

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October - November 2023

JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN WITH A
BRUNCH DURING
FELLOWSHIP
HOUR

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 12TH



Upcoming Worship Leaders:

October 22: Don Youel, Allison Mackin & Brenda Youel, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

October 29: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Martha Gluth, Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

November 5: Don Youel, Martha Gluth & Marty Sloan, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates
Communion: Rick & Mary Beth Gilts / Matt Hollar & Michelle Chavez

November 12: Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz

November 19: Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

November 26: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page

"Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Psalm 104:24

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you. Here you see a photo from our Blessing of the Animals service on Oct. 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We blessed beloved non-human companions, living and dead, who make our lives better because of their presence within them. It was delightful!



As I write this Pastor's Page, I am about to head off for a week away. I'm shuffling notes to myself all over my desk, trying to make sure not to forget anything. It is Fall, after all, that does seem to be the busiest time in the world. *I'm going on a week of vacation, how are you tending to yourself?* If you are feeling harried by responsibilities, cares and concerns, politics, the environment, anything, step away and recharge. Because there are many important things that need our attention and our wisdom to be at the forefront instead of our fatigue, our fear, or our confusion.

Stewardship Season is about to kick-off here at First Presbyterian Church. Stephen Potts and I are going to be urging you to be mindful of all we do together as a congregation and how we make those things happen together. Our thoughts about stewardship this Fall are swirling around the year-long conversation the Session has been having about God's mission in the world and clarifying our Congregation's mission with God's great mission. We know our mission has to do with showing forth God's love for all people. We know we have gifts and skills in welcome and hospitality. We know from the 2020 CAT Survey that our congregation desires more opportunities for spiritual formation and growth. And we know that the church has to continue to adapt to the rhythms of the community around us. The coming weeks of focus on stewardship and making financial pledges toward our congregation's mission and ministry in 2024 are well worth your attention.

Another thing we have to give careful attention to this Fall is securing new leadership for the Session. Stephen Potts and Jay Salvage will be cycling off of two consecutive 3-year terms. Randy Phillips has moved to the Cleveland area. Jon and Molly's seats stand empty. Did you count on your fingers how many open need to be filled on the Session in 2024? Five. Five seats. It is time for church members to go into your hearts and ask God if you are being called "for such a time as this."* Do you have useful experience and understanding of how churches operate and must be maintained? Are you open to the new things that God is calling us to do and be in our communities? Do you have ideas rolling around in your head and heart that seem right for this moment? Do you have time and ability to consider, decide, and lead together in consensus?

No matter if you are called to congregational leadership at this time or not, we are called together in this congregation to all participate in telling the ongoing story of God moving among us and in this world, the on-going and unfolding story of the urging of the Holy Spirit moving us onward, the grounding and sustaining story of the Kingdom of God that is present here. As disciples of Jesus, we are all called to practice witnessing to his power and redemptive work in the world.

So, let your stories be known! Share the Word within you! Your companionship on this journey of living the faith is a blessing to all of us!

~Pastor Katie

*"For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your family will surely perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

—Esther 4:14



MISSION

God is always with us.

PCU: October = CEREAL & November = TOILET PAPER

The Blood Drive at Zoar collected a total of 58 pints.

PHCC: Hygiene/Cleaning Products needed.
Donation site = vestibule. Thank you!

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS: The Cocoon will be receiving \$286.50
Can't thank you enough for your outstanding generosity!**

THE TABLE: WEDNESDAY, OCT 18
THEME = HALLOWEEN
SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED ON THE
MISSION BULLETIN BOARD.

**PHCC: October 22 during Fellowship
hour, Paul Belazis and Brittany
Kahyaoglu will give a presentation.
Please plan on attending.**

NOSA CARDS: September's total was \$1,905.
Awesome!

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2023 at 6:00PM

Submitted by Mary Beth Gilts

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In case you haven't heard, there is a new mentorship program for our youth 11 years and older. Each week a youth and a designated mentor sit together in worship. Pastor Katie has prepared questions for them to answer as the service goes along. This requires focus, individual interpretation, and hopefully stimulates questions of their own to be discussed after the service. This program has been running for 3 weeks and it appears that both youth and mentors are finding this a positive experience. We will keep you updated as we get more feedback.

Sarah Magoun continues to introduce the younger children to Paul and his adventures and devotion to follow God's Word and to bring others to know Him.
Thank you, Sarah, for your dedication!

Lizzy Crawford is our loyal Nursery attendant and is available each Sunday to tend to the youngest of our flock. Lizzy, you are so appreciated!

Christian Education will be sending out greeting cards and gift cards to our college students and recent graduates this month. We want them to know that their church keeps them in our prayers and always welcomes them back with open arms. Please submit all addresses of students in this age range to Julie Lindsey by Sunday Oct 22nd. jlindsey1308@gmail.com, or leave a message 419-893-2639.

Please mark your calendar for the Christmas Pageant on December 10th during worship. There will be speaking and non speaking parts so something for all comfort levels and abilities. More information will be coming your way in the coming weeks.

We are so delighted to have Adam Rauscher (Teddy and Ellie's Dad) joining our team. Adam has a background in Youth Ministry and has already contributed great ideas and insight in just one meeting! Welcome Adam!

Christmas Ornament Advent Calendar



Help prepare for Christmas with a new twist on an old tradition. Help create an Advent calendar of Christmas ornaments to share with the church family! Here is how it will work:

- SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING A SPECIAL ORNAMENT FROM YOUR COLLECTION TO CHURCH BY NOVEMBER 26.
- WRITE A FEW SENTENCES ABOUT THE ORNAMENT TO TELL ITS STORY/EXPLAIN ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO YOU.
- THE ORNAMENTS WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND PLACED IN NUMBERED BOXES.
- TO MIMIC AN ADVENT CALENDAR, THE BOXES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON A SMALL BOOKCASE IN THE SANCTUARY.
- EACH SUNDAY DURING THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, THE CHILDREN WILL FIND THE BOXES FOR THE WEEK BY NUMBER AND OPEN THEM. PASTOR KATIE WILL TAKE THE ORNAMENTS OUT OF THE BOX AND PUT THEM ON A TREE IN THE SANCTUARY.
- PICTURES OF THE ORNAMENTS AND THE ACCOMPANYING STORIES ABOUT THEM WILL APPEAR IN DAILY EMAILS AND ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE EACH DAY OF THE WEEK.
- ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR EPIPHANY, REMOVE YOUR ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE AND TAKE IT HOME.

Trick or Treat at the Church!

OCTOBER 31ST IS TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT IN PERRYSBURG AND FPC WILL CONTINUE IT'S TRADITION OF HANDING OUT CANDY VIA SPOONY CANDY SHOOT. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND HELP DISTRIBUTE THE CANDY OR JUST GRAB A HANDFUL FOR YOURSELF.

WATCH FOR TIMING DETAILS IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A BAG OF CANDY. YOU CAN DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ANYTIME BEFORE OCT 29TH.

BRING YOUR CANDY AND JOIN THE FUN!

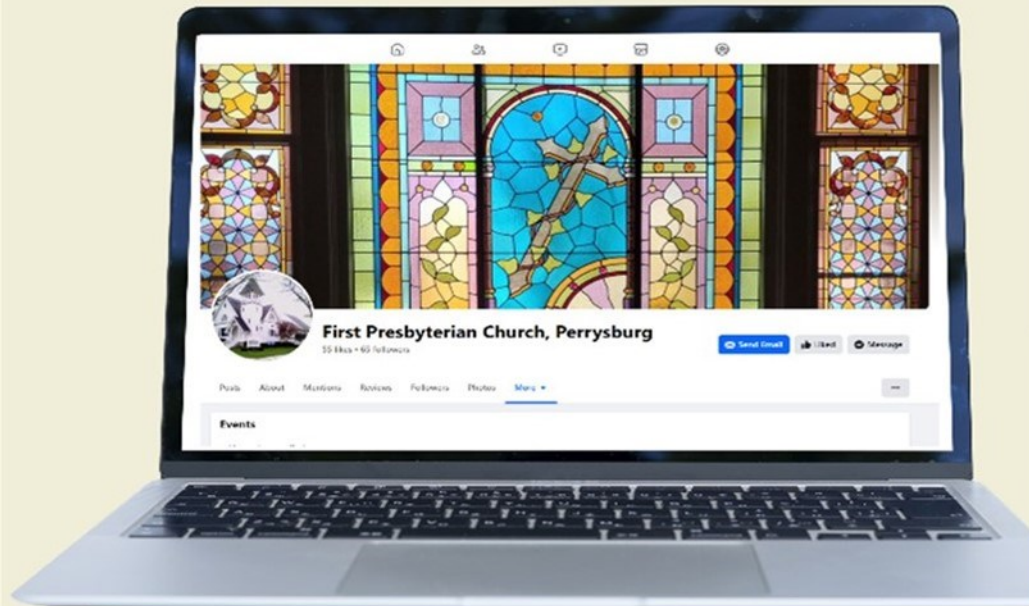
Did You Know?

We have a Facebook Page!

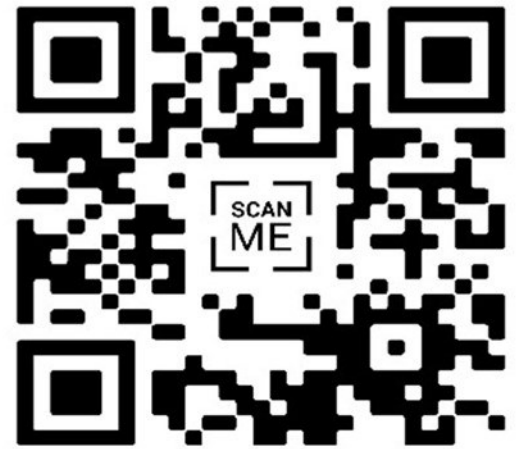
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In a local Group on Facebook?
Share our events with them!



THE FINAL PIE REPORT!

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT WE HAD RECORD SALES THIS YEAR! WE PROFITED \$3984.00. WE HAD 15 BAKERS AND MANY HELPERS! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAY INCLUDING OUR LOYAL CUSTOMERS! MY OFFER TO DO PIE LESSONS STILL STANDS IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN JOINING US NEXT YEAR!

ADULT EDUCATION



EACH WEEK AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH ORIGINAL BLESSING: PUTTING SIN IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE OUR TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP IS DISCOVERING NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN. WE CAN SEE OURSELVES AS BELOVED CHILDREN GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH A GRACIOUS, LOVING GOD. THIS CHANGES HOW WE SEE EVERYTHING. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US ON THIS EYE-OPENING JOURNEY. WE MEET TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM IN PERSON AT CHURCH OR ON ZOOM. CALL SELINDA 419 865-8383 FOR MORE DETAILS.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17 10am Bible Study S/F/M team meeting	18 5:30pm The Table 7pm AIAnon	19 1pm Congregational Care team meeting	20	21
22 Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off PHCC presentation	23 5pm Congregational Life team meeting	24 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	25 7pm AIAnon	26	27	28
29 8:30am Men's Bible Study	30	31 9:30am Inspirations Trunk-or-Treat 10am Bible Study Trick-or-Treat at the church				

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5pm Worship team meeting 6pm Mission team meeting 7pm AIAnon	2 6pm AIAnon business meeting	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time - FALL BACK! 11:15am Christian Ed team	6	7 Election day - VOTE!	8 10am Bible Study 7pm AIAnon	9 4pm MVP Vision Team Meeting	10 Veteran's Day observed	11 Veteran's Day
12 Pledge Sunday Stewardship Campaign Brunch	13	14 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session strategy meeting	15 Pastor KRT leave vacation 5:30pm The Table 7pm AIAnon	16	17	18
19	20	21 10am Bible Study	22 7pm AIAnon	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Pastor KRT back from vacation
26	27	28 10am Bible Study Hanging of the Greens	29 7pm AIAnon	30		