

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WARREN

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## DEACONS' NEWS

The Deacons are currently working on various projects for the next few months. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 17. The Mission Committee continues to keep in contact with various local non-profits of their needs during the winter months. Congregational Care reaches out to our special care members with cards and calls. Kathi Ensweiler and Pastor Lindsay delivered Home Communion on January 13.

The Community Lunch took place on January 21. The bitter cold weather did not stop this monthly event. Our visitors enjoyed a warm and hearty meal of macaroni and hamburger casserole, tossed salad, rolls, juice, and homemade cupcakes. Each attendee received cookies to take home. Thirty-five grocery orders were packed and loaded into cars after

the meal. The "Grocery Loading Crew" deserves a "shout out" for dealing with the frigid temperatures, wind, and snow. Thank you- George, Rich, and Bob!

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Farewell Reception for Pastor Lindsay on February 9 after the Service/Congregational Meeting. Please plan to attend.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons, we would like to thank Pastor Lindsay for her guidance and support for our various projects and activities during the past year. May God's own hand guide all your ways.

Sarah Hirt Buzulencia- Moderator-Deacons



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## NEW MEMBER RECEPTION



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FEBRUARY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WARREN BAPTISM OF FRANCESCA AND GEMMA CHUIRAZZI



## Baptism of Thomas, Oren, Dominic, and Sarah Torrence and Tyler Bittner



*"We love because He first loved us"*

1 John 4:19





### CLERK'S CORNER

Winter Greetings to you all! Now that the excitement and festivities of the Christmas season are over, we enter the busy time of the new year. Hopefully, you all had a chance to attend one of the Holy Cow meetings and ask and answer questions that will be helpful to our PNC as they look for a new pastor. In the meantime, we will say goodbye to Pastor Kelly as we look forward to meeting our new Bridge Pastor, who will fill the gap between Pastor Kelly's leaving and our new pastor's arrival. Also, please plan to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on February 9. See you then, and in the meantime, enjoy this snowy winter! *Amy Burd, Clerk of Session*

**PASTOR KELLY'S FAREWELL RECEPTION** will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 9**, after the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please join us for a treat and wish Pastor Kelly well with her future endeavors.



The prayers, meals, cards, phone calls, visits, and support from my church family have added to my healing more than you will ever know. NOW THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHURCH! Thank you, everyone. *Sue Dennis*

### NEW MEMBERS

On January 12, 2025, First Presbyterian Church gained six new members. We welcome Thomas Torrence Jr., Thomas Torrence III, Oren Torrence, Dominic Torrence, Sarah Torrence, and Tyler Bittner.



### FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER

**FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES:** Our guest speaker will be **Nikita Warfield-Owens**, employed at COMPASS Family and Community Services as the first Behavioral and Wellness Coordinator for the Warren City School District. She is a lifelong resident of Warren, a graduate of Warren G. Harding and of Eastern Gateway College. Nikita is currently pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at YSU and is a certified Prevention Specialist. She is also an International Grief Recovery Specialist who facilitates Grief Recovery Groups, Grief Recovery 1 on 1, and When Children Grieve workshops and classes. Please join us after worship on **Sunday, February 2**, in the Parlor as Nikita speaks about grief recovery.

### ANNUAL REPORT



The 2024 Annual Report will be available **Sunday, February 2**. After that you can stop by the Church Office during the week or get a copy on Sunday to reference during the Annual Meeting on **February 9**. We ask that you take only one per family. If you want the Annual Report mailed to you, please call the Church Office.

### STAINED-GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PHASE TWO COMPLETE!

Whitney Stained-Glass returned and installed the second phase of windows. The Sanctuary looked so nice with all the windows at Christmas. The third phase will be removed as soon as the weather permits.



**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION** will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 9**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of receiving annual reports for the fiscal year 2024, selecting at-large members for the Nominating Committee, electing the Pastor Nominating Committee, and voting on two changes to the bi-laws. Please exercise your ecclesiastical citizenship and plan to be present.



**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:** Our next celebration of Communion will be **Sunday, February 2, 2025**, during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING:** The Deacons will be collecting for the 2¢-A-Meal offering on Sunday, **February 2, 2025**, during our regular worship service. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad. Don't forget to bring your coins to drop in the special offering buckets.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** If you or someone you know would like a visit or assistance from the Pastor or Deacons, please call the Church Office at 330-393-1524.

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**LISTEN TO US EVERY SUNDAY MORNING** at 10:00 a.m. on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM.

**DON'T FORGET...** Jigsaw puzzles are available in Fellowship Hall on the bookshelf. Most of the puzzles are 500 pieces or less. Take one; complete it; return it; borrow another. A great activity during the winter months!

**JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS . . .** for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture and prayer and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us. *...let us walk in the light of the Lord Isaiah 2:5*

**MIRIAM-ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet Thursday, **February 6, 2025**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor to continue with Lesson 5 of "Let Justice Roll Down." Please join us! Please bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

**PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT** for 2025 is **\$33.00 per member**. Any contribution you make for this purpose should be placed in the envelope provided in your box or in another envelope labeled "Per Capita".

**DESSERT AND DIALOGUE WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet **Thursday, February 20**, at noon in the Parlor. We will discuss Chapters 9 and 10 of "Wholehearted Faith."

**FREE CONCERT:** There will be a free concert on **Sunday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m.**, at Christ Episcopal Church (2627 Atlantic St, NE). Ronald Campbell, Bass-Baritone, will present *Folksongs and Spiritual, in the African-American Tradition*, to celebrate Black History Month. All are welcome!



### First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

#### Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church is a worshipping, welcoming Community of Faith. We are called by God to be ambassadors of Christ to all people through preaching the gospel, teaching discipleship and serving in the name of Christ Jesus.

#### First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

#### Vision Statement

Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education and service.



### Auf Wiedersehen

The first time I moved was between kindergarten and the first grade. We went into a bigger house, but it was only across an alley and a few streets away from the other place. We could nearly see the old house from the new house; and we were still in the same neighborhood with all our friends.

In the middle of the tenth grade, my parents moved us twenty miles away to be closer to Dad's workplace. Before the internet, free long-distance, and all the technology we have today, that was a big deal. It was especially hard on my older brother and me, because we were completely dug in and involved in high school activities. That was my first big good-bye.

Since that time, I have moved because my military spouse had orders to do so, then I decided to go to seminary, and finally because the churches I was called to serve were in other places. Over my adult lifetime, I have said good-bye to a lot of people. No matter the reason, or how many times, it's still hard to do.

There are many ways we say goodbye to each other in every language. One of the best ones, I think, is the German auf wiedersehen. It's formal, in the way we might say "goodbye" instead of just "bye." But the literal translation is "upon again seeing." Though it's a formal phrase for departure, the message is more like our informal "see you later." It's not a permanent farewell. It is "until I see you again."

As I depart this place, my faith in eternal life assures me that we will see each other again. In this life or God's heavenly place, it will be good to reunite. It has been an absolute joy getting to know so many of you, working along side you, and having the honor to serve as your pastor for this short time. I continue to be inspired and impressed by the ministry that takes place inside these walls and outside in the world. Thank you for all you do and for letting me be part of it.

Auf Wiedersehen, Beloved

*Pastor Kelly*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup> for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace.  
Philippians 1:3-7a





**FPC February Birthdays**

- 02/06 Velma Woodall  
Guy Latessa
- 02/07 Bob Coupland
- 02/09 Cathy Hesselman
- 02/10 Atticus Siembida
- 02/13 Barb Sherwood
- 02/15 Levi Griffith
- 02/16 Enzo Muccio
- 02/19 Marty Nadenichek  
Matt Haering
- 02/25 Nancy Hochadel  
Bill Chuirazzi
- 02/27 Sharyn Common



If we have overlooked anyone's birthday, we apologize. Please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records.



# FPC FEBRUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00 am AA, MC
2 Communion/2 Cents 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am First Sunday Speaker Series, P	3 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	4 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	5 10:00 am Crafters, B 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Church Growth Meeting	6 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Miriam Esther Circle, P	7 Church Office Closed	8 11:00 am AA, MC
9 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Annual Congregational Meeting 11:45 am Pastor's Reception	10 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Mtg., FH 7:00 pm AA, MC 7:00 Voices of Micah Mtg.	11 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 7:00 pm NA, MC	12 5:00 pm Someplace Safe, B 6:00 pm NAMI Meeting, P 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm CE Meeting	13 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH	14 Church Office Closed  	15 11:00 am AA, MC
16 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School	17 Presidents' Day 10:00 am OA, P 4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	18 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 10:30 am Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution 5:00 pm Finance Mtg., P 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	19 1:00 pm Crossroads Bereavement Grp, P 6:00 pm Relay for Life, FH 6:30 pm AA, MC	20 SPIRE DEADLINE 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 12:00 pm Dessert & Dialogue Women's Group, P 7:00 pm Worship Meeting	21 Church Office Closed	22 11:00 am AA, MC
23 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	24 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	25 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:00 pm Girl Scout Recruit Event, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	26 5:00 pm Someplace Safe, B 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Session, FH	27 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH	28 Church Office Closed	