

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July - August 2025

CRAFT SALE SUPPORTING PRESBY PAINTING PROJECT JULY 24, 2025



On July 24th, we will host our Craft Sale along with a Children's activity area, and all proceeds will benefit the Painting Project. We have already gathered some fantastic items for the sale and are looking forward to receiving many more in the days ahead. Additionally, the 24th coincides with the Presby Pie Sales, which always attracts a large crowd. Please ensure your items are at the church by 3:00 PM on the 24th, or feel free to drop them off in Fellowship Hall anytime during the week. If you're interested in assisting with this project, please reach out to Julie or Rick. We always appreciate extra hands and energy to help make this event a success.

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page

"Moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him."

—Ecclesiastes 3:13-14

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Happy Summer! I hope this season is giving you all you need in sustenance and joy. That is a pretty tall order, and yet, it is what God intends for all of us. I have been delighted to hear about your trips and your family gatherings, and to look at your photos. Sharing joy is precious.

In a couple of weeks Juan Pablo and I will be off to New York for a week of vacation. We will take in some Yankees games, stop by MoMA for an exhibit we are excited about, and spend time with beloved friends. Knock on wood that my favorite lunch place is still open and serving my hands-down favorite chicken Caesar salad. I sometimes wonder how many days in a row I could eat it before becoming bored with it. I am also always musing about causally asking for their dressing recipe. (It has secret ingredients!)

The author of Ecclesiastes asserts that God intends us to take pleasure in our work. A million years ago (1973) the author Frederick Buechner wrote that you know when you've found your vocation because it is "the place where your deep gladness and the world's great hunger meet." What is your vocation these days?

This fall FPC P'burg is going to travel even more deeply into our calling as a congregation. You will know when it is happening because we have a theme for 8-weeks of worship, practice, and reflection (individual and group). The theme (ala Sanctified Arts) is I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK. It has four conversation topics for going past the superficial into deep places with one another. I've been meaning to ask: 1) Where are you from? 2) Where does it hurt? 3) What do you need? 4) Where can we go from here?

Your Mission & Vision Team (Allison Mackin, Marti Clayton, Jay Salvage, & Susan Rowland Miller) is excited about moving our work of being a space where people can tell their stories and be heard with honor and intention outside the four walls of this church building. Yet we are mindful that have more work to do inside the four walls to prepare for that well. We look forward to the day, not too far off, when people in our community will indeed see what God is doing through us and all will stand in awe of Holy God.

Want to get started right now? "Why wait until the fall?" you say? Then, locate yourself a copy of *Nonviolent Communication*, by Marshall B. Rosenberg (I got mine from Way Library!) and join the Mission & Vision Team in reading it this summer.



STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Stephen Ministry group has recently completed Module 15. We've dedicated numerous hours to study and practice.

- We've discovered how to listen deeply and truly understand what others are expressing, utilizing our enhanced awareness of emotions and cues that convey more than mere words. Interestingly, we've noticed that our lives feel more "in tune" with those around us in our daily interactions.*
- We've gained a better understanding of how people respond to challenges in their lives and how we can assist them on their difficult journey towards a healthier "place" and the restoration of hope.*
- We've utilized the excellent written training manuals to delve into the experiences in our lives that bring us pain, reflecting on our own stories and the scenarios in the training manuals as examples of what was beneficial and what was not.*
- We've engaged in practice conversations, allowing us to listen to (and perhaps adjust) our words of connection, problem exploration, and comfort.*
- We are learning through biblical stories how Jesus assured us that we would never be alone and how He exemplified and instructed his followers to care for one another. We are the caregivers... God is the healer.*

The Stephen Minister Commissioning is just a few weeks away. During the service, we will seek your support and prayers for this ministry, which embodies the Vision and Mission of our church. Following this, Ministers will be available to provide confidential support to those in need. If you find yourself in this situation, please reach out to Pastor Katie or Sue Fyten for further details.



Faith & Family Mud Hens Game

Save the Date! Sign up today!

Faith & Family Mud Hens Game
Sunday, August 17 at 2:05 pm

Tickets \$13 each

Sign up on CHURCH bulletin
board (deadline August 3)

Better Together: Faith Communities United for Pride!

August 16, 2025

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE INVITED ONCE MORE TO UNITE IN A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION OF INCLUSION, SHOWCASING A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF EMBODIED UNITY AND COLLABORATION AT THE TOLEDO PRIDE 2025 PARADE ON AUGUST 16TH.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING US FOR THE PARADE, DETAILS ON HOW TO ORDER A T-SHIRT CAN BE FOUND BELOW.

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO THE MACKINS, SALVAGES, OR GILTS IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT OUR AMAZING EXPERIENCE FROM LAST YEAR.



Link to Jupmode shirt store for Better Together: Faith Communities United for Pride:
<http://jupmode.chipply.com/zoar25/>

The Jupmode shirt store is currently open and will remain so until July 15th, providing ample time for production, pick-up, and distribution.

When placing orders, customers will be asked to choose their community from a drop-down menu, allowing Jupmode to organize orders by community. This way, one representative from each community can collect the group's order.

For instance, if someone orders a shirt and selects 'First Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg', that shirt will be grouped for Allison Mackin to gather and distribute.



PRESBY PIES UPDATE

EVEN WITH THE HEAT AND RAIN, JUNE HAS STARTED ANOTHER FANTASTIC PIE SEASON. WE SOLD 86 PIES, BRINGING IN A TOTAL OF \$968! FINGERS CROSSED FOR 8 MORE SALE DAYS FILLED WITH SUNSHINE! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BAKING AND HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO NANCY GATES. ALL BAKERS ARE WELCOME!



Community Outreach

PCU: "One Day Sunday" July 27 - Pasta

NOSA Cards: June total = \$1,950 | NOSA cards donated \$1,000 to the Paint Project | Thank you!

The Cocoon 20th Anniversary Upcoming Events:

July 26 | 4pm-10pm Annual Parking Lot Party | Arlyn's Good Beer | BG
Freewill donations encouraged.

August 14 | 6pm-8pm River Cruise on The Sandpiper | Toledo
This will be a ticketed fundraising event.

November 6 | 20th Anniversary Gala | Nazareth Hall | Grand Rapids
This will be a ticketed fundraising event.

The Halim Clinic at PHCC: A free medical clinic serving Perrysburg and nearby communities. Currently provide primary care services to adults who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the care they need.

Hours of Operation: Monday 5:00pm – 9:00 pm

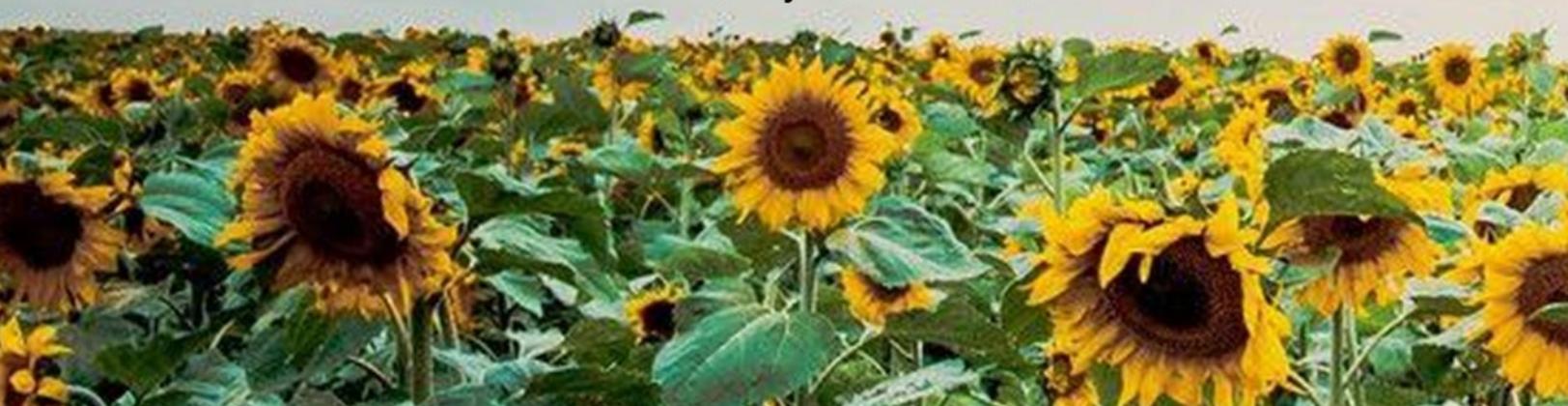
Location: 12282 Jefferson St, Perrysburg

Phone: (567) 318-4609

Email: contact@halimclinic.org

Website: <https://www.halimclinic.org/>

Pamphlets are available on the information table located in the fellowship hall and on the Community Outreach bulletin board.



NICK AND CLAIRE KEEP MEETING WITH OUR OLDER YOUTH AFTER THE SERMON. THIS TIME IS

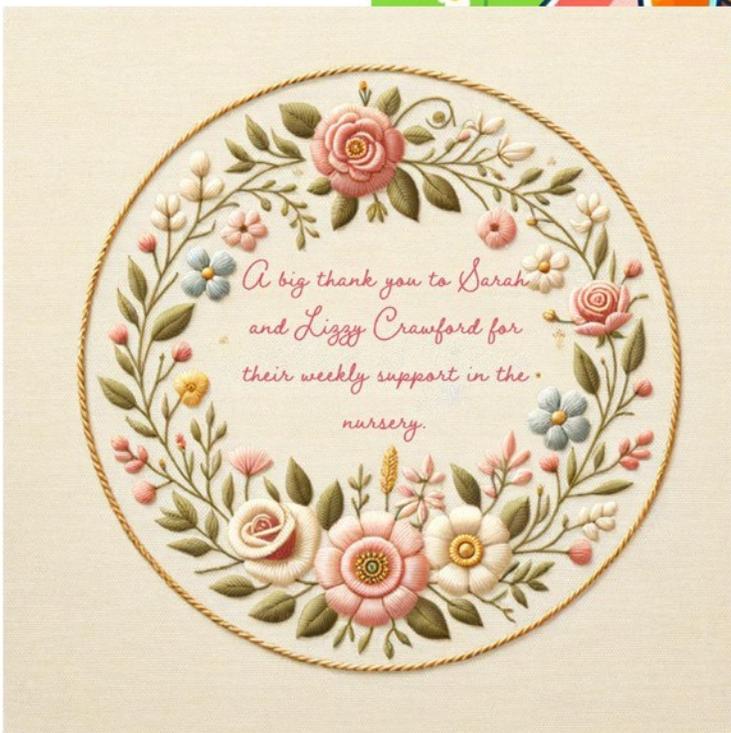
DEDICATED TO REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES AND THE SERMON, DISCUSSING HOW IT

CONNECTS TO THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.



Thrilling Jr. Worship Summer

Our summer is passing quickly, just like our thrilling experiences in Jr. Worship with "God's People on the Mountains and Seas." We will keep using this curriculum until September. These lessons are quite simple to teach. If anyone is interested in dedicating a Sunday to support the children in our congregation, the regular teachers would be very grateful for your assistance. No prior teaching experience is required!



What's going on in Christian Education!

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 10am Worship	14	15	16 5pm The Table 6pm AIAnon	17 3:30pm Grass Roots	18 5:45pm Toastmasters	19
20 10am Worship	21 Building Security Upgrades Begin	22 6pm Joy Belles	23 Pastor KRT vacation—> 6pm AIAnon	24 Presby Pies & Craft Sale	25	26
27 10am Worship	28 5pm Cong Life Team meeting	29 Youth Triennium—>	30 <—Pastor KRT vacation	31 <—Youth Triennium		

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

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

August 3: Stephen Potts, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, David/Susan Rowland Miller, Nancy Gates

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

August 10: Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

August 17: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

August 24: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Isla/Fiona Davies, Stephen Potts

August 31: Stephen Potts, Carol Sprague & Fiona Davies, Allison Mackin/Lizzy Crawford, Marty Sloan

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Worship Communion 11:15am Christian Education Team meeting	4	5	6 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AIAnon	7 5pm Mission & Vision Team meeting	8	9
10 10am Worship	11 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Team meeting	12 4:30pm Bldg Management 6:30pm Session	13 6pm AIAnon	14 3:30pm Presby Pies	15 Pastor KRT vacation--> 5:45 pm Toastmasters	16
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