

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

May - June 2024



LATE LAST MONTH THE CHILDREN OF FPC PREPARED AND DELIVERED MAY FLOWERS TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT ELM HOUSE. THEIR GIFT OF FLOWERS AND LOVE WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE 30 RESIDENTS AND THE CHILDREN LEFT WITH THE TRUE FEELING OF THE GIFT OF SHARING GOD'S LOVE.



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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name." —John 15:16

Dear FPC,

My heavens, the Spirit is on the move among us! Just try to keep up!

Having sojourned with us for a year, our beloved Music Director, Steven Naylor, is being blown by the Holy Spirit into the next chapter of his life and participation in the Mission of God. We are so excited to send him with our love to study and work in Indiana, because we know that he has many gifts and skills that are going to be put to use in many places.

Be sure to attend the piano, organ, and voice concert he is providing here at the church, Tuesday, June 4th, at 7:00pm. And plan to stay for the reception to follow. If you prefer not to drive after dark, but want to attend, PLEASE ask someone to drive you. PLEASE!

We are making moves on our burgeoning congregational missional identity! The first Thursday in May, a small group of us attended the monthly Moth Story-Slam in Detroit. It was exhilarating to experience what it is like to be caught up with a group in intentional listening. An the joy and playfulness at a Moth Gathering is just so fulfilling!

I am pulling together a group to go again the first Thursday in June (June 6). Are you interested in going? Let me know! Now, there are some things you need to know about the atmosphere at the Detroit Story-Slam. If strong language is something you like to stay away from, this is not the event for you. The story-telling begins at 7:30pm and ends about 10pm, but you want to arrive by 6:30pm to ensure you get a seat. No food is served. We are considering getting there pretty early June 6, like 5:30pm, and eating at a pizza place a block away. The topic for the June 6 Story-Slam is "Guts." I'm excited!

Now, there is also a Moth Story-Slam that takes place in Ann Arbor on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Quite often I cannot attend those, but if you are looking for a gentler venue and want to try it out, go for it! And report back! You can purchase tickets at <https://themoth.org/events/results?eventLocations=6424&typesOfEvents=&eventDate=>. Their upcoming themes for May and June are "Backfired" and "Baggage."

Finally, I declared to some group within the congregation that I *did not* have time to go to Work Camp this summer. To which the Holy Spirit laughed and cleared a way for me. I am overjoyed to tell you that I will be accompanying Lizzy Crawford to Work Camp on June 19th! That means our crew this year is SEVEN PEOPLE! You all better be praying for us! We need travelling mercies! We need to meet and work with good people. We need energy and strength. We need good rest. We need a minimum of blisters and bruises. We need your prayers!

Beloved, keep abiding in Christ, for we are bearing fruit! ~KERT





ABBIE'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Perrysburg High School

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

May 19: Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Rick Gilts, Gretchen Downs,

May 26: Don Youel, Rick Gilts & Allison Mackin, Megan Merrell, Stephen Potts

June 2: Stephen Potts, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, Mary Beth Gilts, Nancy Gates

Communion: Margot Quick & Julie Lindsey/Jack & Linda Simmons

June 9: Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Matt Hollar, Kathy Jarosz

June 16: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs

June 23: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

June 30: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Allison Mackin, Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

JOIN THE FUN AT A MUDHENS GAME!

FIRST PRESBY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30 FOR A 4:05 PM GAME AGAINST THE LOUISVILLE BATS. SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD. TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JUNE 16.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*"A mother's love is eternal, pure, and unconditional.
It's the most precious gift we'll ever receive."*

PCU: May collection item: **INSTANT POTATOES**

Blood Drive: May 17th at Zoar: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Meijer's "Simply Give" Campaign extended until June 29th.

On June 15th - the amount is **DOUBLED!**

May 11th is **STAMP OUT HUNGER**: Sponsored by the P-burg Post Office. They are in great need of helpers for multiple positions. Please contact Diana Oliver for more information. (419) 874-5394

CABELL-LINCOLN WORK CAMP

We have seven going to camp this year. This is terrific! Four adults: Pastor Katie, Ross Martin, Thomas Beebe, and Nick Walters. Three youths: Ronin and Marco Chavez, and Lizzy Crawford. Commissioning is June 9th: Departure is June 16th; Returning on June 22nd. Our sincere thanks to Katie, Matt, and Michelle for facilitating transportation, allowing the kids to experience an enriching, memorable journey.

THE COCOON: DOG RUN PROJECT

This is a congregational fund raiser to help cover the cost for a long awaited, much needed, much wanted fence. Some victims will not come to the shelter, leaving their dog behind. Dogs like to run; they need to run. Last day for the fund raiser is Sunday, May 19th. Our goal is \$2,500. Donations given so far is \$1,260. Make your check out to THE COCOON. In the memo write: DOG RUN. You can place the check in the offering dish, drop off/mail to the office. Cash money given, write The Cocoon on the envelope. If you want to give on line, go directly to their site and in the note section you need to write Dog Run and FPCP. Those that do go on line, I'm asking that you please let me know how much was given.

Mary Beth Gilts

NOSA CARDS: APRIL TOTAL: \$1,750

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GOD'S AMAZING SON



THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM TO KEEP THE CHILDREN ENGAGED AND LEARNING. MAYBE A PARADE, SINGING, COOL CRAFTS, ROLE PLAYING, AND AMAZING JESUS STORIES!

AFTER THE SERMON, OUR OLDER YOUTH GATHER IN THE UPSTAIRS CLASS. THEY WRITE DOWN THEIR PERSONAL THOUGHTS AND/OR ACTIONS RELATED TO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READINGS AND THEN HAVE A GROUP DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES AND THE SERMON. WE ARE SURROUNDED BY THOUGHTFUL AND INTERESTING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. WHAT A BLESSING!



Education

The Christian Education Team traditionally presents any 4th grader with their personal Bible. On May 19th we will be presenting William Ward with his. William is a blessing to us and we are sure this Bible will be a lifelong resource for his faith journey.



WE'VE GOT A FAMILY OUTING PLANNED FOR THE OLDER YOUTH! WE'LL BE HEADING TO RIBBON PARK, DOWNTOWN TOLEDO, WHERE THEY CAN ROLLERBLADE, SKATEBOARD, RIDE A SCOOTER, OR JUST ENJOY A LEISURELY STROLL WITHOUT A HELMET. AFTER THAT, WE'LL BE HAVING A FAMILY SWIM & PIZZA NIGHT AT GRETCHEN DOWN'S HOUSE. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW THE DATE SOON.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

TEAM MEMBERS: FAY MITCHELL, MELINDA GALLANT, DORIS CURRIE, CAROL SPRAGUE, MARTY SLOAN, & PASTOR KATIE

PRESENTATION

May 22, 2024 at 3:30 pm

**WOOD COUNTY
COMMITTEE**

ON

Aging

Being safe & independent at home!

Lisa Myers, Director of Social Services, will remind us of precautions to be taken at home to ensure safety & security for elderly aging independently.

Lisa will also introduce us to the many opportunities the Wood county Office on Aging provides in our community!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**PRAY FOR OUR
SHUT-INS AND
MEMBERS IN
NEED**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

FATHER GOD, WE LIFT UP ALL
THOSE WHO ARE FACING ILLNESS
TODAY. WE ASK THE YOU
WOULD BRING HEALING, COMFORT
AND PEACE TO THEIR BODIES.
CALM THEIR FEARS AND LET
THEM EXPERIENCE THE HEALING
POWER OF YOUR LOVE. IN
JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA FOR AN "OUTBACK ROCK WEEKEND"?

GET READY TO JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH & JESUS AS THEY SHARE THEIR TEACHINGS WITH THE PEOPLE OF THEIR TIME & WITH US, ALL UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF GOD. ENJOY MUSIC, DANCING, CRAFTS, GAMES, BIBLE STORIES, AND SNACKS, ALL SET IN AUTHENTIC SURROUNDINGS THAT JOSEPH, JESUS, & THEIR FOLLOWERS WOULD HAVE KNOWN. CHILDREN AGED 4.5 TO 12 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO COME ALONG! REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE THROUGH THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR OFFICE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION, SNACKS, STAGING, & GUIDING THE CHILDREN. A SIGNUP SHEET IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP WHERE YOU CAN!

June 7 - 5:30 to 8:00

June 8 - 9:30 to 12:00

June 9 - 10:00 to 11:00



All pies should be brought to the church no later than 3:30, as the line usually starts by then.

PRESBY PIES STARTING SOON!

Pie pans & boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall once again starting June 1st. This year, there is only one option for large pie pans. Additionally, we will have 5" pies available.

Boxes are a convenient way to transport your pies, so please make sure to label your box with the type of pie it contains. It would also be helpful to have your initials on the box if you drop them off early, so we can keep track of the bakers.

If you decide to store your pies in the refrigerator or freezer, please leave a note on the counter. Remember to place pies in the large kitchen only, not in the flower kitchen.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gates. She is always willing to share her pastry recipe & any other tips she has learned from baking over the years. We hope to see all our experienced bakers return & welcome new bakers to give it a try!



JOIN US FOR THE PERRYSBURG MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On the 27th of May, we'll be promoting our "Outback Rock" VBS program at the Memorial Day Parade. We'll have a fun banner to carry, live music from our program, & plenty of candy to give out with VBS info. Let's show the community how our church is reaching out to the youth to share God's word through fellowship & learning. We'll meet at 9:15 a.m. at the church & walk over to our staging area at 5th & Louisiana Ave. More info coming soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Lindsey.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 <i>Pastor Katie Study Leave</i>	13	14	15 5:30pm The Table 7:00pm AIAnon	16	17	18
19 PENTECOST Men's Bible Study / Bible Presentation / Choir Apprec.	20 5:30pm SFM Team	21 10:00am Bible Study 3pm Presbytery 7pm Session	22 7:00pm AIAnon	23 3pm, Personnel 3:30pm Aging In Place program 7:00pm AIAnon	24	25
26 Graduate Appreciation	27 VBS Memorial Day Parade	28 10:00am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	29 7:00pm AIAnon	30	31 <i>Fellowship Hall in use. Reserved by Pastor Katie</i>	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion CE Team	3	4 10am Bib. St. 7pm Naylor Concert	5 5pm Worship 6pm Comm Outreach 7pm AIAnon	6 5:30pm The Moth, Detroit	7 VBS	8 VBS
9 VBS Commissioning WorkCamp	10	11 10am Bible Study	12 7pm AIAnon	13 PIES	14	15
16 Father's Day! WORK CAMP →KERT away	17 5:30pm SFM	18 10am Bible Study	19 5pm The Table 7pm AIAnon	20 1pm Cong Care Team	21	22
23	24 5pm Cong Life Team	25 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Joy Belles	26 7pm AIAnon	27 PIES	28	29
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