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A message from Pastor Katie

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jer. 29:11

Members and friends of 1st Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In order to make the newsletter deadline, I am writing this greeting to you at the end of my first week in the church office. I have been you minister all of three and a half days, here is my report. I have put my books on the shelves and some pictures around the office. I adjusted the chair lower so my knees fit under the desk (not sure this is the final seat height yet). I’ve spoken to a few of you on the phone. I’ve seen a number of you in person and on zoom (because I attended Bible Study). My Bible Study book should arrive to Gathering Volumes on Friday. And Linda and I agreed that we are probably going to just shout at each other from our desks, but I keep forgetting and sidle up to her while she is working. By next week she will probably have installed an intercom system like on the Carol Burnett Show and I will be able to buzz her and say, “uh, Mrs. aWhiggens . . .”

The takeaway here is that I am having a great time. You all have made Juan Pablo and me feel so, so welcome. The words, “Thank you,” do not seem up to the task of conveying the volume of gratitude I want to bestow on you all. Thank you, Mission Team for the gift. Thank you, Abbie for the welcome card. Thank you, Jay and Don for delivering the furniture piece. Thank you, Allison & Tom, Jo & Jay, and Nancy & Robb for the meals and little gifts. You should all quit your day jobs, the food you brought was perfect. And thank you to all of you for your patience in waiting an extra week for Juan Pablo’s and my arrival. We really needed it.

We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better. I am intent on serving you pastorally. It is a shame that we are in a covid surge at the moment, but the experts think it shouldn’t be too long before it peaks and diminishes. And the flu is also surging right now, but we are a little more used to that one. If you are in need of pastoral care before I have a chance to touch base with you, please contact me. Do not convince yourself that I am too busy. I am not too busy yet. It is a good time.

As I settle in, I will figure out my office schedule, meeting schedule, days off, etc. I need a few weeks to figure out what will work best, but I will be sure to publicize my schedule when it is set. We are working on my church email address and getting me active on it. And we intend to work on the church phone messages that are a bit out of date. Pray for us!

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for welcoming me so beautifully,
Pastor Katie

Christian Education

By Julie Lindsey

With a new year comes new beginnings. Our youth welcomed Pastor Katie and Juan Pablo with hand made cards that they created while listening to her first sermon. It was a memorable day for everyone.

We are now holding Jr. Worship classes in the classrooms downstairs. 2nd graders and under will be in the first classroom. They can look forward to lively activities, crafts, Bible stories, and singing.

Our older youth will meet in the former adult study room. The room has been freshened up with banners and posters that will help in their lessons. A new, age appropriate curriculum is being used to bring the lessons alive with more in depth studies of people and events in the Bible. This new space includes equipment that will allow us to use videos and games to enhance the lessons.

We are all excited for this new year, new Pastor, new study space, and new lessons with our old and new friends.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Selinda Schultz

Our growing study group is almost halfway through our journey through the Bible with Rachel Held Evans' book, *Inspired*. We have joined her quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. We will continue our thoughtful discussions through the month of February looking at Wisdom, Resistance, Gospel, Fish, and Church Stories.

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10AM either on Zoom or in person for an hour of lively conversation about our Bible. Call Selinda at 419 865-8383 for more details.



MISSION

Randy Phillips, Team Leader

“Love in action is service to the world.” Lynne Namka



FEBRUARY'S PCU COLLECTION ITEM: Hamburger Helper.

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: Hygiene & Cleaning Products.

Drop off site: Church vestibule. One site, for both in need!

PCU UPDATE: The client numbers are fluctuating. The donations continue to be good.

New Hours: Monday 1–2:30 PM Friday 9–10:30 AM

COFFEE CAKE MINISTRY: The chef has expanded the menu to include cookies. In December, a beautiful, long-time member received cut-out sugar cookies. Thank you, Eileen, for brightening her day!

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In December, 3 individuals received a \$25.00 gift card. One also was given two bags of groceries.

THE COCOON: Mission purchased \$240.00 of items on their “wish list”. Bed linen, towels, washcloths, hygiene/cleaning products. etc.

BACKPACKS FOR HUMANS: This project for the homeless, started in July 2020, bringing humanity to the community. They meet every Sunday at Uptown Green Park, in Toledo, receiving both a meal and a backpack full of essential items. Spending \$200.00, Mission purchased 22 pairs of men's long underwear and 10 combs.

SAFETY NET: Located at the Zepf Center in Toledo, it is the only shelter serving runaway and homeless teenagers in Northwest Ohio. A \$300.00 cash donation was given.

PERRYSBURG WELCOME WAGON: Of course, this no longer exists, but I'm sure a few of us might remember it! Mission purchased \$200.00 of Meijer's gift cards on behalf of the congregation so Pastor Katie and Juan Pablo can stock up their refrigerator, cupboards, or any other needs.

MISSION MEAL: Menu: Chili, cornbread, applesauce, and brownies. Date **moved** to Wednesday, 23rd for Louisiana House and Thursday, 24th Elm House. The Mission team will be providing all food items.

LOOKING AHEAD: One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering to help Hunger, Disaster, and Development worldwide. Kick off date is March 2, and continues until April 17th.

NOSA GIFT CARDS: Total sales in January was \$2135.00. A lot of THANK YOU'S to all of you!

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2022 at 6:00PM.

By Mary Beth Gilts

A message from Session

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

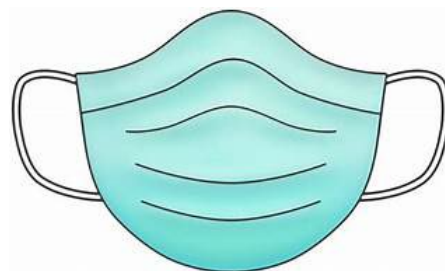
Session reviewed our Covid protocols during its January 11, 2022 meeting because of the recent surge in the new Covid variant that has affected public health and safety. ***Effective immediately Session is requiring that masks be worn at all times when in the church building.*** We are aware that other area churches are taking similar

precautions, some even returning to on-line worship only. We will post signage on all doors and have masks available at all entrances into the church. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate safely through the pandemic.

Please Note: Session will review Covid protocols related to current events at the February Session meeting, and subsequent Session meetings as needed.

In Christ,

Session of First Presbyterian Church



WORSHIP/MUSIC

By Marty Sloan



Welcome to Pastor Katie!: Pastor Katie began leading us in worship with a wonderful service on January 23, 2022! Everyone celebrated after church in Fellowship Hall with tasty refreshments provided by Allison Mackin! All are encouraged to participate in this exciting new life at our church!

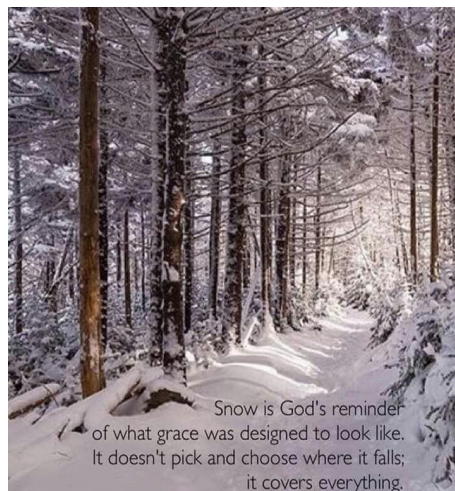
Selinda Schultz has recently agreed to assume the responsibility of changing the Communion Table cloths pursuant to Presbyterian calendar. Thank you Selinda!

After recently discovering some discoloration on the White Communion Table cloth, the team discussed that the white cloth had been dry cleaned many times and the “stain” remained. We are blessed by Nancy Gates who purchased and donated a beautiful new White cloth to FPC. Thank you, Nancy!

Music: Jordan Karrigan continues to serve as our musician in 2022. Jordan will complete his Master’s Program in Music at BGSU and is in the process of applying for positions in musical performance.

Lent: On Wednesday, March 2, 2022 the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. This 40 day period for Christians is a time to reflect, fast, and give penance in preparation for the resurrection of Christ Easter Sunday – this year on April 17, 2022.

Flowers: Please remember to consider signing up for altar flowers for a Sunday in 2022 – Sign up sheet and order forms are on the bulletin board. Please note that the charge for ordering altar flowers has increased to \$50.00. Julie Lindsey and Margot Quick have volunteered to pick up the flowers from the florist, saving the church a \$10.00 delivery charge.



SERVING CHART FOR FEBRUARY, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	JR. WORSHIP LEADER	POWER POINT
6	Don Youel	Lowrie Gilmore / Carole Sprague	Allison Mackin	Sarah Magoun	Sarah M./ Kathy E.	Nancy Gates
13	Don Youel	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Kathy Jarosz	Pastor Katie	TBD	TBD
20	Don Youel	Rhyn Davies / Isla Davies	Stephen Potts	Kathy East	TBD	Marty Sloan
27	Don Youel	Linda Simmons / Abbie Simmons	Jack Simmons	Molly Chalfin	TBD	TBD

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 MARCH, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	JR. WORSHIP LEADER	POWER POINT
6	Stephen Potts	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Jon Grimm	Don Youel	TBD	Nancy Gates
13	Stephen Potts	Tom Stuart / Chris Stuart	Rusty Phlegar	Pastor Katie	TBD	Kathy Jarosz
20	Stephen Potts	Randy Phillips / Eileen Phillips	Rick Gilts	Gretchen Downs	TBD	Marty Sloan
27	Stephen Potts	Lowrie Gilmore / Carol Sprague	Kathy East	Melinda Gallant	TBD	Kathy Jarosz

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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am Bible Study	2 6:00 pm Mission Team Mtg.	3 6:30 pm Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship/ Communion	7	8 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	9	10	11 Annual Reports due in to the Church Office	12
13 10:00 Worship	14	15 10:00 am Bible Study	16	17 4:00 pm Finance/ Stewardship Team Mtg.	18	19
20 10:00 Worship	21	22 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm JoyBelles Annual Report Available	23 Mission Meal – Louisiana House	24 Mission Meal – Elm House	25	26
27 10:00 Worship Annual Congregation Mtg.	28 4:30 pm Congregational Life Team Mtg.					

Birthday Wishes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3 Ian Bova
Feb. 4 Priscella Bearden
Feb. 5 Jack Simmons
Feb. 6 Thomas Beebe
Feb. 6 Tom Stuart
Feb. 13 Rachael Youel
Feb. 15 Robert Duddy
Feb. 15 Eva Lengel
Feb. 17 Margaret Mackin
Feb. 20 Pastor Katie
Feb. 23 Sophia Walcher
Feb. 25 Allison Mackin

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 6 Pat Oberhaus
March 7 Earl Campbell
March 9 Selinda Schultz
March 10 Rhea Huling
March 17 Molly Miller
March 17 Rusty Phlegar
March 24 Geraldine McGue
March 28 Erica Hope

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:

Joe Brainard
Eva Lengel
Fay Mitchell
Rick Modrzynski
Pat Sheridan

Dorothy Darr
Geraldine McGue
Barb Modrzynski
Diana Oliver
Ed & Sue Williams

THANK YOU

Dick and Doris Currie would like to express their gratitude to everyone for the help, cards, phone calls, support and prayers they received during the time Dick and ill.

February 2022 Newsletter

Service Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Molly Chalfin

Mary Beth Gilts

Allison Mackin

Stephen Potts

Marty Sloan

Melissa Cain, Co-Clerk

Kathy East

Jon Grimm

Randy Phillips

Jay Salvage

Staff

Pastor

Adult Education Director

Musician

Treasurer

Secretary

Financial Secretary

Custodian

Nursery Attendant

Rev. Katie Rivera Torea

Selinda Schultz

Jordan Karrigan

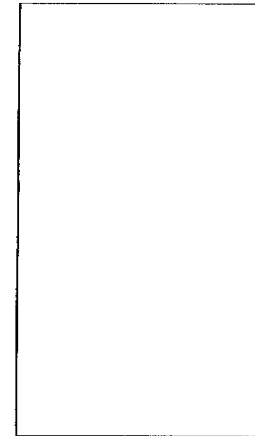
Don Youel

Linda Bristow

Tom Connolly

Kristin Burgoon

Kate Magoun



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