

# 1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## July - August 2024



Pie sales are  
going great!  
Thank you  
to all the  
bakers!

### UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

**July 21:** Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Fay Mitchell, Kathy Jarosz

**July 28:** Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

**August 4:** Stephen Potts, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, David Rowland Miller, Nancy Gates

**Communion:** Jay & Jo Salvage, Tom & Karen Lingeman

**August 11:** Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

**August 18:** Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

**August 25:** Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rusty Phlegar, Stephen Potts

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*Celebrating Christ's love for all people*

# PASTOR'S PAGE:

*"As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more."*

*—Psalm 103:15-16*



Dear Members and Friends of FPC,

When last I wrote you, I was shortly heading off to the Cabell-Lincoln Work Camp outside of Huntington, WV. It seems impossible that a month has gone by already. Alas, that is how summer tends to go. If we don't ground ourselves, and intentionally stand in awe of life, and creation, and the days we are given, and the things within those days which we each see, and experience, and even taste and smell, well, then, it can all pass over us like a fleeting breeze and be gone in the blink of an eye. Thus, I implore you, beloved children of God, take time to wonder at the preciousness of all the variety of created existence God has set upon this amazing earth. And remember that not only among human creatures, but among all created things, there is no "them," there is only "us." We are like grass, the psalmist writes, so let us learn from the grass. Let us, too, stand in sunlight and in the starlight. Let us be moved by the flowing breeze. Let us bow in heavy weather, only to stand up again.

Change is upon us again here at FPC! Steven Naylor, who has tarried with us for two years, and yet established a lifetime hold on our hearts, is off to his next adventure in graduate school. God bless him, and flourish him! Our new Music Director, Aaron Roos (pronounced ROSE), begins in August. We are welcoming Nick and Claire Krabill in to coordinate and lead our church youth in asking the questions of faith and life and in practicing service in the community. There are, and will be, new adult education opportunities unfolding this summer and fall, one particularly for our younger and working adults. And even as we have just laid Joe Brainard to rest, there is a new baby on the way in the congregation. That little one might not ever know the name "Joe Brainard," and yet the ecosystem of faith, and nurture, and fellowship into which this young life will enter is imbued with his presence, his wisdom, his commitment, and loyalty, as much as it is imbued with the lives of all of the saints of this congregation who have gone on before us.

If we are grass, then it is fitting to be thus. We have one another. We have the sun, and the stars, and the rain, and the nurturing soil of those who lived and died before us. God created us this way and called it "Good." And if you have read my words here today and thought, "Pastor Katie, the sky is falling. The end is nigh! Get your head out of the clouds and get real," I want you to know that I totally know what you are talking about. The stress and strain on our collective nervous system, our global nervous system, is getting unbearable. Thus, it has never been more important in our lifetimes than now to be an outpost, to be an oasis, of the peace and goodness of the Kingdom of God in our communities and the world. Our work is to be balanced in all that is off-kilter, to be peace and rest amid fear and dread. How can we offer that to others if we are not practicing it? Take time for grounding. Take time for breath. Take time for awe, and wonder, and thanksgiving. *B&P, KERT*

# HEADS UP! IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN ED NEWS!

## *Come Meet Our New Youth Leaders!*

HOW: at a pool party of course!

(oh, you mean how did we get new youth leaders?  
God. It was God.)

WHO: Young people in our congregation aged 11-years-old & up, & your parents (oh, you mean who are these new leaders?) *Come meet Claire and Nick Krabill!*



WHAT: will we do at the pool party? We will introduce ourselves and get to know one another a little bit. They will want to know about your schedules and begin to think about when youth gatherings can happen.

What will Nick and Claire do with our youth? They will provide & lead opportunities for service, fellowship, and developing a life of faith.

WHERE: The pool party will be at The Hamlet Pool, hosted by Gretchen Downs.

WHEN: The pool party is happening Saturday, July 27,  
5:00-7:00pm. **RSVP!** To Pastor Katie & Gretchen  
(if you can't make it, no worries! We will get you introduced!)

## **NEW ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY—especially for those who work!**

The Rev. Susan Rowland Miller is presenting in our congregation a 10-session study called, "Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace."

It will be offered in-person, **either Wednesday or Thursday evenings**, beginning at the end of August.

If you are not currently able to participate in our other church Bible studies, but have been hoping for something geared toward you,

**THIS IS IT!**

Do you need child care to participate in this study? No problem! Just let us know!

Please contact Pastor Katie, right away if you are interested in participating.

**No Children's  
Sunday School  
July 21 and 28**

*I have all this extra time and energy,  
but what can I do with it...?*

**Make sure to check the  
box next to the task on  
the list on the church  
bulletin board if you  
complete a task.**

## **Work Projects Around the Church**

Clean and seal the tile grout in boy's restroom in daycare.

Note: needs top coat about 10SF with white semi-gloss paint.

Wash, scrape, prime & paint lower boards (below siding) that make up the foundation of the backyard fire exit and wooden steps from the upper level youth room.

Power wash and prime back steps of the rental house.

Prime and paint peeled spot on ceiling in upper level youth room

Top coat the bottom part of the back yard access door of church

Clean 4 rental house basement window wells . Clean & prime 6 basement window wells in the older part of the church building

Put a white, exterior top coat on the fence in the back yard and on the back of the main church sign

Consult with Tom L. & Don Y. about painting interior door of church at alley entrance

Consult with Tom and Don about painting entrance vestibule

Note: semi-gloss white paint

# Community Outreach Team Updates

Mark your calendars now for  
the Church FREE RUMMAGE SALE Sept. 28

The Table is THIS Wednesday, July 17, at 5:30pm. Help out by bringing cookies for dessert or a side of potato salad or cole slaw! (Come fellowship with us & check out our snazzy new street sign!)

Collect ANY type of PASTA for PCU this month.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes  
our new Music Director,  
Aaron Roos (*pronounced ROSE*),  
Sunday, August 4, 2024

*We are overjoyed to welcome Aaron, an under grad class-mate of Steven Naylor at BGSU.*

*Aaron is now studying for his Master's Degree at BG, with a focus in choral leadership.*

WELCOME AARON!



# Better Together: Faith Communities United for Pride

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WALKING THE PARADE, AND/OR INTERESTED IN A T-SHIRT, PLEASE CONTACT ALLISON MACKIN BY JULY 22.

**The faith communities united for Toledo Pride 2024 are:**

*Grace Lutheran Church, Toledo*      *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo*

- St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Ottawa Hills*
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Toledo*
- Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg*
- Sylvania First United Methodist Church, Sylvania*
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oregon*
- Glenwood Lutheran Church, Toledo*
- Sylvania United Church of Christ, Sylvania*
- St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Sylvania*
- Toledo Campus Ministry, Toledo*
- Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse*
- First Unitarian Church of Toledo, Toledo*
- Zion Lutheran Church, Lima*
- Faith Lutheran Church, Swanton*
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee*
- Olivet Lutheran Church, Sylvania*
- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Perrysburg*
- All Saints Episcopal Church, Toledo*
- St. Mark Lutheran Church, East Toledo*
- Park United Church of Christ, Toledo*
- St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Toledo*
- First Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg*
- The Belonging Table, Toledo*
- Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo*
- Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Bowling Green*
- Buddhist Temple of Toledo, Toledo*
- Faith United Lutheran Church, Toledo*

# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>14</b> STEVEN NAYLOR'S LAST DAY 9am, pick up choir 11:15 CE Team 6:30 Book Grp	<b>15</b> 5:30, Personnel Team meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 THE TABLE 7pm, AIAnon	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>A totally normal            Sunday</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6pm Joy Belles	<b>24</b> 7pm, AIAnon	<b>25</b> PRESBY PIES	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             5-7pm              Youth pool              party @              The Hamlet           </div>
<b>28</b> Begin 4-week sermon series on the Apostles' Creed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7pm, AIAnon			

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7pm, AlAnon	1	2	3
4 10am worship Apostle's Creed Sermon Series	5	6	7 5pm Worship & Music meeting 7pm AlAnon	8 PIES	9	10
11 10am worship 11:15am CE Team meeting 6:30pm Book Gathering	12	13 6:30pm Session meeting	14 6pm Community Outreach meeting 7pm AlAnon	15	16 5:45 pm Toastmasters	17
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