

Worship-10:00 am
Fellowship following Worship
Sunday School

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From our Pastor's Heart ...



Dear Friends,

As I continue to watch the television reporting about Hurricane Florence and I try to wrap my mind around the aftermath of the destruction she has left in her path, I am reminded that very few things in life are permanent. Our homes, cars, clothing, electronics, personal property, "play things", food and money are not something that are everlasting. They could be taken away in a heartbeat by a hurricane, a tornado, a market crash, a job loss, a divorce, a fire, a flood, a ????

What does it feel like to lose those things you have worked for so hard ? What does it feel like to have everything you have worked for wiped out? It has to feel horrible. Most of the people affected by the hurricane say over and over again that they are just so thankful they are alive. They are so grateful that their family is safe. Looming in the future is the cleanup, the rebuilding, the waiting, the struggle to get insurance payments and available contractors. Do they still get paid by their employers? How do they do it?

My first thought is that they can't do it alone. They need help. They need us to reach out in the best way possible and help. Having been on a couple of Presbytery rebuilding mission trips, I have learned that it takes a long time to get your life back in order after a destructive storm. It takes not months but years!!! If you are interested in financially supporting the relief efforts I would recommend going through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. The website is: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/give/>. I trust how they handle your financial gifts.

This event has lead me to think about what is most important to me? What would I run out of the house with in a fire? Of course, Brian, our children and grandchildren are at the top of that list. Our dog Josie is such an important part of our family, I wouldn't leave without her. If I had time I'd grab my passport, birth certificate and purse. I might grab one of the computers or an ipad (notice we have multiples). As I run through our "property" I realize we have multiples of so many things. Why do we have so much? Do we really need all this stuff?

Then I begin to think about what I could do if I had not made some of those purchases. What kind of love could I spread? How many loads of laundry could I have covered through the laundry love ministry? How many backpacks could I have filled for school children who don't have them? How much food could I have given to PIN? What could I have done to help the women at the Unity House get on their feet?

The other day one of the church's neighbors came to the office with his dog. He needed help with rent. After getting to know him and his dog a bit, Wenda wrote him a check out of the pastor's discretionary fund to cover the balance of his rent. If we hadn't been able to help our neighbor, he would have been evicted.

This gentleman was getting ready to have surgery for a hernia. His best friend was a humongous dog who still had a lot of puppy in him. I asked him if he had a dog crate and he said no. That meant that everywhere our neighbor went he had to take his big "Marmaduke type" dog. I thought to myself, how is he going to get through his surgery?

Now this man was so grateful for the rent help, he offered more than once to give me his most valued possession, his dog, because we had been so kind to him. I asked him if he was trying to find a home for him and he said no, but because of our kindness he would give me the dog if I wanted it.

I talked with Brian and asked if he would be ok if we gave the man one of our dog crates. It was the one we were saving to use with our "next dog". He said "of course!" This was a simple act that made a big difference in this man's life. He didn't have much. He had a roof over his head, his dog and a surgery looming in the future. I didn't have that future dog and I'm sure we'll work it out when it happens.

In Mark 10, a rich man comes to Jesus and says, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Follow all the commandments", replies Jesus. "I've done that", said the rich man. Jesus then instructs him "to sell all his possessions and follow him." Ouch! The rich man left grieving.

How much am I willing to sacrifice to follow Jesus? What is really important to me? Do I need all the stuff? How might I use my personal and financial resources for good?

It's stewardship time. A time to reflect on our faith and commitment to God in Christ, this church and its vibrant ministry of love. It's also a good time to do a personal inventory of what's important in our own life. I'm on that journey right now and it's been a humbling experience. I invite you to join me.

Blessings to you all as we continue our Christian journey together.

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

Music Notes

by Ruth Rabby



“CREATIVITY IN WORSHIP”

Sunday, October 21st

Worship with Storyteller Donna Marie Todd

PLUS Saturday, October 20th 10 AM -3 PM workshop “Navigating Loss” The topic of reclaiming life after loss especially for those who have suffered a major loss will be shared by Donna Marie Todd. Lunch will be served.

October brings renewed programming at FPC!

Chancel Choir is leading the music in worship and working on other special seasonal music.

Adult Handbells are sharing their beautiful sounds in worship and preparing for the Delaware Area Handbell Festival, November 18th.

Chime Time and Carillon are settling into a rehearsal schedule and getting ready to inspire us in worship with their ringing.

Choristers are still working at finding the perfect schedule to rehearse and share their musical talent with the congregation.

Presbyterian Pickers are expanding their repertoire and preparing to add their joyful sound to the worship experience.

Instrumentalists—trumpet, violin, flute—are adding enriched sound to choir and congregational singing.

What is your role in music at First Presbyterian?

Sandy Kramer visiting our worship service gets a warm welcome from the choir.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Nikki Hogarth, Leader

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A Big THANK YOU to everyone who has signed-up to support our youth ministry by teaching Sunday School or leading a Children's Moment!! Are you interested in helping out? See Nikki to sign-up!!

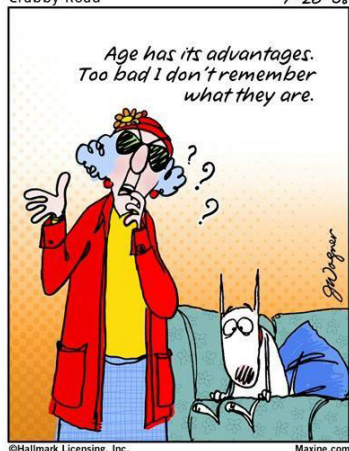
Intertwine Youth Group: Grades 6-12

October 7th: Youth Group meets at William St. UMC from 6-8pm. "Masks"

October 21st: Converge Fall Youth Gathering @ Harvest Hills Farm. 6-9PM.

670 Hills Miller Rd. Delaware, OH. Join together with youth from 10+ other youth groups for a night of fun! Worship, Hay Rides, Hot Apple Cider, Games, Bonfire & S'mores, and Pumpkin Launching!!

Crabby Road 7-26-08



New Adult Series Coming Soon!! "Adventures in Aging!" Join us as we discuss the fun and not-so-fun aspects of aging. We will be discussing topics related to caring for aging family, caring for yourself as you age, and legal preparations for aging adults. Classes will be offered Sunday, **October 28th at 12 Noon, November 4th at 11:30am, and November 11th at 11:30 am** in the Campbell Addition.

Will and Charlie Thacker will be performing at Olentangy Berlin (3140 Berlin Station Road Delaware) High School's Fall Cabaret :

Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM

Saturday, Oct 27 at 7 PM

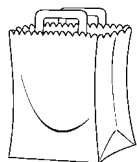
Sunday, October 28 at 3 PM

Hope you can make it to one of these first performances!

LECTIONARY

October 7	Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
October 14	Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10: 17-31
October 21	Job 38: 1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
October 28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

World Communion Sunday – October 7th



FPC will be collecting donations for our local food pantry on World Communion Sunday. Please bring your donations to church with you and the youth will collect them during worship.

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21).



New FPC Membership Class

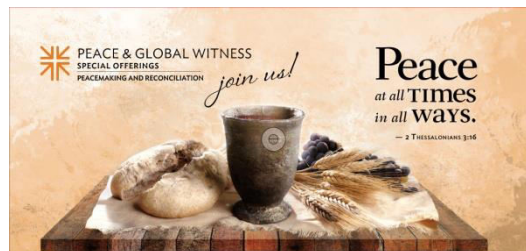
Sunday, October 7th

11:30-12:45 pm in the Library

Are you considering making FPC your church home? We would love to have you join our church family! Please come to our next New Members Class and learn more about First Presbyterian Church: our ministries, our mission, and opportunities for growing in your faith journey! Lunch is provided. If you should have any diet restrictions, let us know that as well. RSVP to the church office at 740-363-1205 or by email at delfirstpres@midohio.twcbc.com.

The Mission Committee will give a Moment for the Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 14th.

This PC (USA) offering has been a source of relief and encouragement to those seeking peace around the world. The Offering now has a greater global reach, makes a more significant impact, and empowers participating congregations to use 25% of the money they raise on local and worldwide ministries of their choice. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



Travelogue to The Holy Land coming in November

If you have ever wanted to visit the Holy Land and retrace the steps of Mary and Joseph leading to the birth of Christ, here is your opportunity. No-not in person, but virtually.

In a 5 session DVD- centered adult study we will travel with Methodist minister Rev. Adam Hamilton to visit Sepphoris, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Herodium and Ein Karem. As we enter the season of Advent what a tremendous learning adventure this will be, as we read the Biblical account and take an arm-chair visit to the actual historic sites from the Bible.

“The Journey” classes will be offered on **Monday evenings from 7- 8 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The first sessions will begin on November 5 & 7 in the church library.** Materials are free and will be available at class. Please indicate your interest in the class to Peggy Stringham so enough class material will be available.

The Journey: A Season of Reflections by Adam Hamilton may be ordered as a private daily advent devotional.

Contact Peggy Stringham for more information, 740-816-0294.

DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

Kathy Duis opened the first Deacon meeting of the new program year with a devotion: God's Survival Kit. Care Team concerns were discussed, sign up sheet for Deacon of the Month, Willow Brook Worship, and Fourth Thursday Meal Delivery was passed, the card table focus was decided and Pastor Deb shared her idea of a new Willow Brook program.

The next meeting is October 9, 2018 at 7 PM. Please note this is the second Tuesday, not the first of the month. This will be a joint meeting with Session after which they will adjourn to their own business meeting .

MISSION



Babs Tull and Bob Tannehill share their passion and experience about Community of Grace and the Unity House in worship. They were part of the Stewardship campaign highlighting one of the ways FPC shares outreach opportunities in our community.



2018 CROPWALK

**Sunday, October 14 - Ohio Wesleyan University
Hamilton Williams Bldg.**

Registration begins @ 1:30; Walk from 2:00-4:00

25% of proceeds go to support our local People In Need!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Lisa Maharry shared the Child Protection Policy first draft. A long and thoughtful discussion took place.

Pastor Deb will be on vacation November 24 - December 5, 2018. Kyle Bucholtz will be preaching.

New members class will be October 7, 2018

Fellowship - Jeff Easterday reported the following dates: Innis Gardens outing September 15th, Waffle Luncheon - October 28th, Christmas Party - December 8th and Valentine Dinner February 9th.

THANK YOU

We want to thank the First Presbyterian Church family for all the prayers, support, and love you have given us in the past years. We could not have made it this long without you. Thank you for all the touching cards expressing your love and concern. You have been there when we needed you the most. May blessings be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

The David S. Smith Family

Thank you for the FPC gift of \$12,500 payment on your pledge to Turning Point's Campaign for a domestic violence shelter in Delaware. We have reserved naming of the laundry facility for First Presbyterian Church as "Laundry Love".

Paula Roller, Executive Director
Turning Point

On behalf of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians I am writing to express our thanks to FPC for its very generous gift. Gifts to the PAM Annual Fund support our ongoing mission and work, enabling conferences and resources that help equip churches and church leaders for worship.

Eric Wall
PAM President-Elect



PRESBEES

Come to lunch at **noon on Wednesday, October 17th** and stay for the program about FPC presented by Steve Shaw. Reservations can be made with George and Margaret Alexander (740-201-5726).

Our church has been housed on the corner of Winter and Washington since 1823. Our current building dates to 1843 making it 175 years of age this year. Come see how the church home we know so well has evolved and grown. It has been well used by FPC and the larger community. See drawings from the 1840's, sanctuary photos from the 1870s, and under construction photos from the 1980's and the 2000's.

FELLOWSHIP

Waffles and Wursts:

In recognition of reformation Sunday, the Fellowship Committee will host a Waffle and Wurst Brunch after the service on Sunday, October 28th. Dr. Rock Jones will speak at the morning service. The brunch is free and will consist of waffles, strawberries, whipped cream, syrup, sausages, and orange juice. Please plan on staying after the service to enjoy this special fellowship time.



Veterans Breakfast:

The Fellowship Committee is planning on having a Veterans Day Breakfast on Sunday November 11th. Since Veterans Day falls on Sunday this year we hope to make this year's breakfast extra special. If you have served in the military at any time, we would like for you to make us aware by contacting either Dick Thayer (228-860-7740 or rethayer46@gmail.com) or Wenda at the office.

The Nature Trip to Inniswoods



On September 9th Nora Hiland as our guide, led a hike on the trails of Inniswoods Metro Park. It was lots of fun! Folks got to see many species of trees and bushes as well as many flower in bloom.

Nora chats with Babs Tull and Paul and Regina Kostyu as they enjoy a quick stop in the shade.

Nora points out another tree of interest to the group.



IN SYMPATHY

Dr. David S. Smith died August 22nd after a battle with cancer. He was an active member of FPC, having served as an Elder, and an active member of Finance, Mission, and Stewardship committees. He was also active in the community serving on many Boards. His passion for life and helping others will be sadly missed. Please keep his wife, Dolores, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM

Ruby Celeste Stevens was baptized September 2nd. Her parents are Keith and Sarah Stevens. Her sisters, Charlotte and Hazel attended the blessed event. The Deacons hosted a reception following worship.



Pastor Deb carries Ruby, followed by her entourage of children, as she introduces the newest Child of God to the congregation.

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TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Work on new clean-outs for sewer repair on the west side of the church is completed.

Various small repair issues around the church are being dealt with or are in discussion with contractors for repairs.

Security cameras installation almost completed.

Back sliding glass door repaired and safety signs installed.

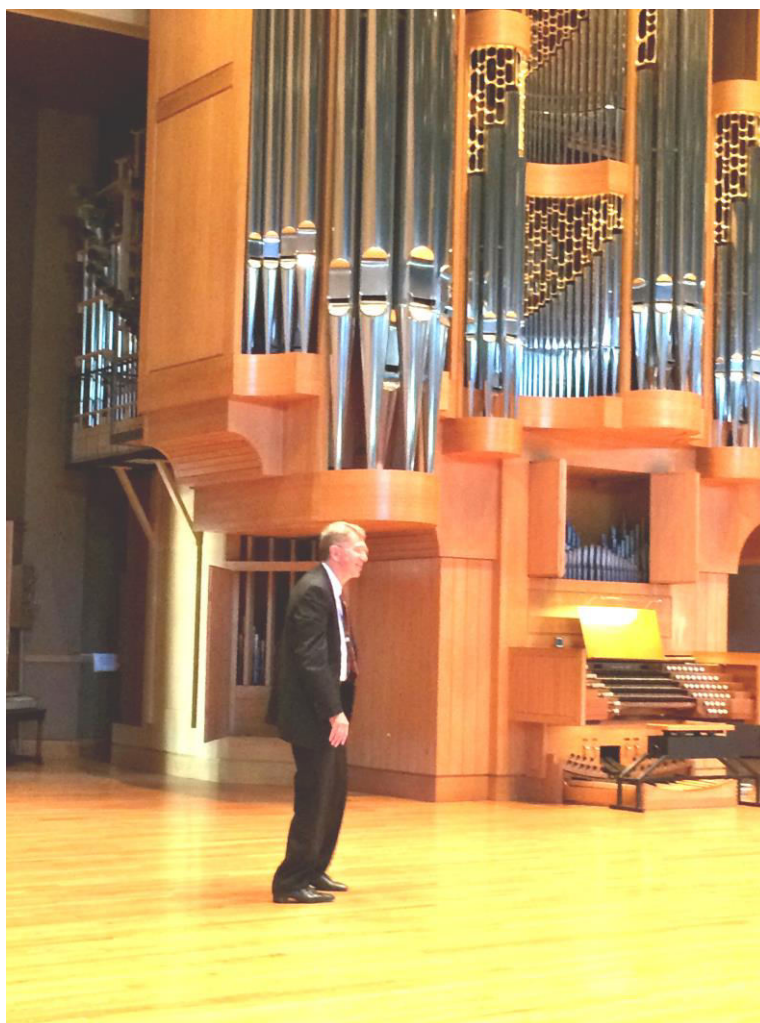
Approved Phase 1 of a plan from Girl Scout Troop 2822 to improve the area behind the Unity House.

Lighting improvements throughout the building continue.

Approved a plan to replace plants on west side of the church.

Various repair issues within the church and apartments are ongoing.

ORGAN RECITAL



Joe Musser taking a bow after his magnificent concert at Gray Chapel on the beautiful Klais Organ. The audience was not the only one to hang on to their seats as he showed off his fancy footwork on the pedals! Encore!

Miracle on William Street

Common Ground Free Store presents their “Miracle on William Street” at the William Street UMC on December 1st. The festivities begin at 8:45 and conclude at 2. Volunteers are still needed for the many tasks that make this event a success. Collecting toys, set up, drop off, decorating, operating the event, and clean up are some areas that you and your family would be welcomed.

You may sign up to be a part by calling 740-417-1285 OR email volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org.



“Surely he has borne our griefs ...”

When veteran Joe Serna confessed that he’d been drinking — behavior prohibited in the Veterans Treatment Court program — Judge Lou Olivera sentenced him to one night in jail. That might not seem like much, but while deployed, Serna had been trapped underwater when his truck toppled into a canal. A buddy managed to move him to an air pocket, saving his life, but the buddy and two others died. Years later, even the thought of confinement triggered flashbacks.

As Serna arrived for his jail stay, Olivera, also a vet, saw his anxiety, entered the cell with Serna and spent the night. His kind act nearly brought Serna to tears, but the judge believes any vet would have done the same. “These are our brothers,” Olivera says. “We never leave each other behind.”

Similarly, Jesus entered our troubled story alongside us, sharing in our suffering, brokenness and even death. As a comrade unlike any other, Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, refusing to leave us behind with our self-imposed burdens. Above all, Jesus does what only God can: redeems us for the joy of new life.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 20th 10 AM -3 PM workshop “Navigating Loss” The topic of reclaiming life after loss especially for those who have suffered a major loss will be shared by Donna Marie Todd. Lunch will be served.

HYMNS OR PRAISE CHORUS??

On the difference between Praise Choruses and Hymns...



A man accustomed to a mainline church went to a seekers' service one Sunday. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well," he said, "it was interesting. They did something different. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns."

"Praise choruses?" said his wife. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like hymns, only different," said the man.

"What's the difference?" asked his wife. He replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Martha, the cows are in the corn,'
that would be a hymn.
Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

*'Martha, Martha, Martha,
Oh, Martha, MARTHA,
MARTHA,
the cows, the big cows, the
brown cows, the black cows,
the white cows, the black and
white cows,
the COWS, COWS, COWS are
in the corn,*

*are in the corn, are in the corn,
are in the corn,
the CORN, CORN, CORN.'*
Then, if I were to repeat the whole thing five or six times, that would be a praise chorus."

As luck would have it, the same Sunday a young woman accustomed to seekers' services attended a mainline service. She came home and her husband asked her how it was.

"Well," she said, "it was interesting. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of praise choruses."

"Hymns?" said her husband. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the woman.

"What's the difference?" asked her husband. She replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Ernest, the cows are in the corn,'
that would be a regular song.

Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:
*'Oh Ernest, dear Ernest, now
hear thou my cry;
Incline thine ear to the words
of my mouth.
Turn thou thy whole wondrous
ear by and by
To the righteous, inimitable,
glorious truth.*

*For the way of the animals who
can explain?
There is in their heads no
shadow of sense!
Hearken they not in God's sun
or his rain.
Unless from the mild, tempting
corn they are fenced.*

*Yea, those cows in glad
bovine, rebellious delight
Broke free from their shackles,
their warm pens eschewed.
Then goaded by minions of
darkness and night.
They all my mild Chilliwack
sweet corn have chewed.*

*So look to that bright shining
day by and by,
Where all the corruptions of
earth are reborn,
Where no vicious animal
makes my soul cry,
And I no longer see those foul
cows in the corn.'*

Then, if I were to sing only verses one, three and four, and if I were to do a key change on the last verse, that would be a hymn."

Author unknown
(perhaps with reason!)

Minister to your ministers

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

Accept them as people.
Build them up. Say “thank you.”
Communicate with them.
Defend them when someone tries to run them down.
Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
Family. Allow them to have a family life.
Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.
Judge not! Avoid being critical.
Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
Quelch not. Encourage instead!
Rejoice in and with them.
Surprise them — in little and big ways.
Trust them. Believe in them.
Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
Vacation. They need time away.
Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.
eXpend yourself, not them.
Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
Zap all gossip!

