



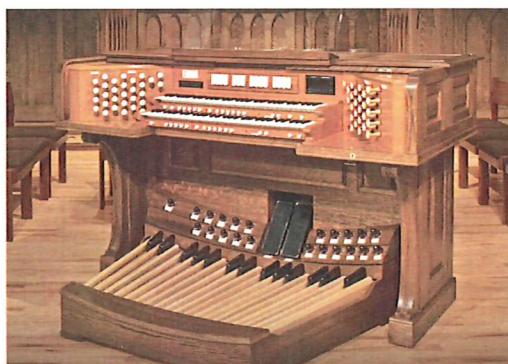
## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship changes for the summer season involve several moving parts. First, starting June 9 we observe a more relaxed Sunday worship time schedule--- a start time of 10am instead of 10:30. This time will remain consistent until September 8th.

The setting of our Worship services also will change from time to time. As mentioned before, our beautiful pipe organ will undergo a much-needed repair and restoration this summer. Both the organ console itself and the beautiful pipes (located nowhere near the organ) will receive thorough attention. Our sanctuary may be largely draped in drop cloths throughout the summer because the necessary work may raise paint chips, plaster dust, etc.

Our summer alternative location will be either in the Church House, or outside in front, on the flat church lawn. The latter will be carefully considered in terms of weather and temperature. Please keep an eye open for updates on service locations and join us as much as you are able this summer!

Finally, the music portion of summer Sunday worship will be delightfully varied. We may have the chance to enjoy solo work from Kate, solo or instrumental groups and especially appearances from our ever-popular men's chorus! Wishing all of you a lovely, relaxing summer season.



Camp Leech, of El Campo, Texas, tells of some friends who took their 5-year-old grandson, Christopher, to church one **Sunday**. Bettie took her place with the choir while Christopher and his grandfather **sat** in the congregation.

During the service, Bettie motioned several times to Christopher to poke Grandpa and keep him awake, but there was no response from him.

After church, Bettie asked Christopher why he did not do what she had asked -- especially since she had given him 50 cents. Said Christopher: "Grandpa gave me a dollar to let him sleep."

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# *From the Minister's Desk*

The Old Testament story of the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt points us to God's intention to free people from bondage. In the case of the Hebrews, it was freedom from literal bondage as slaves. In the New Testament, it becomes clear that the real bondage that human beings experience is enslavement to sin. Later, in the New Testament, Jesus is the one who supersedes Moses. Jesus is the savior who gives his life to liberate all people everywhere from bondage to sin and death.

One lesson to be learned during the exodus by the Hebrews, amid their struggles and complaints, was that God would provide. God delivered the people at the crossing of the Red Sea, led the people by day and night, gave the law to Moses, and gifted the people provisions and food for the forty-year journey to the promised land. As a part of the law, the people were to observe one day in seven as a Sabbath. This Sabbath had the effect of teaching the people that God would provide. There would be enough. There was time to rest. God was with and for them.

In the same way, even now God provides what we need for our journey of faith. Jesus has sabbathed all of life. We do not work for or merit our salvation. It is a gift of God. We are to rest from vain efforts to justify ourselves, and instead rest in God's free grace and love. Like the Hebrews, we can also rest from the subtle tyranny of the everyday to-do's and checklists that seem to run our lives. We can trust that there is enough, including enough time. Scripture tells us that God will provide and be with us and for us on the journey.

Allen Pruitt, writing in Day1.org in an article titled '*There Is Enough*' comes at these

ideas this way: "Ever heard of anyone who's a slave to their stuff, to their bills? Do you know anybody who is a slave to security, to feeling safe? They tend to take it out on the people around them, don't they?"

And these Israelites were rescued from all that by a God who commanded them to rest. Rescued from all that by a God who knew that Sabbath is the only means of satisfaction. Because God made the world with nothing, and so nothing could ever really be a threat. If nothing, just a black and empty void, was plenty to make all that is, then there is enough. All around us there is enough.

But that's not how we work, is it? That's not how we're built. For us, there is never enough. And so, we complain. 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water. And we detest this miserable food.'...

The story is the same, from beginning to end. Manna falls from heaven, and it isn't enough. There is no food; it is detestable food; it isn't enough. The whole blessed garden, save that one tree there in the middle. It isn't enough. What will be enough? ...

One-liners about God are rarely any good, but one of my favorites comes from Walter Brueggemann: 'God is not useful.' God will not be used, not by those seeking their best life now, not by those who pretend that judgment is the end and not mercy. God will just show up, often uninvited, ready ... or not."

The summer slowdown at FPCG, when there may not be quite as much hustle and bustle at church as during other seasons, is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of the gift of Sabbath rest. We can trust that God is with us. God provides what we need. With God, there is always enough.





The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan (moderator), Marianna, Jane, and Diane.



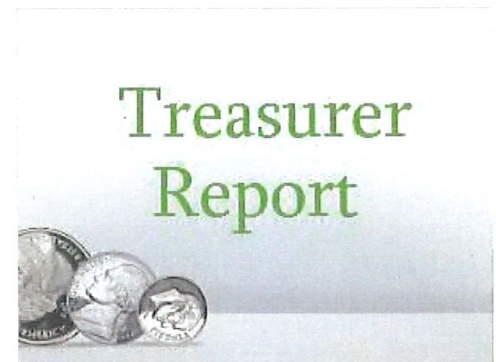
Charlie  
William  
Levi  
Dottie  
Susan  
Randy  
Bill  
Kristine  
Gene  
Carolyn  
Katie

Mary and Cru mission team  
Kathy's mother and family



April 2024

	<i>Month ending</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Budget Year To Date</i>
Income	\$4,195.00	\$135,126.11	\$135,423.44
Expense	\$19,297.69	\$159,607.47	\$173,270.62
Net Income	-\$15,102.69	-\$24,481.36	-\$37,847.18



### Meet the Staff the Rev. Jeffrey Lang

**Carolyn**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Amy**  
Director of Music and Organist  
**Kate**  
Choir Director and Vocalist

**Paisley**  
Videographer  
**Clara**  
Vocalist  
**Logan**  
Section Leader

Items for the **July/August** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, June 24.**

Early submissions are always joyfully accepted!

*Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.*





# Mission in Motion...



Thank  
you

Probably many of you like those of us on the Mission Committee shop at one of the Kroger stores in the greater Cincinnati Area. We would like for you to join us in helping our church receive funding through their Community Rewards by using your Shopper's Card on your frequent visits.

There will be information in the Narthex next week that will help you link your Shopper's Card to the Kroger Community Rewards.

Thanks for your support.

## **Our 14th Annual**

### ***Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food***

***Saturday, June 15, from 9:00AM-1:00PM***

Your donations will be shared with VICRC, to help their clients in need, and The Princeton Closet, assisting students and families in the Princeton School District.

VICRC and The Princeton Closet  
are thankful for your generous and continued support!



Brad has accepted membership on the Mission Committee.  
We are glad to have him join us!

Ken volunteers a lot of time assisting Dave.  
Thanks to Brad and Ken for sharing their time with us!



*Save these dates*

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*

Wednesday, July 17—Fellowship Dinner at Montgomery Inn

Wednesday, August 21—Fellowship Picnic at the Lyceum

Saturday, September 21—Twenty-seventh Annual Golf Outing



# Women's Book Club

*All women* are invited to gather in the church library with your favorite morning beverage at 10:00AM.  
The books for the next few months are ...



*Wednesday, June 12*

*Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom

A book about life's purposes; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story.



*Wednesday, July 10*

*The Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand

As the summer heats up, Ted Kennedy sinks a car in Chappaquiddick, man flies to the moon, and Jessie and her family experience their own dramatic upheavals along with the rest of the country. This historical novel is rich with the details of an era that shaped both a nation and an island thirty miles out to sea.



*Wednesday, August 14*

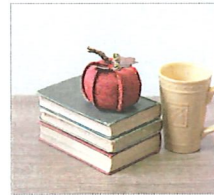
*Warrior of the Light*, by Paulo Coelho

In his own unique way, Paulo Coelho helps bring out the Warrior of the Light within each of us. He also shows readers how to embark upon the way of the Warrior: the one who appreciates the miracle of being alive, the one who accepts failure, and the one whose quest leads him to become the person he wants to be.

*Wednesday, September 11*

*The Nature of Fragile Things*

by Susan Meissner



The fate of three women intertwined on the even of the devastating earthquake in San Francisco (April 18, 1906), thrusting them into a perilous journey that will test their resiliency, resolve, and their belief that love can overcome fear.



*Wednesday, October 9*

*The Girl with the Gallery*

by Lindsay Pollock

In 1926, an era when American artists didn't count and women were expected to stay home, Edith Gregor Halpert bursts onto the fledgling New York gallery scene, defying all cultural and societal rules. Lindsay Pollock brings Halpert and her era vividly back to life, tracing the story of how this remarkable woman, who started out a penniless Jewish immigrant, made it her mission to fight for American art and artists.

# June

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Jackie.....	9
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Pat and Stu .....	20
Tom .....	20



Hoxworth Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4. Donor bus will be parked from 12:00-2:45PM & 4:00-6:00PM at Christ Church Glendale 965 Forest Ave. Glendale, Ohio.

Schedule online: [hoxworth.org/groups/ccg](http://hoxworth.org/groups/ccg) or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910. Every donor receives a Hoxworth floppy hat!



Church Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00pm at the Meritage. Let's gather for food, fellowship and fun.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Church House bulletin board.

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale, Wednesday, June 12. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.



All men are invited to gather for fellowship in the churchyard on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00pm. Bring your own beverage and lawn chair. Snacks provided.

A pair of black women's gloves is available in the office.



Thanks to Matt for painting the wooden steps at the rear kitchen entrance with anti-slip paint.



**church  
directory  
update**

Please pick up the updated version of the FPCG member directory in the Narthex. If you need more copies, please reach out to Carolyn in the office.

This calendar is a living document  
subject to frequent changes.  
Check the website  
(firstpresbyterianglendale.org) for the most  
accurate calendar.

Please call the church office  
with calendar updates.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  10:30AM- Worship	3 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	4 Noon- 2:45PM 4:00-6:00PM Blood Drive	5	6 6:00PM Fellow ship dinner Meritage	7	8
9 10:00AM- Worship  Congregational Meeting	10 9:00AM- Session reports due	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i> 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch 6:00PM- Session mtg	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14 	15 9:00-1:00PM Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:00AM- Worship  <i>Back-to-School Offering</i>	17 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	18 6:00PM - Men's Campfire Circle	19	20 	21	22
23 10:00AM- Worship	24 9:00AM- July/August Newsletter items due	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00AM- Worship						





Thank you so very much for a lovely dinner at Bravo, gifts, and words of advice for retirement. Darrell and I enjoyed ourselves at dinner, and it warmed my heart to see so many of you there. I am very grateful for my time with you at FPCG.

When I finally accepted that it wasn't healthy to continue working in my previous place of employment, I remember praying that I didn't want to stop serving God and His children with my last memories being that of a toxic work environment. I wasn't ready to retire, and there were no admin jobs posted on the presbytery website. So, I waited and watched ... praying that God wasn't done with me.

I was a physically, emotionally, and spiritually broken person when I arrived at FPCG in May 2016. I soon began to wonder if I had jumped from the frying pan into the fire. Things here were unsettled, but you were working toward resolution.

When I was told that Jeffrey would be arriving soon, I thought "Oh no, another Minister to train". Boy was I wrong! Once I got to know Jeffrey, I began praying, "Not yet, Lord, I want to enjoy this wonderful church and minister for a few more years".

Now, eight years later, I'm feeling a call to serve God and His children in a different way. I don't know exactly what that is, so I'm waiting as patiently as I can for Him to reveal my next steps. I know that I am healthy and ready for whatever is to come.

You are in good hands with Carolyn. Remember that she is human and will make mistakes. She may change the look of some things, but that doesn't make them wrong; just different. Please give her the same safe space to grow in this job as you gave me.

You offered me a safe space to heal and serve God and His children. For that I will be forever grateful! Thank you. I will miss all of you more than you will ever know! You will remain forever in my prayers ...debbie

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the Reverend Jeffrey Lang

Worship begins at 10:00AM  
Sunday, June 9, 2024 through  
Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Worship begins at 10:30AM  
Sunday, September 8, 2024 through  
Sunday, June 8, 2025.

#### *Church Office Hours*

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM  
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM  
The office is closed every Friday.