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TOWER CHIMES

2026





Tower Chimes

Cornerstone Community Church

*“Sharing hope in Christ
all over town- across generations
-around the world*

123 Columbus Rd.

Fredericktown, OH 43019

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9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday Small Group

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Dear Cornerstone Community Church family,

The Gospel in two verses is in 1st Corinthians 15:3-4. The Gospel means, “Good News.” In the Church we use the word, *evangelism*, and this is where we get the call for sharing Christ’s message of salvation. This news is emphatically, “The Greatest News Ever!”

1st Corinthians 15:3-4 – Paul writes: “(3) *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, (4) and that **He was buried**, and that **He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures**,”*

In these two verses we learn the following:

The *actual* death of Jesus Christ: “(3) **Christ died.**”

The *substitution* death by Christ for us, personally: “(3) **our sins.**”

The *necessary* death by Christ for all sin: “(3) **...sins.**”

The *prophetic* death by Christ to fulfill God’s Word: “(4) **according to the Scriptures.**”

Finally, we learn about a *victorious* death by Christ over sin: “(4) **He was buried**, and that **He rose again the third day.**”

This Easter the question is the same for all people: “Why did Christ die and rise again?”

Jesus died for your personal sin, the world’s sin, and raised above the grave to demonstrate His power over *all* sin. Good news! Anyone who needs forgiveness from their past can be set free through believing Jesus is our sacrifice for personal sins (John 3:3,15-16) and He alone has all power to do this through His resurrection.

Have you received Christ as your personal Savior? If you are unsure about your salvation, trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior today (1st John 5:11-13).

Remember, as Christians, we are Easter people. The day of worship was changed from Saturday to Sunday because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:7, 1st Corinthians 16:2, Rev. 1:10). Christians worship on Sunday because of Jesus’ resurrection (Luke 24:1-8) and Christ being the Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). We have new life, spiritually, because of Jesus’ authority over dead things and the power to forgive sins and impart eternal life.

The early Church would shout this expression on Easter: “***He is Risen; He is Risen, indeed!***”

In Christ’s service,
Pastor Jerry Ernst

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dr Gary Campbell, Pastor Emeritus

LEARNING TO WAIT

The Bible frequently instructs us to “wait.” We come across a very good example when we read Psalm 27. David opens this song of triumphant confidence with his affirmation that “the LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

At the end of the poem, the psalmist urges us to “Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the LORD!” (Psalm 27:14)

But *waiting* is difficult for us! We live in an age and a culture of easy fixes, of ready solutions, of instant gratification. Even for the virtue of patience, our prayer is apt to be “Lord, I need patience, and I need it right now!” And yet, our Bible calls us to wait patiently: to wait for the answer to our prayer, to wait for others in their needs, and even to wait for the appearing of our Savior in His second coming.

Interestingly, the inspired writers of the New Testament could choose between eight different Greek terms that convey the idea of waiting! Depending on context, these eight words may be translated with the English word, “wait.” And (depending again on context) our word “wait” can carry distinctive nuances of meaning. At Acts 1:8 the apostles were instructed to “wait” in obedience and faith for the promised descent of the Holy Spirit. Mark 15:43 reports how Joseph of Arimathea cared for the body of Jesus after the crucifixion, and claims that Joseph “waited expectantly” for the kingdom of God. And we observe the Christian Hope when we “wait for the Son from heaven” to come as King of kings and Lord of lords (see 1Thessalonians 1:10).

Some things are worth waiting for! May we patiently await the fulness of divine promises for our world, even as we wait for the answers to our prayers! In the meantime, let us wait upon one another, wait upon the needy, and wait for the will of God for the Church and for ourselves as the disciples of Christ.



Thank You!

Kindness & Love

The past 4 months at the Link household have been rather interesting, to say the least. I had two total knee replacements between October and February, and just finished with my final physical therapy session on February 5th. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to our church family and friends for all the kindnesses and love that were shown to me and my husband, Michael, during this time. We are grateful for the prayers, notes and cards of encouragement, the beautiful prayer quilt, yummy food treats and meals, hospital and home visits, phone calls, thoughtful gifts and ongoing support that we have received. I am also very grateful to Michael, who became a full-time caregiver, driver, chef, cheerleader, and overall household manager who kept me going. And, I am truly appreciative of every one of you here at Cornerstone who made my recovery much more manageable because of your love and kindnesses. I have felt truly blessed throughout this time, and it is because of all the love and kindnesses you gave so freely. Thank you and God bless you all.

Susan Link

Thank You

Dear Cornerstone Church

Thank you so much for your partnership with TouchPointe to spread the love of Jesus.

Jessica Reynolds
Program Director of
TouchPointe

"How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1

Dear Cornerstone Community Church,

Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child and packing shoe boxes in Jesus' name. It was an incredible year, and the final totals were the highest ever in all three areas because of churches like yours.

Global: 12,205,900!

Great Lakes Region: 1,067,502

Central Ohio (6 counties): 27,860

Thank you again for your faithful partnership in sharing the gospel to the ends of the earth. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to move through this ministry this year!

Blessings,

Chelsea Dalgard

Church Relations Partner

Central Ohio, OCC



Joy Circle



All women are invited to the April meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Our program will be presented by Knox County Public Health. We will learn about many of the services they provide and especially what they offer for seniors. Devotions and yummy refreshments will complete the afternoon. We invite you to join us.

The May meeting will be a noon picnic at Karen Moody's, 18405 Roberts Rd. on May 12th. Bring a covered dish. All else is provided.

Hope to see you there.

Library News

"Even If: Trusting God Through the Fire" by Bart Millard and Shannon Millard with Robert Noland

Fans of "Mercy Me" will want to read this book by the lead singer Bart Millard. It is the companion story to the current movie "I Can Only Imagine 2."



"I Just Want to Be Somebody" Stories of Hope, Faith and Transformation by Larry and Angie Overholt. CCC members have written this book about their 43 years as missionaries in Honduras.



Coffee Ministry

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand in maintaining our welcoming environment by assisting with cleaning the coffee dispenser in the Welcome Area. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our community and meet fellow members. You can choose to help out either after the small group hour or following the 11:15 service on Sundays. Your support will help us keep our facilities inviting and enjoyable for all.

If you're interested in joining our team of volunteers and would like to be added to the schedule, please reach out to Angie Simmons or contact the church office. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant difference. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve and enhance our church community!



Congratulations

On Sunday, May 3rd we will be honoring all high school seniors and college graduates for the 2026 school year.

We invite family and friends to join us in celebrating the achievements of these remarkable individuals. For more information, please reach out to the office at (740) 694-5806 or see Kristine Lindeman. Your presence and support can make this celebration even more special for our graduates.

DINNER WITH A MISSION!

Benefitting the CCC Missions:
Global & Local Missions

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Purchase by donation

Call or text **740-398-7198** by
April 12 to reserve your
tickets!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION!

Come ready to place your
bids on lots of great auction
items!

Saturday, April 18
@ 6 pm

Cornerstone
Community Church
123 Columbus Road
Fredericktown, OH

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**-Swiss Steak or
Parmesan Chicken**

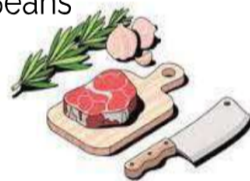
-Mashed Potatoes

-Green Beans

-Salad

-Roll

-Dessert



Music will be performed by
Desmond Wall.

Doors will open at 5 pm.

MINI MISSIONS DAYS

Saturdays: May 9 & October 24

Mini mission days are an opportunity to serve our local community in various ways.

We will be serving our neighbors and helping with projects around the house/yard for those in need.

Please join us in these wonderful opportunities to bless our neighbors!

Fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office if you are willing and able to help on either date.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

*Although no particular skills or training are necessary to help on the mini mission days, it would be helpful to know of any special skills you may have (plumbing, carpentry, electrical, etc.) if needed for certain tasks. Please list below.

*If you know of any folks in the community (folks who are not a part of our regular church family) that are in need of assistance with yard work or small household projects/repairs, please list information below (name & contact information)

For more information, contact
Andy Clevenger: (740) 398-0056

We look forward to serving with YOU!

April

Scripture Readers 9 a.m. Service

4-5 Rev. Gary Campbell

4-12 John Beutel

4-19 Todd McClay

4-26 Robin McClay

Usher/Greeters 9 a.m. Service

TBD

Scripture Readers 11:15 a.m. Service

4-05 Larry Andrzejewski

4-12 Worship Team

4-19 Ryan Conley

4-26 Worship Team

Usher/Greeters 11:15 a.m. Service

TBD



Coffee Pot Clean-Up

Ryan Bender

May

Scripture Readers 9:00 a.m. Service

5-03 Meg Bender

5-10 Worship Team

5-17 Worship Team

5-24 Carol Ruggles

5-31 Worship Team

Usher/Greeters 9 a.m. Service

TBD

Scripture Readers 11:15 a.m. Service

5-03 Meg Bender

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5-31 Worship Team

Usher/Greeters 11:15 a.m. Service

TBD



Coffee Pot Clean-Up

Ben Blevins

Happy Birthday



4/02 J.R. Thorne

4/03 Mary Lou Andrzejewski

4/03 Margaret Brake

4/03 Bill Kershner

4/05 Reese Hannan

4/08 Jerry Ernst

4/09 Kasey Grogg

4/11 Patti Goepfinger

4/11 Aubri Franks

4/14 Macy Benson

4/14 Mark Maxwell

4/14 Justin Smith

4/15 Nora Snyder

4/16 Ric Harvel

4/16 Ava Franks

4/18 Lynnea Clevenger

4/18 Cindy Harvel

4/18 Larry Overholt

4/19 Dianna Partington

4/19 Lesley Ruggles

4/20 Patricia Davis

4/24 Lucas Herbst

4/24 Terri Huvler

4/24 Eugene Fitzpatrick

4/25 Carol Ruggles

4/26 Janet Wampler

4/26 Rachel Goepfinger

4/26 Laura Sanders

4/26 Brandon Simmons

4/29 Mary Leigh Wildermuth

4/30 Jill Bolton

Happy Anniversary

4/03 Carl & Janet Wampler

4/11 Scott & Terri Huvler

4/25 David & Jennifer Snow

4/26 Dakota & Marissa Hamilton

4/27 Gavin & Kasey Grogg

4/30 Thomas & Sue Kinton



HAPPY

Birthday



5/2 James Durbin

5/2 Steve Obert

5/4 Emily Sheriff

5/6 Kathy Mills

5/6 Billy Woodring

5/9 Kathy Daniels

5/9 Jessica Ruggles

5/12 Don Ruggles Jr.

5/14 Matasha Sivits

5/14 Lorraine Boss

5/17 Susan Grogg

5/20 Jess Moore

5/20 Dwight Ruggles

5/21 Carol Coe

5/21 Karen Tenney

5/21 Huxley Moore

5/22 David Snow

5/23 Lane Huvler

5/27 Janet Burden

5/27 Dan Burden

5/29 Gail Kershner

5/30 Jack Fitzpatrick

5/31 Terry Shade

HAPPY

Anniversary

5/01 Don & Carol Ruggles

5/05 Wade & Susan Grogg

5/13 Cale & Gloria Grubb

5/19 Jeff & Kathy Toms

5/19 Dean & Joellen McGuire

5/20 Brian & Julie Zimmerman

5/20 Byron & Jill Rock

5/22 Ryan & Megan Bender

5/24 Andy & Gail Angel

5/29 Gary & Karen Alverson

5/30 Aaron & Jody Tedrow

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP

This year's Sight and Sound trip will be July 17 and 18. We will leave early Friday morning and travel to Lancaster, PA to see Joshua at the beautiful Sight and Sound Theater. On the way home we will stop in Gettysburg for touring or shopping. We will return to the church Saturday night. For more information, see Robin McClay or pick up a form in the Welcome Center. Information can also be found with the following QR Code. The bus is more than halfway full! Don't miss out on this fun time with our church family.



Buddy Break



In April, our Buddy Break event will be "Quest for the Armor of God". We will have a King's Room, a Dragon Room & Training Ground, and a Magical Unicorn Room. Throughout our quest, we will learn about putting on the full armor of God. The event will be on Sat. April 25th. If you have anything that might go with our theme that would interest kids, let Mary Elder know.

At the end of May, on Sat. May 30th, our event will be "Summer's Coming!" We will have activities that include: Under the Sea, Soak up the Sun (Son), and Fair Fun to name a few. We will definitely be creative in using beach balls and flip flops!!



FACA Dates to remember
(Fredericktown Area Church Association)
2026 Calendar

April 5th – Sunrise Service at Kokosing Reservoir

May 7th – National Day of Prayer

August 4th – National Night Out at Merrin Park

August ? – Prayer for the school

September 20th – Community Church Service

December 5th – Christmas Walk



A wonderful Confirmation Retreat was attended by 13 youth March 13-15. Pastor Jerry and Abbey taught sessions on basic Christian faith and what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of a local church. Free time hiking was enjoyed in Whaley Park and additional activities allowed us all to get to know each other on a deeper level. Other adults assisted with small group discussions and loving church members donated and served some delicious meals. We thank all of you for your prayers during this meaningful weekend.



**Please join us on April 12 as we celebrate the members
of this year's Confirmation Class!**

Ava Buckingham is a homeschooled student. She began attending church with her sister, Kasey Grogg. Ava enjoys horseback riding, drawing, and crafting. Her favorite season is fall. She is in the ninth grade.

Trevin Francis works at Star -Brite Car Wash. He enjoys dirt bikes and country music. He is a junior at Knox County Career Center. He attends church with Serena Rock.

Ayden Franks attends church with his grandma Wendi Bigelow. He is a freshman homeschooled student who assists with taking care of his many farm animals. He loves his four wheeler.

Ava Franks is a cadet in the Fredericktown Fire Program. She is a homeschooled student. She comes to church with her grandma Wendi Bigelow. Her favorite Bible verses are Isaiah 6:8 and Daniel 3:18.

Asher Grogg is the son of Gavin and Kasey Grogg. He is homeschooled with his brothers and sisters. He enjoys paleontology, fishing, and acting class. He is in eighth grade this year.

Kendal Grubb is an eighth grader at Fredericktown Middle School. She attends church with her parents, Cale and Gloria, and her younger brother Johnston. She plays volleyball and softball and participates in 4-H.

Mary Lee attends church with her step mother Kristine and formerly attended with her late father David. She attends the Knox County Career Center in the Collision Repair program. She likes many different types of music and her favorite season is fall. She also enjoys the time she spends baking with Rachel Blevins.

Leah Lindeman attends church with her parents Todd and Kristine. She is a varsity cheerleader and runs track at Fredericktown High School, where she is a freshman. Leah is also involved in 4-H and enjoys skiing and snowboarding. Her future goal is to continue pursuing her relationship with God.

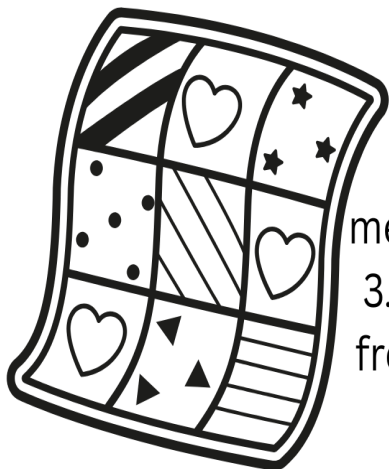
Reid Overholt plays three sports at Fredericktown Middle School. He also attends Lifewise. He comes to church with his mom and dad, Jake and Ashley, and brothers Graham and Dane. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 28:7.

Brinley Randall is a freshman at Lexington High School. She enjoys spending time with friends and taking care of her goats. She likes the Ohio State Buckeyes. She attends church with her parents, Kyle and Sara, and her grandma Diane.

Natalie Randall is a senior at Lexington High School. She attends church with her parents, Kyle and Sara, and her grandma Diane. She is involved in youth group and was instrumental in organizing our Operation Christmas Child collection. Her future goals are to be a great teacher, wife, and mother.

Serena Rock is the daughter of Byron and Jill Rock. She enjoys diamond painting and the Ohio State Buckeyes. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11. She is homeschooled and is in the 10th grade. Serena is involved in 4-H.

Kaira Ruggles is a senior at Fredericktown High School. She participates in the marching band and competitive cheer. She attends church with her "grammy" Carol Ruggles, and her great grandparents Morris and Sue James. She can often be found chasing her young cousins who absolutely adore her. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.



Prayers & Squares will be meeting on April 1, May 6, June 3. We meet in the Great Room from 9 -10:30. Please join us in tying knots and praying.

Emmaus Walks

Over the age of 60 and would like to attend an Emmaus Walk, but don't want to sleep in a dorm? Face to Face is made just for you. Face to Face Encounter #10 will be held Aug. 11, 13, 18, 20 from 8:00 - 4:00 at Ontario United Methodist Church. If you would like to attend, please contact Kathy Toms for more information.

Women - the Women's Emmaus Walk will be held Oct. 15 -18.

Please see Kathy Toms if you are interested. The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives.

Healing Broken Hearts Bereavement Ministry

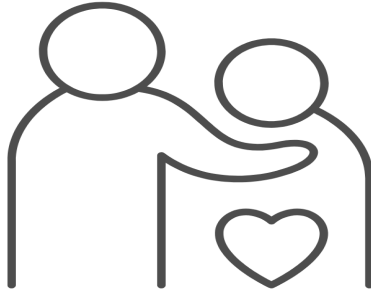
We no longer meet monthly but this team follows those at Cornerstone who have lost a loved one with letters of support and informational articles to give some guidance in their grieving and mourning journey for one year. This team can also meet with you one on one if you choose.

The process of grief and mourning is a difficult journey and we benefit from the support of others as we navigate the path. It takes time and you can have good days and then suddenly a "Grief Burst" comes and lays your day out with emotional pain. Allow these times to come and then refocus on a positive memory and God's love for you as you take this time to move forward in the new normals you must encounter.

Call Joyce Thomas,
Rachel Blevins or
Cindy Harvel for a
listening ear in your
difficult journey.

You are loved during
this difficult time,

Bereavement Team



Congregational Care

We are growing our outreach to the Cornerstone family with 28 now on the team. Forty people (some are husband and wife) receive a card each month with a cheerful greeting and support given.

Some receive communion at their request and yet others are visited by several members. More receive calls and perhaps are serenaded by a song or two.

There are also some members who send cards of "Thinking of You" as they offer a cheery note to someone they know or may have had surgery or an illness. There are even folks who will take someone for a ride to enjoy some time outside.

Other members are observant in the 2 services and offer support as they greet people who may have a need. Two wonderful ladies are also helping me now to help with the increased numbers we are so blessed to be caring for.

As you can see our congregation at Cornerstone is involved in being the hands, feet and voice of Jesus as we care for each other. If you have a need for our ministry to attend to you or someone you know please let me know.

Caring for others because Jesus first loved us and cares for us as individuals and as a congregation,
Joyce Thomas and the Ministry team of Congregational Care

CORNERSTONE

April

Kids



**Philip
and the
Ethiopian**



**POWER
VERSE**

**"AND GOD WILL
GENEROUSLY
PROVIDE
ALL YOU NEED..."**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8



FLAMES

LIKE

FIRE



Bonnie Blessing



**Five
LOAVES
Two
FISH**



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Our Mission:

To raise children to know God's love
Leading them to seek, serve, and adore Him.



Small Group Hour
Sunday Mornings 10-11am
Jr Church
During 9 & 11:15 services



Bailey Myers, Annabelle Kerlinger and Leah Nadler have joined #CornerstoneKids Ministries Jr Church leaders!

Bailey is also an EPIC leader!



Acolytes!



EPIC

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Every Wednesday

4-5pm

MUST SIGN UP!!!

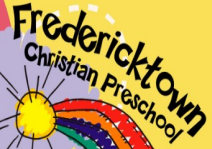


EPIC will resume on
April 8th and continue
through May 6.



FREDERICKTOWN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Preschool Enrollment



Fredericktown
Christian Preschool

A Bright Beginning for Your Child!

Give your little one the best start on their learning journey! Our preschool offers a warm, nurturing Christian environment where children grow, explore, and thrive.



Why Choose Us

- Engaging, Bible & play-based curriculum
- Caring and experienced teachers
- Safe & stimulating learning spaces
- Social, emotional, and academic development



Now Enrolling for 2026-27

For more information & registration:
Facebook- Messenger

call 740-694-5806 ext 4

or email cpreschool@cornerstonefredericktown.com



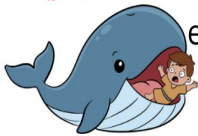


KID ZONE

The Kid Zone Nursery is for newborns through preschoolers. We provide a fun place to learn about Jesus during both worship services. During the small group hour, we take a BIBLE ADVENTURE! We learn our verse and the answer to the question of the month. The Kid Zone is also open on Wednesday nights during the IGNITE worship services.

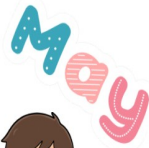


God is
with me
everywhere I
go!



SMALL GROUP HOUR

God
protects
me!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Date	9:00 Service	11:00 Service
Apr 5, 2026	Matt & Jessica Moore	Emily Carter
12 Apr 2026	Leslie Ruggles & Laurey Grogg	Dakota & Marissa Hamilton
19 Apr 2026	Bailea Myers & Emily Carter	Hunter & Montana Huvler
26 Apr 2026	Dan & Sarah Mull/ Emily	Elizabeth & Leah Napier
03 May 2026	Bethany Goeppinger & Madi Bender	Lynnea Clevenger & Leah L
10 May 2026	Heather Miller & Emily Carter	Emily Carter
17 May 2026	Caleb & Ashlyn Carter	Cale & Gloria Grubb
May 24, 2026	Larry Andrejewski & Emily Carter	Emly Carter
May 31, 2026	Emily Carter	Susan Grogg & Kasey Grogg

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled week, please try to switch with someone. If you cannot find a replacement, please reach out to Emily.

Truly Grateful for you.





Center FOR Christian Virtue

***Prayer at the Statehouse* is an opportunity for pastors and other Christians to gather for prayer and praise, and to connect with state lawmakers.**

Sponsored by the Center for Christian Virtue

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

In this 90-minute quarterly experience at the Statehouse, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, you will get to:

- Sing worship music in the heart of our Ohio government
- Learn from the CCV team and General Assembly members about the issues being debated at the Statehouse
- Pray together with pastors from around the state
- Receive a keynote exhortation from a guest pastor
- Enjoy complimentary coffee, water, and a light snack

Additionally, if there is opportunity after the event, you can step into any committee hearing at the Statehouse to see our legislators at work!

This event is free, but you must register ahead of time. Go to www.ccv.org/prayer.

****Pastor Jerry has been asked to participate as one of the pastors who will be leading the prayer time. Please join us in attending!****



**Our Annual Fundraising Banquet:
No Gift is Too Small, is filling up fast! Be sure to
reserve your spot today!**

Event: Annual Fundraising Banquet

Date: Thursday, April 9th, 2026

Time: 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Place: Ariel Arena

800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon

**You can register by visiting
www.friendsofksp.com/2026-banquet
or call or text Jess at 740.393.5074**



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