

HPC Good News

"See, I am doing a new thing!

*Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland."*

- Isaiah 43:19

Dear HPC Family,

As we step into May, I am looking forward to the rollout of our new mission statement that was thoughtfully crafted by the Strategic Visioning Team and approved by our Session:

"We engage together

- To worship Jesus Christ
- To learn the Word
- To serve our world."

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that this mission statement is more than just words, it is an invitation for you to actively participate in your own spiritual growth, connecting to God and one another as we seek to share Christ's love with everyone.

Beginning on Sunday, May 10, I invite you to join us in worship as we launch our sermon series on the new church mission statement, exploring together what it means for us as a faith community to worship Jesus Christ, learn the Word, and serve our world.

In addition to this, May is always a busy season in the life of our church, marked by celebrations of milestones and transitions. We have several exciting events lined up this month:

- ◇ Confirmation Sunday on May 3, where we will also be celebrating the sacraments of Communion and Baptism together.
- ◇ Senior Recognition Sunday on May 10

Join us as we honor our confirmands and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors!

As we gear up for a busy summer, June and July are full of opportunities for our youth, as well as the chance for folks of all ages to volunteer their time and talents for another year of Vacation Bible School and Mission Possible gatherings:

- ◇ Tween/Junior High Sandusky Mission Trip: June 4-8
- ◇ Senior High Trip to Montreat: June 14-20

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May Birthdays

2	Bella Steverson	16	Calvin Hughes
4	Luke Jacob	16	Jerry Marks
4	Michele Plats	17	Ann LeVan
7	Aaron Hoxie	20	Claire Hughes
7	Troy Pratt	20	Alana Plessinger
7	Henry Schumm	23	Rod Vivian
9	Michael Fehrenbach	24	Lucy Atkinson
10	Stacy Dykes	24	Emerson King
10	Evelyn Hung	24	Emma Niehaus
10	Joe Pestro	27	Evelyn Dria
10	Danni Tymitz	27	Kyle Homan
13	Don Franzmeier	27	Joy (Amarachi) Olugu
14	Chris Rought	29	Clair Dria
14	Andrew Taggart	29	Hannah Dria
16	Drew Fisher	29	Eileen Torrence

Continued Prayers:

Kyle Homan, Irma Kaltenhauser,
Laurie Knobbe, Jo Marggrand, Steve Ritz,
Teresa Stanford

Pastor Sarah's Letter, Continued...

- ◇ Vacation Bible School: June 22-26
- ◇ Mission Possible: Wednesday evenings running from July - August 5

With the approval of the Session and in partnership with our newly formed Church Refresh Subcommittee, during the month of July we will be refreshing our atrium and sanctuary area with paint, new carpeting, and reupholstered pews and chairs. We ask for your patience and flexibility during this time, as we will be worshiping in the gym several Sundays. This project aligns with our vision to expand our hospitality to all people who step into our building in the years to come. We have not done any updating since the church first opened its doors in the early nineties, and we are looking forward to the end result of this project.

As we embrace our mission, I'd like to encourage you to reflect on how you engage in worship, learning, and service at HPC. Your unique gifts and talents are essential to fulfilling our mission, and we are in this together.

I am grateful to be on the journey with all of you. God is on the move at HPC!

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah

May at HPC



May 1: Deadline to Submit Graduation Info

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, May 10th during the Worship Service. We will present our high school graduates to the congregation. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized.

Graduating High School & other graduates should submit the following *by Friday, May 1st*:

- Name of the school you will be graduating from
- Any specific plans for the Fall, including your chosen college, major or job
- High School Seniors, please include 5 photos
- Other graduates, please include 1 photo

Send all the above info to: youth@hpcmason.org

May 3: Confirmation Sunday



May 4: Lunch Bunch, 11:30am

Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, May 4 at 11:30am at Mason Perkins OH-741.

May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 5:30pm: VBS Decoration Prep

May 8, 10am: Preschool Graduation Ceremony

May 10: Graduate Recognition, Mother's Day



May 30, 12-4pm: Food with Friends

A signup link will be emailed later in the month.



May 20, 1-3pm: Senior Game Day

Senior Game Day is Wednesday, May 20th from 1-3 in room 10. Last month we had 11 people in attendance and played a new game called Penny Drop. Since pennies are hard to get these days, we used dimes as our game pieces. Everyone had a good time getting reacquainted after the long winter. Hope to see you this month. Call Cindy Parrott 513-289-9132 with questions.

May 24: Mission Trip Commissioning



May 31, 3:30pm: Lilly Steverson Eagle Court of Honor & Graduation Party

The HPC Church family is invited to help celebrate Lilly Steverson's Graduation and rescheduled Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 31st. The Eagle Court of Honor is at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary, with the Grad Party to follow from 5-7 in the Church Fellowship Hall.



Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS

June 22-26, 6 – 8:30pm

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

Don't miss this year's adventure as we take a
ROADTRIP: On the Road with God.

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/HeritageVBS2026>

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 transform our facility into an amazing VBS open road. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings, *May 6, 13, 20, and 27 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm* to help prepare VBS decorations. Lots of helpers are also needed on *Saturday, June 13* as we decorate together, and transform our grounds and building into an imagination-powered vehicle, to hit the open road. We have projects for all skill levels. All the supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Junk for Jesus!

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It is again that season, when the Children's Ministries team looks for random items as they prepare for VBS. Below is a list of specific supplies that we 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.

Items We Need to be Donated

- * 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 We Need to Borrow

- * Road Trip or car themed decorations
- * Children's riding toys (cars, trucks)
- * Paper maps (state and US National)



Prayer Map Photos for VBS

As part of VBS this year, we will be praying for all of our HPC families and VBS participants. Please share a photograph of yourself and/or your family, when you were on a vacation or trip. Be sure to include your name(s), and the location of your picture. We want to fill our Prayer Map with pictures from coast to coast.

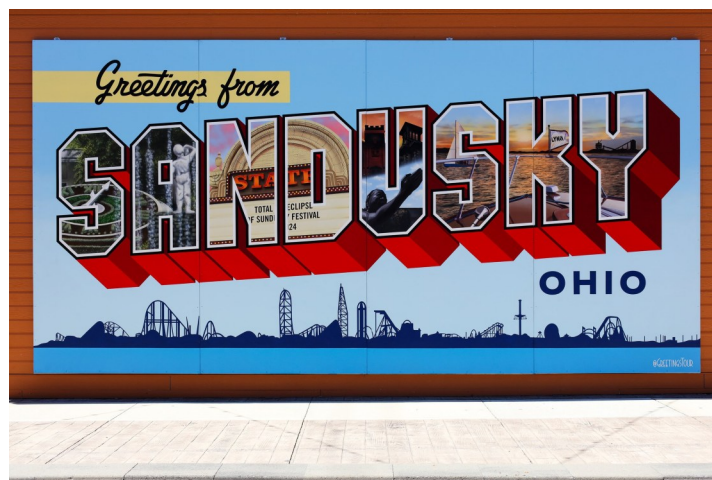


Thank You Teachers

We thank the teachers and leaders who have guided our faith formation and helped us to learn from the Bible this year.

- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Nita Evans, Megan Fisher, Debbie Hamann, Jen Hinerman, Sherri Miller, Morgan Perkins
- ◆ **Adult Small Group Leaders:** Libby McKean, Doug Parrott, Joe Pestro, Jono Sparks-Franklin, Marcia Wasson
- ◆ **Confirmation Mentors:** Cathy Ewing, Morgan Perkins, Patty Schnetzer
- ◆ **CESE Committee:** Lucy Atkinson, Chris Dauer, Jamie Dria, Debbie Hamann, Cindy Parrott, Diane Sherrard, Katie Steverson, Danni Tymitz,
- ◆ **Staff:** Ben Schnetzer, Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Susie Faas

Children's Ministry News



Sandusky Mission Trip

We are preparing the annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center June 3-7, 2026. This year, children completing grades 4 – 8 will be included in the trip. If your child is interested in going on the mission trip, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org.



Nursery Coordinator Opening

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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

On Sunday mornings, we currently staff our Nursery during the worship service (10 am – 11:15 am) with volunteers to care for our babies and toddlers under 5 years of age. Adults and teens are encouraged to sign up for a couple of sessions through the spring and summer. Please sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/NurseryHPC> or use the sign up sheet in the Atrium.

Heritage Library News

We finally welcome spring with all its beauty and sunshine. Is the outdoor calling you to get out there to explore and enjoy? The Heritage Libraries have some titles that will add some thoughtfulness to your walks.

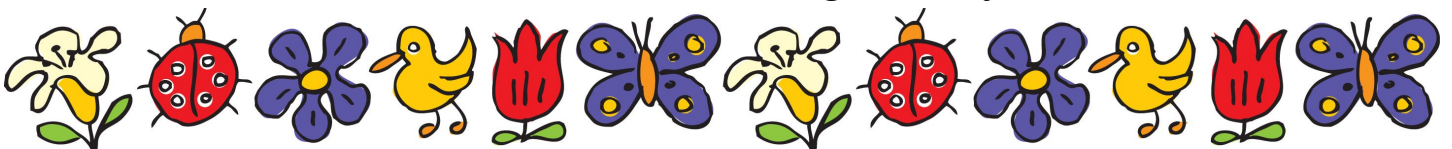
Family Walks by Bruce Wilkinson is a compilation of daily bible studies for the whole family. This book tackles 52 different topics such as courage, listening, memory, patience, peace and more. Also, *Family Faith Walks* by Kelly J. Haack is a month-by-month resource full of on-the-go family activities. Miss Susie has a copy that she can share with you.

Heritage Children's Library has a great new title *Invisible Things* by Andy J. Pizza and Sophie Miller. This is a great book for talking about emotions and unusual ideas. We all have ideas and feelings that we know are real, but we can't see them: hope, chaos, a wish, dark matter, joy, gratitude, worries, being lost in a book, the blahs, math, and giggles. You may have heard this book read during "Bedtime Stories with Miss Susie". This is a fun book, that includes some fun words you may never have thought about such as, what is *niff* or how do you describe *pizzazz*?

Start your summer off with fun ideas from our church libraries.



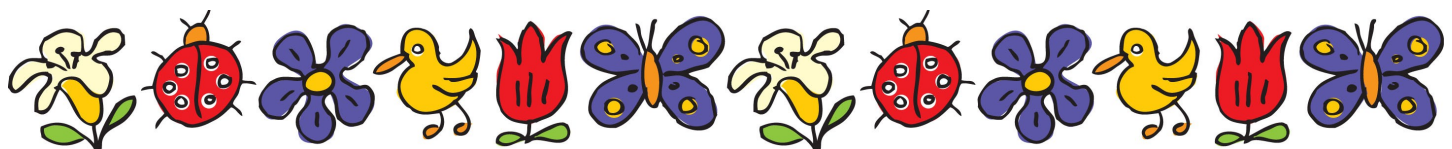
Heritage Presbyterian Preschool News



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 will be learning about all of the wonderful things that happen in the Spring. They will be planting seeds to watch them grow. They will be raising caterpillars to watch them turn into butterflies, others will be observing wiggling worms in soil.

We had a wonderful "Donuts with Dad" Event at the end of March. It was wonderful to see so many special daddies! We welcomed the Cincinnati Museum Center to HPP this month to teach us all about the wonderful world of bugs! For Earth Day this year, we will talk 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. Our moms will be joining us as the end of April for a special "Muffins with Mom – End of Year Chapel" event. Time is flying by! *Graduation for the Preschool will be Friday May 8th in the HPC Sanctuary.*





Please 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 Team. Please contact any Mission Team members if you want to learn more or to offer help, unless the contact is otherwise stated in the below specific missions.

Adult Mission Trip

We have started planning for a Mission trip this year to help areas hit by disaster. There will be a meeting May 3rd in room 14/15 at 11:30am (after service), when we will discuss interest and a possible location and date.

A sign up sheet will also be on the Mission Board in the atrium. Please fill out all the information so we can keep you in the loop if you cannot attend the meeting.



Community Cupboard

We are continuing our hosting of the very beneficial Community Cupboard on site (in our parking area) successfully, with your support. Please leave any donations, as well as any grocery bags and utensil packets, in the grocery cart in the hallway just inside the front entryway. If you have one hour per week that you can volunteer your time to help stock the Cupboard, please contact Joanne Foster at 513-535-9289.

What we can accept: non-perishable food items (especially high protein items), **hygiene products** (which SNAP does not cover) such as toothpaste, bar soap, and shampoo, and carryout plastic utensil packets. (Please don't donate things outside of this scope unless noted in current needs)

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

Most needed currently: health/self-care items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.), boxed/canned potatoes, complete pancake mix, syrup, jelly, canned pasta sauce, canned meat, and stew or chunky (meat) soup. *See the weekly bulletin for any updates on current special needs.*

Mary Haven: a Facility for Troubled Youth:

We continue making monthly visits every third Tuesday evening of each month (May 19th, followed by June 16th and July 21st). Please contact Leslie Dauer-Creek at 513-313-4597 if interested in helping or if you want to learn more about this mission.

Our Daily Bread Sandwich Mission: Six Years of Sandwiches!

In early April of 2020, the Presbytery of Cincinnati put out a message that ODB (Our Daily Bread) was encountering problems trying to help their clientele because of Covid Restrictions. A suggestion was made to local Presbyterian Churches that ODB could use donations of food like sandwiches. Our Mission Committee responded by asking members to make sandwiches. On April 22, 2020, HPC sent about 400 sandwiches to ODB.

ODB's need continued, so HPC responded by continuing to make sandwiches. Within a few weeks you committed to make sandwiches on a schedule that reached several months out into the future. To this day, ODB continues using Sign-up Genius to ask for sandwich donations, as these sandwiches are such a big help in feeding hungry people.



We currently have 37 Sandwich Missionaries; that does not count the Youth who make at least 50 sandwiches once every five weeks. As of April 23, 2026, you have been making sandwiches for over **six year**. You have made over **40,000 sandwiches** (40,029 as of 4-19-2-26, to be exact). You have spent over \$52,000 in food cost. Over 600 gallons of fuel has been used delivering the sandwiches to ODB, and that does not count the gallons that you have used in delivering the sandwiches to church.

Your generosity is breath-taking. You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing. **Thank you!** You are appreciated.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25

News About Our Mission to FPWC (Family Promise of Warren County)

Linda Rabolt has been the Executive Director of FPWC since its beginning in 1998. She has done an outstanding job. She recently stepped down from that position and now has a part time position with FPWC. The new Executive Director is Tracy Funke and she is already doing an excellent job!

In the week of April 12, 2026, HPC successfully completed our second FPWC Hosting Week of 2026. Our Guests were five families consisting of a total of 14 people. We were **blessed** to have a new Partner Church to help provide Hosts and meals for the week. That church is Southwest Church of Springboro, a non-denominational church. And SW Church has already committed to partnering with us again in our upcoming Hosting Weeks in September and December, and beyond. They already have eleven trained Hosts, one of which is the Pastor!



You HPC Family Promise Missionaries are Fantastic! *Is there a better way to respond to the Grace of God than by providing food and shelter to the homeless in your own community?*

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WORSHIP *with us*

Sunday Schedule

- ◆ Sunday School—9am
- ◆ Worship Service—10:15am

Online Giving

