

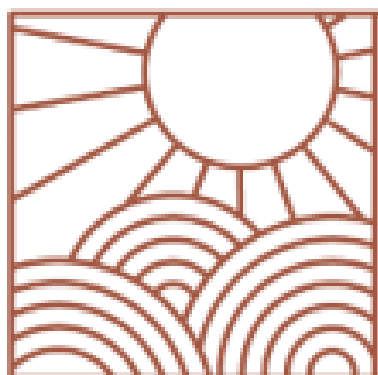
MID-FALL UPDATES

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to you give you a future of hope'"

Jeremiah 29:11

Commitment Sunday is this Sunday, October 27.

We would be so honored if you would submit your pledge card then or via our website if you haven't already done so. This helps the Stewardship & Finance Committee be able to properly budget for 2025. We are grateful for all who have pledged and if you have not submitted your pledge yet, we hope you prayerfully consider doing so soon. Come be part of the future of hope!



A FUTURE
WITH HOPE

Stewardship 2025

A Future With Hope - How wonderful it is to hear and know God has big plans for us: individually and for all of us together here at FPC Findlay. We think of events where impacts are made: Pride in the Park, Community Dinner and Mobile Food Pantry, potlucks and fellowship gatherings like Onward & Upward, Confirmation, sharing communion at Birchaven, and in homes, and so much more. As varying as some of these events sound, when put together in a list, God is weaving his plan within it all together in order to carry out God's will. And it's so amazing to know God's plan is for each and every one of us to be part of it!

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Mission Opportunities

Our next Community Dinner will be Sunday, November 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. We look forward to a delicious meal of Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce and Cookies. Help will be needed with items for the meal, preparing the food, setting up, serving and cleaning up. A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway outside the office. You can call or email to sign up as well. 419-423-2112, info@findlayfpc.org.



Partnering with City Mission enables us to bring more help. Our donations for Darrel allow the Mission to use their funding for other items they would not otherwise be able to provide. We've been collecting **Cream Soups** in October and will collect **Chili, Garlic and Onion Powder** during November. Let's overflow Darrel!

KnitWits welcome any *handcrafted* hat/scarf or gloves for their Community Dinner give-away!



It's almost time for Advent! Join us on Monday, November 25, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for our **Hanging of the Greens**. This is a wonderful intergenerational activity good for all ages. Families especially encouraged to come! There will be pizza and refreshments. Many places in the church to decorate and many hands will indeed make light work. Join us and invite a friend to come too!

Facilities

- The cold water coil has been installed. We are now ready for summer (bring back the heat)!
- The Community Garden finishes its season November 1. Plots will be tilled in preparation for winter. The water will be shut off. All gardeners need to harvest any remaining produce and remove stakes, cages and any tools.

A yellow rectangular graphic. On the left is a stylized illustration of a chili bowl with steam rising from it, next to the words "CHILI COOK-OFF" in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the illustration, black text reads: "Plan to come for a fun time of delicious fellowship and fun! Donations (suggested what you spend on a meal out) benefit our Summer 2025 Mission Trip." Below this, in bold black text, is "Sunday, November 3, 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall". Further down, in bold black text, is "Sign up to bring your best Chili Recipe- you might just be crowned our first Chili Chef Champion!". At the bottom, in black text, is "www.perfectpotluck.com, enter code 1311".

Sunday Worship & Faith Formation

Sunday, October 27: Stewardship Dedication, 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30; 41-43 (Luke 19:45-46).

2nd Hour Faith Formation

Adults "Polarization, Community & Change"

Children/Youth: Worship Explorers

Sunday, November 3: Communion/All Saint's Sunday. The Playground will be available for children. Elijah's Care of the Widow; 1 Kings 17:1-16(17-24); Luke 4:24-26.

2nd Hour Faith Formation

Adults: "Mission Conversations and Paperclips."

Children/Youth: Motion & Movement
Chili Cook Off Fundraiser at Noon.

Sunday, November 10: Call of Isaiah. Isaiah 6:1-8 (Luke 5:8-10) **WORSHIP IN THE GREAT ROOM!** We will gather at 10:00 a.m., welcome our community to worship with us, and then share a meal at our Community Dinner.

Sunday, November 17: Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10. Our children and youth will present a retelling during worship.

2nd Hour Faith Formation:

Adults: "Polarization, Community & Change" (part 2)

Children/Youth: Worship Explorers

Adult 2nd Hour meets in Fellowship Hall

Children/Youth meet in the Choir Room

Sunday, November 24: Music Sunday. On this Christ the King Sunday we will 'tour' the Church calendar with music through the seasons - Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost and Christ the King. Guest musicians will join us.

2nd Hour Faith Formation

Adults: TBD

Children/Youth: Worship Explorers

Sunday, November 17: (evening)

Third Sunday Family Faith Formation in Fellowship Hall. Families gather at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, worship and learning. This is also our monthly Youth Gathering time.

Advent starts December 1 - all the information coming in our next News & View



Godly Play is part of our Sunday morning faith formation for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Following the Blessing of the Children, Heidi Croy leads them upstairs to the Godly Play Room. Each week there is a story and a time to wonder, and respond. Children move to Motion & Movement or Worship Explorers after. Upcoming scriptures-we encourage families to read and wonder together at home:

October 27: A House for God, based on 1 Kings 5-8, 2 Chronicles 2-8.

November 3: Playground, children remain in worship.

November 10: God's presence with the people in exile.

Based on 2 Kings 25, 2 Chronicles 36:16-23, Ezra, Nehemiah

November 17: An introduction to the words of the prophets to the people of God

November 24: Receiving the Light, based on John 8:12



On September 8, we heard about the Creation Story. Here is Lucy Croy's response - she created each day in PlayDoh.

Music Ministry

Music Sunday - November 24, 2024

Come celebrate the liturgical year in song. We will journey through Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and finally Christ the King in a special service of music. Guest musicians will enhance our worship this day. You won't want to miss this day of celebrating the great hymns of the church year.

Chancel Choir meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. GatherRing Handbells rehearses Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come make beautiful music with us - especially as we begin preparing for Advent and Christmas. [See Clint Miller](#) for more information!



Nursery School

We have been so busy!!! FPC Nursery School is off to a great start. We have been enjoying the weather and learning about the fall and fire safety all while working on our classroom routine and forming friendships. The week of October 1st, the four-year-old classes got to enjoy their first field trip to OAKWOODS NATURE PRESERVE. The week of October 7th, the Findlay Fire Department came to visit us, and we learned about how the truck works and got to see a firefighter in all their gear. The week of October 14th, our moms came to school with us in the evening to see just what we do in a morning and to make some memories with us. We even made a cake to share with them. And believe it or not, we are working on Christmas songs for the program we put on for our families before we go on Christmas break and our gifts to our families!!



Some scenes from our activities - our field trip and learning about Fire Safety.



Support early childhood education -consider a donation to their scholarship fund. Scan the code or [click here](#).



Onward & Upward



Thursday, November 14, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a wonderful and interesting time of 'Show & Tell.' ***What do you collect?*** Postcards? Figurines? A specific type of rare table ware? We want you to share! You can bring items to display (we will have some tables available) or pictures to show (we can use the computer as desired). Show us your fun collections, be they baseball cards or glassware or items from travels. Let's share our lives with 'Senior Show & Tell!' Delicious lunch and warm fellowship are always included. Invite friends and encourage them to bring examples of what they collect too! Please RSVP for lunch by Tuesday, November 12 by calling or emailing the office (419-423-2112, info@findlayfpc.org) or signing up on the board outside the office.

What a wonderful celebration of Lifelong Faith and 90th Birthdays! Sunday, October 20



We celebrated our congregation members who have been members for 50 years and those who celebrate 90 years of life! This year's 50-year members are: Susan Gray, Maureen Hall, Don & Marie Loudon-Hanes, Al & Janet Holtzscher, Tracy Kennedy, John Kilpatrick, and Rik & Ginny Laiho.

Our members celebrating 90 years of life are: Jim Roberts and Chuck Lyon.



Pictures of our life together this fall!



Blessing of the
Animals
September 15

Confirmation
Sunday
September 22



We welcomed the Rev.
Bala Khylllep on
September 29, and
learned about
freeing congregational
mission.



October 6, World Communion Sunday,
we rededicated our (new) Peace Pole,
in loving memory of the
Rev. Peggy Wood.

October Onward & Upward
gathered to watch "A Case
for Love."



Onward & Upward resumed
in September with the
musical gifts of Trio Voce.

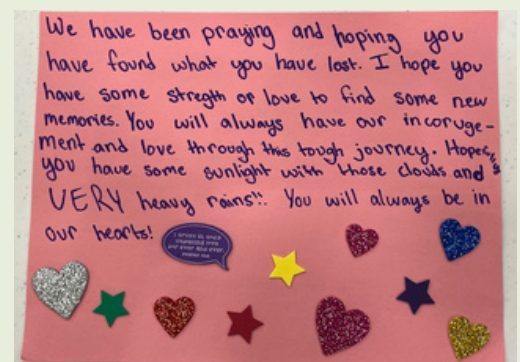
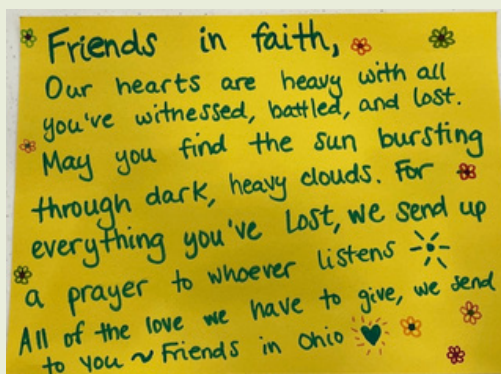
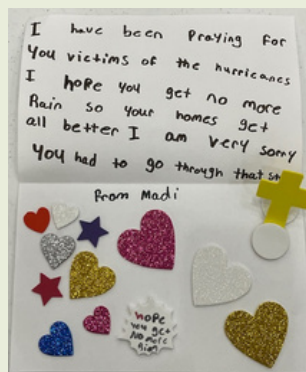
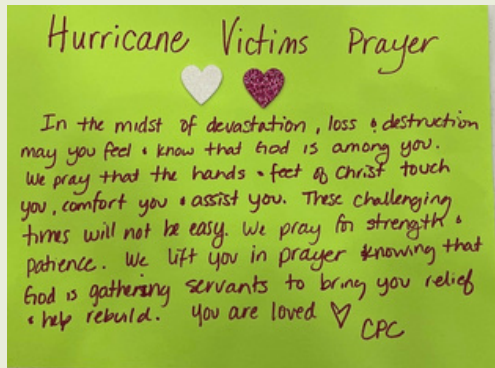


Presbytery-Wide Youth Lock-In

Three churches (FPC Findlay, Christ Church Toledo, and Ottawa PC) came together for an evening of faith, fun and fellowship, October 12-13! We got to know each other's names, played silly and active games, made cookies and cornbread for the Community Dinner, watched a movie, set off the church alarm playing hide & seek in the dark, and went to bed by 12:30 a.m. Worshiped God together, then helped serve and clean up at the Community Dinner. We look forward to doing more with these new friends and making more friends in our Presbytery!



We also wrote prayers in support of those who have been affected by the recent hurricanes. Our youths' prayers are on the on the bulletin board in the hallway.





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Financial Report

Year to Date 2024

YTD Income	\$449,827
YTD Income Budget	\$525,312
YTD Expenses	\$552,601
YTD Expenses Budget	\$654,474

Thank you for your generous support of Christ's Mission here at First Presbyterian Church Findlay!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 27: Stewardship Dedication
Friday, November 1:
MomCo Meet & Eat
Sunday, November 3:
Chili Cook Off
November 8-10: Youth Retreat @ Kirkmont
November 10: Community Dinner
November 14: Onward & Upward
November 17: Third Sunday Family Faith Formation