

# FPC SCROLL

the monthly newsletter of

First Presbyterian Church  
4227 Broadway  
Grove City, OH 43123

Rev. Robert R. Tolar, Jr., Pastor

*Our Mission Statement:*

***“to know Christ and make Him known.”***



What will MOPS mean to you?

Join our new **Mothers Of Preschoolers** group and find out.

### EXCITING NEWS:

A new MOPS group is coming to FPC this spring!

When: April 1, 2011 (no fools here ☺)

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Grove City  
(gather in the Fellowship Center)

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Childcare: Seasoned mummies will care for your moppets while the mummies play.

Questions: email Letitia Wiltshire ([letitiawiltshire@yahoo.com](mailto:letitiawiltshire@yahoo.com)) or Keira McGlone ([keiramcglone@yahoo.com](mailto:keiramcglone@yahoo.com))



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**APRIL SCROLL  
DEADLINE:  
March 20, 2011**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



### March Sunday School Lessons:

B.I.G. Theme: God is always with us.

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that God promises to be with us always.

March 6 – Abraham and Sarah

March 13 – Jacob's Ladder

March 20 – Joseph Goes to Egypt

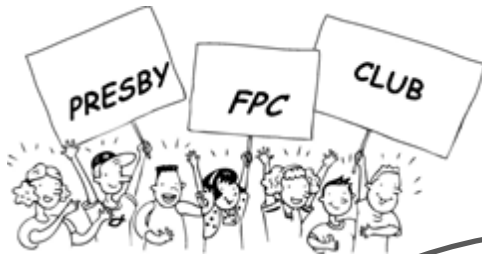
March 27 – Psalm 23

### PRESBY CLUB

All kids, grades 5-8, are invited to join us from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Center on Sundays.

In March we'll meet on March 6, 13 and 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about Presby Club, please contact Joel Ellen or Mark Stewart at 871-7463; or by email at [joelellen@columbus.rr.com](mailto:joelellen@columbus.rr.com).



### God's Kids

All Kids - K - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Join us from 5-6:30pm on Sunday nights in room C3 for a Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, games and more. In March we'll meet on March 13, 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact Raena at 226-4422, [rwalstra@hotmail.com](mailto:rwalstra@hotmail.com); or Diane at 871-1504, [dcordle@wwilliams.com](mailto:dcordle@wwilliams.com).

**\$341.33:** That's the amount Presby Club collected for Souper Bowl Sunday and given to the GC Food Pantry. Thanks to all who donated!

## WORSHIP NEWS



On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm, there will be a "Worship Celebration in the Fellowship Center.

If you wish you may bring a snack to share.

Come and join us in hearing God's Word and praising the Lord.



## Occasional Chorus

**Do you like to sing yet cannot commit to weekly rehearsals?**

If so, the Occasional Chorus may be for you! We rehearse twice, then sing the following Sunday. Rehearsals are from 7-7:30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will sing at both worship services on March 27<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome: young or old, singer or non-singer. We will gather to make a joyful noise! If you have any questions, contact Eileen Taylor at 214-9799 or send an email to ETaylor@insight.rr.com.



## Virtual Parade of Posies Sunday, March 20, 2011 *(the first official day of spring!)*

We will share your lovely  
Winter, spring, summer, or fall gardens with all  
and enjoy food and fellowship.



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "He who forgives ends the quarrel." *Unknown origin*

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 136 will be holding an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for five of our newest Eagle Scouts. Dan Shull, Jose' Hughes, TJ DeVore, Zach Thomas and Ty Payne will be receiving their Eagle Rank Awards on Sunday March 27 at 2:00pm at the church. The Boy out Troop would like to invite the members of the church to come and see these boys receive their awards and celebrate their success.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All ladies of the church are invited to attend one of our Circle Meetings which will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, here at the church.

***Faith Circle meets from 9:30 to 11:30am.***

***Peace Circle meets from 7:00 to 9:00pm.***

Please call the Circle Moderator of the Circle you'd like to attend if you need transportation.

### Questions for March 22, 2011:

1. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. (George Carlin) When did you have such a moment?
2. What was your most embarrassing moment?
3. What comes to mind when you see Jesus being crucified?

***March Hostesses:*** Faith – Betty Lawless and Nancy Davis  
Peace – Still to be determined



## PRESBYTERIAN MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Men of First Presbyterian, come and join the PMF. The February breakfast and Bible study will be Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, with the breakfast/meeting at 7:30am and study at 8:00. Our study will be on the Prayer of Jesus for the Apostles (John 17). We hope you'll join us, ***and invite a friend (member or non-member of FPC).***

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Howard Turner (877-0863), Jack Smith (875-0526) or Randy Ross (875-0374).

### FROM THE DEACONS

#### NEED A RIDE...

To church or to a doctor's appointment? If so, the Deacons can help. Contact Karl Knight (740-852-0796, [kathykarik@msn.com](mailto:kathykarik@msn.com)) or Judy Linder (875-0824) to request a ride. If you are able to provide transportation for those in our congregation, please let Karl or Judy know.

#### ARE YOU ILL OR HOMEBOUND?

The Deacons request you contact them for any news of illnesses, injuries, or hospitalizations. Please call the church office (875-4322), Phil Holdren (614-875-2109) one of the Deacons.

#### HAVE A NEED?

If you have a need and the Deacons can help, call the church office (875-4322) or let one of the Deacons know.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

#### ***Serve Meals at Faith Mission, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave:***

March 6 and 27

sign up on the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship

Bulletin Board

March 29

sign up on the Deacons' Bulletin Board

(volunteers must be at least 14)

#### ***Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers:***

8am-4pm, Tuesday - Friday

Check: [columbus.volunteerhub.com](http://columbus.volunteerhub.com) or

Call Karl Knight at 740-852-0796

#### ***Chillicothe VA Hospital:***

The PW continues to collect white tube socks through May. Place donations in the basket in the narthex.

## ***Salami, Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Hot Peppers, Italian Dressing...***



***Enjoy March Madness,  
a tasty sub, and help  
the Deacons help  
others.***

***Or how about, mushrooms, green peppers, onions, cheese, tomato, lettuce, hot peppers, Italian dressing?*** Sound good?! If so, stop by the Deacons' table in the Fellowship Center before or after services any Sunday in March to purchase a \$5.00 sub sandwich coupon good at Tammy's Pizza (6-month expiration). If you forget to stop by the Fellowship Center, any Deacon will have coupons for sale. If you are homebound and would like a coupon, contact Keith Larsen (875-6225) or Ruth Rossi (875-7488). Proceeds will be used to purchase kitchen equipment for Faith Mission and perhaps prepare a meal for Ronald McDonald House. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ruth Rossi at 875-7488 or Keith Larsen at 875-6225.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**



An Ash Wednesday Worship Service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday is recognized as the first day of Lent (the 40 day season before Easter). The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from the early church custom of placing ashes on the forehead of believers as a sign of repentance as the Easter season approaches. Be sure to join us for this special service!



## **Inquiry Class**

Interested in learning more about First Presbyterian? If so, come to the Inquiry Class led by Pastor Robert. This 4-week class, designed for those who are new at FPC, will be from 9:45 - 10:45am for four Sundays, beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like more information about this class, please contact the church office at 875-4322 or talk with Pastor Robert.

## **GROVE CITY CHAMBER SINGERS *Songs of Hope and Inspiration***

A Benefit Concert for the Grove City  
Relay for Life

Sunday, March 6, 2011  
3:30pm

Grove City United Methodist

(A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the  
2011 Relay for Life of Grove City.)

## Session Meeting Highlights for February 2011

(not available at time of Scroll printing)



The FPC Session (elders & pastor) will be on retreat Saturday (March 5) from 10 to 4 at Deer Creek State Park. The purpose of the retreat is reflecting on past ministry and plan direction(s) for future ministries in the life of our congregation. Please pray for our Session during this event.



## SESSION

Session members represent the church body that they've been elected to serve. That's why the *Scroll* will list the name, telephone number, and specific committee of Session members in every issue. Church members are encouraged to contact church elders to share questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Clerk of Session	Howard Turner	877-0963	House	Kirk Bohanan	871-4635
Christian Ed	Sherry Kuehnle	877-9501	House	Mark Stewart	871-7463
Christian Ed	Phyllis Gibbs	871-2300	House	Bill Seaton	761-1713
Christian Ed	Diane Cordle	871-1504	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Julia Scholl	539-1492		Rick McKinney	539-9454
Membership	Chris Stein	878-2782	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Denise Stuckert	563-5405		Jeff Ledbetter	871-0502
Worship	Grace Marcum	877-2427	Stewardship/Nominating		
Worship	Todd Miller	871-2789		Pam Schirner	871-2387
Worship	Betty Lawless	875-2238			

## DEACON'S OUTREACH

The following persons are serving as Deacons:

Bob Schirner*	871-2387
Roxanne Bullock	875-7011
Karl Knight	740-852-0796
Bill Niles	539-9954
Barbara Holbrook	871-9179
Ruth Rossi	875-7488
Susan Sellars	539-0867
Wendy Shear	875-3549
Phil Holdren	875-2109
Judy Linder	875-0823
Debbie Wilson	875-7325
Keith Larsen	875-6225

\* Deacon Moderator

## PW BOARD

JUNE 2010-2011

*Moderator*

Debra Niles 539-9954

*Vice-Moderator*

Helen Huntington 539-9853

*Secretary – to be determined*

*Treasurer*

Gwen Miller 875-2477

*Missions*

Katharine Knight 740/852-0796

*Moderator - Faith Circle*

Susan Renick 871-1824

*Moderator - Peace Circle*

Debbie Wilson 875-7325



03/01 Rod Channell	03/18 Paul Jenkins
Keira Donohoe	03/21 Don Brown
03/02 Aly Hutchinson	Wendy Shear
Sona Moore	03/24 Anne Smedley
Linda Smith	Lyn Turner
03/03 Elizabeth Johnson	03/25 Andrew Smith
03/04 Casey McKinney	Monica Walter
Olivia Smedley	03/26 Nancy Fredericks
03/05 Sherman Sheldon	03/27 April Gerkin
03/07 Maryann McKee	03/28 Pat Dugan
03/08 Barb Hodgden	Whitney Holbrook
Presley Storey	Brittany Smith
03/10 Jamie Irwin	03/31 Whitney Jones
03/13 Kevin Larsen	Shana Lehr
Abbi Schulz	Augusta Reisling
03/15 Ben Jones	Laura Seals
Betty Martin	Leigha Smith
03/16 Eddie Nott	Michele Smith
03/17 Sherry Bowers	Robert Tolar
George Lowery	

### Horse-Sense

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if one stops the car, or is walking by, one will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her bridle is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As one stands & watches these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, & that he will listen for her bell & then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us & even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God & those whom he places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.



... Dick and Joyce Davis and Family at the loss of Dick's brother, Wayne.

... Greg and Kathy Grinch and Family at the loss of Greg's mother, Elaine.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Mindy & Adam Stout

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Kathy & Greg Grinch

Jean & Bill Seaton

March 7<sup>th</sup>

Steffanie & Scott Myers

March 12<sup>th</sup>

Betty & Jim Lawless

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Fran & Charles Graves

Kim & Ed Maher

March 18<sup>th</sup>

Karen & Perry Lee

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Trudie & Thomas Gardner

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Polly & Derek Kesig

Barbara & Roger Sidner

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jill & Don Kennett

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Pat & Dick Mulvany

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Donna & Ed Smith

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Sunday - 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:50 a.m.

*As I see it...* (By Pastor Robert)

I look out the window and see our church yard covered in snow. It's beautiful but I am ready for signs of new life. Spring brings new life with crocuses that bloom and birds beginning their spring cadence. Even the church of Jesus Christ can open itself to the new possibilities coming its way. I see this happening in the life of our congregation and it gives me hope as the seasons shift. There is a new M.O.P.S. program (mothers of preschoolers) beginning in the life of the church. Beginning in mid-March there will be a new member's class beginning for a significant number of people wanting to explore FPC. As well, the Session is exploring what a contemporary worship service could look like in the life of FPC. Do seasons shift? Yes. Does the life of Christ's church shift? Yes. One of the key themes of the Protestant Reformation was "Reformed and always reforming." This phrase means that the ways in which the saving grace of Jesus Christ is presented are always shifting. Does the message and content of faith change? No! Never! As FPC explores new ministries and new ways of ministering, let us be reminded that no earthly season stays the same. Seasons always shift. The same holds true for the church. We are constantly shifting to meet the ever-changing needs of people who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Give thanks for what God has done AND for what God will do with our congregation!

In Christ, *Pastor Robert*