

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October - November 2025

I've been
meaning
to ask...

a series for curiosity,
courage, & connection

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page:

"But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed" — 2 Timothy 4:17

Siblings in Christ,

When you called me to be your minister in 2022, I was so grateful to have access to the results and interpretation of your CAT Survey in 2020. It was a tremendous gift to have a starting place for focusing my work in leadership to meet your hopes and desires for the ministry here.



CAT SURVEY / MISSION AND VISION

GOAL: define mission and become a Ministry-Centric church.

IDENTIFIED AREAS FOR WORK:

Improve MUSIC to deepen worship experience.

Provide more CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL PRACTICE at all levels.

Clarify MISSIONAL IDENTITY and focus our efforts to help and advocate.

Reach NEW FAMILIES and grow the congregation.

Since I began here, we as a congregation have been working on understanding the mission of God in the world, the mission of The Church in the world, and the mission of *our* church in our community and the world. Your church leadership and I have concurrently worked to bring focus to **our church's part** of God's great mission to redeem creation. And we came to believe this congregation is called to the mission of **peace-maker**—a peace-making congregation that holds space for vulnerable and compassionate sharing of stories of our lived experience and the lived experiences of others. Why? Because knowing our mission together clarifies the kind of Christian education and spiritual development we need to offer and engage. Because being able to tell the story of the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the way we are called to share it with others, helps us reach new people who are called to this work as well.

We are halfway through our fall practice of *I've Been Meaning to Ask*. At the end of this worship and study series, on **Sunday, November 9**, the Mission Vision Team will hold a **congregational forum**, in the Fellowship Hall so we can reflect on our shared understanding of our church's mission and vision. **If this fall program has been meaningful to you**, we need you there, at the forum, ready to tell us why. **If this fall program has been repellant to you**, we need you there, at the forum, ready to tell us why. **If you are confused** about how this fall program fits into serving Jesus Christ and God, or how this program aids us in development as peacemakers, **we need you there**, at the forum, asking questions.

Because this winter, we intend to begin the next step of training and development for our mission, which will include studying and practicing non-violent communication. This winter we also intend to present a follow-up CAT Survey, because a lot has happened in our lives and the life of the world over the past six years, and we need to see if where we are going is where we are going. Why? Because the world has great need of the good news being fully proclaimed, and to proclaim our part of it, we must be strong and prepared to do so.

Beloved, have no doubt, the Lord will meet us here and give us strength. *Pastor Katie*

FPC Hosts Fall Presbytery Meeting

November 18, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



On Tuesday, November 18, we will welcome 80–100 members of the Maumee Valley Presbytery for their fall meeting. Please note that the entire upstairs area of the church will be inaccessible from 9 am to 3 pm. Your Congregational Life team, along with many volunteers, are hard at work preparing for this event. Our talented Presby Pie bakers will be making delicious pumpkin pies to include in the luncheon menu!



Presby Pies 2025

What a wonderful season for pie sales! We experienced just one rainy day, yet our loyal customers still showed up! We welcomed numerous new customers, had 15 regular bakers, and many faithful helpers! A big thank you to each and every one of you!

DRUM ROLL...

We sold 415 pies, bringing in a total of \$4554!

Stewardship & Finance Team

2026 Stewardship Campaign

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How do
you serve?

Dear Friends,

The Stewardship season is upon us!

This fall we are engaging as a congregation to thoughtfully share our answers to a series of questions. The Stewardship & Finance Team also has a question for you...How do you serve?

We are one week into our Fall Stewardship campaign. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve FPC of Perrysburg for the 2026 year. Pledge cards will be collected on Sunday, October 26th but may also be mailed or submitted into the church office. Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary, as well as Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer a hard copy mailed to you, please reach out!

The Stewardship & Finance Team serves the church by managing our finances and planning how to best use our financial resources to serve our collective goals. Your commitment is greatly appreciated to help this team plan for the future.

For questions or resources, please contact:

Stephen Potts / Stphnpotts@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Joy and Peace,

Stewardship & Finance Team



CHURCH TRICK-OR-TREAT PARTY

JOIN US! (PIZZA & FUN)

We need more candy donations to pass out to kiddos, please help us out!

**IT'S ABBIE'S
FAVORITE
HOLIDAY!!**

Our Jr. Worship and Youth discussion will keep engaging with the thought-provoking questions that are presented by asking...

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From the littlest, to those of us who have outgrown our "little" days, these questions provoke responses that are humorous, heartfelt, challenging, nostalgic, and spiritual. We are all becoming better listeners and are exchanging our life stories with one another. What a wonderful gift.

We express our gratitude to Lizzy Crawford, along with Claire and Nick Krabill, for guiding the children as they develop their faith by encouraging them to ask questions and share their emotions with each other.



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Regular Meeting:

Online & In-Person

10/17/25 6:30pm Meet & Greet
6:45pm Gavel Time
FIRST PRESBYTARIAN
CHURCH OF PERRYSBURG OH
200 e. 2ND St. Perrysburg, OH

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/
J/87445432193](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87445432193)

SPECIAL EVENT:
GOING DOWN THE ROAD TO GIVING
A TEDX TALK: WE'RE NOT IN
KANSAS ANYMORE, TOTO!

Oct. 31 6:45 Gavel Time

FIRST PRESBYTARIAN
CHURCH OF PERRYSBURG OH
200 e. 2ND St. Perrysburg, OH
(In the Conference Room) and
ONLINE. Register at:
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 12 10am Worship | 13 | 14 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session | 15 5pm The Table 6pm AIAnon | 16 | 17 5:45pm Toastmasters | 18 |
| 19 10am Worship 11:30am Christian Education Team meeting | 20 | 21 10am Bible Study 4:30pm Bldg Management | 22 6pm AIAnon | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Pledge Sunday 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10am Worship | 27 5pm Cong Life Team meeting | 28 10am Bible Study 1pm Joy Belles | 29 6pm AIAnon | 30 | 31  5:45pm Toastmasters | |

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

October 19: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Allison Mackin, Gretchen Downs

October 26: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

November 2: Stephen Potts, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates

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

November 9: Don Youel, Jay & Jo Salvage, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz

November 16: Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

November 23: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

November 30: Stephen Potts, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

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| 2 10am Worship Communion | 3 4:30pm Stewardship & Finance Team meeting | 4 10am Bible Study | 5 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AIAnon | 6 5pm Mission & Vision Team | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10am Worship 11:30am Cong Forum | 10 | 11 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session | 12 6pm AIAnon | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 10am Worship | 17 MVP Meeting Set-up | 18 10AM-3PM MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY | 19 5pm The Table 6pm AIAnon | 20 | 21 5:45 pm Toastmasters | 22 |
| 23 10am Worship KRT Vaca--> | 24 | 25 10am Bible Study 1pm Joy Belles Hanging of the Greens | 26 ←-KRT Vaca 6pm AIAnon | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10am Worship | | | | | | |