

First & East Side Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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2026 PER CAPITA
\$40.71

March 2026

Amy Carmichael, a missionary to India in the late 1800's and early 1900's, made the following observation that I will paraphrase:

“Sometimes when we read about those who are revered as having accomplished great deeds, we might feel inferior. However, no one should ever feel like that. Very rarely is success instantaneous. Great people reach their goals step by step, little by little – often with great self-denial. Monumental things are achieved with small inward victories and by faithful attention to very little things. We see these giants for what they became and not how they made it there. Few of us are aware of the little hidden steps that got them to their pinnacle. There was no sudden triumph. What they did in each moment made the monumental difference.”

The Lenten season evokes focus on the cross.

Developing a relationship with God is not done in leaps and bounds; rather, our spiritual growth is affected in small and measured steps – steps that often require great personal sacrifice.

One only has to look at the twelve ordinary men who Jesus chose as his disciples. None were particularly well educated. All had deep flaws and were often coarse, obtuse, and self-serving. Yet Jesus gently nudged them step by step, day by day, toward seeking an understanding with God.

It was a long and frustrating process. But Jesus never gave up. In the end, He succeeded in His mission – to instill the spirit of God in these men, giving them enough strength and conviction to spread the Word throughout the world, often at great personal peril and sacrifice for each of them.

Likewise, God will never give up on us. Our relationship with Him can only be achieved one small step at a time. But, if we keep our eye on the Lord's path, we will certainly be drawn closer and closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lent is the time to reflect: Are we truly traveling in the right direction? And are we willing to readjust our spiritual compass to make certain that we are not straying from God's expectations? If we are willing to cast aside our own petty needs, it will ensure that, little by little, we will be drawn closer to Him and experience His peace and grace.

As the Greek fabulist Aesop observed: “Slow and steady wins the race.”

-- Jim Boroff

NEIGHBORS NEWS

In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list.

(optional) - Dish Soap and/or
Liquid Laundry Soap

March

1- saltine crackers

8 - peanut butter

15 - jelly

22 - corn

29 - tuna



Thanks for your help, Neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

CONTRIBUTION CHECKS

Until further notice, please make all checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church*. We will inform you of the name change when it is official. Thank you!

SATELLITES

We are going to Tackle Box on March 11th at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!

SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to 1020 Kentucky Ave on:

· Tuesday, March 31, 2026

· 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS LAY LEADER?

We are looking for individuals who would like to serve as lay leader and assist in Sunday morning services. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



COFFEE HOUR



Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship!
If you would like to sign up to help with Coffee Hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Ann Weiler or Blanche McCormick. Thank you!
Due to Easter being on the first Sunday, Coffee Hour in April will be on the second Sunday, April 12.



March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30a - Worship • Coffee Hour	2	3 10a-3p - Church Office Hours	4	5	6	7
8 10:30a - Worship Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 10a-3p - Church Office Hours	11 11:30a - Satellites	12	13	14
15 10:30a - Worship • Session mtg	16	17 10a-3p - Church Office Hours	18	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due First Day of Spring	21
22 10:30a - Worship	23	24 10a-3p - Church Office Hours	25	26	27	28
29 10:30a - Worship Palm Sunday	30	31 10a-3p - Church Office Hours				

Birthdays

3/1 - Betty Sargeant
 3/4 - Alex Clark
 3/5 - Michael Clark
 3/9 - Jay Provonsha
 3/10 - Bill McConnell
 3/16 - Janice Zimmerman

3/19 - Susan Myers
 3/20 - Carolyn Clark
 3/21 - Cole Kinsey
 3/24 - William Yeager
 3/25 - Nathaniel Cowdrey

Anniversaries

3/3 - Rod & Linda Combs



**FIRST AND EAST SIDE
JOINT SESSION**

FIRST ELDERS:
Linda Combs
Dannita Cowdrey
Bill Taylor, Clerk

EAST SIDE ELDERS:
Cheryl Magargle, Clerk
Ross McCormick
Ann Weiler

**FIRST AND EAST SIDE
BOARD OF DEACONS**

FIRST DEACONS:
Rod Combs
Melissa Detwiler
Susan Myers

EAST SIDE DEACONS:
Pat Damschroder
Blanche McCormick
Alyce Ann Schmidt

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Pulpit Supply	Jim Boroff
Administrative Assistant	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
Treasurer	Linda Combs
Assistant Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

NEW CONTACT INFO

Contact information for the Fremont
Presbyterian Church will be as follows:

Address: PO Box 525
1020 Kentucky Ave
Fremont, OH

Phone: 419-334-7171

Email:
fremontohiopresbyterian@gmail.com

You may begin using this contact
information for church
communication now, even though the
merge is not yet official. Thank you!

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION**

If you are moving, have changed phone
numbers, or have a new email address,
please email those changes to the
office at:
fremontohiopresbyterian@gmail.com.

Thank you!
Amy Monk, Administrative Assistant

To change how you receive your
newsletter or to unsubscribe from
our mailing list, please email the
church office at:
fremontohiopresbyterian@gmail.com.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is April 5, so it's time to order your Easter flowers! White lilies, dark purple hyacinths, and yellow tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$15.00 each. If you wish to purchase flowers, please complete the form to the right and mail it to the office, place it in the offering plate, or give to Susan Myers or Barb Haynes. Last day to order is March 22, 2026.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

Worship services are automatically canceled whenever a Level 2 or 3 Snow Emergency is in effect for Sandusky County as of 8 am on Sunday morning. Information about snow emergencies is available on the Sheriff department's recorded information line: (419-332-2613). If services are canceled due to extreme cold, you will receive a recorded call. If you are not on the call list and would like to be added, please call Amy at 419-334-7171 or email at fremontohiopresbyterian@gmail.com.

2026 Easter Flowers

Do not pay now. Prairie Flowers will bill you.

Person ordering & to be billed:

Phone:

Address:

Given by:

In Memory of: (deceased)

In honor of: (living)

To the Glory of God

Indicate how many you would like of the 3 flowers below:

Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____

Last day to order is March 22, 2026.

All flowers should be picked up after the Easter Service on
April 5th.