

1. Admit your need.  
*"I am a sinner."*
2. Be willing to turn from your sins.  
*"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."*
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.  
*"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."*
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.  
*"Please come into my life and change me. Make me a new person."*
5. If you have recently received Christ, we would like to give you a Bible. Contact Pastor Aaron if you are interested.

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## Events in Our Church Family

<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Session Meeting (Room B-01) Campaigners (Baldauff Res.) Young Life (Gilbert's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:15 am 10:30 am-2pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship (Great Room) Sanctuary Reserved Pioneer Clubs Service Night Quartet Practice (Lounge) Women's Small Group (Room B-01) Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am 6-10 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Small Group (Fell. Hall) Church Reserved Adult Small Group (Rm. B-01) Adult Small Group (Baldauff Residence)
<b>Friday</b>	10:30am-12pm	Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence)
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service



# FPC NEWS

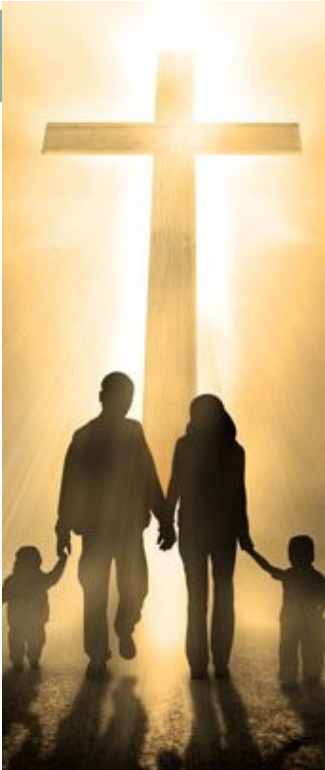
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## Our Flowers Get Around!

We would like to extend a big thank you to Paul Smith for donating and arranging the beautiful flowers which decorate our church each Sunday.

As a service to our community, each *Monday* the flowers then travel to the Senior Center here in South Charleston to give the seniors living there an extra bright spot for the week. Thank you to Barb Florence for being the delivery person!



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# From Pastor Aaron

Greetings, people of First Presbyterian Church,

Last weekend your session “retreated”. We stayed Friday night and most of Saturday at “The Red House”, a small Air B&B just outside of Cedarville. For those of you who have been praying for our retreat, I want to express my deepest appreciation. The retreat certainly was time well spent according to any measure! The Lord met us there.

Our retreat had four goals:

- Prayer
- Rest
- Relationships
- Planning

The first reason we got away was to **pray**. We know that strategic planning and work around the church can take on a life of its own. Indeed, it can just as much be part of the “tyranny of the urgent” as paying bills and running kids around to each activity of the week. As Dave Morrow says, it can become “spiritual busy work”. Our heart was to spend time away to pray for our church, pray for you, and pray for our mission in this village and God’s world.

The second reason we slipped away was for **rest**. If you notice on the blue strategic planning sheets we have disseminat-

ed, there is a five-year and a ten-year vision. At the five-year mark, we hope to focus the heart of our church on a “Year of Jubilee.” This concept comes from Leviticus 25:1-4 and 25:8-10, where after seven years there is rest. Though by that time I will have only been here five years, you all will have been going at some very hard work for (at least) seven. Rest is an imperative in Scripture; not an option. Each week we are to rest on the Sabbath; the seventh day when the Lord rested. As your Session, we hope to model the culture of the church that we feel the Lord desires for FPC. If we do not model rest, and begin practicing rest, how will we suddenly begin resting at year 7? The simple answer is we won’t. Have you met a marathon runner who just woke up the day of the race without proper training and ran successfully? Please prayerfully consider how you can practice resting with us and consider the Sabbath a first step.

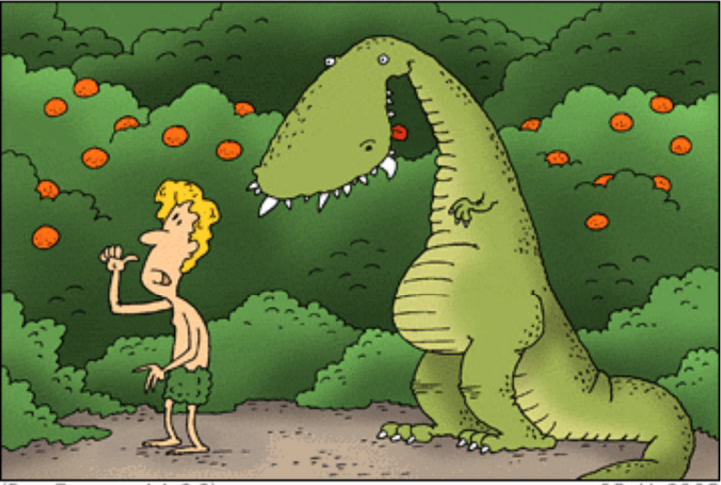
The third reason to retreat was to build **relationships**. As many of you know, I spend individual time each week with your elders. It is vital that we have a close bond of friendship and a good working relationship. Life-on-life makes ministry successful! This is how Jesus did it. The retreat is a time where we got together, spent time eating, drinking, and fellowshiping over important conversation that concerns the life and future of our church. In this time, we read Henry Nouwen’s small book *Out of Solitude*. From this book we drew important spiritual truths

# Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Mar. 24—Let God Exalt You (Luke 18:1-14)—Don Grigorenko
- Mar. 31—The Gospel for All People (Luke 19:1-10)—Chuck Wildman
- Apr. 7—The Son of Man (Luke 21:17-38)
- Apr. 14—When We Don’t See Jesus (Luke 19:28-44)
- Apr. 18 (Maundy Thursday)—The Table for the Least (Luke 22:14-27)
- Apr. 19 (Good Friday)—Condemned Before Kings & Rulers (Luke 23) at UMC

# Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry.....	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan .....	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or Name.....	Janine Miller
Church Calendar.....	Janine Miller
Deacons.....	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle Bob Entler, Steve Paugh, Brad Timmons
Food Pantry .....	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith
Maintenance, Church Building.....	Bob Entler
Membership.....	Pastor Aaron White
Music Ministry .....	Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson
Newsletter.....	Janine Miller
Nursery .....	Julie White
Pioneer Clubs.....	Rachel Baldauff
Prayer Chain .....	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities.....	Janine Miller
Session .....	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff Rob Vaughn, Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller
Small Groups .....	Don Grigorenko
Website .....	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn, Rachel Baldauff



(See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 09-11-2009

I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND CHANGE THE NAME I SET FOR 'AAAAAAAAAYAAAAA' TO 'T-REX'

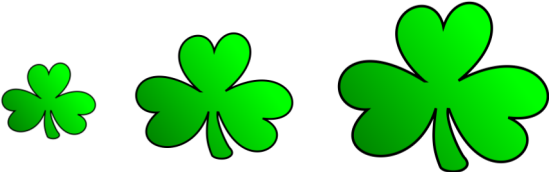
# March's

## Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Pancake Mix

Syrup

*Thank you so much for  
your donations! Please  
place them in the Food  
Pantry Bin in the Fellow-  
ship Hall.*



## St Patrick's Day Trivia

You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn't Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
- He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
- March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.

## In Our Nursery

Mar. 17—Connie Rice

Mar. 24—Jeannine Erwin

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to work in the nursery! **Julie White is looking for April volunteers. Please see Julie if you can serve.**

about how spiritual rest away from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, together, prepares us to engage in God's mission for us.

Finally, of course, we **planned**. Mostly, we spent time checking in on how we are doing through our first several months working on our strategic plan. Of course, there is a steep learning curve involved in the transition to elders shepherding strategic ministry initiatives from chairing committees, but I am happy to report that we are making significant progress in the plan the Lord has given us. Please consider picking up one of the blue sheets and praying through an item each day! The Lord is at work, and we want you to partner with us in see how He will use us!

To conclude, you all probably know, but I will remind you — you are blessed to have wonderful and godly leadership! The Session is working so very hard on behalf of God's kingdom. I count it a blessing to work with these individuals. Again, continue to pray for us and for our church. If you need things to pray for, please reach out to one of your elders.

God bless you,

Pastor Aaron

## Thank You!

Thank you to the following people for your service!!

**Eric Smalley and Don Berrier** for plowing and salting the parking lot.

**Jack & Brad Lemon** for installing new vinyl flooring in the upstairs bathroom of the manse.

**We are still in need of greeters for the 11:00 service for several months throughout 2019. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered!**

## The Mystery of the Missing Leafblower

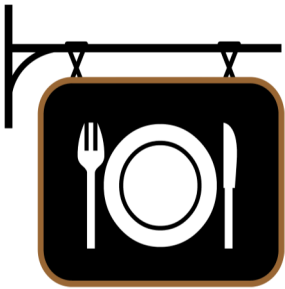


If anyone has borrowed the leaf blower which was at one time in the church garage or knows the location where it might reside please contact Louise Berrier or replace it in the garage. We will be needing it soon for spring cleanup.





# GOLD Club

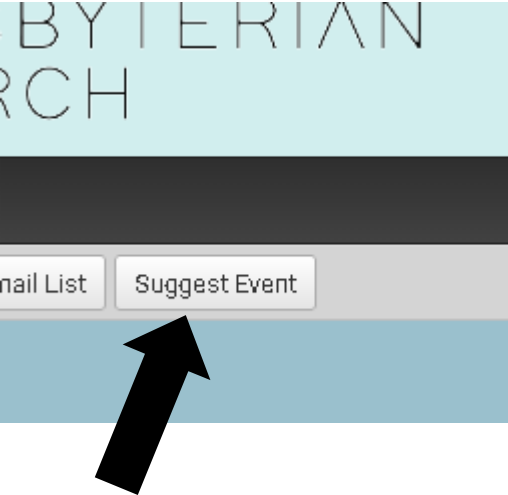


The next gathering of the GOLD Club will be on Wednesday, Mar. 27, at The Meadows here at 4105 E. National Rd. at 11:30 am. For car pooling information and reservations, please call Barb Florence at 462-7398 **no later than Sunday, Mar. 24.** We will need to know ahead of time if you are coming so that we have enough seating for everyone.

2019 Gold Club schedules are also now available in the Fellowship Hall.

# A New Projector!

Have you noticed the brighter colors being projected on the Sanctuary screen? This is thanks to our new projector, an addition which came from the recent update to our sound and projection systems. Some things are still in the works, including video recording our services, but be sure to thank Brad Timmons and the deacons for all the work they’ve done so far over the past few weeks!



# Reserve A Date

Do you have an upcoming church event for which you’d like to reserve the building? Are you wondering if it’s even available on your specific date? All you need to do is go the calendar link on the church website ([www.fpcconnect.org](http://www.fpcconnect.org)), click on the “Suggest Event” button beneath the logo, and fill out the brief form. Your suggested event will go immediately to Janine and if there is no conflict, will go right onto the church calendar. Try it!

# Cookies Needed for Kairos Weekend!

Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio is holding a Kairos Weekend at the Madison Correctional Institution on April 11-14. (A Kairos Weekend is like an Emmaus Walk / Great Banquet / Cursillo event for inmates.) Home-baked cookies! are central to these Kairos Weekends and **literally thousands are needed.**

Detailed instructions for baking and packaging the cookies are available at the Get Connected table. Cookies are due in the church kitchen by **Thursday, April 4th.**

*For Cookie Tips & Tricks and further instructions on packaging your cookies, please pick up the cookie handout at the Welcome Center.*



# How are Thousands of Dozens of Cookies Used on A Kairos Weekend?

- On Thursday evening, cookies go with coffee and other beverages to soften the first tense minutes of the meeting between resident participants and team members.
- Every evening , each of the 42 participants takes back to his/her cell or dormitory, a bag containing dozens of cookies that are shared with other inmates as the participants answer questions about the Kairos weekend.
- Cookies are available to the 42 participants throughout the 3-day weekend in the meeting room.
- Cookies are provided daily to the security stations, break rooms, and staff offices as a way of thanking the corrections officers and other

staff for assisting Kairos and let them know that they too are loved by the Lord.

- All residents not involved in the Kairos weekend receive a dozen cookies. This takes almost 1,400 dozen. Also, Kairos participants return to their units on Friday evening with a second grocery bag full of cookies to eat and give away in their cell block or dormitory. By this time, everyone in the institution knows that something really special is happening inside the walls.
- Saturday is forgiveness day. Kairos participants learn about forgiving themselves, asking for and accepting God’s forgiveness, and forgiving others. They each get an extra grocery bag of cookies to give to another inmate or corrections officer against whom they bear a grudge or from whom they desire forgiveness for something.