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Godly Play Pentecost Banner
Courtesy of Heidi Croy

****Note:** Because of the timing of the chiller installation, all worship services will be moved to Fellowship Hall through June. We will keep you updated as work progresses.



Get ready for simple summer worship with Bumper Sticker Theology. Each Sunday, beginning June 9, we take a common Christian bumper sticker and unpack it. Some are just common sayings, others silly and still others declarative...but do we really know what we are saying about God, us, or humanity if we actually believe them? Join us as we engage the theological concepts and delve into the Scriptures and see what they have to say about our “regular” faith beliefs and whether they are helpful or hinder our faith journey.

- June 9: Jesus loves you, but I’m his favorite.
- June 16: The bible says it. I believe it. That settles it.
- June 23: When a door closes, God opens a window.
- June 30: God won’t give you more than you can handle! (Shelter house 5 @ Riverbend)
- July 7: All Part of God’s Plan.
- July 14: Hymn Sing
- July 21: God helps those who help themselves.
- July 28: Too blessed to be stressed! (outside worship)
- August 4: Don’t put a question mark where God put a period.
- August 11: Everything happens for a reason.
- August 18: Hymn Sing
- August 25: Blessing of the backpacks (outside worship)



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Financial Results

April 2024

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Revenue:	\$205,075	\$230,995
Expenses:	\$226,597	\$283,125

Your continued support of FPC is truly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

June 1: Findlay Pride in the Park

June 3-6: Confirmation Camp

June 6: Leader Retreat

June 22: Camp Fun (@Target)

June 29: Youth Pool Party

June 30: Worship and Picnic in the Park

July 4-5: Office Closed

July 15-19: Clean-Up Days

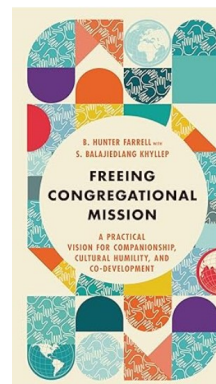
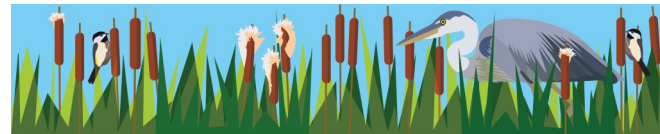
July 28: Outdoor Worship

July 29-Aug 2: Fine Arts Camp

Mission and Service



Partnership Update: Join the Mission Committee on **Sunday June 2 during 2nd Hour Faith Formation**. We'll update you on our commitment to be a Founding Member of Martha's Home and how we can partner with City Mission in this important venture! Plan to join us—this will be our final 2nd Hour until fall!



information to come.

The Mission Committee has been reading this book together. We are excited to announce that in partnership with the Presbytery we will be hosting the Rev. Bala Khyllap on September 28-29. On Saturday, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., he will lead Mission leaders from around Maumee Valley Presbytery and on Sunday he will preach here and then lead 2nd Hour Faith Formation. In addition, Pastor Jessie will be leading a presbytery-wide zoom book group later this summer. Anyone is welcome to read the book and join in. Stay tuned—more information to come.



Caring Cupboard



June
dish soap

July
bar & hand soap

August
shampoo & conditioner

Daryl the Barrel:

June: Cream of Mushroom & Cream of Chicken Soup

July: Toilet Paper

August: Paper Napkins and Sandwich Size Ziplocs



Music Ministry

SUMMER "POP-UP" CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir but can't make the rehearsals, can't read music, or just haven't been brave enough to take the plunge? Watch the calendar for the dates for the Summer Choir. We will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the Chancel on the designated Sundays. No experience necessary! Just come sing for fun. All ages welcome!

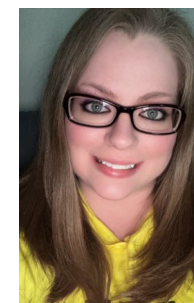


INSTRUMENTALISTS WELCOME

Do you play an instrument (guitar, dulcimer, spoons, clarinet, sackbut)?

We have a place for you. Are you rusty on your instrument? Come join us. I can write out music for any instrument to join in on Sundays. Please email Clint Miller for more information at cmiller@findlayfpc.org.

Register NOW for Fine Arts Camp—you can click the picture or scan the code. You can also pick up a paper form in the office. Share this information with those you know who have children in this age-range.



Welcome Casey Risner! Casey is our new Head Custodian, who started in April. She has three children, Gabriella, Colton and Sophia, 14, 9 and 2 years old. She enjoys

reading, cooking and cleaning. She says 'I love getting to work at the church and getting to meet all the new people I work with. It's been the best experience so far! We are so glad to have her here helping to keep our facility tip top!

Fine Arts Camp

Registration is OPEN!

July 29-August 2

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Rising 1st-5th Graders

Music, movement, drama, visual arts
\$55 first child, \$45 additional,
scholarship help available!

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www.findlayfpc.org/fine_arts_camp/

*The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

Facilities & More

Summer Cleanup



Help us spruce up the building! During July, Amy and Casey are seeking individuals to come do some simple projects around the church. Target dates are July 15-19, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sign up for specific projects outside the office or [click here to sign up on Sign up Genius](#). Or scan this code:



Note this sign up does not include dates, but the week work is to be done is July 15-19. [Email Amy](#) with questions.

New sidewalks and curbs in areas have been completed.

The new concrete pad in front of the dumpster will be completed after the new chiller arrives. The Columbarium area concrete will start when there is a period of dry weather. This will help protect the ground from their equipment.

The new chiller has arrived but has not yet begun installation.

Installation will begin June 3. This means the '05 addition and the sanctuary will be without chilled water to cool the building.



We anticipate 3-4 weeks until installation is complete and AC is fully on.

The fire inspection for the new fire system, will take place sometime in June. We will have a week's notice. The fire alarm will be activated for approximately 1 hour during that time. I will inform groups that may be affected by this with as much notice as possible.

Following the concrete project, the **re-surfacing of the back drive** area will take place then sealing of the parking lot will follow.

The Gardens have been tilled and the water has been turned on. Gardeners are actively planting and tending their plots.

A very special thanks to Debbie Crow for all her donated time and talent to start the new Venue website!



www.thegreatroomonsouthmain.org
Please share this link on your social media pages!



Clint will be out from June 7-15 and June 15-22.

Leslee will be out from June 10-23 and July 11-15.

Jessie will be out from July 1-14; August TBD.



Sunday June 9, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Since we will be without AC, this will be **CARRYOUT ONLY!** The menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, side salads, watermelon, cookies. A sign up sheet is in the hall outside the office. We are asking the congregation to provide salads in addition to different meal components. **HELP WILL BE NEEDED** to prepare take out containers for guests.

July 13th's menu will include smoked pulled pork.

Our August 11 Community Dinner will be a Taco Bar.

Help is always needed—donations of food items, set up, preparation, serving and clean up.



Sunday, June 30.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. at **Shelter House #5** at Riverbend Park. Picnic to follow. The church will provide hot dogs/buns and condiments, along with all needed paper products and serving utensils.

Please bring a dish according to your last name: A-M side dish or salad; N-Z dessert. Bottled water will be provided, and you may bring your own beverages as desired. Bring your lawn chair and don't forget your sunscreen and hat! There will be no activities at the church that morning.



Our current nursery worker, Addie Roach, will be leaving for college later this summer. **We need to hire new child care staff** for Sunday mornings (and other times as available/arranged). If you know someone over 18, responsible and reliable, who might be a good fit for us, please [contact Leslee Kirkconnell](#) with their information (or have them contact her). We do require a background check, references, and training.



Leadership Retreat

Thursday June 6, 6:00 –9:00

p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided—please [RSVP to Jessie](#) asap! All currently serving on Session and Deacons, along with any self-identified leaders are invited and welcome to attend. We'll make plans for fall and dream into the future, led by the Holy Spirit.

Faith & Fellowship

MomCo will return this fall! Formerly known as MOPS, this group will begin a once-per-month meeting on Wednesday September 18 (typically meeting on the third Wednesday of each month) from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Smaller groups may form as interest and leadership arise. This is for moms primarily with preschool age children, however ALL moms are welcome! Registration information soon! Questions? [Email Leslee Kirkconnell](#). Or click the picture for the MomCo website.



Findlay Pride in the Park
Saturday, June 1
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Riverside Park

Join us in sharing
God's expansive love
for all!
Sign up to help
outside the
office!

Contact Deb Baker
for more information.



Outdoor worship will happen on July 28 and August 25. The Deacons will have fellowship on the lawn following (or in Fellowship Hall should the weather not cooperate). Plan to join us for worship and fellowship following! "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1



Beloved Children of God

Changes this summer! We are so blessed to have Heidi Croy who faithfully leads our children each week during the school year for Godly Play. **We are changing things up for the summer.** Children from older preschool through 5th grade are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary* following the Blessing of the Children for the Playground. There will be worship-related activities to engage them. Children participating in worship is critical to helping them learn to worship as well as indicative of them continuing to worship as they grow up. *During June (until the AC is restored) we will have a



Playground in Fellowship Hall).

Youth! Final schedules in process, but we are planning a Pool Party for June 29, later in the afternoon. Possibly a service/fun trip to Sandusky with one day of work and then play at Cedar Point, later in the summer. TBD,



Youth Summer Plans!

so stay tuned! [Contact Leslee Kirkconnell](#) with questions!

We're trying something new for our Confirmation Class! We will gather from June 3-6, Noon-3:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. on Tue/Wed) for a focused time of fellowship and learning. Our youth and their mentors (as able): Miles Myers (Char Ebersole); Bekah Mast (Beth Neimeyer); Addie Lobb (Janet Holtzscher); Tillie Abbott (Tracy Kennedy); and Kenzie Lobb (Al Holtzscher), will gather each day for lunch, study and fellowship. We anticipate celebrating these youth in worship this fall, but most importantly we'll be growing disciples ready to do the mission of the church! Please keep this group in your prayers over the coming weeks—especially this particular week. We also plan to gather for a service project together in July.



Consider the gift of education for our Nursery School They are building a fund to help scholarship families who have trouble meeting the cost of a high quality preschool education. Your gift can help ensure a child gets the nurturing to be successful in school and in life later! [Click here](#) or scan the code to contribute!



First Presbyterian Nursery School: Our school year has flown by! I can't believe it went so fast!! On May 20th and 21st we had our annual BEACH Day. We invite parents and/or grandparents to join our classes outside for an hour of fun. The kids were able to go "fishing", play in the water table, paint with water, draw with chalk, hula hoop, jump on the trampoline, blow bubbles, get their face painted and enjoy a cool treat for our very last day together.

Some of the highlights from this spring: watching the life cycle of lady bugs and caterpillars, watching praying mantis and chicks hatch, we planted seeds and learned how to water and care for them, we loved on our mommies with sweet gifts, and got outside at much as possible. **We still have some room** in our fall 2 day 3 year old class and our PM 3 day 4 year old class. Please [contact the Nursery School](#) for more information. ~Carol Smith, Nursery School Director



Some pictures of fun we had this spring!



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Sunday, June 2 will be our final 2nd Hour Faith Formation until fall. **Join the Mission Committee in Fellowship Hall.** They have made a verbal commitment to City Mission to be a founding member of Martha's Home, following feedback at our April 28 meeting. Come hear the plans for moving forward! This will begin immediately following worship (which will also be in Fellowship Hall).



Thursday, June 13—it's FIELD TRIP TIME! Meet at church by 10:00 a.m. We will have brunch ready for you, then we leave by 11:00 a.m. on the church bus to Providence Metropark in Grand Rapids, OH. From 12:30-1:30 p.m. we will enjoy a canal ride. Our return to the church is estimated by 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$20, bring to the church that day. Please sign up on the board outside the office!

Where are you being called to serve?

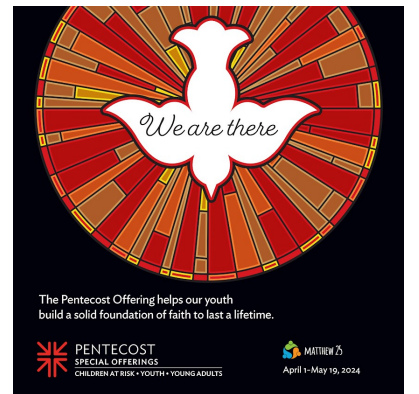
Each week in worship, we take an "offering" and pass the plates. But our response to God is more than money—it's also time, intentionality and relationships. We're challenging you to expand your understanding this summer of what it means to be called to service, for one another and our community. Please consider being a greeter or lay reader! It doesn't matter your age, whether you've

done it a lot in the past or never done it. Families, pick a Sunday! Older adults, pick a Sunday! Greeters and lay readers are needed through out the summer. Sign up outside the main office door. The week prior to your time to volunteer, you'll receive an email reminder from Stephanie in the office (greeters) or Pastor Jessie (lay reader) letting you know when to arrive and what your responsibilities will be.

There are still some spots available for the **Presbyterian Women Church-wide Gathering**, so register now at 2024pwcwg.org/Home. If you are not able to attend the gathering, you can follow the daily activities at the website above.



General Assembly meets June 25-July 4 in Salt Lake City, Utah. One way to stretch and grow your faith would be to 'attend' the meeting and especially the worship services. [Click here for the website](#). You can sign up to be an on-line observer (although that is not necessary), which gives you deeper access to what's going on. Click on PC-Biz and you can see what business is coming before the Assembly—read the overtures, and see what the committees are recommending. The full schedule is available so you can tune in at worship time (or whenever you wish). We will have information available prior to and immediately following GA so we'll all know what's what!



We will collect the **Pentecost Offering** on Sunday, June 2. One of four special offerings, the Pentecost Offering supports Youth Ministries, Child Advocacy and Young Adult Volunteers and can be taken any time there's an emphasis on young people. We moved it to June 2 as we will be commissioning our Confirmation Class that Sunday, which makes it highly appropriate. Our congregation will keep 40% of the offering for children-at-risk or youth ministry programs. The Presbyterian Mission Agency divides the remainder with 25% to Youth Ministry; 25% to Young Adult Volunteers and 10% Child Advocacy. Envelopes are available or you can scan the code. THANK YOU for your generosity.

