



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, The Seventh Sunday of Easter, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Luke 24:44-53 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you . . .) and Acts 1:1-11 ("He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority . . ."). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-5-12-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Gary Mathews to the pulpit.

Calling all Ladies

**THIS SUNDAY, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
HAS A SPECIAL GIFT FOR ALL
THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

*Looking forward to
seeing you on Sunday!*



THANK YOU TEACHERS

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6-10, 2024

We had a wonderful time Monday morning celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week with a thank you brunch for our PDS teachers and staff. There was lots of good food, great fellowship and a special memento for each of our PDS partners. A special thanks to Bonnie W. and Becky R. for making everything extra beautiful!





Submitted by Donald Anderson

“We Have Eternal Life!”

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:9-13,

It is wondrous to know that we have eternal life. John wanted to be sure that Jesus' followers knew this as they struggled with daily life that could be hostile. We, too, face many struggles, yet we have this assurance of eternal life. Jesus' baptism, his death on the cross, and his resurrection are his testimony to God's love. Believe in Jesus and eternal life is ours. The hope runs deep, the joy wells up, and we can shout our alleluias.

We continue to love what Jesus taught - loving our neighbor, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, freeing the prisoner. Our work and witness help others know the joy that comes from both knowing and loving Jesus, the joy that originates in knowledge of eternal life.

Our words and work confirm what Jesus taught and give testimony to God's love for all.

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, help me be your light in a hurting world. May your work extend through me and bring Joy. Amen.

These Days, Leslee Kirkconnell, Findlay, Ohio



Submitted by Donald Anderson

VCAM



VCAM needs staple items: canned fruit & vegetables, packaged rice & beans, small canned tomato sauce for our pantry. Items for the homeless such as: easy-open canned meats, nutrition bars, bottled waters, fruit cups.

Other items needed: small toiletry items, washcloths, towels & blankets.

Visit the website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

When you bring a bag of cat or dog food for our Paw Bites program please also bring an equal amount of the items listed above for our humans in need of our help.

Paw Bites – Meals on Wheels



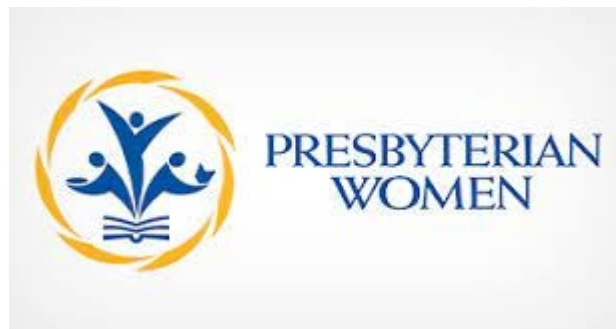
Thank you to all who drop off your cat and dog food. It is always a blessing to hear the “thank you’s” and words from the Meals on Wheels staff

when our bags of food are delivered to the Meals on Wheels office. So far in the month of April you have delivered 44 pounds of dog food and 40 pounds of cat food to those that depend on their cat or dog for their only companionship.

Your support of this important work of God in our community is being felt in the lives of many. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Christ's Kitchen

Christ's Kitchen continues the amazing task of feeding over 200 mouths every day except Sunday. The Kitchen, as some call it, is also a wonderful place to share time with other volunteers. It is a fun place to see how our community continues to respond to the needs of those that are less fortunate than we are. They need you to volunteer. Contact the church office, Billy Leske, or Frances Miller about how you can spend 2-4 hours a week helping a community just across our fence. We are all created in the image of God and each person that graces The Kitchen each day are seen as the same whether one is a volunteer or one is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.



Submitted by Frances Miller

Promise Pointe is the May mission focus for Presbyterian Women. All Church members can assist this worthy organization by providing:

- Laundry Pods
- Canned Fruit (or individual fruit cups)
- Canned Vegetables
- Progresso Soups (or similar hearty type soups)
- Dried Meals which can be rehydrated (like Ramen Noodles)
- Paper Products
- Toilet Paper appropriate for septic systems (NOT Charmin)

Donations from the congregation may be left with Erica in the church office.



May 19th – A Day of Celebration – Come!

As we celebrate the remembrance of the day the Spirit of God descended upon us on this day of Pentecost, we will also be celebrating many joyous happenings in the life of our church.

First, may we rejoice in the wonderful gift of the holy spirit in our lives and the remembrance that God is always with us giving us peace, love, joy, hope, encouragement, assurance, relationship with Him and with each other.

Come show your love to the 2024 High School Graduating Class as they begin their journey toward their future place and purpose in God's kingdom. May these young people forever know the love of God in their lives and the assurance of His presence in their hearts.

John Christian
Robbie Christian

Harper Edwards
Xander Monaco

In honor of those who have joined the great cloud of witnesses in the past year, who have gone before us and given so much of their lives to the work of PW and of FPC, Victoria, Presbyterian Women have donated a monetary gift in their memory to PC(USA) to go toward critical leadership training and to support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize the work of God's people. With the work of all His people, the kingdom cannot fail. May the lives of these honored angels and the love they exhibited doing the work of the Lord be a witness to us

all. We recognize and honor Ruth Ann Barnard, Jessie Dean, Janice Mullins, Billy Ruddock and Bob Zawadzki.

PW will be celebrating another year in the life of its organization and wish for you to join us as our new 2024-2025 class of officers will be installed during worship by Rev. Bette Burris. Help us in recognizing the gifts of these women as they pledge their time and talents to helping do the Lord's work in our church and in our community. One way in which we are blessed to bring about God's kingdom is by giving to the charitable mission projects supported by PC(USA). If you feel so led, may your hearts be gracious in giving to the Annual PW Birthday Offering for which envelopes will be distributed during the offertory time of our worship service.

And finally, JOIN US IN OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON immediately following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy PW Birthday cake for dessert. Let us rejoice in the Lord and give Him praise and thanks for the gift of His Spirit with which we know will be ever present in our lives and most definitely at this POTLUCK celebration!



Submitted by Dawn Neel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class

The Nellie Hudson Sunday School class will not be meeting for the next several weeks. We hope to resume in late May. Please be watching the newsletter for its return and upcoming course of study. We will greatly miss gathering together and look forward to anyone who would like to join us when we resume.



Kingdom Kids
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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14

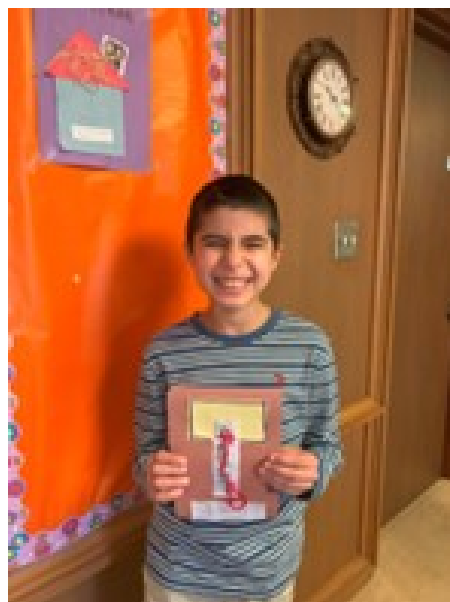
Submitted by Leila Galvan

We've wrapped up our 2 week lesson on Rahab and the spies.

For our craft, we made a window with a red rope using construction paper and yarn. Keeping with the window/rope theme, our snack consisted of a graham cracker window and a Twizzler candy rope.

We will continue our 9 week series on the Fruit of the Spirit, an interesting....and delicious....experience. Hope you can join us!

Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234, or the church office, if you have questions or would like to participate.



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