

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2026

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 4, 5, 6



Did you know that GOD PROVIDES & WE ARE GOD'S HELPERS? We will be reinforcing this message to the children throughout the 3 days of VBS. They will discover the significance of feeding our neighbors, safeguarding our clean water, & preserving our natural resources. On June 7th, the children will present what they have learned to the congregation during the service.

Please spread the word to your family and friends.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

MUSINGS FROM REV. ROB

From my first interactions with the members of the Session I felt their genuine love for this congregation and their hopes for its future. Getting to hear some of their stories about the role of faith throughout their lives was powerful and inspiring. Through the staff and members in my first two weeks, I have come to know and appreciate First Church in new ways. You are a church rooted in tradition and also flourishing with creativity. You are a church that honors your Reformed heritage while leaning into the complexity of today's world. You are a church that seeks to bring people into meaningful conversations about faith and Christian life. You are a church that warmly welcomes people and strives to be a "big tent" for all who seek to follow Jesus.

It might sound surprising, but I was truly moved when reading your Holy Cow CAT results and seeing how closely your vision mirrors my own passions and commitments as a faith leader. Growing in belonging and connections, deepening faith, engaging and serving the community, and ensuring our faithful stewardship of the church for today and for future generations – yes! I am eager to come alongside you and help you live into that vision together.

And now for the important question many of you have been asking: what should you call me? I usually go by Rev. Rob, but Robert, Rob, and Pastor Martin are all fine as well. I also wanted to share with you my interest and love of poetry. I often jot things down during the day and then turn these musings into poetry later on. On my moving day from Athens to Perrysburg I made some mental notes and wrote some thoughts that I would like to share with you as I begin my time here at First Presbyterian.

When I load the last box onto the truck

and I am left at the edge of it all,

I stand in my foyer and sing.

I Let the echo bounce off the walls.

I Leave most of my books packed in the garage.

I Walk to the coffee shop one last time.

I Buy the blueberry scone I have eyed for months.

I Tip the baristas foolishly.

I Promise our dog the drive will be over soon.

I remind myself - heartache is proof of love.

Then with salt-stained cheeks and lips,
settle into the U-Haul and head north.

I Send texts to friends at the gas stations.

I save their voicemails in return.

When the song hits just right,

I wiggle in my seat.

When grief creeps up on me,

I talk to God.

And somewhere between all that

ending and beginning,

praying and driving,

singing and remembering,

a version of myself,

with realized dreams and tender memories,

fades away

and I let go.

When it does

(somewhere around mile 150)

I give myself permission

to dream new dreams.

I give myself permission

to begin again.

In this next chapter, I feel hopeful for the work we will do together, grateful for the gifts of this congregation, and excited to grow with you in faith, love, and service. I believe God is doing a new thing in our midst, and I am excited about how this church will grow and be transformed by the movements of the Holy Spirit in our midst!

Peace,

Rev. Rob

Presby Pies

We are ready to kick off sales!

June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24

Please have
pies to the
church by
3:30pm

Mark pie boxes with price
and type of pie.

\$14 for large pie, \$6 for small pie

Questions? see Nancy Gates



BOOKS, BRAINS, & BOARD GAMES

BBB HAS WRAPPED UP FOR THE SUMMER FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL RUN. A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO OUR TEACHERS: CLAIRE, NICK, ADAM, MARTI, AND CHRIS, WHO ASSISTED WITH HOMEWORK FOR THE UPPER GRADES, AND TO JULIE, WHO WORKED WITH THE YOUNGER STUDENTS. WE WILL BE BACK THIS FALL ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.

Celebrating Our Church Family



Rev. Rob Martin



Lizzy & Nick

On May 17th, we celebrated our graduates Lizzy and Nick with heartfelt congratulations, while also welcoming Rev. Rob Martin to our pulpit. We honor all of you and your achievements, and we look forward to what the future holds.



Community Outreach

PCU: June 28 ~ "One Day Sunday" ~ Canned Meat

CABELL-LINCOLN WORKCAMP

Commissioning Date: Sunday, June 14

Youth Attending: Lizzy Crawford, Thomas Beebe, & Isla Davies

Drivers: Sarah Crawford & Rick Gilts

THE COCOON: Donated \$500

THE TABLE: June 17 ~ Starts at 5pm ~ Theme "Father's Day" ~ Entrée "Spaghetti & Meatballs"

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of

Rev. Melinda Gallant

Departed for her heavenly home on
May 15, 2026

We take comfort in knowing she is at peace now.
Please keep the family and everyone who loved and
supported Melinda in this congregation in your
thoughts and prayers.
She will be greatly missed.



ONE NATION. MANY VOICES.

AN AMERICA 250TH INTERFAITH
MUSIC & SPOKEN WORD
CELEBRATION

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
11050 AVENUE RD.
PERRYSBURG, OH 43551

JUNE 28, 2026 @ 6 PM
FREE ADMISSION &
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC





Dearly Beloveds

This communication is coming to you from two friends and clergy members (Rev. Megan and Rev. Melanie) who have been working hard to prepare another multi-faith collaboration for TOLEDO PRIDE 2026 (sources tell us it will be August 15) We would love for you to consider joining us! It is our belief, and we hope you agree, that we are Better Together, and by uniting for Pride, we have an opportunity to model inclusion in ways that speak louder than words.

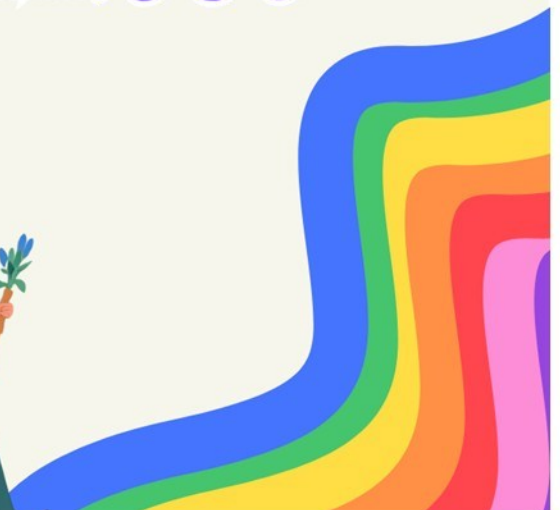
Our goal is not to highlight our individual faith communities, nor is it to campaign to increase worship attendance or membership; instead, our vision is to show up as a group of faithful people, with our different histories and traditions, in a way that expresses something so much bigger than any of us – LOVE. OUT. LOUD! Our hope is to demonstrate belonging through the bridges we build with each other, and to provide people with access to resources that can connect them with faith communities that are in their geographic locations or areas of spiritual/religious interest/backgrounds. In a world with so much division and pain, we can shine hope brightly through the power of unity, love and inclusion!

Last year, once again, it was an absolute honor to gather with more than 300 people, from over 30 different faith communities, and across 9 different denominations and traditions to share a powerful embodiment of connection and community for the sake of love and belonging. We continue to hear from people who participated and who experienced the movement in different ways how meaningful it was, and we are excited to come together again for Toledo Pride 2026!

We will be gathering to march in the Toledo Pride parade on (as far as we know at this time) Saturday, August 15th. We will walk together, united behind one banner and wearing coordinating shirts, to represent the inclusion we hope to inspire.

Allison Mackin will once more serve as the contact person for your church. If you're interested in getting involved, feel free to reach out to her. Additionally, you can inquire with the Salvages, the Gilts, and the Lingemans about their experiences from previous years.

Rev. Melanie Forrey
Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, ELCA
Rev. Megan Allen-Miller
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, TEC



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Our faithful group is journeying through the church year with the book, **A Beautiful Year**, by *Diana Butler Bass*. We have recently transitioned from the Easter Season by delving into the Festival of Pentecost. On June 2, we will move into Ordinary Time. This period between Pentecost and Advent encourages us to discover the extraordinary, the unbelievable, and the wonder in our everyday lives. We will kick off this Season by examining the stories Jesus shared, which we refer to as Parables. We invite you to join us as we explore these familiar stories.

When:

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

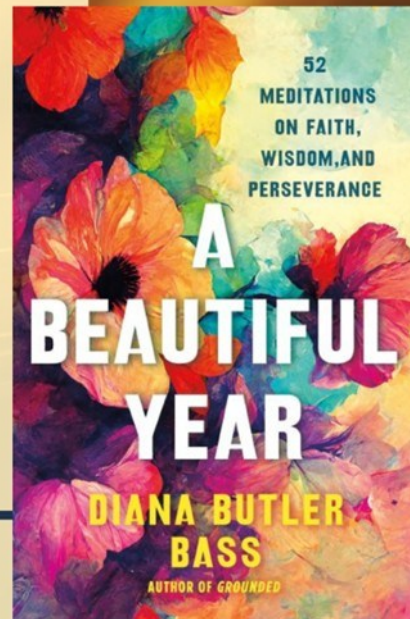
How to Join:

In Person & on Zoom

For Zoom Access:

**Contact Selinda at
Selinda5971@gmail.com**

*Please Note: We will not be meeting on June 16th
or during the month of August.*



JUNE 2026 WORSHIP LEADERS:

June 7: Don Youel, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, Rick/Mary Beth Gilts, Nancy Gates

June 7 Communion: Margot Quick, Julie Lindsey, Jack & Linda Simmons

June 14: Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore, Nick & Claire Krabill, Carlee Campbell, Kathy Jarosz

June 21: Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson, Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs

June 28: Stephen Potts, Sarah Crawford & Paul Martell, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

June 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 10am Bible Study | 3 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm Community Outreach | 4 9am-noon Vacation Bible School | 5 9am-noon Vacation Bible School | 6 9am-noon Vacation Bible School |
| 7 10am Worship VBS presentation | 8 | 9 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session | 10 6pm AlAnon | 11 3:30pm Presby Pies | 12 | 13 |
| 14 10am Worship | 15 | 16 10am Bible Study 4pm Facility Management Team meeting | 17 5pm The Table 6pm AlAnon | 18 | 19 5:45pm Toastmasters | 20 |
| 21 10am Worship  | 22 5pm Cong Life Team meeting | 23 10am Bible Study | 24 6pm AlAnon | 25 3:30pm Presby Pies | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10am Worship | 29 | 30 10am Bible Study | | | | |