

Worship-10:00 am
Fellowship following Worship

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From our Pastor's Heart ...

Dear Friends,

I tend to gauge my Autumn experience by the Red Maple tree in our backyard. I can see it from our kitchen window as I stand at the sink. Every year it is one of the first trees to change color. The leaves are almost always bright red and for some reason that always warms my spirits. This year is different. I've been waiting and watching for the red to appear, but as the days have passed it has become apparent that there will be little if no red. Brown, curled leaves will fill the branches and then blanket our lawn.

This result is a tad disappointing, however it doesn't really change my deep love for Autumn. There is something cleansing about watching the trees turn color and then discard their leaves. If only it were that easy for us to let go of those pieces and parts of ourselves that no longer provide nourishment and life.

I have begun seeing a new Spiritual Director who helps me listen for God's leading in my personal life and in my work with FPC. Surprisingly the two can often be interconnected. At this last visit, my Spiritual Director gave me a piece written by John O'Donohue. It is entitled To Come Home to Yourself. I'd like to share it with you.

To Come Home to Yourself

May all that is unforgiven in you, be released.

May your fears yield their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is unlived in you, blossom into a future, graced with love.

These words have an Autumn feel to them. They seem to be inviting us to release parts of ourselves. This shedding of self will move us if we are willing in the direction of new life.

The reality is that leaves on trees were not intended to cling forever to a branch. They are instead to be released when the time is right. A tree does not die



because it let go of the leaf, it moves instead into a state of rest, a place of quiet dormancy. Then when the time is right new buds form leading to a fresh young leaf.

The same is true for us. We will not die if we let go of our mistakes. Fears will not lead to peace unless they are overcome. If we cling to these two we only impede our life and our quality of faithful living.

I want to entrust this charge, this prayer to you for the next month. Pray it one sentence at a time. Ask yourself, what do I need to forgive and release within me? What fears do I need to let go of, silence or face, so that I might find deeper inner peace? What do we as a congregation need to let go of so that we might blossom and live more fully as disciples of Jesus Christ? What in you, in us remains un-lived?

Faithfully,
Pastor Deb



Children's
Moment
Prayer Circle to
bless our
donations to
P.I.N. on World
Communion
Sunday.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Nikki Hogarth, Leader

familylife@midohio.twcbc.com**ADVENT WORKSHOP****When?** Friday, November 30- Saturday December 1st**Where?** Kirkmont Retreat Center, 6946 Co Road 10,
Zanesfield, OH 43360 (approx.. 40mins from Delaware)**Who?** One & All, Young & Old, Married, Single,
Families**Cost?** \$25 per person**Time?** Check-in 6-6:30 pm Friday Night, Depart 12 Noon Saturday Afternoon**Why?** A quiet time to prepare for the coming of Jesus into our hearts and homes. We'll have a bonfire, fun activities for the kids, and adult activities too!!**What to Bring?** Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Bible, Towels & Toiletries

the children collecting donation bags for PIN as part of our continuing legacy of giving....

Steve Shaw talking about the legacy of World Communion during Children's Moment...



Travelogue to The Holy Land

Come join us for an armchair trip to the Holy Land beginning the first week of November. Our adult study groups will be viewing "The Journey", a 5-week DVD-centered travelogue visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem, Sepphoris, the Herodium and Ein Karem.

As we enter the season of Advent, what a tremendous learning adventure this will be! We will read the Biblical account of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and then tour the actual historic sites from the Bible via DVD.

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 be on November 5th and 7th in the church library. Materials are free and will be available at class.

Please let Peggy Stringham or the church office know of your interest so enough material will be available.

There is also a daily advent devotional booklet, **The Journey: A Season of Reflections** by Adam Hamilton that participants may want to order for their own personal use.

Please join as we "Scarf the Town"



When? Sunday, December 2nd.

Immediately after worship we will gather in the fellowship hall for directions.

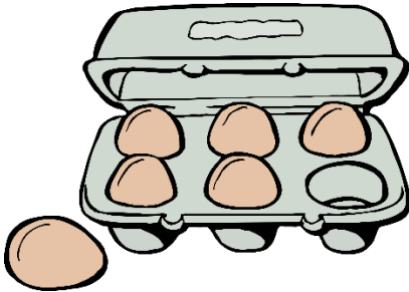
Why? On this first Sunday of Advent we will begin to prepare our hearts to receive the ultimate gift this Christmas by sharing Christ's love with our community.

Who? All FPC family and friends are invited to participate! However- we will be anonymous angels in this mission...

How do I participate? From now until November 25th please bring in scarves to donate...you can purchase, knit, sew, or bring in your gently used ones from

home! On Sunday morning we will tag them all with notes that say "I am not lost! If you are cold, please take me to keep you warm!"

Donate Empty Egg Cartons



A farmer in Delaware raises chickens and generously donates DOZENS of eggs each week to the Delaware Free Store. He needs egg cartons! Please drop your empty egg cartons off in the church office so he can continue this important ministry. Thanks!

PRESBEES

Come and enjoy lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, November 18th (a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving) at 12:00 in the Social Room. This is the LAST meeting for the year!

The program following lunch will be "Travelogue to the Holy Lands" with Peggy Stringham. Call George and Margaret Alexander for reservations at 740-201-5726.

LECTIONARY

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| November 1-All Saints' Day | Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 |
| November 4 | Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34 |
| November 11 | Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 |
| November 18 | 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8 |
| November 25 | 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37 |

HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The annual community handbell festival is at Gray Chapel on November 18th at 7 PM.

SADLY MISSED

David O. Robbins (75) passed away Sunday, September 30. For over 40 years he was a professor, Provost, and Interim President at OWU. Dave was a long time member here at FPC and served as Trustee for two terms. Please keep his wife, Jan, and daughters: Cindy and Karen and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Ruth & Bob McQuigg at Willow Brook: 740-362-7376

Jim & Lois Perkins are now living in the main building at Willow Brook at Delaware Run. Their apartment # is 3071 which is on the Transitional Living floor.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support to the homeless families in our community, and allowing us to be an extension of **your** ministry.

We had a great kickoff to the third quarter, by participating in the Family Fun Festival with our neighborhood churches and non-profits. Then in August, four churches in the community participated in Serve Our City. The Promise House was one of several locations that received some special attention -- for us it was in the form of working on the flowerbeds and property -- it was a wonderful blessing!

During the third quarter of 2018 (July - September) we served 10 new families, that included 11 adults and 13 children. For the year, we have served 37 families totaling 113 people. We had **NINE** families complete our program and move into permanent housing this quarter. This brings our total families moving into permanent housing to **22!!** From January 1, 2018-Sept 30, 2018, we have provided a total of **4,400** individual nights of stay.

FAMILY PROMISE



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Cathy Courtice, and her husband Ryan, live in Delaware. Their son, William (6), is in Kindergarten. Cathy is Director of Sales and Marketing with Lutheran Social Services in Worthington. She is already involved in our Abigail Circle and a member of the Delaware Community Chorus. Cathy is vegan and specializes in non-dairy, meatless, egg-free, delicious cooking and baking!

Phillip Hammond, Jr. lives in Delaware, originally from Utica, Ohio. Phil is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing. He is very dedicated in his faith and helps those in need whenever he can.



Bill Sharp is retired and has been a resident of Delaware twice since 1975. The first time, he raised two daughters, and this time, he moved back from Fort Worth to be around three grandsons. As a result, he's broken his foot skateboarding and can now snowboard – "Goofy." He dives a bit and likes to run out to Old Stone on his bike from his place in Carson Farms.

Matt Walls is a familiar face at FPC. He is the Director of the Jacob's Way Foundation which currently has two sober living houses in Delaware; The Unity House and The Liberty House. Matt currently lives in Blacklick, Ohio. He has two children, Zane (4th grade) and Zoey (Preschool). The list of



programs/interests he is involved/experienced in is incredible and long, so grab a cup of coffee on Sunday and chat with him!



Twig Bazaar

Sunday, November 11

10 am to 3 pm

Lausche Building; Ohio Expo Center (State Fairgrounds)

All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital

GARDENERS AT WORK



What to do with all those branches and roots?
Throw them in Bill and Bob's truck and take them
to Price Farms Organics!

Muscles and perseverance
were required to take out the
old holly and lilac bushes.



HEARTFUL MEDITATION

We invite you to join us for an opportunity to experience a group heartfelt meditation here at First Presbyterian Church. We plan to meet weekly on Wednesdays from 11:00-11:30. We will begin in mid November. This meditation is an opportunity in connection with our renewal program. If you have an interest

in experiencing meditation, please join us. For more information, please contact Judy England 614-406-6055.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Grant committee gave a report.

Dana Thacker gave an update on Endowment funds.

New member special session meeting was held on October 14, 2018. New members are: Cathy Cortice, Phil Hammond, Bill Sharp and Matt Walls.

Pastor Deb reported that the Presbyterian gatherings at the Willow Brooks are going well.

Next Communion - November 4, 2018

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Monies granted to Boy Scout Troop 318 to make significant improvements in the church basement for storage, painting walls, lighting improvements, and general improvements.

Improvements to interior and exterior lighting continue.

Minor apartment repairs and church property clean up to be attended to during the work day on Saturday, November 17 at 9:00AM.

Security camera and monitoring system installation completed.

Fencing completed around the Unity House.



HAPPY CONGRATULATIONS

Pastor Deb officiates for
Mary and RD Erwin.



Karen and John
McNeal, the
Happy bride's
parents

Happy FPC family and friends



Happy dance for married
the longest:

Nancy and Bob Rietz

NOT so Happy ringbearer!

DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

Per the Book of Order, the Deacons held a joint meeting with the Session. It provided a chance to share several activities and duties that have been performed. They then convened to their own meeting, where several member needs and concerns were discussed.

A review of Deacon duties was given. Deacons are responsible for helping with Willow Brook service and delivery of the Willow Brook flyer advertising it, providing meals for members with health concerns and funerals, 4th Thursday meal delivery, card table, coffee hour in July; plus individual Deacon caring team concerns or celebrations.

Next meeting is November 6th at 6:30 in the library.



Delaware Ohio Veterans Parade
ALL VETERANS WELCOME!!
Sunday, November 11th @ 3:00PM
Rain or Shine

**2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of
World War I and the beginning of Veterans
Day!**

A TIME FOR THANKS

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

Oprah Winfrey

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie."

Jim Davis

The genius of generosity



Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

