

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April-May 2023

Church Volunteer Day—June 3

It is time to do some sprucing up around the church!
Please mark your calendars and plan to come help out. Details to follow.

New Member Sunday—June 4

Plan to come and welcome our newest members in worship!

Pictured here is our beloved Abbie Simmons at her most recent Track Meet.

What a great runner!



We can't wait to see her run again in June.

Upcoming Worship Servers:

- May 14:** Stephen Potts, Jay & Jo Salvage, Michelle Chavez, Kathy Jarosz
- May 21:** Don Youel, Randy & Eileen Phillips, Rick Gilts, Gretchen Downs
- May 28:** Don Youel, Doris Currie & Robb Gates, Megan Merrell, Stephen Potts
- June 4:** Stephen Potts, Martha Gulth & Marty Sloan, Mary Beth Gilts, Nancy Gates
Communion: Margot Quick, Julie Lindsey, Jack & Linda Simmons
- June 11:** Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Matt Hollar, Kathy Jarosz
- June 18:** Stephen Potts, Delbert Duckins & Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs
- June 25:** Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts



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PIES! PIES! PIES!

We are looking forward to the approaching pie Season! Supplies will be available for bakers to pick up by Sunday, May 21. Sales will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month starting June 8. Sales will begin by 4:00 so if you can have pies to the church by 3:30 that is helpful. Please see Nancy or Jo if you have any questions.



Our faithful Tuesday Morning Study Group has been spending the Easter Season with stories of bold women and their encounters with Jesus.

Starting on May 30th, after the Festival of Pentecost, we will turn to a four-week study:

"We are Called."

Themes include:

- God called our ancestors in faith, just as God calls us today
- God calls us to love our neighbors, caring for their need as if it were our own
- God's call in our lives is both individual and communal

Join our lively discussions at church or on Zoom at 10 AM Tuesday mornings.

Contact Selinda at 419-865-8383 with any questions or to receive a copy of the readings.

Updates from Christian Education:

On April 30th there was a miraculous break in the rain long enough for the children to deliver **May baskets** to our friends at Elm House. The residents were so appreciative of these love offerings, many waiting at their doors with big smiles of gratitude. It was a meaningful day for all of us.

May 21 we will be recognizing our **High School graduating Seniors Kate Magoun and Leo Crawford**. This is a very significant time in the lives of these young people and their families. How fortunate we can celebrate together.

May 21st is **Hot Pizza (subs) Hot Topics from 5:30-7:00**. We will try again for Rotary Park after getting rained out last month. This is such a fun place to run around, have fellowship, food and opportunity to reflect on any Hot Topic that comes to mind.

VBS SuperHeroes.

Mark your calendar for August 4-6th. Come for all or part of this fun filled time of Bible stories, lots of singing and dancing, crafts, science and good food. This will be so much fun we hope you invite your friends!!!!



Please look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We are in need of helpers for the summer during Jr. Worship. **No teaching experience required.** The lessons are planned and an experienced teacher will guide the lesson but your participation in the teaching is encouraged. It is not a fulltime commitment, only once every 6 weeks or so unless you would like to do more. This will give our regular teachers a little more flexibility with their summer vacations. More importantly it is a wonderful way for the children to get more familiar with others in the congregation. Certainly a win-win for all involved!

FAITH AND MONEY

Deep thanks to those who have made special contributions to the church in recent weeks, your stewardship and generosity are an inspiration to all of us as we too work out how to dedicate our whole selves to the life of faith.

Over the course of a year here at the church offices we get to see all the ways people choose to contribute to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ that this church is called to pursue. It is really humbling to look at the loose change in the offering plate and realize it might have come from the hand of a child who wanted to participate or an adult who in that worship service just felt compelled to give all they had on them.

Of course, a lot of us have made a pledge to support the church that we honor monthly, and now that we live in this weird quasi-post-check world, we set up automatic payments to the church. (The account setup portal is on the church website.) But this too is lovely in its steady responsibleness. We make sure all our bills are paid every month because the discipleship we live in the unity of this congregation is no less integral to our lives than the housing, energy, food, transportation, & entertainment in our individual lives.

Now, it is also pretty neat to see the way we all kick little extra bits in here and there as we buy this or that for Sunday school, or VBS, or Coffee Hour, or some supply or another.

*"Why, yes, I will buy a pie." "Indeed, I will buy a NOSA gift card." "Flowers? You got it!"
"Push-up contest to send the youth on an outing? Take my money!"*

And you and I know it goes well beyond that in all the quiet places and times around here when someone just pays for something and doesn't say word. You know what is so great about that? It shows that we have buy-in, that we are invested and committed to this joint endeavor of faithful and worshipful living.

Then there are the planners, the folks who, when they are making all of the arrangements for the tying-up of their affairs when the end of their life in this world comes, decide they want to make a final witness, a help, a last contribution for the blessing and the ministry of the church that will stretch out into the future beyond them. There is something really moving about opening one of those envelopes in the pile of weekly mail. Whoever is there gets really attentive and kind of reverent, and someone usually says something like, "Oh, wow." Because there is that beloved, thoughtful person, although gone from our physical presences, with us still in the work ahead.

The ministry we do at the church is the ministry we make happen. The getting from wanting to having, from hoping to providing, from *please, God* to *thank you, God*, depends on two things: God's calling to us and our standing together and saying, "Here we are! We'll do it."

We are making progress on reducing our budgeting gap and there will be updates on that in the next newsletters, until then, thank you and keep up the great work. ~KERT



"God created many precious things, but you are his most precious"

PCU:

Shared the great news that they are in excellent financial condition.

May's collection item is Instant Potatoes. June's is Canned Meat.

Blood drive is May 19th at Zoar Lutheran Church – 10AM-4PM

"Stamp Out Hunger" sponsored by the Perrysburg Post Office ends May 13th. Food collected will be weighed and transported to the PCU.

The "Simply Give" campaign continues at Meijer's until July 1st. Shop Meijers to help the PCU.

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER:

They are always in need of Hygiene & Cleaning Products.

Drop off site: The church vestibule.

Mission purchased \$327 of cleaning and hygiene products for the center.

They were overwhelmed with gratitude for the amount that was donated.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: Those that are in need of a card will be mailed/delivered to them.

THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRY: Mission is donating \$300 to this outstanding program.

THE TABLE: May's table is Wednesday, 17th. Doors open at 5PM.

Entrée-Fried Chicken: Theme-Mother's Day. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Reminder: In need of ties and handkerchiefs for the June Table. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall.

WV WORK CAMP: Date is June 18 -24, 2023. Team leader is Jake Milton. Thomas Beebe will be attending. The Mission Team is so thankful to our entire congregation and friends, for their yearly pledges, which allows the guys to attend this outstanding ministry! Who wants to go on a road trip to West Virginia? We are in need of a second driver. It is a 6-hour drive time to the camp. If you can help out, please call Mary Beth.

NOSA CARDS: April's total was \$2,305.00 Another great month, THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING: June 7, 2023 at 6:00PM


Submitted by Mary Beth Gilts

Sunday, May 28, we celebrate Pentecost

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people.

Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. As the Lord's Day (Sunday) is sometimes called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the word and breath of the living God. On the day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ mission throughout the world.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 	15 5:30 pm S/F Team Meeting	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17 5:30 pm The Table 7:00 pm Al-Anon	18 1:00 pm Congregational Care Team Meet	19 Inspirations Graduation Ceremony	20
21 Honor Graduates & Choir	22 11:00 am MV Presbytery Clergy Women Meeting 5:00 pm Cong Life Team Meeting	23 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 Joybelles	24 7:00pm rescheduled Session mting 7:00 pm Al-Anon	25	26	27
28 Pentecost Sun. Schl. Teacher Recognition	29 Memorial Day	30 10:00 am Bible Study	31 5:00 pm Worship & Music Team Mting 7:00 pm Al-Anon			

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Volunteer Church Work Day
4 Communion Welcome New Members	5	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 6:00 pm Mission Team Meeting 7:00 pm Al-Anon	8 PRESBY PIES	9	10
11 Commission Work Camp workers 11:30 am Christian Education Team meeting	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study	14 7:00 pm Al-Anon	15	16 Pastor Katie Vacation	17 Pastor Katie Vacation
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