

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June - July 2025



PRESBY PAINTING PROJECT

The support for our painting project has been amazing! We have already raised over \$5,000 towards our \$8,000 goal. To engage the community in our efforts, we will be hosting a craft sale alongside Presby Pies on Thursday, July 24th.

We invite you to contribute any items you have created. Anything is welcome! Additionally, there will be a children's area featuring face painting and fun crafts for them to take home at no cost, although a donation paint can will be available.

We are already seeing commitments from some of our members to join in, so put on your thinking caps and get creative!

If you have any questions, please reach out, and thank you for your continued generosity.

- Rick Gilts & Julie Lindsey

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you . . . and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. "—Jeremiah 29:7

Members and Friends of FPC,

If you read this when the newsletter arrives, I will be at Work Camp with Mary Beth, Rick, Thomas, Lizzy, Isla, Michelle, and Matt, working away with old and new friends from congregations up and down the east coast, and Ohio, who have been connected to one another for decades through a week of repairing homes outside of Huntington.

Why do we go there? What is the purpose? **Tikkun olam** (/ti ku n ʌ la m/; Hebrew: תיקון עולם, romanized: *tiqqūn ṓlām*, lit. 'repairing the world') is a concept in Judaism, which refers to various forms of action intended to repair and improve the world.

As Christians, why do we believe it is our responsibility to participate with God in repairing the world? Because, as we have recently read together in worship, Jesus prays to God, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (John 17:18). Through the Holy Spirit, a part of God's mission is conferred to us. The Apostle Paul emphasizes this when he writes to the Galatians, "So you are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child then also a heir" (Galatians 4:7). Heirs to the family business.

We, whom you have commissioned to do actual repair work in West Virginia this month, will go with various amounts of experience and skill, so some of us will be learning as we do. This is *very* disciple-ish! We learn and grow as we go. And we go together, sharing insights, mistakes, grace, and victories, and joys.

Ponder a moment:

How does David Nunn's "Grass Roots" initiative participate in *Tikkun olam*?

How do Presby Pies help to heal the world?

How does creating a safe and trusting place to really be our best selves and to really share our stories add to *Tikkun olam*?

How does The Table function as healing the world?

How does making the effort to join with sibling churches in our area of the presbytery for joint worship and fellowship fit into *Tikkun olam*?

Because, they do. They all do.

For such a time as this, *Pastor Katie*



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Happy Father's Day!

PCU: "ONE DAY SUNDAY" ~ JUNE 29TH ~ CANNED MEAT

BLOOD DRIVE: ZOAR ~ JULY 11 ~ 10AM-4PM

NOSA Cards: May total = \$3,180 Thank You!

THE COCOON ~ 20TH ANNIVERSARY ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 17: 10am-Noon | Press Conference Open House | Wood County Courthouse

Jul 13: 11am-2pm | Family Fun Day at Rotary Park shelter house | Free

Jul 26: 4pm-10pm | Annual Parking Lot Party at Arlyn's Good Beer, BG

Freewill donations encouraged.

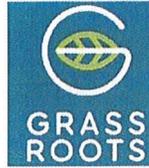
Aug 14: 6pm-8pm | River cruise on the Sandpiper, Toledo

This will be a ticketed fundraising event.

NOV 6: time TBD | 20th Anniversary Gala, Nazareth Hall, Grand Rapids

This will be a ticketed fundraising event

THE OPEN DOOR: DONATED \$300



Grass Roots Recycling to Reuse Network, LLC

*** Special Event ***

We have been working hard for many months getting prepared for the opening of our new **"Grass Roots Recycling to Reuse Network"** in Perrysburg and the surrounding area. To make sure things go smoothly, **GRASS ROOTS** is having a "soft" network opening focusing first on signing up our friends and neighbors who are passionate (or intrigued) about creative, local "recycling" and/or "reconstructing" opportunities.

To learn more about **GRASS ROOTS** we are having our first in-person event during the Perrysburg Farmers Market on **JUNE 19, 2025** from **4:00-7:00** on the lawn of the **First Presbyterian Church** located at **200 E. 2nd Street, Perrysburg, Ohio**. We will have a large display of the types of recyclable materials being "rescued" by **GRASS ROOTS** and the types of refurbished, repurposed, upcycled, etc. products being made by our current (and growing) roster of local "reconstructors". We will also have people available to provide information, answer questions, and, if desired, help you fill out membership forms for **GRASS ROOTS**. Music will be provided by the local band, **Hit & Run**, and beverages will be available.

We are initially only offering our **Free Basic Membership** to those interested in being a network member. This will allow us to better determine our members interests and needs and give us time to expand into our Full Membership option as well as get our online store up and running. We hope to see you on **June 19th!**



Grass Roots' first project reclaimed circa 1900 hardwood from two abandoned farm buildings. The wood was milled from the now mostly gone Black Swamp Forest. Thanks go to the Black Swamp Conservancy for the opportunity!



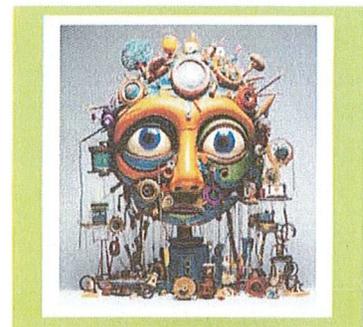
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Busy Building Bees

Have you noticed any little changes around the church buildings and grounds this spring?

Check out the new, *higher*, non-sliding-seat commode in the sanctuary-adjacent restroom. The reviews are in: "10 out of 10!"
"Thank you Facility Management Team—you rock!"
"What a lovely experience."

How about the removal of the small (used to be) evergreen trees on either side of the 2nd Street sanctuary door? Yep. Gone!

These are just to get you **warmed up for bigger projects** that will be happening this summer: Building Security upgrades in mid-July and cleaning and painting of the siding (some of which we will be doing ourselves!). Bonus: *water bottle filling station!*

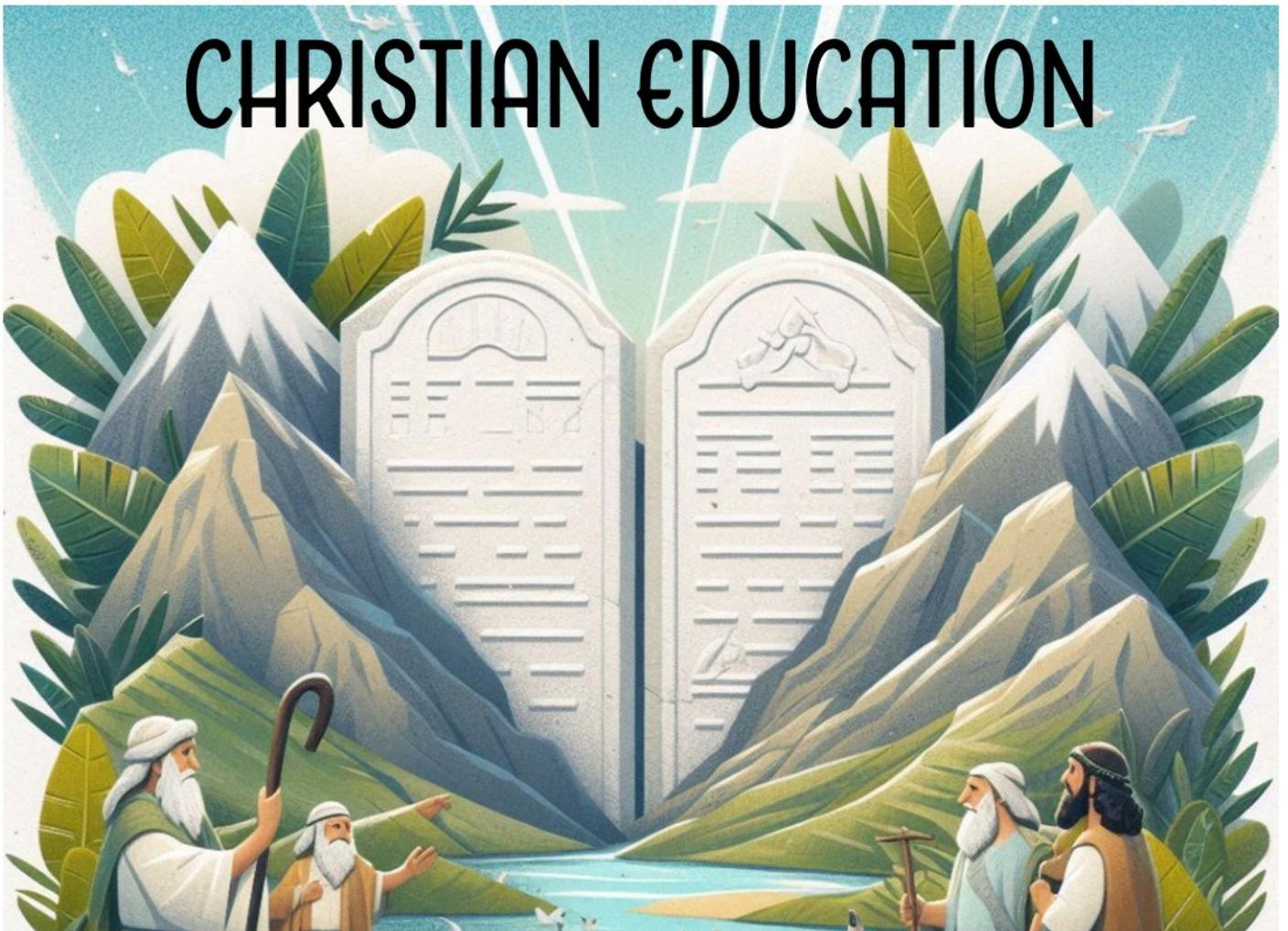
Toledo Pride Parade - August 16

More information to follow about participation.

What about VBS?

creative, adaptive, unexpected,
still coming together!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Jr. Worship children have created the Tablets that contained the 10 commandments given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai. They also crafted stone markers to honor the journey through the Jordan River with Joshua. Throughout the summer, we will keep meeting God's People on Mountains and Seas.



Claire and Nick are available for our older youth to meet after the sermon to discuss the sermon and scripture reading and it relates to their lives.

Childcare is always available thanks to Lizzy & Sarah Crawford.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15  10am Worship Work Camp→	16 5:30pm S/F Team meeting	17 5:30pm Bldg Management	18 5pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	19 3:30pm Grass Roots	20 5:45pm Toastmasters	21 ←Work Camp
22 10am Worship	23	24 6pm Joy Belles	25 6pm AlAnon	26 3:30pm Presby Pies	27	28
29 2pm Shared Worship & Picnic @ Ottawa Park*	30	*Go to the pavilion & amphitheater in Ottawa Park. Bring a covered dish to share.				

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

June 15: Stephen Potts, Sarah Crawford & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Allison Mackin, Gretchen Downs

June 22: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

June 29: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Fiona Davies, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

July 6: Don Youel, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates

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

July 13: Stephen Potts, Jay & Jo Salvage, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz

July 20: Don Youel, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

July 27: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5pm Mission & Vision Team	2 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AlAnon	3	4 	5
6 10am Worship	7	8	9 6pm AlAnon	10 3:30pm Presby Pies	11	12
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27 10am Worship	28 5pm Congregational Life Team	29 Youth Triennium—>	30 <—Pastor Katie Vacation	31 <—Youth Triennium		