

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October - November 2024



Join us in Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg invites you to share in a special celebration of the ordination anniversaries of the Rev. Kathryn Rivera Torea (20 years), the Rev. Melinda Gallant (25 years), the Rev. Susan Rowland Miller (30 years), and the Rev. Jean Kiskaddon (45 years). These extraordinary women will be recognized during the 10:00 worship service on Sun, October 20, 2024. A brunch reception will follow immediately in Fellowship Hall.

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page:



“³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:34-40



Beloved Siblings in Christ,

This past Tuesday, October 8th, the Session received confirmation from our denomination that we are officially a Matthew 25 Congregation. So when you see this logo around on our church website, or elsewhere, you will know that it refers to us being part of a cohort of PCUSA churches across the country.

There are three categories of Matthew 25 churches. We are among those congregations who are working on **church vitalization ministries**. The benefit for us is that being a Matthew 25 church gives us access to resources and a regional resource coordinator. Attaining this designation has not changed what we are doing in this congregation at all. What we have been doing over the past three years, and you have been doing since 2020, when you took part in the CAT survey, fits perfectly into the profile of a Matthew 25 congregation. So, we keep doing what we are doing, and we have access to even more resources to support us.

Special thanks to Jay Salvage for putting in the legwork on this one! Blessings, Pastor Katie

Church Halloween Party

Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30-8:00pm

1) **RSVP** if you are able to join Abbie and Pastor Katie for costumes, music, food, and passing out candy to Trick-or-Treaters here at the church.

2) **To the whole congregation:**

We are putting out a call for **candy donations!** Please help out!



A RECAP OF OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have made their financial pledges to the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2025. If you have yet to make your pledge, it is welcome at any time but will be very helpful to us in the next few weeks as we form the 2025 budget.

And thank you to Stephen Potts and all those who quietly, behind the scenes worked diligently to make the stewardship campaign this fall. God bless you and keep you!

This past year I (Pastor Katie) talked a lot about learning skill for our mission and ministry through the format and events of The Moth story-slams. I took groups up to Detroit to experience some story-slams and it was very informative. As the year unfolded, I realized that we want to be less performative in our story-sharing and receiving with one another and the community. We want to create and host holy space for connection. If you are familiar with the work of StoryCorps, you know that is what do very, very well. And like The Moth, will partner to create events.

When you have an opportunity, please check out the StoryCorps podcast series entitled: "Stepping Up." Here is their description: As we enter the home stretch of this presidential election, we're bringing you an all new season of the StoryCorps Podcast called *Stepping Up*. We're sharing stories from people who did just that, by making the decision to confront the difficulties and divides in their own lives head on; those who chose to seek connection when the opposite path seemed easier or sometimes even more logical. These stories aren't about finding an easy solution, they're about dealing with the reality of the world, and trying to make the best of it.

Here is the link. You will have to copy and paste it into a browser.

<https://storycorps.org/podcast/stepping-up/>



One of our longtime building users is a local branch of Toastmasters International. In recent weeks I (Pastor Katie) have been in conversation with our contact person for that club here in Perrysburg. We discussed our shared interest in partnering further with one another. You will notice information about their meetings & events becoming more visible around the church in coming months, as we discover how we work together to create a space of hospitality for story & connection in our community.

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

October 13: Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore & Carlee Campbell, Matt Hollar, Kathy Jarosz

October 20: Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs

October 27: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

November 3: Stephen Potts, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates

Communion: Rick & Mary Beth Gilts / Matt Hollar & Michelle Chavez

November 10: Don Youel, Jay & Jo Salvage, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz

November 17: Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs


November 24: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
AFTER WORSHIP

Presby pie season 2024 is in the wraps!



Our earnings for the season exceeded \$4300.00 (excluding pie pans and boxes). We welcomed new bakers, and we're always excited to welcome fresh talent. We encourage anyone contemplating it to give us a thought in June! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every pie baker and faithful worker! Without your collective effort, none of this would have been possible.

SEPT. 28, 2024

TO THE MOST GENEROUS COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SAYING "THANK YOU" SEEMS
SO INADEQUATE AT THIS TIME REGARDING YOUR
GRACIOUSNESS IN OPENING THE DOORS OF YOUR
BEAUTIFUL CHURCH TO THE PUBLIC AND INVITE
ALL TO ATTEND A FREE RUMMAGE "SALE". I
REMAIN IN AWE OF THE WONDERFUL ITEMS YOU
HAVE GIVEN ME - HOW CAN I POSSIBLY THANK YOU?!

YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IN PUTTING
TOGETHER A SUPER CLEAN AND WELL-ORGANIZED
EVENT REACHED THE PINNACLE OF LOVE, GOODNESS
AND KINDNESS.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS
THE ADMIRABLE, AWESOME AND FRIENDLY
MEMBERS OF YOUR TRULY SWEET
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNITY.

WITH SINCERE AND
HEARTFELT APPRECIATION,
MARY PINCIOTTI



Christian Education

As we look to the fast approaching Advent Season through Epiphany we have chosen material that will mirror the congregation's lessons "From Generation to Generation...There's room for every story". This will include family Advent calendars, weekly craft activities, and a Bible lesson.

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 15 IS THE
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.

Christian Education is planning for our fall class time with the youth!

For the youngest we will continue to explore people in the Old Testament who followed the word of God. Many gave up everything to spread God's message of the coming Lord. Now that's faith!



The older youth will continue to meet upstairs after the sermon to discuss anything from the sermon message to what is going on in their lives.



New Youth Directors Settling In

Claire & Nick are reviewing dates that will work for our busy youth & their busy teaching schedules. We are sure to have a date for an outside activity soon.



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am worship All Saints Worship Day	4	5 10am Bible Study	6 5pm Worship & Music Meet 6pm Commu- nity Outreach 7pm Shalom Study Group	7 7pm AlAnon Annual Meeting	8	9
10 10am worship 1pm MVP Toledo area meeting	11	12 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session	13 7pm AlAnon	14	15 5:45 pm Toastmasters	16
17 10am worship Annual Con- gregational Meeting	18	19 10am Presby- tery Meeting 10am Bible Study	20 5:30pm The Table 7pm Shalom Study Group 7pm AlAnon	21	22	23
24 10am worship	25	26 10am Bible Study Hanging of the Greens	27 7pm AlAnon	28 	29 5:45 pm Toastmasters	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 8:30am Men's Bible Study Stewardship Sunday Church Work Day	14 5:30pm Building & Property 6pm S/F/M Meeting 6:30pm Listening Practicum	15 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Listening Practicum	16 5:30pm The Table 7pm Shalom Study Group 7pm AIAnon	17 1pm Congregational Care Meeting	18 5:45 pm Toastmasters	19
20 10am worship Ordination Celebration	21	22 Pastor Katie vacation→ 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	23 7pm Shalom Study Group 7pm AIAnon	24	25	26
27 10am worship	28 5pm Congregational Life Meeting	29 ←Pastor Katie vacation 10am Bible Study	30 7pm AIAnon	31 5:30pm Halloween Party		



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

PCU Collection Items: October - Cereal & November - Toilet Paper

Peace & Global Witness: Thank you for your compassion & generosity!

Total gifts - \$1,565. The Cocoon receives 25% (\$391.25)

Free Rummage Sale: Grateful for everyone who helped make this sale an outstanding success!

You guys are awesome!