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SESSION NEWS

By Jo Salvage, Clerk

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is beginning the important process of searching for new pastoral leadership for First Presbyterian Church. We are ready to post our Ministry Information Form (MIF) to send out the call for potential pastoral candidates. The MIF gives factual information about our church but also describes who we are as a church family. I would like to share some of what Session and the PNC have written about us.

Our mission at First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg is to proclaim and clarify the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith and love for Christ with each other, our community, and all humanity. We pledge to demonstrate God's spirit through worship, affirmations of faith, righteous acts, and service to those in need.

We have spirit inspired worship to understand and embrace God's message of hope for ourselves and the global community.

We seek to grow as followers of Christ and we strive to have lifelong discipleship formation.

We support social justice in our local community and the world. Through our actions within our local community and our global mission efforts we have a generous spirit.

Thanks be to God for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on December 13 to accept a resignation from Session and to nominate a candidate for Session.

Christian Education

By Julie Lindsey

Youth Group

An eager group of youth and adults met at Jan Martell's home for a very successful raking project. They supplied the raking skills while Jan kindly provided us with bottled water and festive fall cookies. Jan's dog, Einstein, enjoyed all the activity in his yard as the crew cleared the leaves to the street for pick up.



Christmas Pageant Dec. 13th

The directors are putting the finishing touches on the script for "A Very Mixed-up Christmas Pageant" which will be presented by our youth during the Sunday service. As always, we expect this to be a very entertaining and meaningful presentation.

Advent material will be available for your families very soon which can be picked up at the church or hand delivered to your home.

Adult Bible Study

By Selinda Schultz

Throughout this season of Advent, we're able to anticipate God's gifts to us and consider what they really mean. Over the four sessions of this study we will consider familiar texts from the book of Isaiah to reveal the gifts that God longs to give us and deeply desires for us to receive into our lives: peace, justice, joy, and salvation.

Come join us on Zoom to find the gifts of Peace, Justice, Joy and Salvation in the Advent Season. Call Selinda to receive the reading and Zoom invite! (419) 865-8383.



MISSION

Randy Phillips, Team Leader

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

PCU COLLECTION ITEM: December's item is Soup.



HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: There continues to be a need for Hygiene & Cleaning Products. Drop off site: the church vestibule. One site, two great causes!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: For those with good memories, this was collected back in March! After extensive detective work, I'm pleased to announce that the congregation generously donated \$925.00. Thank you for your donations!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Everyone should have received a letter in the mail. Collection period for this offering is November 29 thru December 20.

THE TABLE: “The Thanksgiving meal was a huge success at both Elm House and Louisiana House. Every recipient was extremely grateful for the meal” (Jill Schumacher, Administrator). A special thank you to Bethany Phillips Brown, for the beautifully designed Thanksgiving prayer cards she created that accompanied each meal.



Both Houses will receive the traditional Christmas Dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole and other fancy fixings on December 17th and 18th.

ANGEL TREE: Jan Martell had a wonderful idea with this mission, twenty plus years ago. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who adopted an Angel/Angels! Your Christmas gifts need to be returned by December 11th.

MANOR OF PERRYSBURG FLYER: The Thanksgiving theme; “Thankful, Grateful, and Blessed” was posted November 21st.

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2021 at 6:00pm

By Mary Beth Gilts

Stewardship and Finance

By Jack Simmons

2021 brings many more opportunities for each of us and for FPC to expand and continue our stewardship in our community, our programming, our personal faith, and our impact upon God's creation. We look forward to 2021 and the many new challenges we will face.

We ask you to help in the following ways:

- > *THE 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR PLEDGE*
- > *WE ARE FAR BEHIND THE 2019 CAMPAIGN AT THIS POINT IN TIME*
- > *PLEASE REFLECT ON THE NEEDS OF FPC AND PLEDGE GENEROUSLY*
- > *PLEDGES HELP US TO PROPERLY PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Marty Sloan



Transition Worship: Rev. Barbara Esterly will join our congregation as guest minister for Communion Sunday, December 6, 2020. The Annual Christmas Pageant will take place during worship on December 13, 2020. Rev. Pamela Short will return to serve as minister on December 20, 2020. For the last Sunday of the year, December 27, 2020, there will be a list of online Sunday worship services included with the bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. This list will include opportunities from the Presbytery and other local Presbyterian churches which you can view on Sunday, December 27, 2020 for a spiritual message.

Advent: Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. As is our custom, church families will be lighting the Advent Candle each week. This year the families have been equipped with a small advent wreath and candles for them to lead us via live on Zoom as a family from their homes with their devotional liturgy.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020 (time to be determined), we will enjoy a wonderful Zoom service livestreamed into our homes including Scriptures and Lessons and special music all included. Also, as is our custom, be sure to be prepared with a candle for each member of your family to light at the end when we will all celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by singing "Silent Night" together in darkness.

123Pray: (**NEW HOURS**) 123Pray service will again occur in our worship sanctuary on Tuesday, December 3, 2020. As many of you know, this is a safe and quiet setting for silent prayers and meditation as Vinny plays soothing music. 123Pray is now available through Livestream which you can access through our church website front page. The service will run beginning at 6:15 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Please note the service will begin running for 45 minutes. The church will be open at 6:00 p.m.

Flowers: Thanks to all who purchased Poinsettias for the Christmas season. The flowers will be displayed during the Christmas Eve service and will be delivered sometime during the Christmas weekend to your homes.



More Flowers: Please remember our worship service flowers during 2021. Attached is an order form for sanctuary flowers for the upcoming year. Please consider adding to the weekly beauty of our worship environment and an opportunity to honor your loved ones during 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CIRCLE THE SUNDAY YOU WISH TO HONOR
A LOVED ONE WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

2021

JAN.	3	FEB.	7	MAR.	7	APR.	NA
	10		14		14		11
	17		21		21		18
	24		28		28		25
	31						
MAY	2	JUNE	6	JULY	4	AUG.	1
	9		13		11		8
	16		20		18		15
	23		27		25		22
	30						29
SEP.	5	OCT.	3	NOV.	7	DEC.	5
	12		10		14		12
	19		17		21		NA
	26		24		28		26
			31				

COMPLETE AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN BULLETIN

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in memory/honor of _____

From _____

PLEASE SEND THIS CARD AND YOUR PAYMENT OF \$40.00
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE!

PAID: (CASH) (CHECK) DATE _____

SERVING CHART FOR DECEMBER, 2020

DEC	GREETER	HEAD USHER	MINISTER	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	OFFERING	COMMUNION PREPARERS	POWERPOINT
6		Stephen Potts	Rev. Barb Esterly	Jay Salvage	Christian Ed			
13		Stephen Potts	Children's Pageant	Mary Beth Gilts	Christian Ed			
20		Stephen Potts	Rev. Pamela Short	Gretchen Downs	Christian Ed			
27		Stephen Potts	Hymn Sunday	Don Youel	Christian Ed			

If you have a conflict with assigned date, please try to trade with another volunteer and inform Marty Sloan. Call 419.973.0623 or email mssloan107@me.com. If unable to resolve conflict, contact Marty as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to FPC.

SERVING CHART FOR JANUARY, 2021

JAN	HEAD USHER	MINISTER	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	OFFERING	POWERPOINT
3	Don Youel	Rev. Diane Christopherson	Rusty Phlegar	Christian Ed		
10	Don Youel	Rev. Luke Choi	Jon Grimm	Christian Ed		
17	Don Youel	Rev. Luke Choi	Kathy Jarosz	Christian Ed		
24	Don Youel	Rev. Luke Choi	Randy Phillips	Christian Ed		
31	Don Youel	Rev. Luke Choi	Allison Mackin	Christian Ed		

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Birthday Wishes

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2 David Sloan
Dec. 5 Thurid Campbell
Dec. 12 Sarah Crawford
Dec. 12 Pat Hayden
Dec. 12 Megan Matthews
Dec. 14 Sue Williams
Dec. 17 Rick Gilts
Dec. 20 Tom Mackin
Dec. 22 Eileen Phillips
Dec. 22 Cathy Robinson
Dec. 23 Lizzy Crawford
Dec. 23 Abbey Youel
Dec. 24 Walter Celley
Dec. 26 Jerry Walcher
Dec. 28 John Jarosz
Dec. 28 Jim Gilmore
Dec. 28 Beau Merrell
Dec. 28 Kate Merrell
Dec. 29 Rick Modrzynski
Dec. 30 Nancy Gates

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1 Alexandria Hope
Jan. 2 Amy Konz
Jan. 12 Ross Martin
Jan. 14 Kay Traver
Jan. 16 Margot Quick
Jan. 18 Melinda Gallant
Jan. 18 Martha Gluth
Jan. 21 Helen Haas
Jan. 23 David Traver
Jan. 25 Patrick Sheridan

If you have a birthday that is not listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please remember these members and friends in your daily prayers:

Betty Brainard
Eva Lengel
Rick Modrzynski

Dorothy Darr
Geraldine McGue
Pat Sheridan
Ed & Sue Williams

ADDRESS CHANGE

Gillian Mitchell
9390 Grand Falls Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32244

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:15 123Pray	2	3 6:30 pm Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship/ Communion 11:30 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	7	8 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Session	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 am Worship/ Christmas Pageant/ Congregational Mtg.	14	15 10:00 am Bible Study	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Worship	21 4:30 pm Stewardship/ Finance Team Mtg.	22 10:00 am Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve Service (time TBA) Church Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas! 	26
27 10:00 am Worship On-line options available	28	29 10:00 am Bible Study	30	31 New Year's Eve		

December Newsletter

Service Times:

9:00a.m. **Adult Bible Study (Sept. thru May)**

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

**Children are excused during the worship
service to attend Sunday School**

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month

Session Members

Jo Salvage – Clerk

Nancy Gates, Co-Clerk

Melissa Cain, Co-Clerk

Kathy East

Jim Gilmore

Mary Beth Gilts

Jeff Kasza

Amy Konz

Allison Mackin

Randy Phillips

Jack Simmons

Marty Sloan

Staff

Pastor

Adult Education Director

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Music Director

Treasurer

Secretary

Financial Secretary

Custodian

Nursery Attendant

Selinda Schultz

Larry Stewart

Vinny Sauer

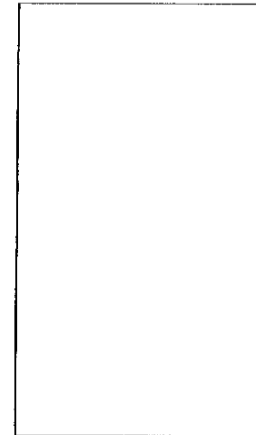
Don Youel

Linda Bristow

Tom Connolly

Jay Salvage

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