITH

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 - 07.30 PM  
383 Eidson Rd. Greenville

## FP&B @ BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024 - 07.30 PM  
7757 Greenville-Celina Rd. Greenville

## FP&B @ ANSONIA FCOG

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 - 07.30 PM  
750 S. Main St. Ansonia



# YOUTH FIRST DAY OF SUMMER OVERNIGHT

The youth kicked off summer vacation with an overnight adventure at Chenoweth Trails after their last day of school. Enjoy the pictures below that showcase some of their adventures!





# JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 ● 9am Worship Team Rehearsal ● 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) ● 10am Worship	27 <b>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</b>	28	29 <b>Youth Summer Lock-In at Chenoweth</b> ● 10:30am Bible Study	30	31 <b>Office Closed</b>	Jun 1 ● 8:30am Men's Study
2 <b>Communion Sunday</b> ● 9am Worship Team Rehearsal ● 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 2 more	3 ● 7:30pm Volleyball	4	5	6 ● 7pm Staff Meeting	7 <b>Office Closed</b> ● 6pm First Friday ● 7:30pm Volleyball	8 ● 1pm Russ Royer Visitation ● 3pm Russ Royer Memorial Serv
9 ● 9am Worship Team Rehearsal ● 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) ● 10am Worship	10 ● 7:30pm Volleyball	11	12 ● 10:30am Bible Study	13 ● 7pm Session Meeting	14 <b>Office Closed</b>	15
16 <b>Father's Day</b> ● 9am Worship Team Rehearsal ● 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) ● 10am Worship	<b>General Assembly in Memphis: Office Closed</b>					
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\*This calendar can always be found on the app.



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