

WINDOW

MAY 2019

The Monthly Newsletter
of First Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ohio



May 2019

Sunday, May 5th

10:30 a.m. - Communion,
Minute for Mission and
Children's Chime Choir
during Worship

Sunday, May 12th

Mothers' Day

10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:45 a.m. - Earth Justice
Group Meeting

Friday, May 17th

Summer Office Hours
Begin - Office closes at
Noon on Fridays

Sunday, May 19th

10:30 a.m. - Worship
1:00 p.m. - Lindley Hymn
Sing, The Plains

Sunday, May 26th Memorial Day Sunday Trail Mix Sunday

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, May 27th

Church office is closed



*"We are a Christian
community of faith
that shares the love of God
with all people
everywhere."*

From the Pastor....

"Praise the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD." ~ Psalm 104

Truth be told, I love hockey. A number of years ago, a good friend, even older than I am, decided to join an over 35 hockey league. The team he joined was called, "the Geezers". He organized it and had them on the rink ice twice a week. Problem is, they got thumped in their first game, so he sent out an e-mail looking for better players. I guess he wanted folks who could stay upright if they took a shot on goal.

Once upon a time, I skated around frozen rinks at a park not too far from my home. The siren song of lacing up a pair of skates and donning a bunch of equipment made my heart race. Two reasons made my joining the league impossible. The first was, I can't because I'm scheduled—book club. The second was vastly more salient: I'm old. I don't like to think about what might happen to this body of mine should I skate, swing my stick hard, or even skate fast—or try to—for that matter. This mortal coil had done nothing close to any of the above for more than a decade. Who knows what horrors I would suffer?

No matter—if I wouldn't have been at the book club, I would have been at the rink. I would have. I swear. At least, I think I would have. A friend of mine remembers the day his father, 70+, looked at him sardonically when this friend complained of some minor muscle ache. "Get used to it," he said, with far more authority than sympathy. I'm there. Most mornings when I wake, I walk upstairs slowly, my body occasionally braced up against the wall, my back crooked, knees bent. My silhouette against the dim kitchen lights must resemble Notre Dame's most famous hunchback. And it is not getting any better.

I wash small loads of wash lately because once a week at least a perfectly good shirt, a perfectly clean shirt, jumps off my chest to catch curry sauce or pasta sauce. I get so angry, I wash them right away to destroy evidence.

But this friend of mine—the man who was warned by his father to get used to his aches and pains—right now is dying of lung cancer. He says in a note that his aches are different because now, he says, "I will never again be able to draw a full two-lungs'-worth of breath. I will ever puff at a flight of stairs. This body will nevermore be what it has been, nor can I frame my knowing it according to its ability to repair itself."

And, he says, he'll never get better. He's busy "devising methods for living the diminishing life." And he still says, "Praise the Lord." He still says, "Hallelujah." Just doesn't have as much lung to proffer that praise.

I'd like to think I could still skate and score, but I was a whole lot safer at a book club.

This past Sunday was Easter. On the Monday after Easter, Barb and I walked the Athens bike path, just past the Beaumont area, to see the bluebells, violets, and trillium that dot the hillsides. I walked it with the sure knowledge that what's there had risen with new life following this winter. It will surely rise again next year with new life, more of God's beauty and bounty. This morning we rise in the sure knowledge of faith that Geezers in spotless shirts who call upon God's name will someday skate like Wayne Gretzky and make saves like Martin Brodeur. He is risen. Hallelujah!

~ Rev. Martin

MAY WORSHIP

May 5th	Psalm 30 and John 21:1-19	<i>Life Is In the Details</i>
May 12th	Psalm 23 and Acts 9:36-43	<i>The Life of Discipleship</i>
May 19th	Psalm 148 and Acts 11:1-18	<i>Hindered By Our Own Limitations</i>
May 26th	Psalm 67 and John 14:23-29	<i>The Peace of Wild Things</i>

Windows ON: Church Community Committee
LINDLEY INN HYMN SING

Palm Sunday found twenty eight FPC volunteers and Lindley residents singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" to open a joyous program of appropriate familiar hymns. With Joy Creighton at the piano, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" was sung by Lillian Dinos, Mindy King, Betty Lacy, Benji Martin, Rob Martin, and Danny Moates.

Ann Fox introduced the hymn with a story of the English composer's sad life of becoming lame after an accident and the premature death of her parents. However, Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880) kept her faith in God and was known for her cheerfulness, as reflected in this spirited song.

Readers of Scripture were: Margaret Bourke, Jean Drevenstedt, Martha Johnson, Benji Martin, and Rita Oberholzer.

Pastor Rob dismissed everyone with a benediction of hope and promise, as we approached Holy Week and Easter. The next hymn sing will be May 19th.

Kroger Rewards Program

Please consider participating in this program.

How to register? Go to: www.krogerrewardsprogram.com to establish your account.

Next - click the button for "Ohio" and then scroll down to the bottom and click the "enroll" button. You are required to have an email address and create a password. You will need your 12 digit Plus Card number that can be found under the bar code on the back of your Plus Card. Once you have an account established you may need to click "My Account" and then again click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards."

MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR!


To link your account, use AFPC's Kroger non-profit number - **FB949** or select First Presbyterian Church from a drop down list. *(Your Plus Card can be linked to only one non-profit charity.)*

Any questions? Phone Krogers - 1-800-KROGERS.

Sign up today, and see what AFPC can make just by YOUR grocery shopping!

Sunday Morning Schedule

Nursery available - 9:30 a.m.
 Children's Chime Choir - 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church - Following Children's Moment
 Children's Craft Time - 11:30 a.m.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a church office volunteer? Basically the only duty is to be the office to answer the phone and take messages. You can volunteer for a whole day or a half day (mornings 8:30 a.m.-Noon and afternoons 1:00-5:00 p.m.). Interested? Please email Jane at emailoffice@athensfpc.org or phone the church office (593-3351) to get more info. It is easy, really!

Fellowship Host/Hostesses

Are you willing to host a Fellowship Hours after the church service some Sunday? Please sign the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The office will send out a letter with full instructions during the week prior to your Sunday. Simple snacks will be fine. No cooking skills required! Thank you!

Women of Faith Bible Study

The Women of Faith Bible study continues and is studying the book "Grateful," by Diana Butler Bass. This group meets Wednesdays at noon in the church library. All women are welcome to attend. The last WOF meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th.

Children's Retreat Saturday

A Children's Retreat Saturday will be held the latter part of June. More details in the June Newsletter.

Children and Youth will participate in activities and service projects

PW Calendar

May 14th - 9:30 a.m. -
Coordinating Team at home
of Lillian Dinos, 29 Briarwood

May 19th - 1:00-1:30 Lindley
Hymn Sing

May 28th - 9:30 a.m. - Tuesday
Circle at home of Joy
Creighton, 40 Angela Drive

May 29th - 9:30 a.m. -
Thursday Circle at home of
Mary Jane Black, 13 Warwick
Lane



May Blessing

*May the love of God shine
through all mothers and
fathers.
May all children find peace
and hope in that love.
Amen.*

~~ Nilson Family

Windows ON: Presbyterian Women THIS MONTH'S NEWS

Thank You - to all who generously supported the Church World Service Blanket Fund. \$1,378 was donated to help victims of disasters around the world.

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent along with daughters Keila and Annika were guests of PW on April 6th for lunch at the Triple Nickel Diner in Chesterhill. The family from Dominican Republic were here to connect with churches who support their Presbyterian (USA) work in the mission field. Please support them with your prayers as they return from visiting family in Amesville ready to meet the challenges where they live. They expect to be in the Athens area in the fall when PW will arrange a potluck with the FPC congregation.

Thank You from Lilian Mitchell's family for the shower of cards on her birthday. It made their celebration special to be remembered by the congregation. Let's continue to keep in mind with a prayer, card, or phone call those whom we do not see in church regularly. "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord."

Circles will continue to meet through May, but will not meet during the summer months. May will be the last lesson study: *God's Promise, I Am With You*. Discussion at each Circle meeting was lively with sharing of personal experiences, and of the hope and comfort God's promises brought to light. Next year's study is on the Ten Commandments: *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Women Who Influenced Our Lives will be a PW project for the month of May. On May 5th, there will be a Minute for Mission to explain the insert found in your bulletin. For \$1.00 for each name, you can honor a mother, grandmother, teacher, friend, pastor, etc. who has influenced your life. Fill out the insert and place in the PW envelope with your donation, and place in the offering, or mail to the church office. A list of the names and honorees will be available in the narthex by May 26th. All proceeds for this fundraiser go to PW missions: Athens Food Pantry, My Sister's Place, Good Works, mission co-workers Jenny and Mark Hare.

CE Schedule

Sunday, May 5th	Children's Chime Choir during Worship Service
Sunday, May 12th	Puppets during Worship Service
Sunday, May 19th	High School Graduation Recognition
Sunday, June 9th	Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, June 16th	Puppets during Worship Service
Saturday, June 22nd	Children's Retreat (tentative date)
Saturday, June 29th	Children's Retreat (tentative date)

Windows ON: Mission Outreach Committee

GUEST PREACHER, JOAN STEWART

Joan Stewart, Presbyterian Minister and Executive Director of West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW) preached on Sunday, April 7th. Scripture was taken from Micah 1:1-8 and Matthew 6:24-34.

In her thought-provoking sermon, Joan began by pulling a small statue of a gargoyle from her bag. The gargoyle represents the opposite of logical. Faith, too, is often the opposite of logical. This reminds us that life itself is not logical. We are often afraid of what we do not understand just as Joan's grandson was fearful of the gargoyle until she gave it the name "Steve". If you give a name to what you fear, it loses its' power over you.

In West Virginia, people have many fears – flooding, unemployment, handicaps, illness and poverty. Where there is hope, fear does not destroy.

God promises us a Kingdom. It can be ours, here on Earth, now. It is up to us to be agents of change in the world in which we live. If we do not make a difference, our peace is at the expense of others. Make this world a place of justice, righteousness, love, kindness and walk humbly. Build bridges between those who have and those who do not. Build relationships.

It is easy to give money and items to people that you will never see. God calls us to see the people and give them a hand up. Stop thinking of ourselves and serve God. Respond and bring justice to those in need.

There are glimpses of God's Kingdom on Earth in WVMAW. Volunteers come from all over and provide a little justice to families. They give people freedom when they install ramps and a warm, dry, comfortable place for others. There are stories of panic by flood

victims and others in need. Volunteers hold the hands of the needy, the disabled. They share a meal with others and with members of their own mission groups. Relationships are built. Joan laughed that one group arrived planning to bring God to West Virginia but found that He is already there!

Volunteers receive more than they give and learn to be guided by God. We are a community of believers – reaching out beyond our walls. What do you worry about? Give your fears a name and they will not be as scary. Be the agents of change in building the Kingdom of God. Seek the Kingdom here, now. What you bring to people may be their only glimmer of hope!

Joan stayed after the service to talk to members of the congregation and to sample the Soup and Salad luncheon that had been prepared.

Palm and Easter Sunday

The Palm Sunday processional with the children and congregation was enjoyed again this year. Easter morning with the OhioBrass and the Bell Choir brought many visitors and the classrooms were full of children.

Windows ON: Mission Outreach Committee

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SCRAP METAL DRIVE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Scrap Metal Drive - Habitat is holding a scrap metal drive on Saturday, May 18th. We are working with the Solid Waste District, so you can bring not only scrap metal, but also tires (for a small fee), hazardous waste like paint, recyclables, and batteries. No items with Freon please.

The Drive will be at the OU Convo, off South Shafer Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Help keep all that stuff out of the landfill!



Rummage Sale - On Saturday, May 25th, Habitat is sponsoring a rummage sale at Christ the King from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Expect to see LOTS of stuff. If you want to donate items, please bring them to the church on Thursday or Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Windows ON: Amesville-New England THIS MONTH'S NEWS

- Fifty Days for Girls Kits were sent by a group of Amesville and Newark area women to the Healing Arts Mission Dumay Clinic in Haiti. A request has been made by Charles, director of a school related to the Healing Arts Mission, for 50 kits for girls in his 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes who are menstruating. This request will be filled, and the kits sent to Haiti sometime this summer.
- Thanks to the Athens First Presbyterian Church for continuing to provide space for the gathering of the Thursday Church group for adults with special needs. Thanks also to Mary Jane Black, Carla Boyle, and Joy Creighton for their help with the group.
- A yard sale is tentatively being scheduled early in June. Proceeds from the yard sale go to support the Parish Camping Program.
- Dates for Parish Camp held at Geneva Hills Outdoor Education Center are June 23rd-28th. We are looking for counselors (16 and over) and campers from 5 years old to 15 years. Call Catherine Hare (740-448-6401) or email her at harecf@frontier.com if you know someone who is interested.
- Amesville Community Vacation Bible School is being planned for some time in July.
- Mark Hare and Jenny Bent and their two daughters, Keila and Annika have returned to their mission work in the Dominican Republic after five weeks in the Louisville, Kentucky-Amesville, Ohio area speaking about their work and meeting with staff at the Presbyterian Church (USA) Headquarters in Louisville.
- Thanks to Mike and Carla Boyle, members of the Athens First Presbyterian Church for their service to the Ministry Committee of the Parish.

Windows ON: Information on CHIP WHAT IS CHIP?

CHIP program to be offered for First Presbyterian Church members. There are a total of 18 CHIP classes that will be held in Fellowship Hall from 5:30–7:00 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, May 7th and running each Tuesday and Sunday until June 30th.

What is CHIP? The Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) is a scientifically proven lifestyle intervention program that can prevent, arrest, and even reverse today's most common diseases. CHIP is conducted worldwide in community organizations and corporations and led by certified facilitators. Within the first thirty days, CHIP can normalize blood pressure, lower cholesterol and triglycerides, reduce BMI, stabilize fasting blood sugar, and reduce or eliminate the need for medications.

Over 700 people in Southeast Ohio have benefited from Live Healthy Appalachia's local CHIP program. Each CHIP class offered by Live Healthy Appalachia includes 18 group sessions, including videos, dynamic discussions, and peer support that integrates optimal nutrition, exercise, and behavioral psychology principles. The program also includes two health screenings for total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides, fasting blood sugar, height, weight and blood pressure.

Live Healthy Appalachia has agreed to provide the two health screenings for free. FPC will provide space for two meetings per week, use of the kitchen for meal prep, DVD player and TV.

The cost of the program would be \$200.00 per person. This fee will cover the cost of the facilitator and the meals provided at each of the sessions. Scholarships are available. Church members who have been part of CHIP include: Rev. Martin, Neal Nesbitt, Sandy Nesbitt, Marge Shelton, Penny Shelton, Bob Stewart, and Megan Tegge.

To see more information about CHIP you can go to the Live Healthy Appalachia website here: <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/what-we-do/chip/chip.html>.

If interested, please contact the church office, Rev. Martin or Penny Shelton.

Windows ON: Genesis Theater QUILTERS

The Genesis Theater Project, in conjunction with the Church Community Committee, is now in rehearsals nearly every night for the June 7-16 production of the historical folk musical, "Quilters," set on the American Prairie of the late 1800's. This all-female musical deals with an elderly mother and her nine daughters, who re-live a lifetime of memories of home, church, and community, all in the creation of quilt blocks to be used in a family Legacy Quilt.

The cast, (*see picture*), includes OU students Mary Rizzardi, Faline Bailey, and Alenka Fairley, church congregation members Alli Purcell and Mindy King (as the mother), and community members Katie Herron, Myca Haynes Beauvais, Myra Waterbury, Andrea Thompson-Hashman, and Reagan Neviska.

The show is directed by David Tadlock and Connie Hunter, with Danielle Bridges as stage manager/Asst. Music Director, Alexis Parsons as choreographer, and Nellie Werger and Teresa Caldwell on historical costumes.

The show is currently in fund-raising stages to pay for the large budget covering 1880s costumes, historical props and set pieces, and many other production costs. Since a live pit orchestra of six folk musicians is also needed at \$300 for each musician, the theater group is looking for backers to fund each musician, as well as \$500 for creation of the quilts and 16 specific quilt blocks used in the show. The quilts are already in the process of being pieced and sewn by volunteer quilters at Log Cabin Quilt Shop in Marietta, OH (*see picture*).

Donations can be made to Athens First Presbyterian, marked "Quilters." A silent auction of donated items will be held during the show; contact Sandy Nesbitt if you wish to donate (*see page 7*).



Children and Pretzels

The Annual Children's Lenten Pretzel Baking took place on Sunday, March 24th. Ten children participated, and the pretzels were shared during fellowship time with the congregation.



Windows ON: Church Support Committee

FINANCE REPORT

Income and Expenses, 2019			
Offering Budgeted for 2019	\$ 263,000	Offering Received to Date	\$93,193
Other Income Budgeted for 2019 (endowment, parking lot lease, Putnam apt. rent, interest)	\$121,868	Other Income Received to Date	\$54,349
2018-2021 Capital Campaign (\$200,000)	\$67,000	Campaign donations this year	\$6,628
Total Income Budgeted 2019	\$451,868	Total Income (Received to Date)	\$154,170
Current Assets (checking & petty cash)	-----	Total Cash on Hand	\$13,045
Expenses Budgeted in 2019	\$ 451,866	Expenses to Date	\$118,572
Other Endowment and Contribution Activity in 2019			
Special Offerings (Christmas Joy, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking)	\$1,000	Sent to Presbytery (40% -of Pentecost is retained for local use and 25% of Peacemaking offering is retained for local use)	
Offering Gifts (Athens Co. Food Pantry, Good Works, My Sister's Place, Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)	\$938	Disbursed to appropriate agency or group	
Memorial Gifts	\$0	Disbursed as designated by donors.	
Offering gifts designated for the Discretionary Fund (Local Emergencies)	\$59	To be distributed by the Pastor for local emergencies	
Local Emergencies - Special	\$1,326	Community donations for a refugee family. Flow-through account for AFPC to pay family bills.	
Gifts supporting AFPC Mission Projects	\$100	Used for AFPC mission work projects	
Gifts Supporting Trail Mix Ministry	\$125	Used to buy supplies.	

Genesis Theater

Project Silent Auction for "*Quilters*" - Donations Requested

The Genesis Theater Project (GTP), a summer theater group training local youth and adults in musical theater, is having a silent auction at the First Presbyterian Church (FPC) on the corners of Court and Washington Streets (across from Chase Bank) on Sunday, June 16th at approximately 4:30- 5:30 p.m., following the 2:30 p.m. matinee of *The Quilters*. This auction will help raise money to offset the cost of this year's show.

If you have any "antique" items or gently used or new items, please phone Sandy Nesbitt at 740-590-6515 or drop them off at the First Presbyterian Church office at 9 N. College Street. Beginning May 17th, the church office will close at noon on Fridays. Items can also be brought to church on Sundays. Please come and bid on quilts, art pieces, collectibles, food and wine baskets, children and baby items and much more. Items having to do with prairie life, quilts, sewing, and related items are especially welcome.

You can view items and bid on them before each performance, during intermission or after each performance and Sundays before or after church services. Dates of the show are June 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. The auction will close around 5:00 p.m. on June 16th. You can see a great show while helping to keep the Genesis Theater Project going.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed in these areas: publicity, auction basket assembly and setup, ticket sales at the door the day of the performance, collection and accounting from ticket sales and refreshments, refreshment providers and servers.

Windows ON: Church Community Committee COLLEGE LUNCH - THEATER STAR DINES AT COLLEGE LUNCH

From April 4th through April 13th, the Ohio University School of Theater presented the Shakespeare classic *Romeo and Juliet*. During the weekly free college lunch in fellowship hall, diners had a chance to rub elbows with both the lead actor and actress, who have become regular college-lunch attendees. This month's featured diner is Jackson Savage, who played Romeo. In a future edition, we hope also to focus on Juliet.

Jackson is a senior from Cincinnati majoring in the bachelor of fine arts theater program. He enrolled at Ohio University after earning a degree in forestry at Hocking College in Nelsonville. While in Nelsonville, he became involved in community theater while performing at the Stuart Opera House there. One noteworthy performance was as Cliff Bradshaw, an important character in the famous musical *Cabaret*. Bradshaw was portrayed as an American writer living in Berlin during the tumultuous 1930s as Hitler's Nationalist Socialists came to power.

Jackson also had a taste of comedy, taking part in a musical called *Hair Spray*. He hopes this varied experience will prepare him well for the challenging task of acting as a career. Broadway remains a key goal for aspiring actors, as do strong theater programs in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver, B. C. and a few other large cities. However, modern technology makes it possible to produce films and get them play dates even in a remote area like southeastern Ohio.

Dramatic performance allows one to enhance awareness and involvement in causes that he or she feels strongly about. As a forestry student, Jackson developed a strong commitment to the environmental movement. He envisions possibly producing a play or movie that would portray the environment as it was, say, 100 years ago, today, and 100 years into the future.

Seemingly an actor must often portray emotions such as joy,

sadness, love, or hate as his or her character demands. Jackson was asked how one summons such emotion while playing a part.

"It generally isn't feasible to daydream that one is angry or happy in order to portray that emotion convincingly," he responded. "The actor must concentrate on doing what the play calls for. When one does that, the emotion tends to occur naturally – sort of forming icing on the cake."

During the period of March 21st-April 18th, main-course food was provided by Danny Moates, Susan Loughridge, Benji Martin and Miranda Guillems, and Charlene Culbertson along with Annie Poore. Desserts came from Susan Loughridge, Carolyn Allen and Martha Johnson. Recent lunch workers have included Hugh and Charlene Culbertson, Lee Gregg, John and Helen King, Betty Lacy, Keith Morrow, Annie Poore and Wendy Toadvine.

The **Going Deeper Bible Study** - series continues. Rev. Martin will continue holding the studies which focus on a single book of the Bible at each meeting. The is no Going Deeper Bible Study in May.

Read the Bible In A Year - Everyone is invited to enrich their understanding of the Bible by reading it on a daily basis with the "Read the Bible in a Year" program. Daily readings usually include about 1 or 2 chapters from two different books of the Bible. There will also be a companion booklet that includes all of Rev. Martin's writings from the weekly email blasts. Contact Kirsten or Pastor Rob with any questions.

The FPC Worship Service is aired on Athens City Community TV Channel 9
Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. / Saturday/Sunday - 5:00 p.m.

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Church Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Beginning May 17th, the church office will close at noon on Fridays for the summer

You can find recordings of the sermons, music, and puppet skits each week on the church's Facebook page. It is a public site so you do not have to be a Facebook user to access the recordings and content. Simply go to: <https://www.facebook.com/AthensFPC/>

Communion

Communion at FPC offers gluten-free bread along with regular bread for communion.



Need a ride to Church? Know someone who does?

Contact the Deacon of the Month

Martha Johnson

Phone - 740-677-0034

Email - mjohnson049@columbus.rr.com



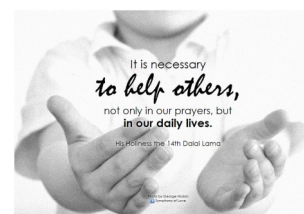
Placing Events on the Church Calendar

All occasions/events should be listed on the church calendar to avoid conflict over use of the facilities. The sponsoring group must cover out-of-pocket expenses. Please phone the church office at 593-3351 to request a form for placing your event on the calendar.

Food Pantry Sunday
is the fourth Sunday
of each month.

Prayer Concern Requests and Visitation

Prayer request slips are available in the narthex. If you would like others in the church to pray for a person or for a concern near to your heart, place the slips in the Prayer Request box in the narthex. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from Pastor Rob and a Deacon, or appreciate receiving communion at home, phone the church office (593-3351), place a note in the collection plate, or email: office@athensfpc.org



Newsletter Helpers

Jane Baker, Carla Boyle, Hugh Culbertson, Lillian Dinos, Ann Fox, Catherine Hare, Betty Lacy, Susan Loughridge, Robert Martin, Danny Moates, David Tadlock and Kirsten Trachsel.

Caring For the Congregation

Pastor Rob and the Deacons place a priority on visiting hospitalized members of the congregation. Hospitals no longer provide information on admissions and dismissals. Please notify the church if you know of someone who should be visited in the hospital or while recovering at home or at a nursing facility.

May Birthdays

1 – Adrienne Nagy
2 – Kevin Gillespie
Kimberly Goldsberry
Samantha Hauser
5 – Guy Philips
Ron Strickmaker
6 – Larry King
8 – Harold Swisher
9 – Betsy Canario
Jennifer Strickmaker
10 – Kent Knudson
11 – Tom Fisher
Craig Seitz
12 – Susan Kaneshige
14 – Lillian Dinos
15 – William Harkins
Noah Heinrich
Lucas Kemmerle

16 – Stacey Strickmaker
17 – Dia Knudson
19 – Jason Heinrich
Scott Musick
20 – Andrew Bianco
Alan Goldsberry
Samuel Goldsberry
William Goldsberry
Sara Hughes
23 – Don Borchert
Angela Yehl
24 – Fiona Mitchell Yun
Bonnie Savage
25 – Marjorie Malcom
26 – Reece Bacak
Sandy Nesbitt
Jean Seitz
27 – Sarah Cox
Clara Joe Fisher

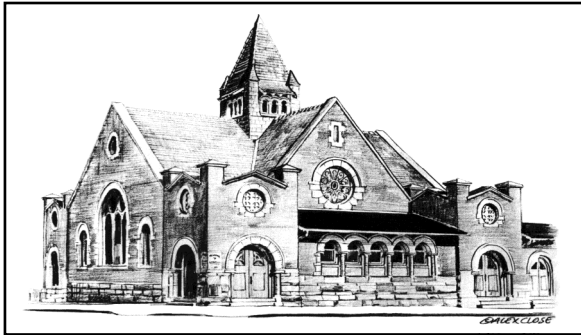
28 – Miriam Garcellano
Catherine Hare
29 – Dick Nostrant
31 – Joe Malesick

May Anniversaries

15 – Harold and Clarice Swisher
19 – John and Helen King
20 – Jeremy and Lisa Yehl
23 – Kevin and Terri Gillespie
24 – David and Carolyn Sutherland

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Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart

Choir Director: David M. Tadlock
Organist: Janice Robison

CE Coordinator / Bell Choir Director: Kirsten Trachsel

Adm. Assist.: Jane A. Baker

Office hours: Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Summer Hours begin Friday, May 17th
church office will close at noon on Fridays

Church: Corner of Court and Washington Streets
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Worship Service and Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship - 11:30 a.m.

The Worship Service is aired
on Athens Community TV Channel 9 -
Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays-Sundays - 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon in the church library

Deadline for June 2019 Newsletter: Monday - May 20th

First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio - AFPC has occupied its site in the center of Athens, Ohio since 1809. Among the founding fathers was Ohio University's first president, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Jacob Lindley. Dr. Lindley served this congregation as Moderator and Pastor until 1824. Over the years, thirteen pastors of the church have been either university presidents or members of the faculty. Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey's Readers, was called to serve as President of Ohio University and served as pastor of the church in 1839.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley - The Presbytery of Scioto Valley encompasses twenty-six counties in south central Ohio. From Ironton in the south to Ibera in the north: Hanover in the east and London in the west, FPC's presbytery consists of 95 congregations many of them historic where Presbyterians today are carrying on a long tradition of witness and service in their communities. All over FPC's presbytery, Presbyterians reach out to welcome the stranger, sharing the Gospel and God's love as Christ bids us to do.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - The PC (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has approximately 2.3 million members, more than 10,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained and active ministers. Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Its heritage, and much of its doctrine began with John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that preceded him.