

HPC Good News

HPC Congregation Members!

While we are in this interim period, the HPC Session has decided to use our typical Pastor's Letter to provide some updates from Session and some information on exciting upcoming events. We hope you enjoy this new format!

Retirement Bash

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped to make Pastor Kevin's retirement bash a success! The entertainment and food were top notch and fun was had by all! Pastor Kevin, Bev, Max, and the whole family expressed their heartfelt appreciation for our love and support. See pictures on page 3 of the fun farewell!

Update on Pastor Search

As you may recall from our Feb/March Townhall meetings and our update on April 14th, Session decided to pursue the Designated Pastor path to find a minister. During the last few weeks, an offer has been made and accepted by a Designated Pastor Candidate. We are at a point in the process where we must protect confidentiality so we cannot share any information except to say that things are moving in the right direction. As soon as we can make an announcement we will let you know via the Friday email blast, pulpit announcements, and special email. We ask that any questions be directed to the Transitional Leadership Committee; Karen Saterfield, Danni Tymitz, Kai Huang, Micah Ewing, & Ben Zumkehr.

Upcoming Events

Heritage Got Talent will return for its second year of fun on May 19th at 5pm. Please plan to join us to see the amazing musical, instrumental and dramatic performances, plus some fabulous items on which to bid in the silent auction (we hear items include beach vacation stays, FC Cincinnati soccer tickets, food items and more....).

Mission Trips and Youth Conferences for Kids and Youth are slated for June, with a Sandusky Mission trip from June 6-9th and Montreat Youth Conference from June 9-15th. Please mark your calendars and plan to pray for our youth and chaperones as they serve others and grow in their faith through these trips.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of June 24th. We are excited to welcome many children from our church, Heritage Preschool, and our community to learn about God and build relationships. Please invite your friends and neighbors, come help decorate on Wednesdays in May from 5:30-7:30pm, or talk to Susie around ways you can help during VBS week!

Wishing you a blessed May!

Diane Sherrard and Karen Saterfield on behalf of HPC Session

May Birthdays

2	Bella Steverson	13	Don Franzmeier	24	Emma Niehaus
4	Luke Jacob	13	Max Stainton	24	John Woodyard
4	Michele Plats	14	Kaylea Dykes	27	Evelyn Dria
5	Doris Heffron	14	Allyson Hill	27	Kyle Homan
7	Aaron Hoxie	14	Chris Rought	27	Laura Jensen
7	Troy Pratt	14	Andrew Taggart	27	Amarachi Joy Olugu
7	Henry Schumm	16	Drew Fisher	29	Claire Dria
8	Chris Stemmler	16	Jerry Marks	29	Hannah Dria
9	Michael Fehrenbach	17	Ann LeVan	29	Karen Stine
10	Stacy Dykes	20	Alana Plessinger	29	Eileen Torrence
10	Evelyn Huang	23	Larry Andrews		
10	Joe Pestro	24	Lucy Atkinson		
10	Danni Tymitz	24	Emerson King		

May Prayer Families: Sheri Miller, Ricardo, Maya and Liliana Pellegrino, Michelle & Troy, Lindsay and Emma Pratt, Mike & Marcia Wasson

Continued Prayers: Steve Ritz



Pastor Kevin Stainton's Retirement Party



Thank You for Teaching All God's Children—Teacher Appreciation Day May 5th



Each year, we take time to honor and thank the teachers in our congregation who have taught, led, and mentored us, as we all learn about Jesus and deepen our faith.

During a baptismal service, we each make a promise to share our faith with the individual being baptized. We are grateful to those in our congregation who share their faith through the gifts of teaching and mentoring.

Sunday School: Chris Dauer, Nita Evans, Debbie Hamann, Jen Hinerman

Kids of the Kingdom and Tweens: Debbie Hamann

Legacies Youth Group Leaders: Jamie & Sheri Focke, Leah & Craig Jacob, Sheri Miller, Steve Ritz and Ben Zumkehr,

Adult Small Group Leaders: Leslie Dauer-Creek, Sue Monteith, Karen Stine

CESE Committee: Diane Sherrard, Lucy Atkinson, Chris Dauer, Debbie Hamann, Cindy Parrott, Kelly Simmons, Katie Steverson, Danni Tymitz,

Staff: Ben Schnetzer, Patty Schnetzer, and Susie Faas

"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. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Mission Trip Commissioning: May 12

When asked which commandment in the law is greatest, Jesus replied: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Matthew 22:37-39)

This summer several of our 'tweens, youth, and their chaperones will act on these commands as they travel to Sandusky Outreach Center and Montreat Conference Center to serve God and neighbors. Our mission trip participants will be commissioned in worship on Sunday May 12th,

If you would like to further support our HPC missionaries in prayer, please consider being a prayer partner; praying for a traveler during the trip. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org for further info.

Heritage Got Talent: Sunday, May 19 at 5pm

Please come and celebrate the many talents of our intergenerational congregation here at Heritage Presbyterian Church! This is a fun and interactive way to help us raise funds to support the opportunities for our youth to attend mission trips and conferences for spiritual formation. Along with the showcase of our talented congregation, there will be several items available for auction and candied pecans for sale. There are still a few spots open for performers. Contact Leah Jacob at (937) 307-3932 or Cellogod-dess76@yahoo.com if you would like to participate. We also need audience members so write the date on your calendar and invite your friends, family, and neighbors!





Lunch Bunch!

The May Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, May 6, 2024.
The meeting will be at 11:30am at the Mason Perkins on OH-741.



Food with Friends: Saturday, May 25

Emails will come soon with the signup link!



Basketball at HPC

Basketball in our church gym takes place on Tuesdays through May 28.
7 to 8:30pm. Open to all, ages 16 and up. Please join us for some pick-up games or simply just shooting hoops. See Tom Ball with questions.



Beat Tuition Crunch, Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

This school year is winding down and now's a busy time for those who plan to enter or continue their post-secondary education. HPC can help cover these costs through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 a year. The loans are available to Heritage church families and other Christian students.

The loans are provided by the Thompson-Baxter and Cheryl Whitacre Education Funds established through memorial bequests administered by the HPC Endowment Committee. The church loans have helped make college and advanced study possible for students enrolled in higher education institutions for over 40 years.

Contact Susan Brose, Business Manager at sbrose.hpc@gmail.com for loan application forms. Complete and submit applications by July 31 to give the Endowment Committee time to review the requests and finalize the loans before tuition is due.

Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education.



“For Nothing Will Be Impossible with God” Luke 1:37

God is always faithfully in our midst, and Jesus has given us a mission to complete! Gather your family, save Wednesday nights this summer, and be on the lookout for MISSION POSSIBLE. Here is your MISSION, should you choose to accept it.

Who: Everyone! Heritage Presbyterian members, families, and friends of all ages are called to be Mission Agents. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Where: Heritage Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall

When: Wednesday Nights, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Weekly Missions: Each week, we will work on a different mission project for one of HPC’s mission partners. You will have the opportunity to share your time, talents, and resources, as we learn about each mission, and prepare an item that each mission has requested. This year’s mission partners include The Comet Cupboard, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Warren County, and an “at-home” mission to serve the Heritage Presbyterian Women. As in past years, we will finish our Mission Possible projects with an annual school supply drive to provide for two schools in Cincinnati through our collaboration with Carmel Presbyterian Church

Why: To be in community with our neighbors.

To provide love, care, and resources to neighbors in need.

To have fun and fellowship together.

Registration: You are invited to come as you are able. Attend all the missions or attend just a few. Each week you will be asked to register through a weekly link that will be available through our bulletin and by email.

Donations: Some weeks, your donation will be a specific item for our project, other weeks your donation can be monetary.

Questions: Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org or call the church 513-398-7671

Junk for Jesus!

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It is again that season, when Children’s Ministries looks for random items as they prepare for VBS. This year’s theme Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. Think back to your days at summer camp. If you have any “camping themed” decorations that you are willing to lend us, we will put them to good use as we create a summer camp venue, filled with friendly fireflies. Below is a list of specific supplies that we also need. Donated items are being collected outside of Susie Faas’ office. If your items need be returned, please label them with your name and phone number.

Donated Items: Masking Tape 2” width//Clear packing tape 2” width//Zip-lock baggies – snack, sandwich, quart, and gallon size//Snack Food donations will be published in June.

Items to Borrow: Artificial Christmas trees of any size. (To be returned to you)//Any camping themed décor or items//Single person tents (or child sized pretend-play tents)//Battery operated lanterns//Single strand white Christmas lights//“Fairy lights”//Hammock//Canteens



Nursery Coordinator

HPC is seeking a qualified adult individual to fill the part-time staff position of Nursery Coordinator. This is a part time position (2-3 hours/week on Sunday mornings), with occasional hours for special events. Qualifications include:

- An adult with 3–5 years of experience providing a safe, secure loving environment for children in a nursery setting,
- Creativity skills that provide a stimulating, welcoming environment for young children,
- Ability to professionally communicate with parents and staff,
- Current certification in basic first aid and infant CPR.

Any offer of employment will be contingent upon completion of background check. Please send resumes and inquiries to susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is a busy place and we need loving arms and joyful hearts to care for our little children (Infant – age 5) during the worship service each week. Please consider signing up for a session or two, to provide care on Sunday mornings from 10 – 11:30 am. Sign up sheets are available in the atrium and on the Sign-Up Genius link <https://bit.ly/NurseryHPC>



Summer Camp Opportunities

As you make your summer plans, consider a church camp experience at the Kirkmont Center in Zanesville, OH. Information brochures are available in the atrium, as well as on-line. Registration for summer camps, their PMV Women’s Retreat are open now at <https://kirkmontcenter.campbrainregistration.com/>. New and updated information is frequently posted to their social media pages at Facebook.com/Kirkmont and Instagram.com/KirkmontCenter. You are welcome to reach out at info@KirkmontCenter.org and (937) 593-2141.

Mamas and Papas: May 19th, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Those with young children will be gathering for lunch together, while church friends care for your little ones, children age 5 and younger (and their siblings). This is a great time for fellowship, food, and conversation for the Mamas and Papas, while your children are being cared for. If you would like to attend, or if you can provide loving arms to help with childcare, please contact Susie.faas@hpcmason.org.





VBS: Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God

Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite seasons! Mark your calendars, so you don't miss any of the fun and faith at Vacation Bible School.

This year's theme is Camp Firelight!

Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS

June 24-28, 6 – 8:30pm

We always have a great time – invite your friends and neighbors!

Don't miss this year's adventure!

There are many ways to be part of VBS

⇒ **Attend:** Children age 4 – upcoming 5th graders are welcome.

Sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2024>

⇒ **Invite:** All children should experience VBS!

Send an email, text, social media, or post card to a child that you know.

⇒ **Donate:** There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

⇒ **Volunteer:** We need lots of helpers!

Adults & Teens (upcoming 6th graders and older)

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS!

How do you want to be a part of VBS?

Sign up in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



VBS Decorating:

Do you like to cut, paste, paint, and create? We can use lots of hands to help us transform our facility into a feasting area filled with Food Trucks. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm to help prepare VBS decorations. No special art skills are required, we have projects for all skill levels. All the supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact Susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Heritage Presbyterian Preschool News

School is winding down for our preschoolers at HPP. In just a few short weeks many of the 4's and 5's will be graduating and preparing to head off to kindergarten. During these final weeks of school, the children are learning about all of the wonderful things that happen in the Spring. They are planting seeds to watch them grow. They are raising caterpillars to watch them turn into butterflies. Some classes are using their "proboscises" to drink "nectar" from "flowers", others are observing wiggling worms in soil.

We welcomed the Cincinnati Museum Center to HPP to teach us all about Dinosaurs and we became junior paleontologists for the day. For Earth Day this week, we learned about how to keep our environment clean and the importance of recycling. At the end of the month, we will make pinatas to help celebrate the end of the school year.

Time is flying by! Graduation for the preschool will be Friday May 10th in the HPC Sanctuary.



Mission Committee Activities: See below for some (but not all) of the various mission activities we are involved in. We also invite and welcome members to get involved with the Mission Committee. Please contact Roger Rude or any of the other Mission Committee members (Lori Ball, Leslie Dauer-Creek, Charlie McCaulou) if you want to learn more or offer help.

Our Daily Bread Sandwich Mission, Continued

Kathy Schickel is the Director of Operations at Our Daily Bread. She recently sent Nelson an email about the fact that HPC recently signed up to extend our Sandwich Mission out thru the end of September of 2024. In that email she wrote, "Please share our appreciation for all of your support with your whole team!"

A big THANK YOU to all of you who continue to make sandwiches for "Our Daily Bread", on Race Street, in downtown Cincinnati! Through Friday, 4-19-2024, you have made 28,958 sandwiches, for 203 weekly deliveries over the past 4 years. If stacked, these sandwiches would be as high as a 221-story building. There is no building that tall. Not even close.

This mission will continue through June and beyond. The Mission Committee asks if you are willing and able to make some sandwiches for this mission, please contact Nelson Kennedy (513-470-1279).

Mary Haven—a Facility for Troubled Youth

We are making monthly visits every third Tuesday evening of each month (May 21st is the next date, followed by June 18th and July 16th). Please contact Leslie Dauer-Creek at 513-313-4597 if interested in helping or if you want to learn more about this mission.

Community Cupboard

We have started our hosting of the very beneficial Community Cupboard on site (in our parking area) successfully, with your support. We have assistance from other churches in the area, with April being covered, so we do not have to provide donations ourselves that month. We appreciate all the generous donations you all have been making and look forward to any further support you all can provide in the future. Leave any donations in the grocery cart in the hallway just inside the front entryway.

What we can accept: non-perishable food items, hygiene products such as toothpaste, bar soap, and shampoo, and carryout plastic utensil packets. (don't donate things outside of this scope unless specially noted in current needs)

What we cannot accept: anything in glass containers (too temperature sensitive for an outdoor storage shed)

Current special needs: fruit juice, canned fruit, canned meat, tuna, rice, boxed potatoes, jelly, crackers, toothpaste, shampoo & bar soap.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Matthew 25 Ministries:

Part of our Mission budget, along with any donations we receive specifically denoted by donor(s) for a specific disaster, are earmarked to go to help out disasters that impact our country and internationally. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Matthew 25 Ministries respond to these needs by providing various items such as food, clothing, water, medicine and other supplies. To find out more about how your donations are used by these ministries, please visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/> or <https://m25m.org/>.

Pentecost Offering

This special offering, which started April 1st and concludes May 19th, is used to support children, youth and young adults, particularly those “at risk”, and develop future faithful followers of Christ. A portion is retained for local community efforts. For more information, go to <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

Family Promise Mission, Continued

FPWC Guests Have Moved Into the New Campus!

As of Sunday, 4-21-2024, the FPWC Guests (Family Promise Warren County Guests, i.e., the homeless) have moved into the new FPWC Campus! And things are going very well. Guests, Staff and Hosts are loving it!

HPC will have our first Hosting Week using the new Family Promise Model, starting Sunday, 5-26-2024. This means that we and our Partner Churches will be DELIVERING meals each of the seven days at about 515pm, to the new Campus. It also means that we will be providing Meal Hosts, Fellowship Hosts, and Overnight Hosts that week. At this time (4-24-2024), it looks like our Partner Churches will be providing Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts for most of the evenings that they provide the food. But none of our Partner Churches, at this time, want to provide Overnight Hosts.

What does this mean? We are asking you (as one of our 28 HPC trained hosts) to sign up to be one of two Overnight Hosts, for at least one of the nights of that week (week of 5-26-2024). Overnight Hosts are needed from 830pm to 700am. Errol Everson from Sycamore Presbyterian Church, was an Overnight Host for the first night (Sunday, 4-21-2024). In an email he describes that it was like staying in a luxury hotel.

You might want to be a Meal Host instead of an Overnight Host. We are asking you (as one of our 28 HPC trained hosts) to sign up to be one of two Meal Hosts (5pm to 7pm), and/or one of two Fellowship Hosts (7pm to 845pm) for at least one of the nights of that week. We will probably only need Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts on Sunday, May 26, and Tuesday, May 28. For the other evenings that week, we expect that Meal Hosts and Fellowship Hosts will be provided by our Partner Churches. Can you volunteer to be one of the 14 Overnight Hosts, or one of the 4 Meal Hosts, or one of the 4 Fellowship Hosts that we will need in the week of 5-26-2024?

A Huge THANK YOU goes out to our Hope Circle and Grace Circle, who have been providing the Sunday meals four times per year for four years, and they have done an outstanding job. Also, a huge Thank You goes out to our HPC Partner Churches have done an outstanding job of supplying meals during our Hosting Week for the last four years for four weeks each year. These churches are Grace Baptist (Mondays), Mason United Methodist (Tuesdays), St. Susanna (Wednesdays), Open Table Church (Thursdays), Crossroads Church (Fridays), and Compass Church (Saturdays). And recently Axis Church has stepped up to take the place of Mason United Methodist on Tuesdays. And our Circles and Partner Churches are continuing to make the meals, under the new model!

Family Promise Warren County (FPWC) is a wonderful mission that provides needed help to the homeless of our county. Participation in this ministry is a wonderful way to respond to the grace of God, and to do what Jesus Christ is asking us to do. We would love to have more trained Hosts. Training occurs on the first Saturday of each month. One class starts at 9am, and the other starts at 1pm. You only need to attend one or the other. Please sign up by letting Nelson Kennedy know when you would like to attend. You can do this by simply telling him or sending him a message at 513-470-1279 or nekskier@aol.com.

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