

**Worship-10:00 am
Sunday School**

Fellowship following Worship

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From our Pastor's Heart ...



Dear Friends,

As I prepare for Easter and my upcoming time away, I am filled with gratitude. I am first and foremost so grateful for the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Walking this Holy Week I am reminded once again of the magnitude of our Lord's sacrifice and the power and affect it has on my life. I'm grateful for the gift of faith I have been given and for my call to ministry here at FPC.

Finally, I am grateful for the time away you have given me. We have all been "at it" working hard "sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through unconditional love" and now it's time to step back for a brief rest. During this time apart I have plans to be quiet, rest, travel, read and write. I'm hoping to finish a book I've started and put together a devotional book with photos and scriptures. I am going to contemplate slowing down a bit and fine tuning our ministry together. I'm going to work on developing a new rhythm that will hopefully prove to be a healthier pace for me.

While I'm gone, I will be off social media. I won't be answering my phone. It's nothing personal, but I know that if I am to take a break I need to make it a clean one. Know that I will be caring about you from afar, praying that you are doing well and resting a bit in God. I've never taken a break like this in my almost 63 years and so it will be a learning experience for me. I bet we will all emerge from our time apart changed in a good way.

Wenda, Nikki and I have been very busy putting all the details in place. In this newsletter* you will see all the names of all the preachers, worship leaders, and communion servers for May who will be covering in my absence. I have even instructed the staff and elders that if for some reason someone can't make it to preach, there is a book of sermons in my office that can be used instead. (I've tried to think of everything!)

The deacons will be covering small pastoral needs. Rev. Kyle Bucholz and Rev. Patricia Stout will handle more serious pastoral concerns and funerals. If you have a need please call Wenda and she will help you to get what you need.

While I'm gone there will be two Holy Currency congregational gatherings. I look forward to hearing about them when I return. I have really come to appreciate the work we have been doing with Dr. Eric Law and Linda. We are learning so much about ourselves as a congregation.

Someone asked me what I would recommend for reading this summer. I will add my thoughts at the bottom of this letter. I hope to have more to recommend in August.

Thank you again for the opportunity to step back and put down the mantle of responsibility for a couple of months. I plan to return refreshed, renewed, refocused and ready for whatever the Lord has in store for us.

Until then, may the Lord bless and keep you, may he make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.



Faithfully,

Pastor Deb

Recommended books: The Bible From Scratch by Simon Jenkins

Crazy Christians by Bishop Michael Curry

*on VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY page on back of calendar

Music Notes

by Ruth Rabby



Last appearances

Some of our musical ensembles will be assisting in worship for the last time in this program year during the month of May. Enjoy the contribution they make to worship and let them know you appreciate the work that goes into their preparation.

Ideas for Summer?

Once again we are delighted to have musicians from our midst as our summer accompanists. Peggy Hawse, Peggy Stringham and Larry Wade will be filling this role. We are now scheduling special music in worship also. If you would like to contribute your talent, or suggest someone, please contact Ruth.

Montreat Attendees

So far our entourage to the Montreat Conference on Worship and Music is seven people. We have room for more in the house we have rented. Interested?

Carillon Friday, May 3 4:30-5:00 regular rehearsal
Friday, May 10 4:30-5:00 regular rehearsal (and celebration)

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day (last performance of school year)





May 5 - Intertwine Mission Trip Participants only!
Meet at 5:15 PM at First Presbyterian for an envelope fundraiser follow up!

May 5 - Everyone else! Intertwine at First Presbyterian, 6:30-8:00 PM. "Zombies: a different look!"

May 19 - GAME NIGHT! Come for an evening of Intertwine Fun and Games! Terra Nova, 6:30-8:00 PM

LECTIONARY

May 5 Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 12 Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19 Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26 Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29
or John 5:1-9

May 30 *Ascension of the Lord* Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or 93; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Memorial Day for the holiday. We will return to the office on Tuesday, May 28th for all church business.

PRESBEES

Come and enjoy lunch (for a nominal fee) and fellowship on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12:00 in the Social Room. Luncheon attendees will be treated to "Lincoln: The Humorist and Family Man," a presentation by Lauran Perrill, an associate member of Delaware FPC. She will bring with her several items of Lincoln memorabilia. This will be one week later than the normal third Wednesday date.

Call George and Margaret Alexander for reservations at 740-201-5726.



SADLY MISSED

Rhonda Shaw's mother, Erma Davenport, passed away on April 7th. We offer prayers and condolences to Rhonda, Tim and family.

Please remember Peggy Hawse in your prayers following the death of her uncle, Warren Patzer.

Beloved FPC member, Margaret Taisey, passed away on March 29th. She was a member of the Elizabeth White Circle, former choir member, Christian Education committee, Elder and Deacon. Please keep her daughters: Carolyn and Zebbie and family in your thoughts and prayers.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN AUGUST



Put Sunday, August 11th on your calendar for our Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck at Gallant Woods

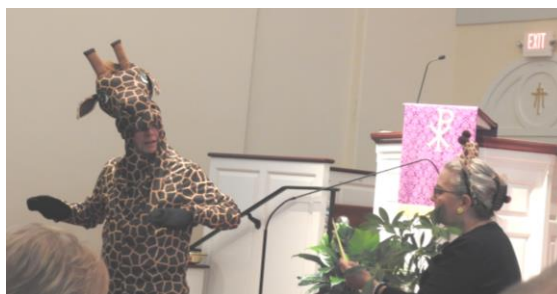
FELLOWSHIP



Moms, join us after the May 12 service for Coffee Time in your honor with "Muffins for Mom". Muffins and coffee as a small gesture of our respect for all you do.

Perkins Observatory Trip set for Friday, June 14th. For just \$10 you can see the observatory program and do a little star gazing. Sign up in the Social Room.

The FPC *Trip to The Wilds* has been moved to June 1st from 8 AM to 4 PM. Cost is \$25 for the Open Bus Tour. You may pack a picnic lunch or eat at The Wilds Restaurant (pay as you go). Sign up in the Social Room. Van transportation from the church is available.



FPC RENEWAL

At the last congregational get together, the Holy Currency of Relationship was introduced. The theme was "Won't you be my Neighbor?" After a rousing activity involving speed neighboring, participants were asked to fill out a card listing 5 church members who were influential to them, and on the back, they were to list influential community members. Also, participants were asked to fill out pledge cards. On the card, they were to pledge how many new relationships they would be willing to start with other members.

The committee compiled the data and discovered the following; 106 different community members were listed as influential. Wow! Eric Law states that building mutually respectful relationships with community members is the most important currency for missional churches. We have a great start and should continue towards building stronger community relationships. Also, 83 different Church members were listed as influential. The committee would like to invite all members to strengthen their internal church and external community relationships.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

John 12-14.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Peg Stringham 740-834-9025(new)
Chuck Stringham 740-816-0295

Keith and Gail Abernathy
173 Village Gate Blvd
Delaware, OH 43015

Floyd and Virginia Griffith
100 Delaware Crossing W
Apt. 2019
Delaware, OH 43015

Joan and Art* Harper
7467 Lawton Street
Galena, OH 43021

Matthew & Melissa Stroupe
17 E. Lincoln Ave.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Fred and Bunny Allen
Austin Manor
95 Elizabeth Street
#301
Delaware, OH 43015

Fred 440-227-1591
Bunny 440-227-1590
(effective 6/1/19)

ELIZABETH WHITE CIRCLE

Happy Springtime! Elizabeth White Circle will resume 2019 meetings with a 12:30p luncheon at Willow Brook Village on Thursday, May 9. Old and new members are encouraged to come and join in the fellowship and study from the PCUSA study guides on: "What Would Jesus Tweet? People of Faith in the Social Media Age" or "Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments". Questions? Contact: Babs Tull, 363-4131 or Donna French, 368-4512.

NEW OFFICERS

The congregation voted unanimously the slate of officers as presented by Karen McNeal, Chair of Nominating Committee.

Session: 1 year Nancy Baileys, Nikki Hogarth, Bill Rietz
3 year Lynn Burke, Cathy Courtice, Dick Thayer

Deacons: 2 year Judy England
3 year Leslie Flury, Jack Flury, Vicky Grubbs, Jane Sprague

Trustees: 2 year Keith Burns
3 year Phil Grubbs, Rex Welker

THANK YOU

Yesterday- a good, faithful member of your church brought me *just* a beautiful flower arrangement. It really brightened my day up. It was delivered by Mr. John McNeal (a very good friend of our family). I do hope the good Lord is looking down and I know he is knowing of all the kindness you do.



Sincerely,
Barbara Smith

I wanted to send a sincere thank you from Troop 387, Charlie Thacker's Boy Scout troop. The generous donation of the church's social room and kitchen for our Scrap for Scouts fundraiser on Saturday April 6 was much appreciated! We raised over \$700 for the one-day event, which will go to cover scout activities as well as to help repair and replace troop equipment.

Best regards,
Jennifer Thacker

Thank you for graciously providing your choir room for our rehearsal each week. Please accept our donation of \$250.00 as our appreciation for your kindness.

Ohio Heartland Sweet Adelines
Bonnie Garner, Treasurer

Thank you for your gift of \$2,000 to People in Need, Inc of Delaware County Ohio (PIN). As you have done so many times in the past, 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

NEW MEMBERS

On Palm Sunday April 14th, FPC received these friends into active membership!

Keith and Gail Abernathy, live in Delaware. Keith is retired and Wanda is an administrative assistant with Source Point of Delaware County.



Joan Harper lives in Galena, Ohio with her husband, Art. They have two grown children, Todd and Jenny. Joan is retired and transferred from First United Presbyterian Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio.



Floyd and Virginia Griffith reside in Delaware at Willow Brook. They have been worshipping with us for quite some time. Both are retired and transferred from Trinity United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio.



Matthew and Melissa Stroupe have three children; Carson (5th grade), Cody (1st grade) and Caity (Pre-K). They live in Delaware and transferred from Liberty Presbyterian Church. Matt is an accountant with Installed Building Products.

DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

Maddy Herzog opened with devotions and shared some ideas how to have fun with God as a playmate.

An article about sending condolences was shared with some things to say and not to say. An important point discussed reaching out to those grieving again in 4 to 16 weeks after their loss. This will become part of our card table project.

Care teams needs and joys were discussed and handled.

Easter lilies that are donated will be taken to the Willow Brook service. New members will be added to Deacon Care Teams.

Pastor Deb shared leadership plans for the time she will be gone.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Dana Thacker gave an update on finances. He reported that a fundraising committee has been formed. Hopefully, \$20,000 will be raised for additional operating funds for the 2019 budget.

Committee reports were given.

In a special meeting, welcomed new members: Keith and Wanda Abernathy, Floyd and Virginia Griffith, Matthew and Melissa Stroupe and Joan Harper.

Communion dates: April 21, May 12, June 9, July 7 2019.

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Mission Committee presented some tentative ideas for making the laundry ministry a more sustainable ministry.

A new insurance carrier was contracted and issues noted by the agent were discussed.

Apartment 1 will be cleaned and a new tenant will move in soon.

Various building issues discussed and plans made to repair.

New trustees have been selected by the nominating committee.



PICTORIAL WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK AT FPC

Palm Sunday processional

Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday Worship



This was a wonderful, worshipful time to experience during Holy Week. The prelude by Carillon set the mood, and the ritual of Jewish Passover shared by each table of participants with their "Jewish Mother" leading was a glimpse into Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Lighting of the festival candles....to inspire and bring spiritual joy...

Shank bone as a reminder of the lamb offered so that God passed over the houses of the Hebrew people in Egypt



Parsleyreminder of springtime(Passover) and gratitude to God for goodness of the earth... dipped in salt water... symbolic of bitterness Israel endured



ceremonial washing of hands



pouring of the wine....

Thanks to our "Jewish hosts" for leading this service. Thanks to Ruth Rabby and her committee for the attention to details for us. Thank you to Susie Short for ALL the food preparation and its presentation to the guests. Thanks to Peg O'Brien for set up and clean up .



fellowship during dinner...

EASTER BREAKFAST



Enjoying fellowship....

checking out the bagel bar...



the breakfast crew...



EASTER EGG HUNT



The hunt....



Finding the eggs....



opening the eggs...

THANKS for donating for our Easter Egg Hunt!

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE



Mr. Hoovler sharing the good news at Children's Moment. Who knew the Easter story was written on an M&M?



Pastor Deb extending the Invitation to the Lord's Supper.



Kent Eastham on clarinet accompanying the organ and Chancel Choir for the Communion Anthem.



The Easter congregation proclaiming:

Hallelujah!

*The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!*