

**Worship-10:00 am
Fellowship**

following Worship

Sunday School

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM-12:00
CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY**

Bulletin Deadline Wednesday at Noon

Newsletter Deadline NOON on the 20th of each month
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Dear Friends,

It has been a big month for FPC! I wanted to say thank you to you the congregation and staff, for all the support and kindness you have shown the Fergusons and me. Pastor Phil and Norma have been a very important part of this congregation for many, many years and your love for them showed forth in the way you honored Phil's life. I can't even begin to list all that you did; just know that I saw the love of Christ in action through you. I am honored to be your pastor.

I also want to thank you for the birthday cards, goodies and flowers you left for me that made my birthday extra special. In the midst of sadness your kindness touched me in a very special way.

As I look ahead to the summer, there are a couple of things I want to bring to your attention. On June 3, 2018 we will welcome Second Baptist to worship at FPC and Rev. Michael Curtis will be our preacher. Then the following Sunday, June 10, 2018 at **11:00 am** we are invited to worship at Second Baptist and I will preach. This will be a wonderful opportunity to continue to build our friendship!

Then on June 16, 2018 from 10:00 till 2:00pm the Delaware Community Coalition and One People groups (two groups who both have Presbyterian members) are sponsoring a Juneteenth celebration. It will begin with a freedom march at Woodward School and end at Bicentennial Park. Do you know what Juneteenth is? I didn't. It is an annual event held to commemorate the emancipation of slavery. It was on June 19, 1865 that Texas, the last state in the nation, voted to abolish slavery. This is an inaugural event which finds support from our church, the police department, other local churches and civic groups. Brent Carson will speak on the history of Delaware and its role in the Underground Railroad. Dr. Charles Kellom, an OWU faculty member, will speak on Juneteenth and African American history.

While Brian and I both have been on the committees planning this, unfortunately we will be away at a wedding. We hope that you will watch for more details and please attend if you have time. This is another step we are taking to continue to build strong relationships in our city.

Summer is just around the corner and boy, am I ready. I'm planning to get caught up at church and with my pastoral visits. I have vowed to not take on anything new, to rest a bit, write a bit, read, throw some pots and just "Be Still". I hope you will take some intentional time this summer to rest and be present with your family and with your God. When all is said and done, the most important relationship we have is with God and it is up to us to nurture and strengthen it.

I am a follower of a Facebook group called Mindful Christianity. It has wonderful quotes about faith and life. A few days ago one quote read; "A tree stands strong not by its fruits or branches, but by the depth of its roots." If we are to stand strong as Christians, we need to nourish and strengthen our roots in God. Summer seems like just the right time.

Be Still, My Friends, and Grow!

Pastor Deb

Sunday, May 20th Friends of the Groom share the reading of the Scripture Lesson from Acts 2:1-21.



Friends of the Groom deliver the sermon, "Homeless Spirit" reminding us that the Spirit of God is with us through thick and thin-it is up to us to recognize and reflect upon it!

YOUTH AND FAMILY



MINISTRY Nikki Hogarth, Leader
familylife@midohio.twcbc.com

July 16th-20th 11 AM-2 PM

Calling all Vacation Bible School
 Volunteers!! We need your help!!
 We are currently looking for Crew Leaders
 and Station Leaders! Please let Nikki know
 if you can help!!



VBS Donations needed:

Wet Wipes	Vanilla Pudding Cups
Paper Towels	Swedish Fish
Paper Plates	Empty 16oz Water Bottles (25)
Plastic Silverware	Beach Balls
Small Drinking Cups	Quart Sized Resealable Plastic
Bathroom Size Cups	Bags
Solo Cups	Sandwich sized Resealable Bags
Graham Crackers	Bubble Solution
Pretzel Sticks	Empty Milk Jugs
Strawberries	White Rice
Rainbow Goldfish	Potatoes (25)
Popcorn	



Please mark your calendar for the following VBS Training Dates:

Sunday, June 17th 11:15-12:30

Sunday, June 24th 11:15-12:30

Final VBS Kick-off for all Volunteers!

Sunday, July 15th @ 4PM

Preschool thru 6th grade SIGN UP TO ATTEND at Delfpc.org

YOUTH SUNDAY-APRIL 29



Drew Elfner (at the media console)...

and Will Thacker (at the piano)...

show off their “keyboarding” skills on Youth Sunday!



Pastor Deb is joined by our Youth as she delivers the benediction on Youth Sunday.

PRESBEES



Wednesday, **June 20 at Noon** come and enjoy lunch and fellowship followed by an interesting program. Fred Allen will be sharing a program about Gandhi. Lunch cost is between \$8-12 depending on the cook's choice! Please call George and Margaret Alexander for reservations at 740-201-5726.

LECTIONARY

JUNE 3	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
JUNE 10	1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20(11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
JUNE 17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13)14-17; Mark 4:26-34
JUNE 24	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

PERSON OF THE MONTH



Barbara Ross
44 Birch Row Drive
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Please let Barb know that she is loved and appreciated.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your gift of \$2,000 to People in Need from the FPC Missions Committee. This gift will help us continue our mission of providing emergency assistance to families and individuals throughout Delaware County during their time of need.

Your gift allows us to continue providing emergency assistance with rent, utilities, prescriptions, medical appliances, eyeglasses and dental treatment. We can also provide school shoes and supplies, food and sundries to the residents of Delaware County who are in need of assistance.

Serving those in need,
Randy Bournique
Executive Director

Ohio Kids for Creativity (state board for Destination Imagination) wishes to thank FPC for the use of the building for our meetings during this past school year. It is a great central location for our board members who travel from all over the state. We have made a donation to show our appreciation.

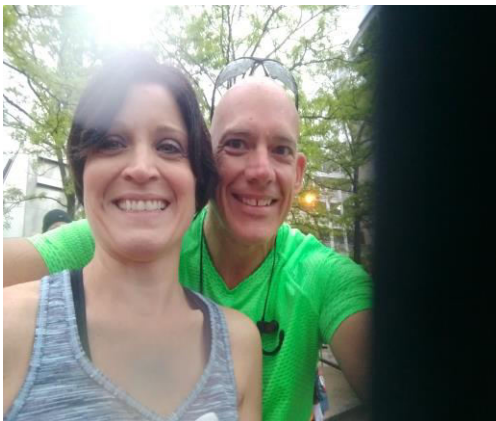
Thank you,
Don Hartman, Treasurer of OKC

For those of you have served your term faithfully, WE-all FPC members - thank you for your time, effort and dedication.

Session: Scott Anstaett, Laura Bowie, Lynn Burke, Leslie Flury, and Dana Thacker
Trustees: Bill Rietz, Brian McConnell, and Nadine Butler

Deacons: Jeanne Wasil, Tricia Shaw, Linda Heineike, and Kathy Duis

RUNNERS!



Judi Pavlovich and Andrew Dolbier take a selfie before beginning their run in the Cleveland Marathon in May.

It's a small FPC world because another member participated in this same event. WHO? Abby Hoover!

MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR!

First Presbyterian Church has invited Second Baptist Church to worship with us on Sunday, June 3rd, at 10:00am. Rev. Michael Curtis will bring the morning message. Then on **Sunday, June 10th, FPC has been invited to join Second Baptist Church for worship at 11:00am.** We are so excited to have the opportunity to experience worship together and share the love of God! Please join us as we enjoy fellowship with our neighbors!

The third annual **Delaware Family Festival** will be by **July 14th from 11:00 till 2:00** her on Winter Street (in front of the church) between Franklin and Washington. Free lunch from 12-1. Bounce House, Music, Face painting, craft stations and lawn games will be available. See you there!



Put Sunday, August 12th on your calendar for our Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck at Gallant Woods Preserve. Our outdoor service is always an enjoyable day full of special music, relaxing surroundings, an uplifting message and wonderful fellowship. If you are new to FPC and have not experienced this service yet, come on out and join us! God's creation is calling!

COUPLE OF THE MONTH



Jerry and Joy Slover
225 Hawthorn Blvd.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Please let Joy and Jerry know that we love and are thinking of them!

SADLY MISSED

The Reverend Doctor Philip L. Ferguson, honorably retired, entered the church triumphant on May 1, 2018. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at First Presbyterian Church, Delaware, Ohio, where Phil was parish associate from November 2001 to May 2015. It was officiated by his friend and colleague in ministry, Pastor Deborah Patterson, on Saturday, May 12.



Please keep his wife, Norma and their family in your prayers.

In the kilt of Phil's alma mater-the College of Wooster-the bagpiper, Erik McLaughlin, closed the worship service with *Scotland the Brave*.

White Scholarship Recipients!

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients of the F. Eugene and Elizabeth White Scholarships. They are Kaitlin (Patterson) Mack, Claudia Macri and Drew Niemi.



You may have noticed this wooden cross that was recently installed in front of the church. This is the “trellis” for the rosebush that was planted slightly in front of the cross and to the right.

Thank you to David McCauslen and his assistant for their hard work with this new addition to our landscape.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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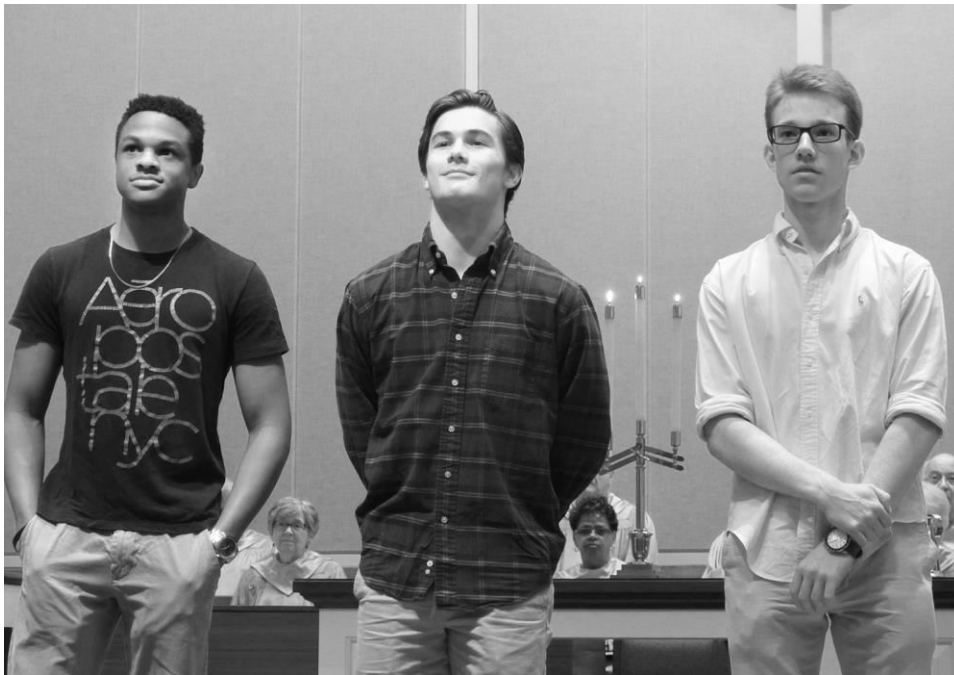
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GRADUATES

Clinton James Carter (Bob and Nancy Rietz's grandson) graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's in Health Solutions on May 11th.



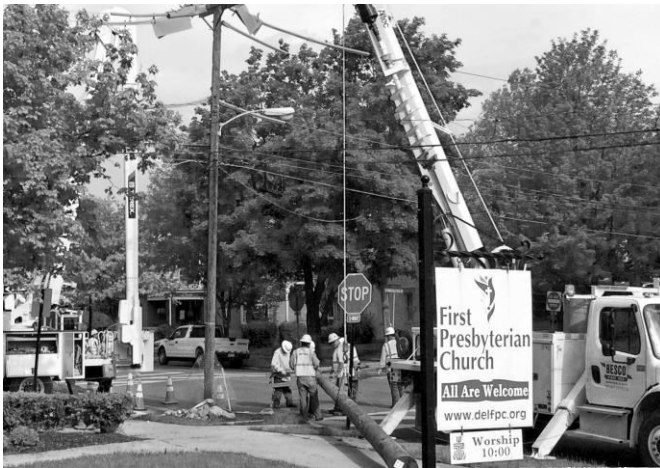
FPC recognized our Delaware Hayes Graduates: (L to R) Tracey Sumner, Jr.; Sean Hazelton and Drew Niemi on Sunday, May 20th.

Sean Hazelton will attend Miami University (Ohio) this fall; planning to major in physics.

Tracey Sumner, Jr. was accepted to attend Malone University in Canton, Ohio. He's going to play Basketball and wants to major in sports medicine/physical therapy.

Drew Niemi will be attending The Ohio State University Marion to study Integrated Language Arts in the Education Program. (He wants to be an English teacher).

OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS



Replacing wooden poles on Washington/Winter Street corners...

Drilling for ??? with a huge utilities truck at the back side of the building.

Plumbers using basement entrance



off the alley...

They say when God closes a door, he opens a window....but it has really been tough to get into the church the past week or so! Between plumbers and Besco Electric Trucks and new Poles, it was a challenge to even get

near the building!

NEW MEMBERS



The Confirmation Class of Charlie Thacker, Logan Franklin, and Katie Mampe being addressed the tough questions by Pastor Deb as they joined the church by Confession of Faith.

Mary Gray resides in Delaware and is a cashier at Goodwill in Delaware. She is a graduate of The Unity House at 35 N. Washington Street and regularly volunteers at First Presbyterian Church. Mary enjoys woodworking, painting and crafts.



Wayne Moore is a former member who lives in Delaware with his wife, Nancy. Wayne and Nancy have (2) grown children. You have probably seen Wayne playing with our Presbyterian Pickers on the banjo. We are thrilled he has joined the group!

Phil and Vicky Grubbs live in Delaware and have three grown children. They are both retired. Phil plays guitar and enjoys landscaping, hiking and camping. Vicky has already shared her culinary skills with FPC by providing a



vegetarian option for our 4th Thursday Meal. Her specialties also include vegan, gluten-free and lactose-free, but she loves to cook anything!

NEW Kitchen/Social Room POLICIES

As agreed upon by the various committees that use the kitchen, the following policies are now in effect:

1. As church family members we may all have the occasion when we need to borrow item(s) from the church Kitchen or Social Room. ***So as to know the location of all equipment, a log book is now located on the preparation table for equipment check-out.*** When borrowing items (Kitchen and Social Room) please make entries in this log giving your name, date, phone number and items borrowed. When items are returned, simply draw a line through the entry.

2. The following “Common Items” are bought by the Fellowship Committee for all church groups to use:

Napkins (lunch and cocktail)	Paper Plates (3 section divided)
Dessert plates	Plastic knives, forks & spoons
Flour and Wondra	Sugar
Spices	Butter Patties
Coffee, Tea, & associated supplies	Vegetable Oil
Lemonade	Apple Juice
Foil & cling wrap	Leftover containers
Ziploc	Paper Cups (hot and cold)

If you notice we are low on any of these items, please place note on marker board. This concept conserves church resources as individual committees do not need to have their own supply of each.

There is also an assortment of canned goods (fruits and vegetables) on the bottom shelves that can be used for an emergency. (i.e. a church or committee event that ends up a little short) If you use, please replace.

The exception to this procedure is if you wish to borrow tables or chairs. Please contact the church office for this request for approval.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session thanked the elders leaving session: Scott Anstaett, Laura Bowie, Lynn Burke, Leslie Flury, Dana Thacker
- New officer ordination and installation will be May 27, 2018.
- May 20, 2018 Friends of the Groom will perform.
- June 3, 2018 Worship at FPC with Second Baptist.
- June 10, 2018 worship service at Second Baptist.
- Next Communion - May 27, 2018
- Pastor Deb's vacation will be June 11 through July 1, 2018

DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

The new members were added to a caring team. Caring teams addressed needs of Phil Ferguson family, Jerry and Joy Slover, John Hay, Bob Reitz, and Jim Wasil.

Our June End of Year potluck meeting will be June 5 at 6:00 at Michele's home. We will welcome our new members and reluctantly say goodbye to our members that are going off. Please call Michele (740-595-3882) for directions or if you need to be added or want to change what you are bringing.

Kathy Duis agreed to continue as moderator for another year and Michele King will remain secretary.

Kent King, elder, is going to organize Communion for home bound folks. He is going to match an elder with a deacon. He is going to try to put deacons with folks that are on their care teams. All deacons present at the meeting said they would assist with the distribution of the sacrament.

The joint deacon meeting with session will be on October 9 at 7:00.

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Bob Wattenschaidt continues with the lighting updates throughout the church.
- Three additional exterior cameras will be installed on the front corners of the church.
- New trustee installation will take place on May 27th.
- A privacy fence between Unity House and Family Promise will soon be installed.

- Ellen Watson has provided a bench honoring Ken Doane that will be installed in the side yard.
- New computers for Wenda and Diane are being prepared for installation.

FELLOWSHIP



Learning to cook Latin America dishes at Olivina with Chef Michael Turner. Mmmm!



Music Notes

by Ruth

Rabby

