

# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
<b>Abbey - maternity leave</b>						
● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship			● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom M	● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Abbey - maternity leave</b>						
● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship / Communion ● 11am Deacon Meeting	<b>Help House Meal</b> ● 7pm Cornet Band rehearsal-Tom		● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4pm Stewardship Commission	● 11:30am Mens Group Lunch ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>Cherie on Vacation</b>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Abbey - maternity leave</b>						
<b>Blood Pressure Screen, after wors</b> <b>Pastors D &amp; M out</b> ● 9am Sunday School / 10:00am W	<b>Pastor Steve &amp; Cherie - vacation d</b> ● 11am PCC Leadership Meeting ● 7pm Cornet Band rehearsal-Tom	<b>Pastor Steve on Vacation</b>	<b>Abbey - maternity leave</b> <b>Pastor Steve on Vacation</b> ● 11:30am Hump Day Lunch ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4:30pm Session Meeting			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Pencost offering collection</b> ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship ● 11am Nom Com. Training	● 7pm Cornet Band rehearsal-Tom	● 9pm PSY meeting / London	● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 6pm PCC Committee Meeting	● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	<b>Memorial Day-Closed</b>	<b>Steve Off</b>	● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	<b>Garage Sale Setup</b> ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>Church Garage Sale</b>	

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*The Chimes*  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# Chimes



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lam. 3:24-26: *I say to myself, "The **LORD is my portion**; therefore, I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

I love food and I enjoy eating! It is one of my favorite hobbies! Portion size is key in keeping our bodies in check, especially as we head into my favorite season called: BARBECUE!

What is a portion anyways? How do you measure it? It reminds me of the following story.

The minister was coming over for Sunday dinner so the mom told her boys they had to wait until the minister had his portion before they could eat. The younger boy asked, "how much is a portion" and the older boy responded, "I don't know, let's watch the minister to figure it out". So, they watched the minister take his food and then the younger boy said to the older boy, "I know what a portion is". The older boy said, 'what is it?'. The younger boy responded, "darn near all of it!"

Yes! Darn near all of it! I like that portion! I can live life abundantly with a God portion like that! But there is one problem, the dreaded 4 letter word ... **WAIT**.

Have you ever had to wait for your supper?

Have you ever had to wait quietly?

When I was a boy growing up with three brothers and three sisters, we had seating assignments around a large oak table ... my father and mother, and then it would be the youngest to the oldest (which was me). The food would always start with my father, then it would pass to his right, to my mother, then to the youngest, then the

next youngest, until it finally came to me. I was seated next to my father on his left side, waiting patiently (and quietly) for my portion. Being next to my dad, I was within discipline distance, if you know what I mean ... SHHHH! I would watch the portion size change as it came towards me. How could a large bowl of mash potatoes disappear so fast? When it came to the lima beans, or squash, or peas, no problem. I could have a portion to fill half of my plate! Where was my portion of goodness? Chicken? Corn bread? Or apple pie? Then one day after my father said grace, and for the first time in a long time, instead of passing the bowls and plates of food to the right, my dad said, "tonight, we are changing directions. We will pass the food to the left". Guess who finally got his portion? Yes, me! It was a long wait and well worth it ... my mother's lasagna!

Your hope, and my hope, is that the portion God will provide will be good! I don't know about you, but I enjoy a double portion of my favorite goodies from God! There may be times when we will have a portion of things from God that we don't appreciate, and maybe we think there won't be enough of God's goodness to go around. In difficult times, we might experience a shortage of spirit in our lives. We pray, we hope, we wait!

I encourage you to continue to seek God at the end of the table, even when it looks like the bowls and plates could be empty. God will be there with a portion of salvation just for you!

May it be a **Big Bowl!**

Pastor Steve :)





# PCC NEWS

The very best news: Abbey's baby boy, Ezekiel, was released from the hospital on April 6 (a little bit sooner than was expected)! Abbey will be on maternity leave for the next six weeks to help Ezekiel and the family adapt to his arrival home.

Practice is in full swing for the Pre-K graduation, which will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited for our students as they get ready for kindergarten this Fall. Their teachers are going to miss them. Some of our teachers have been involved with these graduates since they were infants, watched as they progressed into toddlers, and will now proudly watch as they take their next steps.

As May progresses, we will be planning summer activities to keep the kids active. These activities will include swimming, bowling, fun outdoor activities, and field trips to help expand the students' growth and learning.

The last day of school will arrive on May 23, 2024, for our school age class. Let the summer fun begin!

On a final note, Ms. Valarie celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the PCC. During her time with the PCC, Ms. Val has been a teacher and our Christian educator. Today she works with Ms. Amy in the kitchen and still makes time each week to play a few tunes on her guitar as she leads the children in many Christian songs.

Have a wonderful spring. Until next month... ~ Dusty



## A MOTHER'S LOVE

*Author unknown*



*No gift on earth is greater,  
No treasure held above,  
The joy that comes from knowing,  
A Mother's endless love.*

*In spite of how it's tested,  
It grows from year to year,  
Providing strength and comfort,  
It gently draws us near.*

*It warms and it protects us,  
And guides us from afar,  
Shedding light upon us,  
Like a bright and shining star.*

*And when all things are measured,  
Not one shall rise above,  
Or be compared in value  
To a Mother's endless love!*

*Happy Mother's Day to ALL of our Mothers  
May 12, 2024*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

### IMPORTANT DATES

**May 1:** Pastor Désirée's 5 year anniversary with our church

**May 6:** Help House Meal

**May 9:** Men's Group lunch at 11:30. Meeting at Los Mariachi's ... 289 Lafayette Street, London

**May 12:** Pastors Mark & Désirée - vacation day

**May 13-18:** Pastor Steve on vacation

**May 27:** Church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day



*Sisters in the Lord*  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
1-3:00 pm

*Join us for prayer, praising, singing and lunch at Crossroads Church, located behind the Butcher Block. Any questions, contact Joyce Lloyd.*

### Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Schedule for 2024

3:30 -6:00 pm

The Presbytery will meet on the following dates

**May 21:** First Presbyterian Church, London

**August 20:** First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe

**November 19:** Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus

Elder Commissioners: May 21 ... Dot Morlock

August 20 ... Gina Wells

November 19 ... Pam Dennewitz

### HELP IS NEEDED DURING THE PSV MEETING IN LONDON

The Deacons are looking for assistance in serving the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, May 21. They need help in welcoming the attendees /registration, manning the doors, offering assistance /direction, possibly food preparations, set up /cleanup.

If you would be interested, please see Rhonda Miller or Ken Morlock on where help is still needed. Thank you for helping to make the church shine.

### THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL PERRY

Several weeks ago, Joyce Lloyd made a prayer request to our congregation for the family of Matthew Perry. Matthew died in a car accident on his way to work on March 15, leaving behind his wife, Tara, and four daughters ages 5, 4, and 5 month-old twins.

Michael's family has expressed their gratitude to the very generous congregation of First Presbyterian Church for their prayers, donations to his Go Fund Me account, for \$1,100 in cash, Walmart gift cards, and for the bags of girls' clothes and many baby items.

It is wonderful to see all the kindness that our congregation has shown to the Perry family. Please continue to pray for Tara and the girls as they adjust to this sudden change in their lives.

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." ~ Galatians 6:2

### HUMP DAY LUNCH ... FUTURE DATES

All of the lunches will be at 11:30 am. On **May 15**, the Hump Day lunch will be at Ronetti's Pizza, located at 23 S. Main Street, London. The next Hump Day lunches will be ...

**July 17** at Ronetti's Pizza

**Sept. 18** at Phat Daddy's in London

**Nov. 20** at Phat Daddy's in London

Come and enjoy good food, and even better fellowship!

### *Pentecost Offering*

*This special offering will be taken up on May 19.*

- 40% remains with our church to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults.*
- 25% supports ministries with youth, including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.*
- 25% supports young adult volunteers (YAV) serving in communities around the world.*
- 10% is devoted to children at-risk.*

## ADOPT A PLOT

The property committee is looking for help in maintaining the garden areas of the church. If you have time that you can spare, consider 'adopting' one of the following sections, and let Pam Dennewitz know what you can do to help. There is a map & sign up sheet in the Narthex, so be sure to double check that list to see what might still be available. Thank you!

### WEST SIDE ...

Section 1: Bushes to the north & south of Fellowship Hall entrance; floral strip on either side of covered entrance.

Section 2: Strip along wall; 3 crabapple trees; bed along north side of concrete patio; triangular bed along drive.

Section 3: Large bed outside and to the west of the parlor windows.

Section 4: Bed on west side of sanctuary. Includes spraying herbicide around AC units.

### SOUTH SIDE ...

Section 5: Beds under sanctuary windows, both ground level and above wall.

### ENTRANCE SIDE ...

Section 6: Bed south of bell. Includes Japanese maple.

Section 7: Bed around and north of bell. This is a wildflower meadow.

Section 8: Bed from front entrance north to end of Narthex windows.

Section 9: Bed in corner, outside offices. Includes bench.

Section 10: Flower bed along entrance sidewalk.

Section 11: Urns outside front entrance.

Section 12: Flower bed.

### STREET...

Section 13: Front sign along Garfield Avenue. Back of sign is a wildflower meadow.

# GARAGE SALE TIME

😊 **Thursday May 30**

**6pm- ? SET UP**

😊 **Friday May 31**

**8am- 6pm SALE**

😊 **Saturday June 1**

**8am - 2pm SALE  
2pm - ? CLEAN UP**

## Donated Items

**\*Must be in working order**

**\*NO large TVs or large computer monitors**

**\*best if brought to Fellowship Hallway on  
Thursday May 30 Set Up**

**\*can also drop off items in the choir room**

## HELP NEEDED

**\*We need your STUFF**

**\*We need YOU to**

**Set up, cashier, buy stuff,**

**Any Questions, Contact Joyce Lloyd**

**614-390-7834**



**Most items 25¢**

**Other items priced  
As marked**



- Richard & Janet Newberry 5-4
- Tony & Diana Frey 5-12
- Robert & Anne McConnell 5-18
- Roger & Corabeth Morris 5-25
- Ron & Marilyn Schellhaas 5-28

### An Irish Prayer

May God give you ...

For every storm a rainbow,

For every tear a smile,

For every care a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,

For every sigh a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.



If you were born between May 1-20, you are a Taurus. Those born between May 21-31 are a Gemini.

The May Taurus baby typically has good, but expensive taste. They are loyal and make devoted friends. The Taurus is steady, determined, and patient ... but they can also be stubborn and set in their ways.

The May Gemini baby goes with the flow. They are known for a quick wit, a flair for communication and an outgoing personality...a natural social butterfly. But this May baby can be flighty and easily distracted.

In general, the May born baby has a very positive attitude and is strong and healthy. They are well-read, artistic, and creative. The May baby has some star-studded company. Others born in May are Tina Fey, George Clooney, Adele, David Beckham, and Robert Pattinson.

Ron Daniels	5-3	Mike Madden	5-26
Phil Goodyear	5-4	T.J. Dwyer	5-27
Dolly McDonley	5-6	Désirée Youngblood	5-28
Frank Powell	5-7	Craig Becke	5-29
Nancy Powell	5-14	Melissa Ridenour	5-29
Stephanie Mack	5-15	Jane Batdorf	5-30
Diana Frey	5-16	Pam Dennewitz	5-30
Cathy Thum	5-20	Kay Fischer	5-30
Darren Cox	5-22	Denyse Ramkisson	5-30
Tona Avery	5-25	Jennifer Siddiqi	5-30
Jim Engle	5-26		

### PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelly.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou has asked for prayers for his younger brother. He is in the hospital, in need of blood transfusions.

Also, please pray for some of the girls in their orphanage. They are struggling spiritually and need prayers to find their way.

### MAY FACTS

May's birthstone is the emerald. It is one of the rarest stones and symbolizes success and love.

May's birth flower is the lily of the valley (for sweetness) and the hawthorn flower (for hope).

May's full Moon, called the Flower Moon, appears on Thursday, May 23

May 1 is May Day. Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs.

The first transcontinental railroad was completed at Promontory Summit in Utah Territory on May 10, 1869



MAY 18 ... ARMED FORCES DAY  
THANK A SOLDIER FOR THEIR SERVICE

Eta Aquarids will occur on May 4-5, 2024

The debris from Halley's Comet creates the Eta Aquarids! This meteor shower is often seen closer to the horizon in the Northern Hemisphere.

*Garden Time!*  
Celebrate a new season of flowers by planting window boxes or urns.  
Put in plants that attract hummingbirds & butterflies.  
Time to get moving on your vegetable garden.

**May 5 is Cinco de Mayo.** This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

**YOU COULD HAVE HEARD A PIN DROP**

How some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our great country ...

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JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early '60s when Charles de Gaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all U.S. military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded, "Does that include those who are buried here?" DeGaulle did not respond.

You could have heard a pin drop.

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When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of 'Empire Building' by George Bush.

He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

You could have heard a pin drop.....Amen!

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There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people, they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities, they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck.

We have eleven such ships, how many does France have?"

You could have heard a pin drop.

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A U.S. Navy admiral was attending a naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian, and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks, but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies, and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

You could have heard a pin drop.

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**AND THIS STORY FITS RIGHT IN WITH THE ABOVE...**

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 93, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then, he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

You could have heard a pin drop.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER.**

**LONG MAY OUR FLAG WAVE FOR THE LAND OF THE FREE  
AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.**