



The Slifers Strides



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“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” ~ Romans 12:12

Patience is something that has been talked about quite a bit recently in our family. Our son, Paul, has been reflecting quite a bit on what he has learned over these past 4 years during college on being patient in life when roadblocks are thrown his way. This is something that we all deal with in life and sometimes we do a better job with it than other times.

Paul’s most recent roadblock on being patient came about 3 weeks ago when he got up on a Wednesday morning and tried to turn on his computer, and it would not turn on. Now you have to understand that this computer was a graduation present in High School and has been a total workhorse for him these past 4 years as it has sat by his side on the sidelines at football games, track meets, basketball games, golf matches, and so many other places he has been taking pictures and videos during his time at the University of Oregon. As a mom, I have to admit that my heart fell when I initially heard about this as he had about 6 – 9 months of work on it he had not backed up. My heart fell again when the Apple Genius bar told him it was toast. So, suffice to say that his college graduation present now will also be a new computer.

During all this Paul reflected to us that he realized, as crestfallen as he was, that there really was nothing he could do about this. He said if this would have happened a few years ago it would have been very different how he would have reacted. Thanks be to God for that! Well, he now has had to be patient even longer because since this all has happened his computer has been sent off to a company in New York to see if they can get what they can off of his hard drive. As of writing this, we have yet to hear if they can. More time to be patient and wait.

In Galatians 5:22-23 the fruits of Spirit are mentioned and, patience is one of the fruits of

the Spirit. One of the most popular verses on patience in the Bible comes from the tiny book of James. It is James 1: 3-4 and it says this, “for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure. Make sure that your endurance carries you all the way without failing, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” So, when hardships hit us, because they will, none of us are immune to hardships, we need to lean on God as patience is an important aspect of our relationship with God and our relationships with others.

There also is a verse in Colossians that speaks to being patient in our interactions with others. Colossians 3: 12-13 and it says this, “You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you.”

The Bible has many verses in it that teach us about patience, reminding us that patience is an important part of our spiritual walk and our relationships with others. By cultivating patience in our lives, we then can become more Christ-like; and we can also then reflect Christ’s love to the world around us. Where in your life might you need a bit more patience? Christ will help you if you just pray and reach out and ask for help. And remember, just as we hear in the letter to the Philippians 4:6, “Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.”

Love the Journey,

Pastor Kazy

Radical Hospitality

WINGS MEETING

will be on
Tues. June 2nd at 3 pm.

No Session Meeting in June

Next Session will be
July 12th after worship

“THE LADIES CIRCLE”

Will meet on June 16th in the Church Library at 10:00 am. Barb Leis will lead lesson 2.

July 21st, the Ladies Circle will meet at 11:30 am at the Dixie Diner for lunch together.

There will no Ladies Circle meeting in August.

PTL

There will be no PTL dinners in June or July. They will resume in either August or September.

Muffins with the Minister

There will be no Muffins with the Minister in June. They probably will not be scheduled either in July as there is another event planned for that morning. We will advise you if they get scheduled for July.

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Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Will be held on Sunday, June 7th. Our Sunday School teachers are: Janice Kronour, Carolyn Leatherman, William Longman, Barb Leis, and Linda Suttman.. We are very blessed to have these dedicated teachers here at Slifers.



2026 Graduates

On Sunday, June 7th, we will also recognize the accomplishments of our 2026 graduates.

The High School graduate is Wyatt Johnson and College Graduates are Paul Hinds, Sarah Cole, and Justin Michael.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Something New!

On July 19th, we are scheduled to have a “Picnic in the Pews”

We will be reaching out to you with more info about this.

We will have a sign up sheet in the front of church soon to hopefully get an approximate number of attendees and also ask if they have any type of dietary restrictions.

Stay Tuned!

Passionate Worship



- June . 7th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 Communion
 Rev. Kazy Hinds preaching
- June 14th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Elder Michele Slone preaching
 Rev. Kazy on vacation
- June 21st 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Rev. Kazy Hinds preaching
- June 28th 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Rev, Kazy Hinds Preaching

Our Thanks to Sara Keener and her grandson Scott Caley on the fabulous duet played in the May 31st Service

Virtual Worship

Some of you may be wondering how things are going with our virtual worship services. How many people are watching? Is this something we will be continuing? Of course, the Session will be making the decision about continuing the virtual services, but below is a snapshot of how many viewers we have each week. While we can't tell how many people are watching each "view," or if they watch the entire post, Facebook does count the number of views, so here are their counts since posted in the last Strides

Date	Views
4-19	106
4-26	128
5-3	197
5-10	176
5-17	N/A

SLIFERS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE Sunday, May 24th 2026

We continued our tradition of having Memorial Day recognition on Sunday, May 24th. This year instead of the traditional Flower Cross (due to lack of fresh cut flowers) we had red, white and blue carnations available to put into a basket, Members during the service were able to come forward and put a flower in the basket for the loved ones they had lost and wished to have remembered. After the service the basket was placed near the cross on the hillside by Holp cemetery. See a photo of the cross in the inserts.

Welcome to New Member of Slifers
Welcome and congratulations to
Jordan Shell and his recent
Confirmation.

(See insert for photos)

CRAFT HOUR MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Slifers will be participating again in the Summer lunch program at the Farmersville Cafe. We have August and will be responsible for distribution of children's lunches on August 4, 6, 11, and 13. On August 6 and 13 we will also offer a craft and/or story.

We need about 4 people per day. Please let Amy Cline know if you are available to help! This is a very rewarding opportunity to meet and greet some of the neighbors in our community. Lunches are free on those days for ALL children.

Extravagant Generosity



Community Vacation Bible School Theme: "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"

Please hold the date of
Saturday, June 27th from
9 am – 12:00 pm for

Vacation Bible School
VBS will be open for children from
Kindergarten through sixth grade.
Free for Everyone

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
282 South Broadway Street
Farmersville

Sponsored by the:
Valley View Ministerium.

See flyer insert for more details.

Diana Hunn Memorial Scholarship

Five seniors were awarded the \$1,000 Diana Hunn Memorial Scholarship for the 2026 college year. Three students were from New Lebanon High School and two students were from Valley View High School.

July Deadline

Please submit any info for the July Strides to the office by Tuesday, June 23rd

CAMP U{PDATE

Donations for June are granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, and toilet All cleaning, personal & paper products are always welcome anytime. A plastic container is in the hallway to collect the various items for CAMP.

New Lebanon Food Pantry Monthly Collection

Collection items for June are canned vegetables and potatoes. A collection box is available in the hallway. If you have any questions regarding the program and/or donations, please contact Carolyn or Paul Leatherman.

Online Donations; Slifers can now accept online donations via a convenient link on our website. Donations are securely managed by the Presbyterian Foundation's online giving portal. We pay a 2% fee on all donations.

Visit the website to donate.

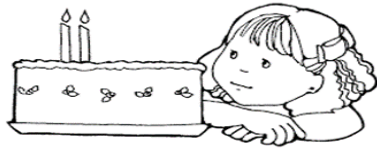
<https://www.sliferschurch.com/donate>



APRIL	2026	2026 YEAR- TO-DATE
Beginning Balance	\$ 30,709.28	
April Income	\$ 6,732.02	\$ 27,078.44
April Expenses	\$ 18,656.37	\$ 63,502.35
Ending Balance	\$ 18,784.90	

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

BIRTHDAY CAKE MINISTRY



Thank you all for your continued support of the birthday cake ministry.

We are supplying CAMP and the New Lebanon Food Pantry with 4 birthday cakes packages each per month. They say their clients love them and are always so thankful for Slifers faithfulness.

Please continue to bring cake, mixes, candles, 12 oz cans sprite (especially when they are on sale!). There are many people who are enjoying this special blessing!

School Supplies

Slifers will be once again helping school age children by participating in the National Night Out on 8/4/26 this year.

We will be supplying pocket folders for the children. We will be collecting these folders through Sunday, July 26th. Please bring them to church by that date.

Thank you so much for your support of this worthy cause for our local students .

Linda Stebbins Suttman will be participating in this event.
Thank you again for your generosity.

Outdoor Worship and Carry-In Picnic on Sunday, June 28th

Outdoor worship will be held behind the church. The picnic will be held behind the church and in the church basement. The Session will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the front of church. Please bring a dish to share or a dessert. .Hope to see you there!

Slifer Annual Car Show

will be held on Saturday, September 19th. More info coming on this Annual Event

Take Me Out to The Ballgame!



We will be going to the Dragons Game on Thursday, July 23rd. Game time is 7 pm. We have a block of tickets held. The cost is \$13 per person. We already have 14 people signed up, but we still have room if anyone wants to join us for this fun evening. Please sign up on the flyer on the table at the front of the sanctuary or send an email to the office at Sliferspresbyterian.com or leave a message on the recorder at 937-696-2840.

We must have your money for the tickets by June 21st to pay for the tickets.

Hope you can come!

Thanks, Marcia Glenn



Clerk of Session

Janice Kronour

Administration Commission

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)
Carolyn Leatherman (2026)

Personnel Committee

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)
Carolyn Leatherman (2026)

Budget & Finance Committee

Greg Shell (Treasurer) (Chair 2027)
Paul Leatherman (2026)
Carolyn Leatherman (2026)
Jason Shell (Financial Secretary)

Property Committee

Greg Shell (Chair 2027)
Chris Bland (member-at-large)
James Glenn (member-at-large)
Karl Kaylor (member-at-large)
Omer Keener (member-at-large)
Brett Ney (member-at-large)
Jason Shell (member-at-large)
John Shell (member-at-large)

Nominating Committee (

Amy Cline—Session-Chairperson
(2026)
William Longman Congregation
Greg Shell (Session)
P.W. Sandy Dunwoody

Christian Education Commission

Linda Suttman (Chair 2026)
Barb Leis (member-at-large)
William Longman (member-at-large)

**Member Care & Outreach
Commissions**

Lisa Kasperski (Chair 2027))
Janice Kronour (2027)
Greg Shell (2027)
Cinda Shell (member-at-large)

**Worship & Music Commission
and Technology**

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)
Sandy Dunwoody (member-at-large)
Marcia Glenn (member-at-large)
Betty Penney (member-at-large)
Cinda Shell (member-at-large)
Sara Keener (Music)

Technology /PR

Holly Michael (Chair 2026)
Jason Shell (member-at-large)
Craig Gray (member-at-large)
Brett Ney (member-at-large)

Memorial Committee (3 yr. term)

Greg Shell (Treasurer)
Barb Leis (2026)
Eunice Hunter (2026)
Omer Keener (2027)
Andrew O'Diam (2027)
William Longman (2028)
Randy Leis (2028)

Trustee

Paul Leatherman (2026)
Janice Kronour (2027)

Nominating Committee (2026)

Amy Cline
William Longman
Greg Shell
Sandy Dunwoody



June 2026

Slifers Presbyterian Church

Farmersville, OH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 WINGS 3 pm	3 Book Club Out to eat	4	5	6 Kazy Off
7 9 am Adult Sunday School Church Worship 10 am Communion Virtual Worship 10:15	8	9	10 No Book Club During the Summer	11	12 Pastor Kazy on vac. June 12th to June 19th	13 ————— —————>
14 9 am /Adult Sunday School Church Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15 Elder Michele Slone preaching	15 —————>	16 Ladies Circle Meet 10 AM	17 —————>	18 —————>	19 Pastor Kazy back from Vac. —————>	20
21 9 am Adult/ Sunday School Church Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15	22	23 Info for June Strides Strides due to office	24	25	26	27 Vacation Bible School 9 am— 12 noon
28 9 am Adult/ Sunday School Church Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15	29	30				



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Our Statement of Mission

*“Prepare God’s Children to Love
and Accept Everyone with
Open Arms”*

Adopted 2025



Cross from Memorial Day on hillside at Holp Cemetery



Jordan Shell's Confirmation





Community Vacation Bible School

Theme: "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"

Saturday, June 27, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

282 South Broadway Street, Farmersville

Sponsored by the Valley View Ministerium

Free for Everyone!

All children Grades K-6 are welcome!

Older youth are encouraged to come be volunteer helpers

Snacks will be provided

A freewill offering for For Love of Children (FLOC) will be collected

No Pre-Registration is necessary; feel free to register upon arrival

Registration and Medical Release Forms are also available at Farmersville Christian Church; Farmersville United Methodist Church; St. Andrew Lutheran Church; St.

John's United Church of Christ; and Slifers Presbyterian Church

Please contact Pastor Jon Kibler at (209) 251-3223 or pastorjonkm@gmail.com,

or any of the pastors of the churches listed above for more information