

Worship-10:00 am
Fellowship following Worship
Sunday School

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From our Pastor's Heart ...



Dear Friends,

I hope that your summer has brought you rest and refreshment! In April, we submitted a proposal for a congregation/pastor renewal grant sponsored by the Lilly Endowment. We received a letter last week that informed us that we didn't get the grant. I was really disappointed because the renewal committee put in so many hours preparing the document and those who reviewed it and had grant writing experience thought we had nailed it.

That said, we are still planning on a year of renewal for the congregation and myself. The Session has committed funds to continue to move forward with 5 educational opportunities that will be led by Rev. Dr. Eric Law and Associates from the Kaleidoscope Institute. Nikki Hogarth met Dr. Eric Law when she attended one of his conferences at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary a couple of years ago. She has shared with me how much his teachings have impacted her ministry here at FPC.

The Mission of the Kaleidoscope Institute is: *"To provide resources to equip church leaders to create sustainable churches and communities."* Your leaders, including myself, have continued to be forward thinking. How do we best use our resources of staff, people and dollars? How can we best serve our community and still care for our members while growing in our faith and love for our God? It's easy to focus on one of those topics, but we are called to balance all three remaining always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

I found a YouTube video that Rev. Dr. Eric Law made for conference attendants prior to one of his seminars on Holy Currency. If you want to have a better idea of what his research focuses on take time to watch this three-minute video. (<https://youtu.be/13lADNde9l0>). Then if you have more questions ask me, Nikki or other members of the Renewal Committee (Lynn Burke, Carol Evans, Alison Miller, or Karen McNeal. Mike England and Kent King helped in the beginning of the process and can answer some questions as well.) Know that there will be more information forthcoming as 2019 is just around the corner.

As for my time of renewal, it will be the same in length, three months. Much of what Brian and I planned for our time away was contingent on the grant coming through. Our next step is to evaluate how we are to spend this time away. We will be putting our heads together for our part and the Renewal Committee will continue to meet to finalize congregational details. If you would like to be a part of the planning, just let me or Lynn Burke know.

On another quick note, please read the introductions of Rev. Matt Walls and Rev. Kyle Bucholz in the following pages. I wanted you to learn a bit more about them and be able to recognize them when you see them.

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

INTRODUCING NEW FACES AROUND FPC



Rev. Matt Walls (Matt) is the Director of Jacob's Way which oversees The Unity House, formerly the Youth House owned by FPC. As an ordained Nazarene pastor, he felt a call to care for those in alcohol and drug recovery. You will see Matt around the church and in worship almost every Sunday. Introduce yourselves and say Hi! Ask him more about his ministry.

Rev. Kyle Bucholz is a graduate of MTSO and a chaplain for Heartland Hospice. He preached for us last summer and was on call during my vacation. We've invited Kyle to help me with congregational visitation and preaching. Please welcome him!



Music Notes

by Ruth Rabby



Fall Music Programming Begins!

Chancel Choir has resumed its position of leadership in worship, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and for those unable to meet Wednesday night a 9:00 am rehearsal on Sunday mornings. New singers are welcome.

Adult Handbell Ensemble will be presenting a prelude for worship early this month, rehearsing at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Carillon (youth bells) will begin rehearsals when school scheduling is finalized.

ChimeTime (beginning handchimes) will be rehearsing before worship on Sundays soon. Watch for details.

Choristers (young singers) will be finding a new time to rehearse. Input from parents is welcome.

Bluegrass Ensemble (Presbyterian Pickers) gathers to play for enjoyment and to learn music they may contribute to church events. Interested? Ask Jack Flury or Delia Herzog.

Instrumentalists, please share your interest and talent with us. Contact Tricia Shaw or Ruth Rabby.



ORGAN RECITAL AT OWU

by our very own

JOE MUSSEY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 3:15 PM

ON THE FABULOUS KLAIS ORGAN IN GRAY CHAPEL

This event appears to be the only organ recital this year programmed by Ohio Wesleyan's Music Department. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this wonderful instrument played by our very talented and versatile organist! One selection he plans to include on the program is the *Namdaemun Celebration* which he wrote for our sister church in Korea. You've heard it on our organ, but wait until you hear it on the Gray Chapel Klais!



NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you considering making FPC your church home? We would love to have you join our church family! Please come to our New Members Class and learn more about joining First Presbyterian and get all your questions answered. Lunch is provided! If you should have any diet restrictions, let us know that as well. Call the church office to RSVP at 740-363-1205.

DATE: Sunday, October 14th from 11:30-12:45pm in the Library.

**2018 CROPWALK**

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

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

Pastor Deb is looking for a volunteer to be our FPC Coordinator for this year's walk. Contact her if you are interested!

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

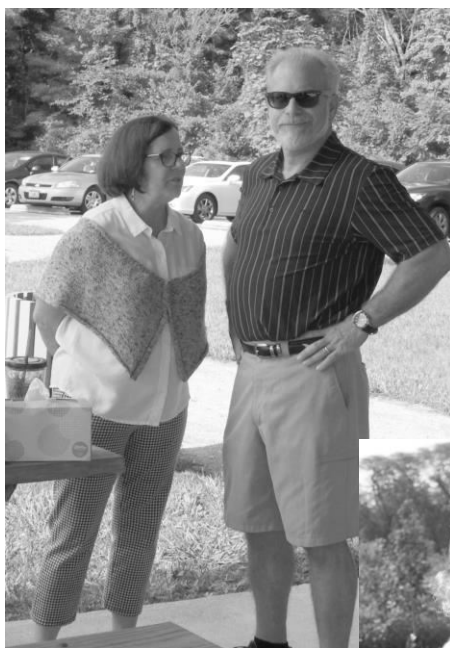
GALLANT WOODS WORSHIP

Gail Thayer greeting Jack and Leslie Flury's family before the service.



FPC members who were willing to sit in the front row!

Brian and Pastor Deb sharing words of encouragement before the service!



Sunday Morning hikers led on the great trails at Gallant Park by Steve Shaw before the service.



Grandma Teri York with her grandson, Preston DeJaynes.



Scott Anstaett greeting and carrying chairs for FPC members as they prepared for worship.

Presbyterian Pickers led us in music for the outdoor service.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Nikki Hogarth, Leader

familylife@midohio.twcbc.com**RALLY DAY!! September 9TH!!!**

Join us for the start of a new program year! Let's RALLY around this beautiful congregation and the Legacy of Love that we have here in Delaware!! Learn more on September 9th!

INTERTWINE YMC

First Presbyterian Church joins William Street United Methodist and Terra Nova Community Churches to become Intertwine Youth Ministry Collective (YMC)! Col-lec-tive: Done by people acting as a group; a cooperative enterprise Intertwine will gather twice a month; rotating between three churches; location will be announced each month. Regular gathering time will be Sunday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Details for other gatherings will be announced.

We want YOU to join us and bring your friends.



August 26 KICK OFF!! Meet at First Presbyterian Church (73 W. Winter St.) 6:30-8:00 PM Wear comfy shoes for walking!

September 9 Meet at (28 W. William Street) "Back to Basics" 6:30-8:00 PM

September 23 Meet at Terra Nova (425 S. Sandusky Street) "Life's (not) Fair" 6:30-8:00 PM

Detective Stories-Adult Study

When we think of detective stories, we often think of murder mysteries. The Bible contains some detective stories which could also be called "life mysteries or mysteries of our faith". For instance, where does the term "scapegoat" come from? How is that term related to our faith? What do we know about "God's timing"? What is the significance of Jesus's birth in terms of chronological time and that specific point in time? In our adult study groups we will study these and other Bible mysteries in the book, "Detective Stories from the Bible", by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Chapters include "The Man of Opportunity", "Christmas Women", and "Time and Time Again".

Come join other church friends on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Classes will begin September 10th and September 12th. Materials are free and will be available during class.

Questions?? Contact Peggy Stringham, 740-816-0294. Pre-registration is not necessary

FLOWER BED WORK DAY

NEEDED: People who like to remove shrubs and plant new shrubs!

People who do not mind a little dirt!

People who have shovels, clippers, saws or any other tools that would be helpful in removing two old hollies and two old lilacs.

(They will be replaced with more hollies and lilacs!)

Work date: Saturday, September 29.

Time: 9:30AM

Location: west side of church

If someone has a trailer and/or truck to haul the removed material to Price Farms, that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nora Hiland (740-363-8737 or norahiland@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding this project!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Youth-Intertwine youth group kick off will be August 26, 2018

The church office will be closed on September 10 for staff retreat.

Most committees have not yet met after summer break.

LECTIONARY

September 2	Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalms 45:1-2. 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalms 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
September 16	Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalms 19; James 3:1-2; Mark 8:27-38
September 23	Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalms 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
September 30	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalms 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

AWESOME CONGRATULATIONS

It was old home week at the wedding of Erin Bauer and Kevin Carpenter. Rev. Ben Shaw officiated and lots of FPC members gathered for a group picture! The natural scenery was awesome and God anointed us with a quick rainstorm. Best wishes!!





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PRESBEES

Wednesday, September 19th at NOON, Presbees will meet for a light lunch and a program by Fred Allen. For reservations, call Margaret and George Alexander (740-201-5726).



Presbees socializing last month as they waited in buffet line!

FELLOWSHIP



Kick back in a lawn chair, watch the horses go by, enjoy a hot dog, and sip a lemonade! The Fellowship and Outreach Committees will be serving up dogs, lemonade and popcorn at the **Horse Parade Sunday September 9th**.

Plan on bringing the whole family to our **"1st Pres Nature Outing to Innis woods"** on **Saturday September 15th**. We will have our own personal tour guide, Nora Hiland. Meet at the entrance at 3 PM, see all the flora and fauna, then go with us to **"City Barbecue"** for dinner. Sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall.



