

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March-April 2023

Pastor's Page



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” —Isaiah 43:18-19

You know by now that my office has moved upstairs. I LOVE it up here. Don't hesitate to stop by and see me.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to check out the updates to the conference room. It is a great place to have a conversation with someone or for a Team meeting. There is AMPLE light in there now if you find the two rheostats by the door, click them and turn them up.

We thought we would move the church secretary's office up to that space, but it turns out that Amy is happy as a clam in the current office and wise people have agreed that we will keep that office set up the way it is. The upside to this is that I get all kinds of exercise bopping up and down the stairs.

We also thought that *Inspirations* (the daycare that rents space in our building) was going to begin using an additional room on the first floor. But they have let us know that they are not proceeding with that addition at this time. So you will notice that we have a very nice little set up of tables for meetings on the first level now too. Take advantage! Use the space!

Now, we decided to turn lemons into lemonade on the recent church email hack. The hacker cleared out our saved contacts. (Grr.) So instead of putting them all back into the church Buckeye email, we are switching the church office email and the pastor's email to Outlook.

ATTENTION: We are abandoning the presby.pburg@bex.net and pastorkrt@bex.net email addresses at church and now using office@1stpresbyterianperrysburg.com and pastorkrt@1stpresbyterianperrysburg.com.

Finally, I invite any of you who have been traveling with us as a congregation who are not members of the congregation to join me in the conference room during coffee hour on Sunday, April 23, to talk about why joining the church might (or might not) make sense for you right now. You will be helping me get a sense of what being part of this congregation is like for you and what your spiritual and missional hopes are. If that day and time don't work for you, get in touch with me. We can talk when it works for you.

Holy Week and Easter will be here before we can blink. I hope that the Lenten devotions and the worship theme have been useful to you. We have two mid-week services planned for Holy Week that should be about a half-hour long. Maundy Thursday will include a light dinner after worship. Good Friday will be outdoors if weather permits. I hope you will be able to join in worship all week long as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

God bless you and keep you, *Pastor Katie*

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

SEEKING: HOLY WEEK & EASTER



HOLY WEEK

4/2 Palm Sunday

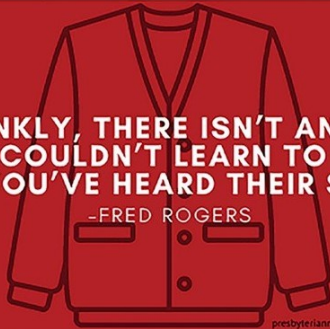
4/6 5:30pm
Worship in the
sanctuary & a
simple meal

4/7 5:30pm
Worship outdoors
if possible

4/9 EASTER

"FRANKLY, THERE ISN'T ANYONE
YOU COULDN'T LEARN TO LOVE
ONCE YOU'VE HEARD THEIR STORY."

-FRED ROGERS



[presbyterianmission.org/resource/a-beautiful-day-in-the-neighborhood-mr-rogers-day](https://www.pcusa.org/resource/a-beautiful-day-in-the-neighborhood-mr-rogers-day)

Plan to stay
after for
**PRETZEL-
PALOOZA**



This would
be a great
Sunday to
invite a
friend!



Mr. Rogers Day is March 20

Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and was a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation is worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children. March 20 was his birthday and the day that the PC(USA) has chosen to highlight all we can learn from his work.

It's a Beautiful
Day in the
Neighborhood!

**THIS SUNDAY!
MARCH 19!**

**WEAR A
CARDIGAN
SWEATER**



Congregational Care March 2023

By Marty Sloan, Chair

Members: Fay Mitchell, Melinda Gallant, Doris Currie, Carol Sprague, Eileen Phillips, Marty Sloan and Pastor Katie.

Special Prayers: Please keep families of Geraldine McGue, Rick Modrynski and James Haas in our prayers and remember to extend our loving hands as they adjust to their recent loss. In addition, Chris Stuart and

Janet Metcalfe underwent surgery in February and are in the process of recovery. Please shower them with loving prayers and notes of encouragement.

Spoiler Alert: Congregational Care and Congregational Life teams are in the process of scheduling a few topic and fellowship opportunities. The intent is to provide various speakers on topics specifically relative to our older members including discussions with questions and answers afterward.

Special Interest: On a recent visit with Dorothy Darr, a resident of Kingston of Perrysburg, Dorothy shared that she has not lost her interest in gardening. She discovered an old amaryllis bulb in a box that she had kept for many years. Dorothy planted the bulb in a pot with some dirt and water, thanks to God, it sprouted and is now blossoming quite frequently—much to Dorothy's delight!! Here is a picture of the proof!!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

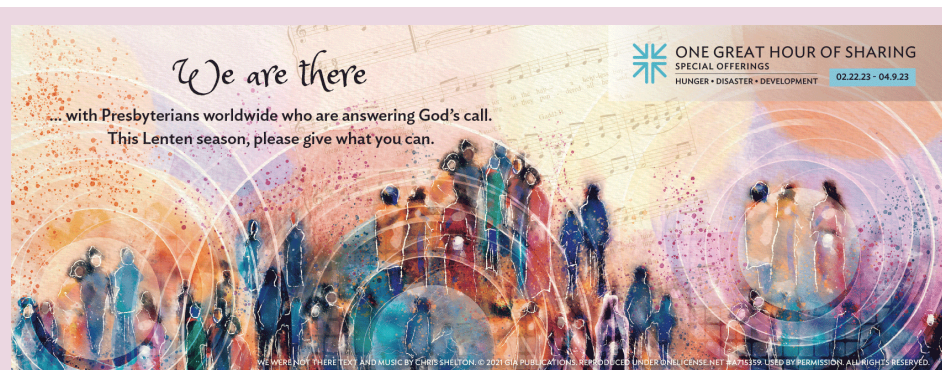
The Tuesday Morning Study Group will complete our enlightening journey through Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World* on April 4th during Holy Week. We will start our next, 6 week study, "Jesus Sees Women" on Tuesday, April 18th after taking a break on April 11th.

Jesus' interactions with women surprised those around him. He talked to, befriended, ate and celebrated with, and healed women. Jesus was revolutionarily different than others in his society in the way he saw women. These connections, as told through Gospel stories of unnamed women, are not only still relevant to our current climate, but they are essential to understanding the good news.

Get a copy of the readings from Selinda and join us on Tuesday mornings at 10AM.

Men's Bible Study continues every other-ish Sunday morning at 8:30am.

In April we will meet on the 16th and the 30th.



Remember that if you would like to donate to the PCUSA special offering of One Great Hour of Sharing through the church, our last day of collecting donations is Sunday, March 26.

Liturgists for March: Red Team

Mar. 19—Jay Salvage

Mar. 26—Kathy Jarosz

Liturgists for April: Green Team

Apr. 2—Randy Phillips

Apr. 9—Sarah Magoun

Apr. 16—Jo Salvage

Apr. 23—Rusty Phlegar

Apr. 30—Allison Mackin

Ushers through April:

Mar. 19—Randy & Eileen Phillips

Mar. 26—Doris Currie & Robb Gates

Apr. 2—Marty Gluth & Marty Sloan

Apr. 16—Lowrie G. & Carol S.

Apr. 23—Cecilia R. & Delbert D.

Apr. 30—Sarah & Lizzie Crawford



MISSION

Submitted by Mary Beth Gilts-Team Leader

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence." —Pope Francis

PCU COLLECTION ITEM: March's item is Pork & Beans. The collection of canned meat for "Feed the 5,000" continues throughout Lent. The Mission team is donating \$500.00 in honor of **Reverend Ron Martell**, who along with Betty Jacoby, initiated the PCU fifty years ago.

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: Hygiene & Cleaning Products. Drop off site: The church vestibule.

MISSION PLEDGE: \$1,500.00 (16% of budget) Presbytery \$1,050.00; Synod \$45.00; GA \$405.00
An additional pledge will be considered if more money is added to our budget.



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In February, four clients received help totaling \$100.00.

THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRY: Jay Salvage did a wonderful job enlightening our team on the philosophy and operation of this community resource. I am working on the possibility of having Joe Salata (Executive Director) give a presentation during Fellowship Hour.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special offering ends March 26. It is an opportunity to help so many individuals in need. Are your fish getting fatter?

THE COCOON: The presentation given by Kathy Mull (Executive Director) and assisted by Robin Guidera, was well received and attended.

THE TABLE: A huge THANK YOU to the Christian Education Team for hosting the February Table. You guys were amazing and so was the lasagna dinner! Total of 47 well fed individuals.

This month the Table is traveling to Italy. Entrée-Spaghetti. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

NOSA CARDS: February's total sold was \$1,745.00. Grazie (that's thank you in Italian) to all my outstanding costumers! Easter is fast approaching. Gift cards would be nice for either an Easter basket or Easter card.

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2023 at 6:00PM

Christian Education Updates—Families Take Note!

As we approach the Easter celebration we are preparing to renew some of our favorite traditions of the season. On Palm Sunday the children will distribute the palms to the congregation as they arrive. The children will follow Pastor Katie and the liturgist into the sanctuary as they wave their palms. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

The children will remain in the sanctuary to hear the moving story of Holy week.

On Easter Sunday the children will put the final flowers on the living cross then carry it forward to the altar as the service begins. The children will again stay in service. There will be quiet activities available for the children to work on while they listen to the message. A lively Easter Eggs hunt will happen right after the service. If you can contribute small wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs we would appreciate it. Please drop off your donation to the church office.



The next Hot Pizza Hot Topics will be March 26th. Darcy and Sarah are organizing a treasure hunt for the children. It will take teamwork and brain power to find out what the final treasure is!

Darcy will include some quiet reflective time in the sanctuary during the evening. We ask that the children bring in a stuffed animal with them. These items will be spaced around the sanctuary. When the children find their stuffed animal they will know this is their own quiet place to sit and reflect. Of course there will be pizza!

April 30th will be the 41st year the children of FPC have delivered "**May baskets**" to the residence of Elm house. We will be putting the flowers together during Jr. Worship then take them to each door across the street. This is a very lovely way to show our neighbors that we care about them and the children realize, first hand, the joy of giving.

As you make your summer plans please include **Vacation Bible School**. We will start **August 4th at 5:00** with a welcome meal, lesson, and lots and lots of music. August 5th will be a full day of activities, wrapping up on Sunday August 6th with a presentation of songs for the congregation during worship. More details to come in the coming months.

Updates from Abbie! One of our active and dedicated members, Abbie Simmons, does a great job of participating in church events. And as you know, she is a decorated swimmer in regional Special Olympics. Here are a few of her recent adventures.



March 2023

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18 4:00pm Church Wine & Cheese Party
19 MR. ROGERS SUNDAY	20	21 Church office closed 10:00am Bible Study	22	23	24	25 11:00am memorial service for Rick Modrzynski
26 8:30am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Hot Pizza/ Hot Topics	27 5:00pm Congrega- tional Life Team mtng	28 10:00am Bible Study	29	30	31	

April 2023

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2 HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 7pm AlAnon	6 Maundy Thursday 5:30 worship & light meal	7 Good Friday 5:30 worship outdoors if possible	8
9 EASTER Communion	10	11 NO Bible Study today Session mtng	12 6pm Mission Team mtng 7pm AlAnon	13	14	15
16 8:30am Men's Bible Study	17 5pm S/F/M Team mtng	18 10am Bible Study	19 5:30pm The Table 7pm AlAnon	20	21	22
23 11:15am Membership conversation	24 5pm Cong. Life Team mtng	25 10am Bible Study 6pm Joybelles	26 7pm AlAnon	27	28	29
30 8:30am Men's Bible Study May Baskets Baby Shower						