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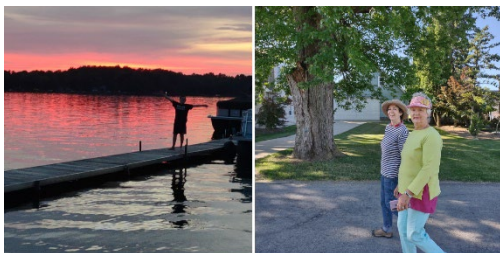
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Pastor's Page—July 2022

Siblings in Christ,

I am so glad to be home among you again! I had a wonderful time away. The study leave was invigorating.



Family vacation time was quite fun. And being home among you is definitely a blessing!

Gathering with family, I was reminded again how much we have all been through, are still going through, and how much we need to take time to be present to one another in healing and love.

My mother and her sister both came to the lake with stress-related ailments that attacked their bodies months after the stress events they went through. Both were dealing with real pain and impairment in their bodies because of trauma from months before. So it was quite uplifting to be able to notice incremental improvements in their bodies by the end of our week together. We had done well! We had rested together, we had played together, we had fed one another, and we had told our stories to one another.

How do we create this space for rest, play, nourishment, and telling our stories here at the First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg? How can we be part of creating this kind of space for those who need it in our community? How do we create space and time in our lives to say, “Yes,” to the opportunities that present themselves? The prophet Jeremiah lamented at the unrepentant conduct of the people of God and the consequences of their unrepentance saying, “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?” (Jer. 8:22).

Beloved siblings in Christ, we declare: “Yes! ‘There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul!’” (African American Spiritual). We bear the Holy Spirit among one another, and the Spirit revives. We have a sacred duty to bear the Spirit where it is needed around us. Thank goodness it is such a blessing to do so.

God bless you and keep you,
Pastor Katie



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First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg





Getting ready to head out for the parade



Jane Merrell on her bike

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Dylan Schuh is having a blast!



Fiona Davies is the chef for the day!



Marco and Ronin Chavez



Kate Merrell is tired after the parade

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Julie Lindsey

It was wonderful to be part of the Memorial Day Parade again. As you can see by the photos our church was well represented by friends, flags, sweet dogs, banners, a food truck, and a water well. This was the best participation we have had in years. It goes to show how our church community is strong, enthusiastic and doing good work in God's name.

1st Presbyterian Perrysburg Vacation Bible School 2022

FOOD TRUCK PARTY
ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

Friday, July 8, 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Bring the whole family for a free "food truck" themed meal, songs and bible story.

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 - 2:00
Drop off children for a day of music, songs, bible stories and crafts.

Sunday, July 10, 10:00 am
Children will perform songs they have learned during worship. We welcome family and friends to join us!

REGISTER HERE!

All Children Ages 4 - 10 Welcome ~ Free of Charge ~ Register at 1stperryburg.com

Alert...VBS "Food Truck Party..On A Roll With God!" is approaching First Presbyterian Church very soon. Tell your friends and neighbors that they are all welcome to join the fun and learn about how God provides, that God's love is endless, and that Jesus was a good fisherman and could cook up the catch of the Day!

Registration is on the church website and flyers are available by the banner outside. Our church wide African Well Project will be our VBS mission project. The children will learn more about the great need for clean water and that their efforts can help people around the world.

We would appreciate volunteers for registration on Friday evening starting at 5:15 and to help serve the meal at 6:00. Please contact a CE team member if you can help or have any questions.

During Junior Worship the children continually impress us with their perspectives and understanding of right and wrong and how to live a faithful life. Our God is working in this place.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Selinda Schultz

For July 2022, our Tuesday Morning Study Group will enjoy a three-session Bible study that uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. We'll discuss Old and New Testament readings as we consider the patterns we follow and how the pieces of our lives and communities are bound together in Christ. No actual sewing experience is required to participate in the study, so plan to join us even if you are not a quilter.

We will meet the first three Tuesdays in July at 10AM before we take a Summer break until September. Contact Selinda at 419-865-8383 to get a copy of our new study.



Randy Phillips, Team Leader

By Mary Beth Gilts

“There is nothing small in the service of God.” Saint Francis De Sales



JULY'S PCU COLLECTION ITEM: Pasta

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: Hygiene & Cleaning Products. Receptacles are located in the church vestibule.



PCU UPDATE: Total of 149 clients in April. “Stamp Out Hunger” is a yearly food drive by our local Post Office. They collected 2,568 pounds of food ! “Crisis Assistance” helped 22 households totaling \$5,000 !

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In May, five individuals were provided with \$25.00 gift cards.

THE TABLE IS RETURNING!!! HALLELUJAH! TABLE to begin “in-person” in August 2022 (with review of Covid numbers). Look for details next month!!

MISSION MEAL: The Mission Team prepared the last Mission Meal in June 2022 for the Elm House and Louisiana House residents. There will be no Mission Meal served in July 2022 as we will be preparing for our transition back to the TABLE!!

CABELL-LINCOLN COUNTY WORK CAMP: Work camp was cancelled for 2022!

MARION MEDICAL MISSION (MMM): Please continue to join the Mission and Christian Education teams in supporting this African well ministry! Help us to reach our goal of building 9 wells! –

REMEMBER - You can deposit any form of money in the “well”, located outside the sanctuary! Checks, cash, or coins are ALL welcome!!

NOSA CARDS: May's total was \$1,450.00. We are grateful for all your support!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – TROOP #10136: Girl Scout Troop #10136 has taken on a community service project to provide musical education for the Perrysburg Heights Community Center. The Mission team has gladly donated \$200 to the troop to help purchase musical items for a music cart. Please reach out to Lizzy Crawford if you would like to donate \$\$ (any amount large or small) to this worthy project! The musical items are to be purchased prior to the summer camp program scheduled for July 12 – 14, 2022!

WORSHIP/MUSIC

By Marty Sloan



Worship: Our congregation had the pleasure of witnessing the baptisms of Beckett and Nolan Craig (children of Lance and Megan Craig) on Sunday, June 5th. We welcome the Craigs into our church community! Since Pastor Katie began the work to obtain her Doctorate degree, we recently enjoyed hearing the sermons of guest ministers Rev. Barbara Esterly, Rev. Dr. Gavin Pitt and Rev. Melinda Gallant.

We are thankful our Pastor Katie is back with us in worship! July promises to be an exciting month with Vacation Bible School and additional fellowship activities reminding us of our current mission project, the Marion Medical Wells!



Music: At long last, we are excited to introduce our new Music Director, Steven Quinn Naylor. Steven will begin employment with our church on July 1, 2022. Steven graduated from BGSU with a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition and also a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance Specializing in Piano. Steven also has many years of experience participating in and directing choirs. Please be sure to extend a warm welcome to Steven!!

We encourage all members to consider providing an offering of music (solo, duet, small group) during the summer as special music. Be creative – all instruments are acceptable!! Steven is experienced and anxious to work with our musical talents of all kinds!

Flowers: Please consider purchasing flowers for a Sunday service in honor of / or in memory of someone special. Order forms are located on the hallway bulletin board.

SERVING CHART FOR JULY, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
3	Don Youel	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Molly Chalfin	Gretchen Downs	Nancy Gates	Julie Lindsey & Margot Quick / Jack & Linda Simmons
10	Don Youel	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Jay Salvage	Sarah M. & Julie L. VBS Presentation	Kathy Jarosz	
17	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Jon Grimm	Don Youel	Gretchen Downs	
24	Don Youel	Rick and Mary Beth Gilts	Allison Mackin	Sarah Magoun	Stephen Potts	
31	Don Youel	Tom and Chris Stuart	Sarah Magoun	Pastor Katie	Marty Sloan	

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 AUGUST, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
7	Don Youel	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Kathy East	Melinda Gallant	Nancy Gates	Tom & Chris Stuart / Randy & Eileen Phillips
14	Don Youel	Chelsea Grimm / Jackson Grimm	Mary Beth Gilts	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	
21	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Fay Mitchell	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
28	Don Youel	Allison Mackin / Jo Salvage	Susan Rowland-Miller	TBD	Stephen Potts	

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July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am Worship/ Communion 11:15 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	4 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:00 am Bible Study	6 6:00 pm Mission Team Mtg.	7 6:30 pm Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	8 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	9 10:00 am–2:00 pm Vacation Bible School
10 10:00 am Worship VBS Children Perform	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	13	14 4:00 pm Presby Pies	15	16
17 10:00 am Worship	18	19 10:00 am Bible Study (last day until September)	20	21 4:00 pm Finance/ Stewardship Team Mtg.	22 6:00 pm Cookout- Pool Party at Mackins	23
24 10:00 am Worship	25	26 6:00 pm JoyBelles	27	28 4:00 pm Presby Pies	29	30
31 10:00 am Worship						

SAVE the DATES!

From the Congregational Life Team



Friday, July 22

All families with school-aged children are invited to a cookout/pool party at the Mackin's house at 6:00 PM.



Sunday, August 14

Everyone is invited to meet at Fifth Third Field for a Mud Hens outing. (A sign-up sheet for tickets will be on the church bulletin board.)



Sunday, September 25

We will have an all-church picnic on the church lawn after worship.

Birthday Wishes

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Kathy Jarosz
July 3 Patti Watcher
July 9 Bailey Miller
July 9 Erica Gilts
July 12 Michael Hayden
July 13 Brenda Youel
July 17 Lee Schuh
July 18 Rose Mary Ebersole
July 18 Juan Pablo Rivera Torea
July 20 Phyllis Witzler
July 24 Becky Beebe
July 27 Kathy Celley
July 27 Lowrie Gilmore
July 27 Barb Modrzynski
July 31 Emily Cain

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 7 Keegan Miller
August 8 Madelyn St. Mary
August 11 Susan Schiffman
August 12 Randy Phillips
August 18 Marissa Smith
August 27 Jo Salvage
August 31 Fay Mitchell

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
Barb Modrzynski
Diana Oliver
Lois Rubright
Ed & Sue Williams

Dorothy Darr
Geraldine McGue
Rick Modrzynski
Mary Ellen Pratt
Pat Sheridan

FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

*My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13
I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32*

*Love, Your Dad ♡
...Almighty God*

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Contributed by Jack Simmons

July 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

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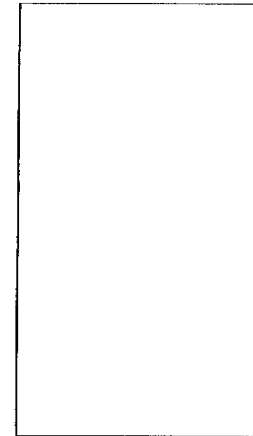
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