

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June-July 2023

Pastor's Page



Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Summer has arrived! Can't you just *feel* it? Like a door opening and a smile spreading across your face. Ahh. Flowers are everywhere. Sandals and short-sleeves are back in the front of the closet. The days are long and lovely. What a gift.

In the cyclical nature of things, we are enjoying the participation of an increased number of younger families in our worship and fellowship. As we are always called to do, the Worship/Music Team and I are endeavoring to make them welcome. To that end, this summer we will take some opportunities to be a bit less formal and more interactive/experiential when we gather to worship God together.

Primarily in July and a couple of weeks in August, the worship services will be pared down a bit and, with any luck, run about 45 minutes instead of an hour (pray for me). In July and August, we will experiment with keeping younger worshipers up in worship throughout the service, except for during the sermon and reflection time when we will engage our young people in the conference room. Then we will invite them back into the sanctuary to show us how *they* reflected on the scripture. They will finish the service with us. It will be fun!

We will further experiment with preaching followed by congregational response, using a microphone so all can hear. That means, I will send you all the scriptures for that Sunday on the previous Monday so that you can consider the texts yourself. I will make my comments on the passage(s) at hand and then open the floor to you all to say what the scripture readings made you think or wonder about. It will be fun!

We will also take communion by intinction in July and August. I know this is an uncomfortable thing for some of us. That's okay, Jesus often leads us to places of engagement that stretch us. That is part of growing up in the life of faith. But if mobility is your concern, rest easy, there will be communion servers on hand to bring the elements to you in your seat. (Say it with me:) It will be fun!

I've joined a neighborhood book club to be more engaged with my neighbors. The first book we read kind of annoyed me. It was not the kind of book I choose to read in my leisure time. So I was concerned about attending the potluck discussion. But of course the group is delightful and I had a wonderful evening with them discussing our ideas. Well, it turns out the first book was a slow pitch and our next book is the real deal. It is entitled, *The Things We've Seen*, and it is some new-fangled way of writing by Spanish author Augustin Fernandez Mallo, and it hit like a brick wall. I can barely find a way into it. I have (no joke) just started reading different pages to see if anything jumps out at me.

AND YET, something has stuck in my brain from it. The author describes a researcher who went looking for silence in nature. They traveled all over the globe and discovered that silence simply does not exist in nature. Nature, being alive, is always creating sound. The first Sunday of June, I preached on the creation text found in Genesis 1. I preached about the way God allows life to be, and to be abundantly. When we begin to notice the abundance of life around us in spaces we expect to be quiet, I encourage all of us to pause and thank God that we are experiencing such an abundance of life in this season. Let us recognize the precious gift in our midst that others yearn to experience. Let us be glad, and join in, making a joyful noise together. It will be fun! Blessings & peace, Pastor Katie

PRESBY PIES HAD A GREAT KICKOFF!



We sold 53 pies (close to a record number!) at the recent Presby Pies, plus added two new bakers! We raised a whopping sum of \$544! Thanks to all the bakers, and special thanks to our hard workers Karen Roderick-Lingeman, Chris Stuart, Mary Beth Gilts & Lowrie Gilmore, & also Pastor Katie who ran the drive-in sale. Join us again on June 22 and July 13 and all 2nd and 4th Thursdays through September.



Join the fun at a MudHens Game!

First Presby members and friends are invited to attend a MudHens game on Friday, July 21 for a 7:05 pm game against the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs! A free postgame concert will be held at Hensville Park. Sign up on the Church bulletin board by July 9th. Tickets are \$14 each. Contact Jo Salvage if you have any questions.

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT!

Upcoming Worship Servers:

- June 18:** Stephen Potts, Delbert Duckins & Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs
- June 25:** Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts
- July 2:** Stephen Potts, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates
Communion: Matt Hollar, Michelle Chavez, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts
- July 9:** Don Youel, Jay & Jo Salvage, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz
- July 16:** Stephen Potts, Randy & Eileen Phillips, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs
- July 23:** Don Youel, Doris Currie & Robb Gates, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts
- July 30:** Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Martha Gulth, Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

Adult Christian Education

Tuesday Bible Study: (Selinda writes)

Our Tuesday morning study group will conclude our current study, "We Are Called," on Tuesday June 20th. As we come to the conclusion of this year of study, we are grateful for the blessings of this time of learning and fellowship.

After our Summer break we look forward to regathering in September with a new study to challenge and enlighten us. Watch for more information and come join us!

Men's Bible Study Summer Plans:

We concluded our study of the Gospel according to Luke. We are all now Lukan experts. Ask us anything.

Two topics emerged for further consideration.

1) What is sin? 2) What was it really like to live where and when Jesus lived?

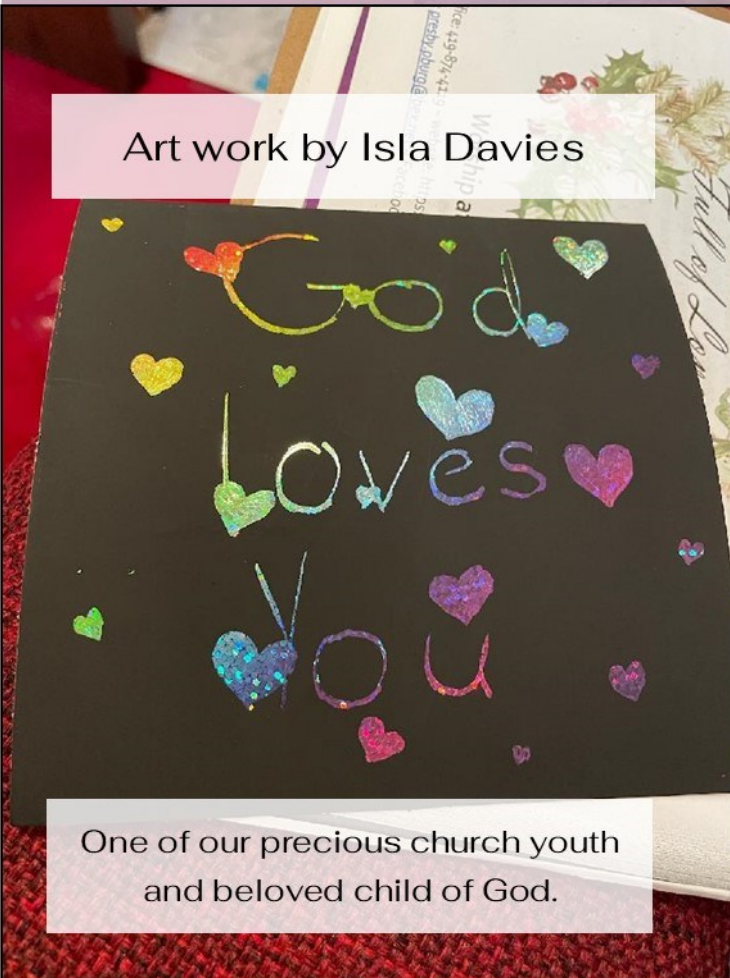
So we are going to meet up twice this summer to consider these topics. All men of the church are invited to attend, but

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING SO FOOD AND DRINK CAN BE PREPARED! (yes, I'm shouting.)

July gathering: Sun., July 9, 3:00pm, Rhyn Davies House, Shrimp Boil.

Let Pastor Katie know you are attending and she will give you the address.

Art work by Isla Davies



One of our precious church youth and beloved child of God.

Vacation Bible School
August 4, 5, & 6



for young people entering
kindergarten to 6th grade.

CHRISTIAN ED

- Jr worship class will be memorizing the 23rd Psalm for the remaining Sunday's in June, with hand motions to help remember the verses. We hope to share this with the congregation when the lesson is complete.

- During the summer, class time will be replaced with hands-on reflection time in the conference room. When the children return to the sanctuary they will share with the congregation what they did. There will be no Jr worship on July 2, 9, 16, 23 & August 6, 13. Thanks to Allison Mackin for overseeing this interactive experience for the children.

- On July 30th Nancy Gates is planning a lesson in the kitchen for the children.

- As always, the nursery will be staffed for 0-5 year olds during the summer.

- As we move through this summer, please keep Darcy and her family in our prayers as she has been the guiding force of our programs. We love you Darcy!



June 3 FPC Volunteer Workday Success!

I want to start by saying, THANK YOU! Thank you for your response, and participation in the volunteer workday at FPC that took place on Saturday June 3rd. Many great tasks were completed to help keep our church looking, and functioning, at its best. It was a wonderful stewardship event, working together!

Just some of the work you may have noticed that was completed -

- Garden beds weeded and mulched alongside church and parking lot
- Doors and stairways primed, painted, or touched up (both internally and externally)
- Siding cleaned
- Garbage cans deep cleaned
- Cleaning of windows & deep clean of the vestibule

A special thank you to Don Youel and Julie Lindsay for their dedication to organize the tasks, and setup the tools needed to complete our work.

There are always opportunities to pitch in around FPC. Attached is an open work list of activities that are still open. There are tasks of various skills sets and workload. Please reach out to the Building Management Team with any questions or interests in available projects.

Stephen Potts
Stewardship / Finance / Management Team

| Activity | Function | Location | Note |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Pressure wash the garbage cans | Clean | Out | Completed! |
| Remove file cabinet from conference room | General | In | Completed! |
| Add a brick retention at the bottom of the back yard stairs | General | Out | Completed! |
| Clean siding of the church | Clean | Out | In Progress |
| General weeding / Garden upkeep | Landscape | Out | In Progress |
| scrape, prime and paint the handrail on the back steps | Paint | Out | In Progress |
| Clean basement windows of rental house and FPC | Clean | Out | |
| Pick up Loose pieces of asphalt at the alley drive and seal edges | General | Out | |
| scrape dirt from inside and outside of fence around trash cans | General | Out | |
| Trim Boxwoods by the sign in front | Landscape | Out | |
| scrape, prime and paint the lower sections of the shed and fence | Paint | Out | |
| Scrape and paint alley entrance | Paint | Out | |
| Wash windows and doors at all entryways | Clean | In | |
| Touch up molding in conference room | Paint | In | |
| Paint door and touch up wall where chipped in original bathroom | Paint | In | |
| Touch up molding in the sanctuary | Paint | In | |

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Submitted by Marty Sloan, Chair

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

Prayers: Please keep Darcy Metcalfe, her son Colt, her mother Janet and Darcy's brother Jim Metcalfe in our daily prayers and loving thoughts as they struggle with Jim's recent cancer diagnosis.

New Members: On June 4, 2023, we welcomed Tom and Karen Lingeman, Adam and Elizabeth Rauscher, and Katie Rodeman as new members in our congregation. We are thrilled they decided to join our team and whole-heartedly embrace our new members. Please be sure to introduce yourself and meet these new friends!

SPECIAL EVENT: The Congregational Care team is offering an opportunity to learn the basic steps to follow when addressing a healthcare emergency requiring CPR and a defibrillator. The event is scheduled for **Monday, June 26, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will provide us with the basic information we need to handle this type of emergency. Our speaker will be Fritz Grossman, a fireman with the Perrysburg Fire Department. After Mr. Grossman's presentation, there will be time for questions and answers. This program is for young adults and adults. If you need to bring small children with you, please let Marty Sloan or Doris Currie know, and we will make arrangements for a nursery attendant. Coffee and cookies will be provided.



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Celebrating Christ's love for all people



"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

Mother Teresa

PCU: June's collection item is **CANNED MEAT**.

The pantry shelves are well stocked. The "Simply Give" campaign continues at Meijer's until July 1st.

LOOKING AHEAD: The next Blood Drive is September 15th at Zoar Lutheran Church.

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

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND: In May, five individuals received gift cards totaling \$175.00.

THE COCOON: For our continued assistance to this ministry, we are donating \$300.00.

THE TABLE: June's table is Wednesday, 21st. Entrée-Brats and Hot Dogs. Theme: Father's Day. Thank you to everyone who donated ties! Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

WV WORK CAMP: During the worship service on Sunday the 4th, Thomas Beebe received a send-off for the Cabell-Lincoln Work Camp, June 18-24th.

SAFE HOUSE IN HAITI: Donated \$250.00 to Have Faith, Haiti's orphanage and school of 100 children and staff who are now being affected by the lawlessness and gang violence in war-torn Haiti. Have Faith is run by author and philanthropist Mitch Albom.

WHEATON FPC YOUTH MISSION: Our church will be hosting 14 individuals on June 17th for an overnight visit. Allison is graciously hosting a cookout/swimming affair after they arrive and the Mission Team will supply breakfast before they depart at 9am on the 18th.

NOSA CARDS: May's total was \$1,590.00. Another great month, THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING: July 5, 2023 at 6:00PM

Submitted by Mary Beth Gilts

CABELL-LINCOLN COUNTY WORK CAMP



The Cabell-Lincoln County Work Camp is a multicultural and relational Christian ministry designed to provide an experience in mission (home and church repair) for youth and adults in the particular cultural fellowship and spiritual community of West Virginia people, young and old. The type of work projects accomplished during work camp include roofing, underpinning, porch repair, outhouses, pump houses, foundation repair, siding, septic systems, painting, electrical and plumbing installation, and general indoor/outdoor home repair. The goal is to repair homes so they are warm, secure, safe and dry. When Kathy and Dennis East joined First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg, they brought with them the Cabell-Lincoln experience. We send youth to the camp every year since 1990 and have received positive feedback from the participants who found it to be a transformative experience. We thank the Easts for bringing this tradition to our church and look forward to seeing Thomas Beebe benefit from the Work Camp this year.

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June

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Pastor KRT Vacation | Pastor KRT Vacation | Pastor KRT Vacation Work Camp 10:00 am Bible Study | Pastor KRT Vacation Work Camp 7:00 pm Al- Anon | Pastor KRT Vacation Work Camp | Pastor KRT vacation Work Camp | Work Camp |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| | | | 7:00 pm Al- Anon | | | |

July

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 7:00 pm AI- Anon | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 7:00 pm AI- Anon | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 7:00 pm AI- Anon | 20 | 21 7:00 pm Mud Hens Game | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Pastor KRT Study Leave 5:00 pm Cong. Life Meeting | 25 Pastor KRT Study Leave | 26 Pastor KRT Study Leave 7:00 pm AI- Anon | 27 Pastor KRT Study Leave | 28 Pastor KRT Study Leave | 29 Pastor KRT Study Leave |
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