

presbyterian press



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A note from the pastor...

Dear Members & Friends of 1stUPC,

All four Sundays in the month of March are in the season of Lent. We began our season of Lent on the last Wednesday of February with a combined worship service of the four downtown “First” Churches. That service consisted of scripture readings, prayers, our Highland Ringers sharing their talents, and the imposition of ashes. “Remember, from dust you have come, and to dust you shall return.” Or as I saw on another Pastor’s Facebook page, Bruce Reyes-Chow: *“From stardust you have come, to stardust you shall return!”* Bruce wrote that he mixed glitter into the ashes (maybe next year)?

Our theme, which was started on Ash Wednesday and will continue through these days leading up to Easter is summed up in a word: Frailty. As we contemplated the last Sunday of February about Paul’s mysterious thorn in the flesh, we were reminded that we experience unexplained hardships, that we are a bad step away from an injurious fall, that we too have been jabbed in the soft parts of our lives and had to live with the pain.

These years since the onset of Covid our frailty has been on display before us. In my own life I find myself contemplating how fragile we are, how fragile I am, in spite of my considerable strength. However, there is something profound that we also get to claim in Paul’s hope, God’s promise that *“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”* The Lord himself gives us what we need, so that we can claim the paradox of faith, when I am weak, then I am strong.”

So join us for worship during the Sunday’s of Lent as we look at some of the ways that we are perhaps more fragile than we’d like to admit, and why that’s a good thing. If we are willing to own the ways we are broken before the Lord, then we will see more clearly the ways his power shines through.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve

Lenten Series: Frailty

03/05 – *A Frail Body* – 2 Corinthians 4:3-12

03/12 – *A Frail Family* – Luke 15:24-32

03/19 – *A Frail Spirit* – Matthew 5:1-12

03/26 - *A Frail Life* – Galatians 2:15-3:7

⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9



did you know?

March is Mad For Plaid Month!

The definition of plaid, according to history, comes from the Gaelic term "plaide" which means blanket. Another interpretation is a long, rectangular piece of cloth, usually with such a pattern and worn across the left shoulder by Scottish Highlanders.

Technically, "plaid" isn't the correct word for a pattern that is usually known by that name. The appropriate word for the ancient patterns would be "tartan". All tartans are plaids, but not all plaids are tartans.

So, what is the difference? Accurate descriptions would be as follows: plaid is a word to describe a multi-colored cross-lined pattern. The word tartan is used to characterize the plaid associated with a clan, be it Scottish, Irish, or Welsh.

Plaid and tartan both contain horizontal and vertical lines that intersect at 90-degree angles. Tartans have an identical pattern of stripes running vertically and horizontally, resulting in overlapping square grids. Regular plaids are not necessarily the same in both directions with variation in size, color, and/or pattern of stripes.

There are Welsh, Irish, and Scottish tartans used in clan kilts. Historically, their patterns sometime came in the clan configuration, although in different colors, due to relevant circumstances. Red patterns were worn in battle so blood wouldn't show. Green resembled the forests for those who were hunters. The workers of the land wore yellow indicating crops. Blue symbolized lakes and rivers for those laboring in the waters.

If you are in the mood to purchase a kilt, some of the more prominent patterns follow these names: **Elliot, Fitzpatrick, Forsyth, Henderson, James, Jenkins, Kennedy, Lloyd, MacAlpine, MacKenzie, Smith, Stewart and Taylor.** Just be prepared to pay. This traditional garment could run you anywhere from \$490.00 to \$980.00!

But what better piece of clothing to wear on the anniversary of National Tartan Day? April 6, 1328 marked the date of the Independence of Scotland. A US Senate resolution passed on March 20, 1998 and was signed by late President George H. W. Bush to celebrate the first official Tartan Day. In March 2005, House Resolution 41 was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives which officially designated April 6 as National Tartan Day.





Good News!



It was a lovely day to say Happy Birthday to a lovely Lady!

Joyce Core you are just amazing! An amazing friend, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, quilter, child of God and so much more!!

It was an honor for us to honor you for your very special birthday!

And many, many more.....

Bellefontaine High School recently named its Seniors of the Month.



Name: **Jordan Butler** Parents: Mark and Jill Butler Address: Bellefontaine

School activities and awards: Volleyball, Marching Band, Symphonic Band and Choir, Les Fons, Musical, OMUN, NHS, Chieftain Leaders, Agape, Key Club, The Heart of a Chieftain Award for service hours, Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards, and Most Improved Player Award in Volleyball.

If I were principal for a day: I would gather all the students into the main gym for a pep rally prior to a big game against our rival school because I miss when we were able to do so my freshman year. Events like this bring everyone together to have a good time and bring tons of energy for an exciting night!

Favorite school memory: Marching the halls every Friday we had a home football game or playing games at Relay for Life while also getting to eat from the amazing food trucks.

Next year: I plan on attending either the University of Cincinnati or Ohio University, though I'm not sure what I plan to study. My main goal is to pick a career that will help improve the lives of others whether that be in health care or social work. **CONGRATULATIONS JORDAN!!**



Congratulations to **Kelley Forsythe** who was one of four Benjamin Logan High School students to advance to the District Science Day with the success of her Science Fair project! The District Science Day will be held Saturday March 25, at the Ohio Northern University Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences.

Kelley's project examined how different conservation methods affect the distribution of the nutrients in the soil profile. Looking in three fields that were each taken care of in a different manor, she tested the levels of the soil profile for four different types of nutrients.

GREAT JOB KELLEY! BEST OF LUCK AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL!

CONGRATULATIONS to our youth who were involved in the BHS musical "The Little Mermaid". GREAT SHOW EVERYONE!!

L. to R. **Emma Merrin, Jordan Butler, Emily Taylor, Ella Costin, Emma Suman.**





It might not be an odd occasion to see Mayor Ben Stahler perform a wedding ceremony, but a request to marry two letters was probably a inquiry he hadn't received before.

Lauren Burkhardt and Bri Hughes, preschool teachers at the Bellefontaine Elementary School made it possible for their students to celebrate a Q and U wedding. Mayor Stahler performed the union which reinforced how the letter Q is always joined by the letter U.

A groom and bride portrayed the roles of Q and U, respectively and then the entire class was included in the usual customs of a reception, the bouquet toss and enjoying a piece of the wedding cake.



Congratulations to our youth members who are associates of the Bellefontaine High School Strings Orchestra! They recently traveled to Cincinnati for the OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event. The group received a Superior or "1" rating in competition at the School for Creative and Performing Arts. A Superior or "1" rating is the highest valuation in these competitions. We are proud of you, **Ella Costin, Emma Costin, Kaeleigh Flora, Emma Suman, Emily Taylor and Carter Yoder!**



The Benjamin Logan Agricultural Sales Team of Kendra Kennedy (4th from left) and friends, members of the BLHS division of the FFA, recently placed first in sub district competition.

These lovely ladies will compete in the District 6 Competition at Buckeye Valley High School on February 28!! **BEST OF LUCK!!**



The Bellefontaine City Schools robotic teams had an exceptional day at the Joseph and Joseph Vex Robotics Competition. Organized teams from both the High School and Middle School enjoyed both competing and watching what other schools had to offer.

The BMS contingent, which includes our own **Zoe Jervis**, was one of forty-two teams competing from across Ohio.

Zoe's team, Mr. Roboto's Black Belts were victorious in their first tournament round but after defeat in the quarter finals, they earned 17th place!! **Sandi Chervenak** is a co-advisor of the VEX Robotics Club at BHS and BMS! Congratulations to all!!

Shamrock Stories...

- ☘ According to legend, the shamrock is used to describe the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ☘ The three leaves of a shamrock are also said to symbolize Hope, Faith and Love. A fourth leaf symbolizes Luck.
- ☘ The "drowning of a shamrock" is the practice of placing a shamrock in one's last glass of whiskey before drinking it down.



Thank you's!

To our Church Community,

We would like to extend a very gracious thank you for all the love and support we have received in the past week following the death of Paul Deardurff. Paul loved this church like his family. The church's love has been abundant throughout the past few years during his many hurdles and hospital stays. We, as his family, are forever grateful for the community and the gratitude that was bestowed upon Paul and his family too. We than the entire church community, especially the Deacons, for providing dinner and a place to gather as a family after his services. We are forever grateful.

~The Deardurff Children and Families

To my Church Family,

Thank you for all your support over the last month and more – cards, visits, flowers and candy and especially to the Deacons for the wonderful coffee hour and Nancy Wisse's presentation bring back memories. Those family members and friends attending certainly bolstered by spirits. I have been blessed by God and by all of you. Thank you so much!

~Joyce Core

Dear Deacons of 1st UPC,

Thank you for serving with us at Our Daily Bread!

~Evelyn Allen, Manager

Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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celtic	dublin	green
ireland	irish	legend
leprechaun	limerick	patrick
potofgold	rainbow	saint
shamrock	snakes	



WHAT'S YOUR Leprechaun Name?

COMBINE THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME

A Lucky	H Belfast	O Tricky	U Shamrock
B Happy	I Sneaky	P Piper	V Rainbow
C Goldie	J Jiggy	Q Spunky	W Emerald
D Paddy	K Nimble	R Buckle	X Charming
E Clover	L Jolly	S Scout	Y Cabbage
F Pinch	M Greenie	T Magic	Z Fiddle
G Dublin	N Speedy		

AND THE MONTH YOU WERE BORN

JAN O'Shenanigans	MAY O'Shamrock	SEP McToadstool
FEB McGreen	JUN McLucky	OCT McTricky
MAR McClover	JUL McFly	NOV O'Shifty
APR O'Rascal	AUG McBrisk	DEC McGilded



those needing our special prayers..

Evie Merrin

Joyce Core

Joan Smith

Dorothy Snapp

Nancy Scouten

Riley Suman

Michelle Suman

The Amidons

The Albanos

Makayla Brandyberry



with us in spirit..

Sue Albano 1409 Whispering Pines Lane Belleft. 43311
 Janet Brunke 4888 Co. Rd. #55 Belleft. 43311
 Barbara Bradford 221 School St. Belleft. 43311
 Lois Ashworth 209 E. Glen Belleft. 43311
 Anne Heinlen 741 E. Sandusky Ave. Belleft. 43311
 Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311
 Bob Carter 6559 US Rt 68 S Memory Unit W. Liberty 43357
 Jo Mustaine 2739 Co. Rd. #91 *326 Belleft. 43311
 Joyce Core 2450 Co. Rd. 118 Rushsylvania 43347



They would LOVE to hear from everyone!!



celebrating a birthday in march..

March 3: Charlotte Burkhardt

March 17: Sophie Adelsberger

March 6: Lauren Burkhardt

March 22: Robert Kerch

March 9: Griffin Burkhardt

March 25: Tom Boone, Finley Reed

March 11: Bob Day

March 28: Brandon Standley

March 12: Jim Wical

March 29: Joliece Reed



celebrating a wedding anniversary in march..

March 5: Brenda & Charles Oda

March 20: Brad & Laura Flora, Holly & Adam VanBuskirk

St. Patrick's Scoop...

- St. Patrick was actually British, born to Roman parents in either Scotland or Wales. His birth name was Maewyn Succat. (Pronounced Mywin SUK-kat) At the age of 16 he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He later escaped, only to return to Ireland as a missionary later in life.
- St. Patrick's color was blue! The use of green became common during the 1600s and 1700s when the clover became a symbol of nationalism and wearing green on lapels became the norm.
- St. Patrick likely did not drive all the snakes out of Ireland. Historians and biologists say this isn't true since there were never many snakes in Ireland to begin with.



committee calendar..

HALF-PINT PICTURES!!



During the month of March, the **Deacons** are bringing you an opportunity to help raise some money! The weeks of March 5 and March 12, you will see five pictures of members of our congregation as their younger selves at the front of the sanctuary. For \$1.00, you can guess who they are! After those two weeks, we will draw a name from the correct guesses, and you will win a prize!!



The weeks of March 19 and March 26, there will be five new pictures for you to guess at as well. All proceeds will go to purchase new playballs and things needed for Kids Nite Out.



Friday March 10

6:00 – 8:00 pm

For kids ages 4 through 5th grade. **Friends are welcome.**

MS & HS teen leaders are also needed.

Dinner is provided. Suggested donation: \$4/child.

This Year's Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5: 22-23)



The **PWA** will begin their production of Easter Eggs on Tuesday March 7, beginning at 5:00pm in the kitchen. We will be working through the evening and anyone available to help is asked to come at a time that is most convenient to you! Production will continue March 14 and March 21 as well!



The **Worship Committee** invites anyone to provide altar flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary with the gift of flowers, please call the church office at (937) 592-6611 or email 1stupc@bellefontainepres.com for available dates.



What is better than seeing the faces on our children each Sunday morning as they hear the **Children's Message**? You can be a part of that, bringing a short message or story and teaching them about the love of God. If you are available to offer a message to the kids, please contact any member of the **Worship Committee**!



The **PWA** is once again offering their decadent homemade chocolate Easter Eggs for \$6.00 each!!

These 5oz. chocolate covered eggs have a delicious peanut butter filling and can be personalized with a name, up to 10 letters if desired.

Choices of **white, milk** or **dark** chocolate are available with peanut butter filling.

Orders are due to the Church Office **NO LATER than Sunday March 26.**

Eggs will be boxed and **ready for pick-up on Sunday April 2.**

Checks should be made payable to:
Presbyterian Women's Association

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ORDERS.

Additional order forms are available in the Church Office or in your Sunday bulletin.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Total number of eggs ordered: _____ Total DUE (number of eggs x \$6.00): _____

FLAVOR (Circle one)

PERSONALIZATION

- Egg #1 White Milk Dark
- Egg #2 White Milk Dark
- Egg #3 White Milk Dark
- Egg #4 White Milk Dark
- Egg #5 White Milk Dark
- Egg #6 White Milk Dark

THANK YOU for supporting the Presbyterian Women's Association!



The **TWEEN CLUB** meets every Wednesday through May 17, 5:30 – 6:45pm in the Chapel. Our Youth, Grade 3 – Grade 6, are invited to attend!

The **Mission Committee** will host the monthly Coffee Hour March 12, immediately following the Worship Service.



Applications for the **Higher Education Scholarships** will be available from March 15 through April 15. These will be available on line or in the Church Office. No applications will be accepted after April 15. All information should be completed and returned in a timely manner. Thank you!

The **CE Committee** will sponsor a Potato Bar Fundraiser and Auction on March 19, following the Worship Service. For information regarding auction items, please contact Kyle Lentz.





The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** will sponsor a Church Family GAME NIGHT, March 25, 5:00 – 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Beth Powers.



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

If you are available to spend some time helping to shape the studies of our church members from our youth to our retired members, please contact **Kyle Lentz!**



meeting in march..

The **CE Committee** meets Wednesday March 1, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **PWA Leadership** will meet Sunday March 12, 12:00pm in the Library.

The **Stewardship and Finance Committee** meets Monday March 13, 12:00pm in the Library.

The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** meets Monday March 13, 5:30pm in the Library.

The **Deacons** meet Tuesday March 14, 5:00pm in the Library.

The **Mission Committee** meets Tuesday March 14, 6:00pm in the Church Office.

The **Worship Committee** meets Tuesday March 14, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Session** meets Thursday March 16, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Book Club** meets Tuesday March 21, 6:30pm.

The **Property Committee** meets Wednesday March 22, 7:00pm in the Chapel.



servicing in march..

Deacons On-Call: Mary Jane Lane, Holly VanBuskirk

Welcome Team: Vicky Shields, Steve Cox, Jim Wical, Brenda Oda

Worship Leaders:

March 5: Mark Butler

March 12: Brandon Standley

March 19: Sue Crawfis

March 26: Beth Powers



Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Our Daily Bread Bakers for **Monday, March 20:**

Bridget Hawkins.....Mary Jane Lane Natasha Kennedy.....Betty Lloyd



FINANCIAL FOCUS

February 5, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 17

Sunday School Attendance: 25

Worship Attendance: 44

Received To Date: \$22,081.65

Day One Attendance: 10

Sunday School Offering: 88.00

Weekly Giving: \$4794.00

-\$2,962.35

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$25,044.00

February 12, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 10

Sunday School Attendance: 24

Worship Attendance: 55

Received To Date: \$25,499.13

Sunday School Offering: \$48.85

Weekly Giving: \$3417.48

-\$3,718.87

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$29,218.00

February 19, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 25

Sunday School Attendance: 32

Worship Attendance: 65

Received To Date: \$ 28,071.41

Sunday School Offering: \$39.00

Weekly Giving: \$2572.28

-\$5,320.59

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$33,392.00

February 26, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 22

Sunday School Attendance: 36

Worship Attendance: 56

Received To Date: \$32,686.41

Sunday School Offering: \$48.65

Weekly Giving: \$ 4615.00

-\$4,879.59

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$37,566.00





from the presbytery...

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Preparing, equipping, nurturing, and connecting congregations in their ministries for God's mission.

Presbytery of the Miami Valley hosts an

Enneagram Workshop

with Enneagram Teacher Abbi Rodriguez.

- March 4th
- 10am-12pm
- Westminster Presbyterian Church of Piqua

Join the Presbytery of the Miami Valley on Saturday, March 4, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Piqua, for an Enneagram Workshop facilitated by certified Narrative Enneagram Teacher Abbi Rodriguez.

The Enneagram Workshop will invite participants to learn more about themselves and others through the compassionate lens of the Enneagram. In this workshop, certified Enneagram Teacher Abbi Rodriguez will offer a basic framework of the Enneagram for those that are new to this personality system. The workshop will also offer a greater depth of understanding in how we make decisions and approach relationships with others through a specific facet of the Enneagram called Stances. For those that don't know their Enneagram Type, you are invited to take a brief [Enneagram Indicator](#) prior to the workshop to help narrow down your Enneagram Type. Whether you've never heard of the Enneagram or you're an Enneagram enthusiast, this workshop is for you!

What is the Enneagram? The Enneagram is a tool used for personal development through an increased understanding of oneself. This tool defines nine personality types (known as Enneagram Types) based off of our core motivations, which in turn indicates a set of habitual patterns in the way that we think, feel, and act in our world. The Enneagram can help one make sense of their past, especially in regard to the tension and rubbing points one experiences in relationships, but it can also equip us to interact in a much more life-giving way in the present.

Why are Christians drawn to the Enneagram? The Enneagram is a helpful tool in illuminating the distorted beliefs of our personality (Enneagram Type) & the subconscious strategies we have to get our needs met without God or God's people. The Enneagram clarifies the manner in which we are held captive by our shortcomings, habits, and defensiveness in ways that keep us from genuine wholeness & growth. John Calvin wrote, "Nearly the whole of sacred doctrine consists in these two parts: knowledge of God and of ourselves." The Enneagram invites us into greater knowledge of ourselves & a more compassionate lens to view God's people.

About the Instructor: Abbi Rodriguez is an IEA Accredited Enneagram Teacher & Coach. Her work centers on partnering with people as they try to make sense of their lives and inviting them to take on a posture of curiosity through the Enneagram framework. She teaches virtual workshop series, coaches individuals & couples, and facilitates workshops for various types of organizations. Abbi is also the host of the podcast [Enneagram Coaching with Abbi Rodriguez](#) and an educational Instagram page [@enneagramspace](#). She is a certified Narrative Enneagram Practitioner, holds a Somatic Stress Release Practitioner certificate as well as a Masters in Student Development Theory that supports her work. Abbi is married to the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Piqua Senior Pastor, Joshua Rodriguez, and is the mother of two elementary-aged children. Learn more about Abbi at www.abbirodriguez.com.

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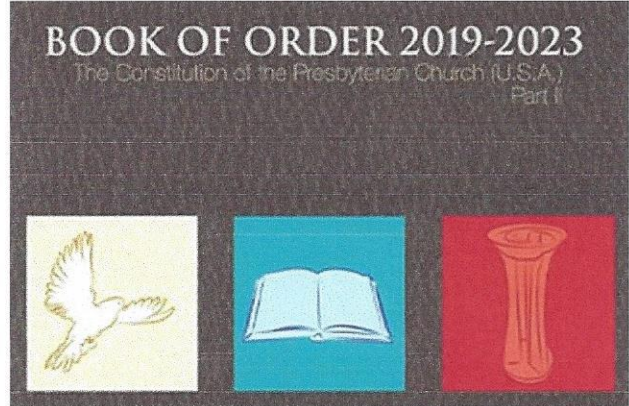
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Special Meeting of Presbytery Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 AM on Zoom



The Leadership Council of Presbytery of the Miami Valley has voted to call a special meeting of the presbytery for the purpose of voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (Book of Order). Please let your commissioners know that a special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 AM on Zoom.

Registration for the meeting will open March 1. A call for the meeting with the docket will also go out March 1.

Apply Today for a 2023-24 Scholarship.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Supplemental awards for People of Color and Native American Education Grants also available. No separate application required.

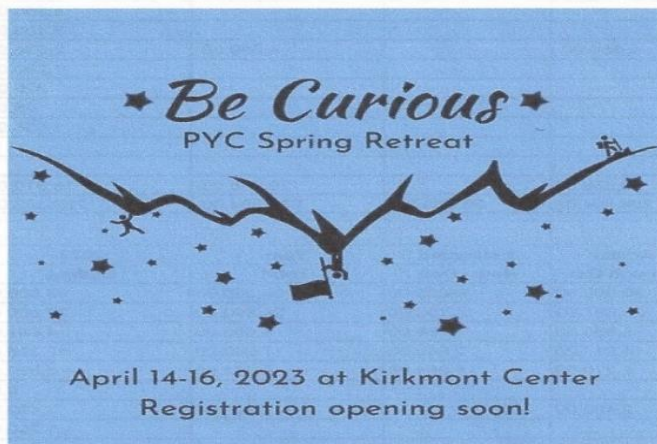
Applications are open now through May 15. For more information, call 502-568-5097 or email finaid@pcusa.org.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

Apply now for a Presbyterian Undergraduate Scholarship Awards up to \$4000 – Apply by May 15, 2023

Apply today for a Presbyterian Undergraduate Scholarship!

Students may be eligible for \$4,000 or more from the Presbyterian Mission Agency through the Office of Financial Aid for Service.



Students in grades 7-12 are invited to the Presbytery Spring Youth Retreat, April 14-6 at Kirkmont Center, hosted by the **Presbyterian Youth Connection**, a network of Presbytery of he Miami Valley.

We'll explore familiar Bible stories in a new way through the theme "Be Curious." We look forward to keynote leadership from **Marcus Hong**, who serves at Louisville Theological Seminary as the Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. Marcus is also the Project Director for a new grant to facilitate innovation in youth ministry that emerges out of a collaborative, co-creative, and embodied way of being together inspired by the ideals and practice of community-engaged art.



2023 Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat *Creation: Help! Thanks! Wow!*



Study Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine

November 5 - November 17, 2023

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley are co-sponsoring a study pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine with an optional extension to Jordan in November 2023.

The trip, which will be led by the Rev. **Mary-Gene Boteler** and the Rev. Dr. **Rick Nutt**, will involve traveling to sacred sights and engaging with church and community leaders. Participants should expect to engage in a series of study sessions in preparation for the trip. Registration will be limited to 20. See the brochure and registration form. For additional information, contact the Rev. Boteler at mgboteler@gmail.com.



LOOKING ahead...



2023-2024

Bellefontaine City Schools Preschool Screening



These screenings help fill our classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year.

March 13th & March 14th

held at the

Bellefontaine Elementary

1001 Ludlow Road

If you have a child age 3-5, call Keri Fergus to schedule an appointment.

937-599-4331



2023-2024

Indian Lake Elementary



Preschool Screening

These screenings help fill our classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year.
*Attending a screening does not guarantee enrollment.



March 17th

held at

Indian Lake Elementary

8770 County Road 91
Lewistown, OH 43333

If you have a child age 3-5 and are interested in pre-school, call to schedule an appointment for screening.

937-686-READ (7323)

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
201 Main N
Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Monday, March 13, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: FirstUMC/Bellefontaine.

Enter to WIN an Ohio Resorts and Lodges Free Weekend Get-A-Way to any of the 9 Ohio Resorts!

Come give in March and get a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$2000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses! You could be one of five lucky winners. Lend an arm; we'll lend a hand. Terms apply: rcblood.org/help.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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KIRKMONT CENTER 2023 OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS

<p>Quilt Camp I June 4-9 Ages 18-99 \$375/Person</p>	<p>Adventure Camp June 25-30 Completed Grades 1-6 \$445/Camper</p>	<p>Camp Rejoice July 9-15 Completed Grades 3-12 \$445/Camper</p>
<p>Beginners Camp June 11-14 Completed Grades K-3 \$300/Camper</p>	<p>Sports Camp June 25-30 Completed Grades 1-6 \$445/Camper</p>	<p>You + Me Camp July 15-16 Ages 3-10 with an Adult \$75/Camper</p>
<p>PYC Sr. Camp June 18-24 Completed Grades 7-12 \$445/Camper</p>	<p>Arts + Crafts Camp June 25-30 Completed Grades 1-6 \$445/Camper</p>	<p>Quilt Camp II August 6-11 Ages 18-99 \$375/Person</p>
<p>PYC Jr. Camp June 18-24 Completed Grades 3-6 \$445/Camper</p>	<p>Adult Camp TBD Ages 18-99 \$75/Person</p>	

Please visit kirkmontcenter.org for details or to register.
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(866) 496-3214




OUR DAILY BREAD BAKERS
 Deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the
 3rd Monday of each month between
 Hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm.
 Our Daily Bread Bakers for Monday, April 17:
 To be announced!



Benjamin Logan Elementary is set to conduct kindergarten screening:
 Wednesday, April 26th Thursday, April 27th Friday, April 28th
 Children must be 5 years old by August 1st, 2023 in order to attend
 kindergarten at Benjamin Logan.
 If you have a child that is eligible to attend kindergarten next year,
 please call the Elementary School at 937-592-4838 to schedule a
 screening appointment.

2023-2024
Bellefontaine City Schools
Kindergarten Screening

**Bellefontaine Elementary will be holding
 kindergarten screening on:**
 Monday, May 22nd
 Tuesday, May 23rd
 Wednesday, May 24th
 Thursday, May 25th

Children must be 5 years old by August
 1st, 2023 in order to attend kindergarten
 at Bellefontaine Elementary.

If you have a child that is eligible to attend
 kindergarten next year, please call BES at
 937-599-4331 to schedule a screening
 appointment.



Friday March 10
Friday April 21
Friday May 12
 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 For kids ages 4 through 5th grade.
 MS & HS teen leaders are also needed.
 Friends are welcome.
 Dinner is provided. Suggested donation:
 \$4/child
 This Year's Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit
 (Gal 5: 22-23)





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Each month, the **Board of Deacons** encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1st UPC family through your donation to our **2-Cents-of-Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their effort to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 cents (or more) for every compassionate thought you have had in the last month and place it in the "2 Cents of Compassion" envelope included in Sunday's bulletin.

Our Lord Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

DINNER AT THE PRES! Although Dinner at the Pres has been disbanded, Our Daily Bread will need our help with serving on the last Tuesday of each month. Four or five volunteers are needed. If you are available to help, please contact Evelyn at 937-592-6325!



**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work
and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people
and continue to help them.**



Through the **Community Cash Program**, shop at Community Market (2 locations, North Main St. and East Sandusky Ave.), bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the sanctuary (Narthex) or in the Fellowship Hall. A portion of your sale will support 1st UPC's Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

Use your Kroger Reward Card and support Youth Mission Trips!

To make an automatic donation with your Kroger Plus Card, go to krogercommunityrewards.com. Log in or set up a new account. Our "NPO" (non-profit organization) ID number is **HD313** and is listed as First (not 1st) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, 1st UPC folks who have named 1st UPC as their charity contribute \$800-\$1000 a year to support our youth mission trips.



It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps our community a lot!

