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Pastor's Page

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Hello First Presbyterian Church,

What a month was September! Wow! The church choir started back up, women's Bible study resumed, men's Bible study began, and I decided to withdraw from the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. I cannot say enough good things about the DMin program at PTS. They are wonderful. But it was drawing my energy and attention away from my work with all of you, the work to which God calls me. There are so many opportunities for continued education that will support my work with you, so I am not at all upset about the decision to withdraw from pursuit of a doctoral degree. I am, in fact, relieved and reenergized.

As a congregation we have a wonderful opportunity right now to move forward in the path Christ has set for us in service to him and our community. We have a full staff. That means we have very talented people (as you have already seen) in place to guide us in worship and Christian education for youth and adults. Let's take full advantage of the gifts God has provided us. Let's do our part to trust what God is making possible by making time to participate in the activities our leaders are providing for us. And let's make sure (having hoped for and asked for these leaders) that we make financial commitments to sustain them and the ministry of this congregation.

All month we will be talking about Stewardship. And the way we will be talking about it is through the idea of **Our Money Story**. Each Sunday in October we are going to tell the story of how our money is put to work in ministry in Christ's name. And we will focus our worship with the ideas of remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring. I hope you will spend some time wondering about that. What parts of our personal money stories are about remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring? And what parts of our church's money story are about remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring?



Please watch for a letter from the Stewardship Team the first week of the month. With it you will find not only a pledge card, but also a Time and Talents pamphlet. Although some of us are called to special service in the church, all of us, helping out together, are necessary for the fullness of Christ's ministry to unfold here. Is there some aspect of the life of this church that you could help further? The options and opportunities run the gamut from weeding the flower beds at the church to serving on the Session. And the great thing about a congregation our size is that you can very easily lend a hand. Are there people in the congregation who you have noticed are relied upon to a lion's share of work? Could you let us know that you have the ability to help them out?

On the October 23rd, we will ask you to make a financial pledge for the operations of the church in 2023. We will also ask you to make a time and talents pledge for participation in God's mission as it continues to unfold here through our congregation in Perrysburg, Ohio. God is providing for us. With joyful hearts, let's present ourselves for faithful participation.

Blessings and peace, *Pastor Katie*

2023 Stewardship Pledge Card



*Remember, Release,
Reimagine, Restore*

To support the work of the First
Presbyterian Church in Perrysburg, OH,
I pledge the following total amount for
the calendar year
2023 Total _____

Giving Cadence:

___ Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Annually

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please bring your pledge cards to
service on Pledge Sunday - October 23,
2022

Alternative options - Turn pledge card
into the church office during office
hours or mail to:

**First Presbyterian Church
200 East Second Street
Perrysburg, OH 43551**

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday

9 AM - 1 PM

- **Remember - Your pledge has been a major source of support for our congregation.**
- **Release - Your pledge has an impact that can reach far beyond our local community.**
- **Reimagine - Your pledge provides for our future.**
- **Restore - Your pledge is an act of worship.**

**(All gifts and pledges to First
Presbyterian Church are
confidential)**

*Join us as we proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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, and with our local and global community. We pledge to demonstrate God's spirit through worship, faith formation, fellowship, and service to those in need.

Our mission is to nourish our faith in order to make real *Christ's love for all people.*

How can FPC further assist with your faith and spiritual development?

What purpose/mission would you like FPC to serve in our local and global community?

First Presbyterian Church

FAITH • PURPOSE • COMMUNITY



2023 Stewardship Campaign Time & Talent Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please complete for Membership Directory)

TEAMS:

I'm on / I'm interested in joining:

- Christian Ed
- Congregational Care
- Congregational Life
- Building Management
- Mission
- Stewardship/Finance
- Technology
- Worship/Music

TASKS:

I help with/I'd like to help with:

- General tasks
- Prepare meals for church events
- Office/clerical assistance
- Substitute nursery care
- Set-up/cleanup at church events
- Collect/deliver donations/pick up supplies
- Special events

Christian Ed

- Children (Jr worship; Vacation Bible School)
- Provide Children's Message
- Youth (youth group; special events)
- Adults (Bible Study; Community Conversations)

Congregational Care

- Visit shut-ins
- Outreach to visitors
- Prayer chain
- Coffee Cake ministry
- Provide rides to church & events

Other gifts I can share with the church:

Congregational Life

- Join a Table for Six group
- Host Fellowship Hour
- Help with a fellowship event
- Joy Belles
- Prepare food for special events

Building Management

- Emergency building needs
- Maintenance and repair projects
- Building users & renters communications assistance
- Unload/sell Christmas Trees

Mission

- Assist the Table
- Participate in local mission projects
- Help at Perrysburg Christians United
- Promote special offering campaigns

Stewardship/Finance

- Year-round stewardship education
- Assist with annual giving campaign
- Bake/sell Presby Pies
- Sell NOSA cards

Technology

- Assist with church communications (website/Facebook)
- Assist with live-streaming church services

Worship/Music

- Serve as liturgist and/or greeter/usher
- Serve communion
- Sing in choir
- Provide special music
- Prepare PowerPoints

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Julie Lindsey

This weekend, Sept. 24th and 25th, will be a fun and busy time for all ages of our congregation. Brats eating and sales will be on Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. during the citywide Perrysburg Homecoming Festival. Everyone is encouraged to participate by volunteering to set up, serve, sell, and clean up. Of course, enjoying a delicious brats is also recommended. There will be some live hot dogs (costumed youth) walking around promoting the sale!

If you didn't get enough brats on Saturday you have one more opportunity during the church picnic on Sunday after service. **During the picnic we will be having the much anticipated push up and free throw challenge to raise funds for youth activities throughout the year.** There is still time to sign up to show your strength and skill or just show the MONEY!!!! After the picnic the youth and adults will walk across the street to Elm House to spread some mulch to spruce up their landscaping. Equipment will be provided but you may want to bring your own work gloves.

October curriculum will be focused on the Saints culminating in the Oct 30th All Saints Day service. Wait to see which Saints show up in our sanctuary each week. Youth will continue to stay in the worship service the 1st Sunday of the month to observe or partake in communion. The nursery will continue to be available for children 3 and under.

Our college students will be receiving gift cards and notes of encouragement from the congregation as they approach exam time. The cards will be available to sign during fellowship time and send out in early October.

Our Youth Director, Darcy, is hosting . . . **HOT PIZZA, HOT TOPICS starting October 16th from 5-6:30 p.m. for ages K-12.** We will have different activities to appeal to different ages. Our first activity will be decorating the Halloween shoot, bag candy, eat pizza, shoot hoops and do a craft along with the pleasure of being in fellowship with each other.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Selinda Schultz

During the month of October, the Tuesday Study Group will continue our exploration of the Spirit with the book, Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life. We are reading familiar Bible Stories and finding the Spirit's power and presence in ways we had never considered. This is exciting and eye-opening!

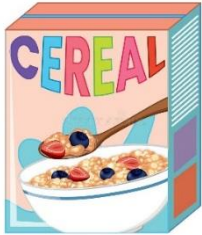
Come join our weekly discussions as we journey through this enlightening book. Copies are available. Call Selinda with any questions. 419 865-8383.



Randy Phillips, Team Leader

By Mary Beth Gilts

“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14



OCTOBER'S PCU COLLECTION ITEM: Cereal

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: In need of liquid hand soap.



Barb, a community member and volunteer, reached out and shared with Cecilia Richardson, that the center was in need of deodorant, toilet paper, and cleaning products. The delivery of, two previously overflowing shopping carts, of the essential items (total cost \$321.00) was greeted with overwhelming gratitude!

Donation receptacles located in the church vestibule.

PCU UPDATE: The clientele numbers are back up to Pre-Covid times. Twenty to twenty five clients shopping in a 1 1/2 hour period. The 577 Foundation supplied fresh produce throughout the summer.

COFFEE CAKE MINISTRY: Baked goods continue to be delivered, the average being two/month.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS: The donation period ended Sunday, October 2nd. The total of the gifts received is not available yet .

THE TABLE: Due to Covid, our last table on February 19, 2020, hosted 76 family and friends.

Last month, our first table since Covid, 46 attended. There was 38 that attended in September for the taco night..

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In August, seven individuals were given gift cards. The fund's current balance is \$273.00.. Anyone willing to donate to this fund, it would be gratefully appreciated!

NOSA CARDS; Thank you so much to everyone that purchased cards in September, totaling \$1,765.00.

NEXT MEETING: In person, Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:PM

By Mary Beth Gilts

WORSHIP/MUSIC

By Marty Sloan



Worship: October is our Stewardship Season! Pastor Katie will lead us through a Stewardship curriculum to assist us in focusing on our future goals for our church community.



Pastor Katie has begun a group spiritual practice "Pray and Meet as You Go." The 6-week opportunity is a 15-minute daily commitment for each person to do individually and keeping a brief journal with specific thoughts or feelings. The attendees are providing very positive feedback about their experiences with this individual prayer opportunity. All our welcome, just email Pastor Katie if you are interested.

Music: Hooray - The choir is back! At long last, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, our recently assembled choir delighted us with a charming anthem and beautiful music throughout the service. We thank Music Director Steven Naylor for his continued dedication and hard work!! We also sincerely thank each choir member for agreeing to share your musical gifts at First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg!! God is good!!

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. Alternatively, Church members are encouraged to consider bringing fresh flowers from their home gardens on Sunday morning to enhance the sanctuary.



BUILDING MANAGEMENT

By Stephen Potts

Maintenance and improvement tasks and activities are key to ensuring our beloved FPC is in top condition and part of our community for many years to come.

Starting in October there will be an updated task list on the bulletin board. Please check it and consider how you can help. ***Many hands make light work!***

October Spotlight:

- Weed Elm Street mulched areas
- Weed alley mulched areas
- Weed 2nd St. mulched areas
- Scrape, prime, and paint handrail on back steps
- Evaluate offers from electricity providers and natural gas providers vs. Toledo Edison and Columbia Gas
- Dig up the buried roof gutter downspout by the shed, clear the line, and restore flow
- Trim plants on all sides of the church

Please contact Don Youel or Stephen Potts for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible study group is meeting again on Sunday, October 2nd at 8:30 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke, using N.T. Wright's study guide. Breakfast provided. If you are interested in joining, Pastor Katie can help you get the study book. Let her know.

Join Us in a Card Shower!

In celebration of **Dorothy Darr's 100th birthday** on October 17th, we would like to shower her with happy birthday wishes. If you are able, please consider placing a card for her in the basket in Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting the birthday messages through Sunday, October 16.



Pastor Katie is looking for 4 people to go with her Sunday, October 16th, after fellowship hour to deliver the cards and a cake to Dorothy on behalf of the church. Please let her know if you are available.

ROSSFORD AFTER PROM FUNDRAISER

Rossford After Prom Committee is collecting every shoe type from flip-flops to cleats and everything in between. They have teamed up with Funds2Org to create a life changing difference in developing nations such as Ghana, Haiti and Cambodia! Every pair of shoes helps!

Go through your shoes, your kids' shoes and even ask your neighbors, try to collect as many pairs of shoes as possible, but are still in a wearable condition.



This collection will run September 1st through October 31st and you can simply drop your shoes in the collection box located in the coat room.

Please go through your shoes and donate today, every pair helps.

**Thank you,
Rossford After Prom Committee**

SERVING CHART FOR OCTOBER, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
2	Stephen Potts	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Allison Mackin	Darcy Metcalfe	Nancy Gates	Don & Brenda Youel / Jon & Chelsea Grimm
9	Don Youel	Tom Stuart / Chris Stuart	Jay Salvage	Darcy Metcalfe	Kathy Jarosz	
16	Stephen Potts	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Kathy East	Darcy Metcalfe	Gretchen Downs	
23	Don Youel	Marty Sloan / Jo Salvage	Jack Simmons	Darcy Metcalfe	Stephen Potts	
30	Stephen Potts	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Kathy Jarosz	Darcy Metcalfe	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 NOVEMBER, 2022

	HEAD USHER	GREETERS / USHERS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	POWER POINT	COMMUNION SERVERS
6	Stephen Potts	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Rusty Phlegar	TBD	Nancy Gates	Tom & Chris Stuart / Jack & Linda Simmons
13	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Michelle Chavez	TBD	Kathy Jarosz	
20	Stephen Potts	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Kathy Jarosz	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
27	Don Youel	Marty Sloan / Selinda Schultz	Randy Phillips	TBD	Stephen Potts	

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October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am Men's Bible Study Group 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:15 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study	5 6:00 pm Mission Team Mtg.	6	7	8 5:00 pm Shope Wedding Rehearsal
9 10:00 am Worship	10	11 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Mtg.	12	13 3:30 Worship/Music Team Mtg.	14	15 3:00 pm Shope Wedding
16 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Night	17	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19 5:30 pm The Table	20 4:00 pm Finance/Stewardship Team Mtg.	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship	24 5:30 pm Congregational Life Team Mtg.	25 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm JoyBelles	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Christian Ed Team Mtg.	31 Trick or Treat at FPC					

Birthday Wishes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 10	Lee Murr
October 12	Meagan Dennis
October 13	Linda Bristow
October 17	Dorothy Darr
October 17	Gretchen Downs
October 23	Melissa Cain
October 23	Jeff Kasza
October 23	Levi Grimm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 6	Mary Beth Gilts
November 6	Abbie Simmons
November 8	Macie Downs
November 8	Jane Merrell
November 12	Marco Chavez
November 12	Ronin Chavez
November 20	Mike Kelly
November 26	Phyllis Gogel
November 26	Susan Fyten
November 27	Kelly Schuh

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
Michael Kumbalek
Geraldine McGue
Rick Modrzynski
Pat Sheridan
Ed & Sue Williams

Dorothy Darr
Eva Lengel
Barb Modrzynski
Mary Ellen Pratt
Chris Stuart

October 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

Jack Simmons, Co-Clerk

Kathy East

Mary Beth Gilts

Jon Grimm

Allison Mackin

Randy Phillips

Stephen Potts

Jay Salvage

Marty Sloan

Staff

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Rev. Katie Rivera Torea

Adult Education Director

Selinda Schultz

Youth Director

Darcy Metcalfe

Music Director

Steven Naylor

Treasurer

Don Youel

Secretary

Linda Bristow

Financial Secretary

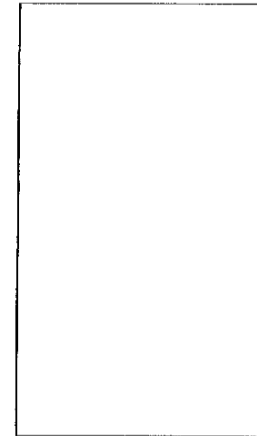
Tom Connolly

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