

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July - August 2023



Each week we have been taking part in worship with a special twist; children have been reading our scripture with the help of Allison Mackin. This format will continue on July 16 and 23, and August 13. July 30th will be a particularly special service, as Nancy Gates will be inviting children to join her in the kitchen to make a special Fellowship Hour. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces ready and eager to help! For any who would like, we will continue providing nursery care for ages 0-3 each Sunday.

Christian Education

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVERS

July 23: Don Youel, Doris Currie & Robb Gates,
Jay Salvage or Allison Mackin, Stephone Potts

July 30: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Martha Gulth,
Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

August 6: Don Youel, Martha Gulth & Marty Sloan,
Randy Phillips, Nancy Gates
Communion: Jo & Jay Salvage, Randy & Eileen Phillips

August 13: Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague,
Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

August 20: Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins or
Marty Sloan, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

August 27: Stephen Potts, Sarah Crawford & Allison Mackin,
Rusty Phlegar, Stephen Potts

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HERO

HOTLINE

Called Together
to Serve God!



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

We are so excited for our upcoming HERO Hotline VBS which will take place August 4-6! Get ready for capes, masks, music, and so much fun as we learn about Biblical Superheroes and how we are called together to serve God.

Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade can register online at 1stpresbyterian.com – we would also love to have older youth volunteers. Don't forget August 6 worship service where the whole congregation will experience a taste of VBS with a special VBS Fellowship Hour afterwards. Join us for an incredible week of learning, fellowship, and fun as we explore becoming superheroes of God together!

Pastor's Page



⁹What do workers gain from all their hard work? ¹⁰I have observed the task that God has given human beings. ¹¹God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there's nothing better for them but to enjoy themselves and do what's good while they live. ¹³Moreover, this is the gift of God: that all people should eat, drink, and enjoy the results of their hard work. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does will last forever; it's impossible to add to it or take away from it. God has done this so that people are reverent before him. ¹⁵Whatever happens has already happened, and whatever will happen has already happened before. And God looks after what is driven away. —Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Blessings and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I've had the same topic come up in conversation with a number of you in recent weeks. You've been mentioning that you're sorry that you haven't been in worship lately. And I have chuckled, and said, "Oh, that's okay. Let me tell you about the new systems of fines for absences that we are using. Your invoice will come in the mail." And then we have had a good chuckle. The truth is, it is summertime and we all need to be present to the opportunities to live into the fullness of life that present themselves to us right now. All of our nervous systems need some rest & relaxation.

But I will say this, the energy in worship in recent weeks has been notable. The joyful abundance that rolled out of the sanctuary the second Sunday of July was quite a gift. So that's to say, Sunday morning worship is among your lifegiving invitations this summer.

When you look at the calendar page in this newsletter, you will notice that I am taking two opportunities for retreat in coming weeks. At the end of July, I will join colleagues and friends at Canyon Lake, in Texas. I expect it to be very, very, very hot down there. Happily, I will be in air conditioned accommodations with a swimming pool. I am taking that retreat time to focus on leadership and worship planning for the fall and first quarter of 2024.

In mid-August, I am hosting a spirituality retreat for a small group of clergy women at a humble little lake house in Michigan. There we will practice dwelling in the Spirit and the presence of the Holy One together. We will celebrate the upcoming retirement of one of the attendees. And we will generally support one another in listening and prayer.

I have been loving getting together with you this summer also. There has been a nice, easy feeling to just dwelling together, just accepting the gifts of the present moment. Our peaceful hearts are a witness to the Good News of life in Christ. The space "to be" is what attracted people to the faith in the first place. *Blessings, KERT*

PRESBY PIES

We have had an incredibly successful few weeks with over 157 pies already sold and \$1500 raised. Not only have many of our previous customers returned for another year of delicious pies, but we have welcomed many new bakers and customers as well. In the next few weeks, keep an eye out for the steeple improvements, which are partially being financed by the pie proceeds. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gates.





"One man can make a difference and each of us should try."

Robert F. Kennedy

PCU: July's collection item is PASTA. August's collection item is SHAMPOO.

HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: Hygiene & Cleaning Products needed.

THE TABLE: July's table is Wednesday, the 19th. Theme: Independence Day. Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. There will not be a table in August.

MMM (AFRICAN WELLS): Rick Delaney will be visiting our church once again on **Sunday, August 27 at 11am** to give us a recap of the 2022 well ministry and a peek at the 2023 ministry. This ministry provided sustainable sources of safe drinking water for the rural sub-Saharan African communities! Our church helped this cause by supporting 12 drinking water wells. **Please plan on attending!**

LOOKING AHEAD: The Heights Community Center (our local ministry) will have a presentation by Paul Belazis during fellowship hour on **September 10th**.

PHCC: We will be purchasing \$350.00 of hygiene and cleaning products.

NOSA CARDS: June's total was \$1,850.00. Another awesome month! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2023 at 6:00PM

Submitted by Mary Beth Gilts

Congregational Care July / August 2023

By Marty Sloan, Chair

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



Please continue to keep Darcy Metcalfe, her son Colt, her mother Janet, and Darcy's brother, Jim Metcalfe, in our daily prayers and loving thoughts as they support each other and Jim.

We also pray for Rhea and Ron Huling for God's loving embrace, guidance, strength and comfort as Rhea battles her cancer.

We also want to remember Eva Lengel's family as they mourn her death. We remember Eva as an exuberant and caring servant of Christ, who has earned her rest in her savior's presence.

CPR Presentation:

The Congregational Care team reports a successful and informative CPR and defibrillator presentation on Monday evening, June 26, 2023. Fritz Grossman and Joe Froelic from the Perrysburg Fire Department demonstrated the basic steps of CPR and explained how everyone should be prepared to do what is required in emergency situations (including performing CPR and using the defibrillator) while 911 is being called and the emergency personnel arrive to offer professional medical care.

Thank you to all who attended this excellent presentation.



THE ERIE SITUATION

An Award Winning Film About How A Toxic Mix
From Big Agriculture Flows Through
Our Maumee River Into Lake Erie



The Maumee River and Lake Erie are a Precious Gift
Which God Has Entrusted To Us

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation."
...Pope Francis

Saturday, August 12th 7:00 pm

Maumee Indoor Theatre
601 Conant Street, Maumee, Ohio
Seating Limited To 500
Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Followed by Questions
for Concerned and Expert Panelists

Toledo Mayor, Wade Kapszukiewicz
Lake Erie Advocates Head, Mike Ferner
Ohio Farmers Union President, Joe Logan

Free Admission

Program ending at 9:00 pm

Sponsored By (St. Rose Peace and Justice Committee, (List of all sponsors to follow)

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	6:30 VBS music		5:30 The TABLE 7pm AIAnon	1:00pm CC Team meeting	7:05pm Mud Hens Game	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
11:00 VBS meeting	5:30 S/F/W Pastor Katie on Study Leave	6:00pm Joy Belles	7pm AIAnon	3:30pm Presby Pies		
30	31					
Guest Preacher	Pastor Katie back from leave					

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			7pm AIAnon		VBS	VBS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
VBS Communion		6:30pm Session meeting	5pm Worship Team meeting 7pm AIAnon	3:30pm Presby Pies		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11:00am CE Team meeting / 3:30 Men's BS		Pastor Katie away on Retreat	7pm AIAnon			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Regular worship resumes / Guest Preacher	Pastor Katie back from retreat	6:00pm Joy Belles	7pm AIAnon	3:30pm Presby Pies		
27	28	29	30	31		
Baptism MMM Wells update	5:00pm Cong. Life Team mting		7pm AIAnon			