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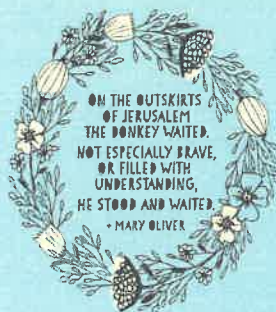
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Our Vision:

Honoring our heritage,
we are a dynamic body
welcoming all to
Christ's spacious table,
illumined to serve God
with imagination
and love.

Holy Week and Easter



Palm/Passion Sunday March 24 9:30am Worship

Our children will help lead us.

Following worship we will venture to City Mission
and Martha's Home for a tour and conversations.
We start in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.
Join us!

Maundy Thursday March 28, 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Dinner and Worship

We will have a catered Mediterranean meal.
Please RSVP by Tuesday March 26. Suggested donation
\$15. Child care for those under 5.

Sign up outside the office, call 419-423-2112 or email
info@findlayfpc.org



HERE IS A STORY
TO BREAK YOUR HEART.
ARE YOU WILLING?

+ MARY OLIVER

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (please RSVP)

9:30 a.m. Festival Worship with Choir and
Brass

RSVP outside the office, call 419-423-2112, or email
info@findlayfpc.org.



Mission & Facilities

Join the Mission Committee on Sunday, April 28 during 2nd Hour. We will have continued conversations around Mission, where we are involved and perhaps how we might go deeper. We'll also talk about our March 24 Field Trip to City Mission and Martha's Home.

Community Dinners: Sunday, **April 14** and Sunday, **May 12**. Watch for menu/help information and plan to help us extend warm hospitality to our community! [Tracy Kennedy](#) leads this team and always appreciates those who are able to prep and serve (and clean up!).

Mobile Pantry: Our next date will be Saturday May 25, 8:00-10:30 a.m. [Katie Abbot](#) is our coordinator and will be looking for YOUR help that morning. A great opportunity for all ages.



Daryl the Barrel has been with us for a year. Let's fill it up each month-our donations are a great help to City Mission and the folks who come for help. In April we will be collecting *Mr. Clean Magic Erasers and Clorox Wipes*. In May we will collect *Garlic, Onion and Chili Powder*.



Christian Clearing House
Caring Cupboard

April laundry soap May deodorant

Christian Clearing House

Facilities Update:

- Earl Mechanical will begin the removal of the existing chiller in a few weeks to eliminate any extra down time, as the new chiller will be shipped in April and installation will begin.
 - The parking lot will be resealed this year.
 - Repair of concrete around the church property, ex; curbs, sidewalks, steps, will take place this spring.
- The 2 main hallways on the 1st and 2nd floor in the '05 addition will be stripped and waxed this summer.

FPC CHOOSES ALTERNATE SUPPLIER OF ELECTRICITY

The Buildings and Grounds Committee (formerly Trustees) decided it is in FPC's best interest to change our electric energy supplier from AEP Ohio to Better Buy Energy. Please note that AEP Ohio will continue to deliver electric energy to the church for the normal delivery charges. Effective February 21, 2024, FPC's electric supply switched to Better Buy Energy. The rate the church will pay for 2 years will be fixed at \$.0599/kwh. This compares to the previous AEP Ohio rate of \$.1132/kwh for a current savings of \$.0533/kwh. Based on last year's demand of 403,460 kwh, and assuming AEP Ohio's price averages the same \$.1132/kwh for all of 2024, FPC will save about \$21,500. AEP Ohio's monthly rate will be monitored to ensure FPC saves sufficient money to justify our actions.

This change was initiated by a letter from the City of Findlay received in January, informing the church that it would be included in the aggregation program starting March, 2024, at a fixed rate of \$.0644/kwh for a 2-year period unless the church opted out. The new supplier would be Energy Harbor. We began checking the [PUCO Apples to Apples website](#) to see what our options were. That's how we found Better Buy Energy. We found FPC has the right to switch electric suppliers (back to AEP Ohio or to Energy Harbor or to any other PUCO approved supplier) at any time for no charge. So FPC has absolutely nothing to lose by making this switch.

If the electricity for your home is currently supplied by AEP Ohio and you are not in either the City of Findlay's aggregation program or another supplier's program, it behooves you to go through the steps the trustees took to get a better electric supply rate. If you would like further information how to do this, please contact [Bruce Hardy](#).



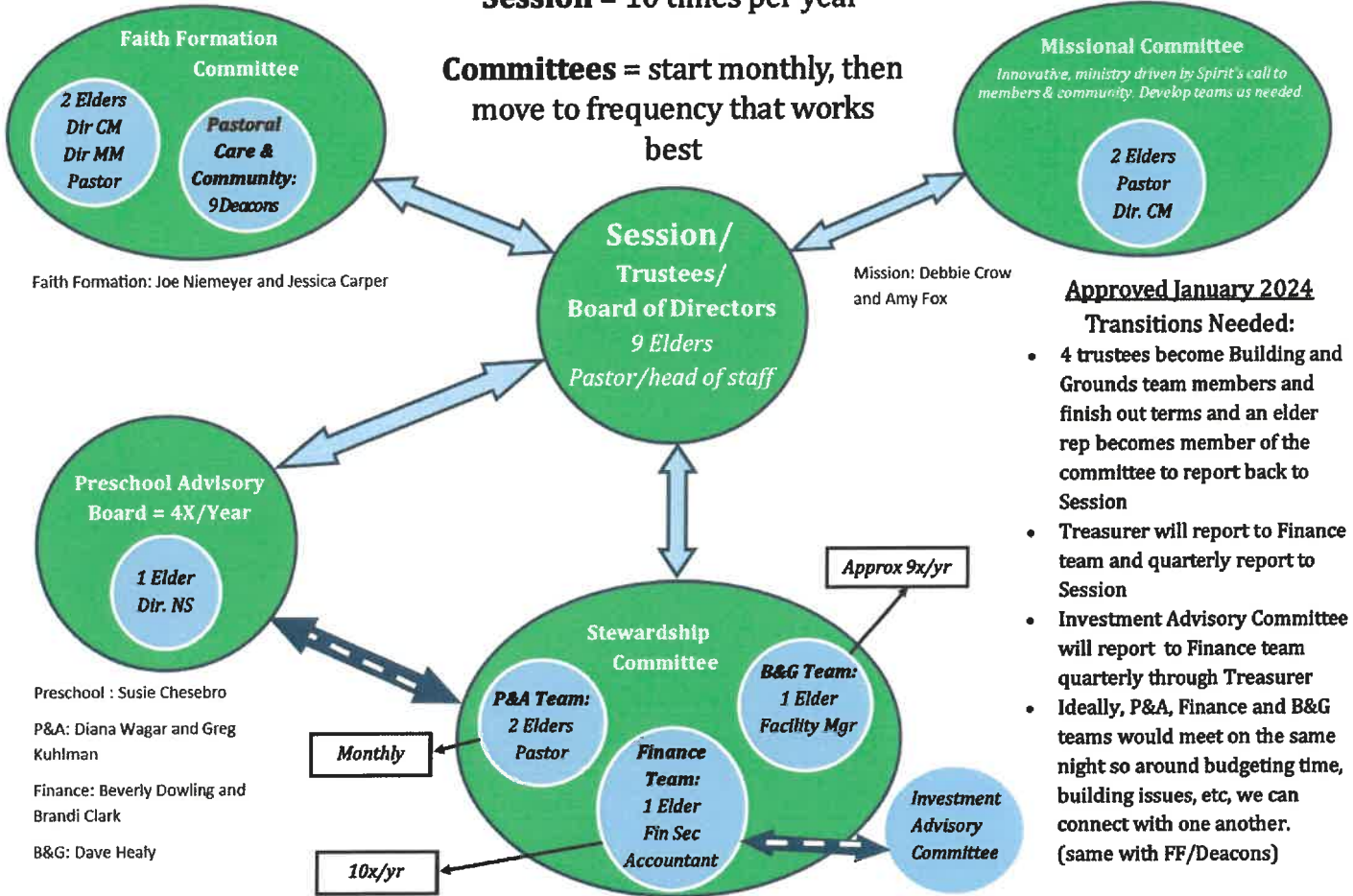
Our Lives in Community

Committees = meet approx. 4 times per year, provide vision and themes for particular areas

Teams = as needed to "do tasks"

Session = 10 times per year

Committees = start monthly, then move to frequency that works best



CHECK IN TIME!

Sunday, April 21
in Fellowship Hall
following worship

2nd Hour Faith Formation will be a time to discuss our new structure and how we are living into it. Bring your questions.

Light refreshments provided.

See the chart above, which is our guide for this new way of being 'church.'



Beloved Children of God

Happy Easter from Godly Play!

Happy Easter and Hallelujah from Godly Play! This Lent we spent several weeks sharing stories of some of the miracles attributed to Jesus, and wondered, as many of Jesus' followers in his own time, just who exactly *was* this person who could do and say such strange and amazing things.

In the season of Easter we will explore encounters with the resurrected Jesus, and we'll also revisit a non-Biblical parable with a Jesus-like character who meets

a similar end at the hands of his religious leaders. The parable invites us to consider an important question for all Christians: Are we following the instructions Jesus gave us, or simply worshipping him?

—Heidi Croy, Godly Play Coordinator



Some pictures from our Godly Play Class. Side by side showing how the story is told and also how the children recreated it. A wonderful, wonder-filled way for our young disciples to learn and grow!

Visual Arts

Music

Drama

SAVE THE DATE!

FINE ARTS CAMP

July 29-August 2, 2024

\$55 each, \$45 each additional
Registration opens soon.

Children rising into 1st-5th
grade are eligible.

Movement

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Faith & Fellowship

Opportunities for growth spring up in April and May!

Sunday, April 7 casual conversations and coffee with a creative retelling of the Easter Story. Children have Godly Play Choir.

Sunday, April 14: Reflections from the Road—Clint Miller will share about his 'roadtrip' following Easter. Children and Youth help prepare for the **Community Dinner**.

Sunday, April 21: Check-in Time. Our quarterly check in to evaluate how our new structure is coming to life. Children have Godly Play Choir.

Sunday, April 28: Mission Conversations—following up on our Field Trip, as well as going 'deeper' on what it means to partner with an organization. Children have Godly Play Choir, Youth have Faith Formation with Leslee.

Sundays, April 28 & May 5: New Member Classes (room 211). Pastor Jessie is holding a time of fellowship and learning for those interested in joining our congregation. Children have Godly Play Choir (28th).

Sundays, May 5 & 12: Mini Classes. Faith Formation Team is planning two or three options for you to choose. Stay tuned!

Sunday, May 12: Community Din-

ner, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Great Room. Children and Youth help prepare during 2nd Hour.

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Party!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Musical worship with our children—helping to lead worship. A

Brunch Potluck Meal following for 2nd Hour. Bring a dish to share and enjoy table fellowship and some Pentecost fun!

Our summer Outdoor Worship begins May 26!

Join us outside 9:30 a.m. for worship—it is Graduation Sunday when we will also celebrate our graduating seniors! We will worship outdoors on the last Sunday of each month through August.



Sunday, April 21 is our next **Youth Gathering** and we are going on a road trip to Bowling Green! We will join with the BGFPC Youth and the Christ PC Toledo Youth for a time of fellowship, learning and fun. Details are in the works and will be shared as soon as ready. Same general time frame (late



afternoon/early evening). We're excited to be getting together with our Presbyterian friends!

Youth Gathering on May 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Camp is Coming!

Monday June 3-Thursdays June 6, 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. All 7th-9th graders are included. [Email Leslee](#) with questions.



MOPS, now known as **MomCo** is working on a return to

FPC. On **Thursday, May 2**, from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. moms of preschool and early elementary children are invited to room 107 for an 'open house' time to meet with leaders, ask questions and gauge interest. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer. Projected launch is September, and we hope to offer a daytime and an evening meeting.

Nursery School

We have been fully enjoying the warmer temperatures. Mrs. Nelson is playing duck, duck, goose with some of her students. We received lady bugs, caterpillars, and a praying mantis egg sac in preparation for Spring!! And it won't be long before we have our incubator with chick eggs. Our dads joined us for an evening of fun recently.



Be a Supporter of our Nursery School Scholarships!

We are proud of our excellent First Presbyterian Nursery School. The preschool has a longstanding reputation for having a quality program and preparing children for their Kindergarten year and beyond. The FPNS has an excellent staff and well developed play-based program. We have had scholarship opportunities for families over the years, and have now developed a policy for accessing those funds when necessary. The policy will allow children to come to preschool when they might otherwise not be able to attend. The new policy defines family requirements for receiving partial, or full, assistance with the school fees. Family need is carefully reviewed by a committee of church members, and is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

As a church, we are able to fund this opportunity through gifts now, and in an ongoing way. We have had the anonymous gift of seed money to help establish a scholarship fund, and are asking for you to please consider donations to build the fund and provide ongoing support.

Please consider making this an ongoing gift from your family. You could give as a family to celebrate your child/grandchild's birthday, a Christmas gift each year, a donation on giving Tuesday in November, etc. Your donation to support this program will enable ongoing scholarships from our congregation.

Do you know friends and/or family who have been FPNS students in the past? Do you know families who support programs for children/youth? **Please consider sharing this giving opportunity with them.** Strong pre-school programs provide children with nurture and skills that lead to success in Kindergarten and beyond. Please help us support children and help give them a positive, successful start to school!

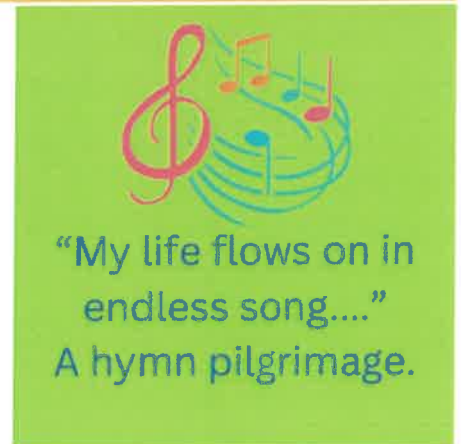
To give, scan the QR code, [click here](#) or donate to the church in your usual way. Please mark checks clearly for the Nursery School scholarship.



Onward & Upward

Thursday April 11, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

The Rev. Becky Sunday will join us in April. She is the Associate Pastor at Dublin Community Church, UCC. Her background includes a degree in Music (voice) from Heidelberg University and her Master of Divinity from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, OH. In 2018 she received a grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Clergy Renewal Program. Her lifelong love of hymnody along with a background in historical musicology, led her on a sabbatical journey that she will share with us. She embarked on a pilgrimage to sites relating to the origins of some of her favorite hymns. A special combination of music, adventure, history, and spirituality came together in ways that continue to shape and inspire her today. She and her husband Adrian (a retired UCC minister) live in the Westerville area.



Plan to join us for this special presentation-where you will be inspired too! So our delicious lunch fellowship will be abundant, please RSVP on the board outside the office, call 419-423-2112 or email info@findlayfpc.org. Invite a friend or two to join us!



Avoiding Utility Scams: Join us Thursday May 9, (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) for a presentation by Amy Carles, a senior outreach and education program specialist with the Office of the [Ohio Consumers' Counsel](#) (OCC).

Consumer scams are prevalent and can also involve your utility service. Is there really a problem with your bill? Can you really save money? How do you know? What should you do? Knowing your rights and how to protect yourself is a must! Learn to identify scams, effectively say “no,” and reduce unwanted solicitations. The latest utility scams, Caller ID spoofing, slamming and cramming will be discussed.

Our Mystery Event in March was fun! Here are some pictures. We enjoyed laughter and joy, without the use of toilet paper. But there are no promises for next time!



As folks arrived they made nametags and got a sheet to fill out 'Notable Nouns.' It was quite fun trying to figure them all out!



Tables were set up so folks were together, getting to know one another better. We also had some fun and informal competition with our activities.





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Financial Update

February 2024

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Revenue:	\$150,024	\$161,311
Expenses:	\$105,358	\$143,988

Your continued support of FPC is truly appreciated!

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

- April 1:** Office Closed
- April 8:** Eclipse, Office Closed
- April 11:** Onward & Upward, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- April 14:** Reflections from the Road by Clint; Community Dinner, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- April 21:** Quarterly Check-in on New Structure, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- April 28:** Mission Conversations