

Worship-10:00 am

Fellowship following Worship

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

This thought for meditation is reflective of our currency of wellness and comes from the editor's resource: [Newsletter/Newsletter!](#)

A day away in a quiet place

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

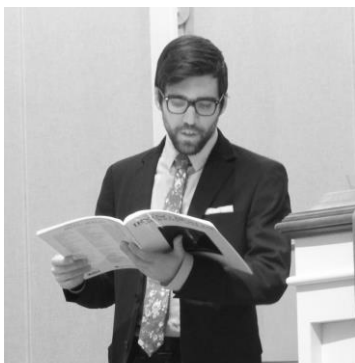
Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV).

Creator of meteor showers and rain showers, forests and lakes, dandelions and gladiolas; of frogs, fish, flamingos, foxes and fireflies: thank you for summer. We rejoice in your marvelous works!

*Gracious God,
Break into our lives, God of rest, and offer your comforting presence with us. Allow us to come and rest in your love and mercy. Amen*

Music Notes

by Ruth Rabby



Brian Shaw (son of Steve and Tricia Shaw) sang "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" words by Emma Lazarus, music by Irving Berlin for the anthem on July 7th.



Presbyterian Pickers played July 14th and are on the road to Iberia Presbyterian Church on the 21st and then play again for the FPC Outdoor Worship at Gallant Park on August 11th.



Choir will be resuming soon!!



Sunday, August 11th Intertwine ADULT TEAM MEETING 6:30-8 PM at Terra Nova Community Church.

Sunday, August 18th FALL KICKOFF for all YOUTH in 6th through 12th grades. Details to follow as we welcome Zion UCC youth .



Children's Moments are as varied and enlightening as the adults who present them. Props often help engage the young listener; as well as, all the FPC adults!

Jennifer Thacker is currently looking for volunteers to share a message with our FPC children in the coming months...please prayerfully consider WHEN you might participate. Her email is djarbo@yahoo.com.



Is your youth leaving the nest for college this Fall?...or returning to campus? We want to keep track of them and let them keep track of FPC and all the latest news by sending them The Spire, care packages and cards! Email the church office with their address ASAP! If their address is the same as last year, let us know that, too!

FALL ADULT STUDY OF PAUL-THE APOSTLE

What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and land, to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call—a call to turn the world upside down.

In September our church's adult classes will begin the study of "The Call" by Rev. Adam Hamilton (Methodist minister). We will be using scriptures, a DVD, and the book to learn about the story of the Apostle Paul, and how his writings influence the Christian faith. The study will also help participants discern their own call to be disciples.

Books will be available at coffee hour in late August. Please let Peggy Stringham (740-834-9025) know of your interest in the class so enough materials can be ordered

LECTIONARY

August 4	Hosea 11:1-11; Psalms 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12:13-21
August 11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
August 18	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56
August 25	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalms 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

OUTDOOR WORSHIP August 11th



10:00am RAIN OR SHINE!

Gallant Woods Preserve is the peaceful setting for our annual outdoor worship service. We will welcome back Pastor Deb. Special music by the Presbyterian Pickers, potluck lunch and a time of fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share, table service and lawn chairs. See you there!

Wenda will be on vacation August 12-23rd. Pastor Deb will have returned and volunteers will be helping out in the office. If you need to leave a message, it will be answered ASAP.



PRESBEES

August 21st
Lunch at noon

Presentation by Bill Rietz and Brent Carson
on Rutherford B. Hayes

Reservations to Margaret and George Alexander
740-201-5726



SADLY MISSED

Richard Singer (96) former member (joined in 1964) passed away July 16th at Willow Brook South. He and his wife, Eleanor, had six children. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Elaine Kelly, (100), longtime member passed away on July 16th at Willow Brook Christian Village. Elaine loved traveling, family, FPC, friends, her fellow bridge players and animals. If you wish to honor Elaine's life enjoy a glass of wine and/or do an act of kindness for a stranger, and/or make a contribution to an organization you believe is doing something positive in the world. Please keep Elaine's family in your thoughts and prayers.

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Officers were elected: Bob Douds Sr, President; Bob Wattenschaidt: Vice-President; T.K. Cellar, Secretary
- Thanks are extended to new trustees Phil Grubbs, Rex Wellker, and Keith Burns, all of whom will be installed soon.
- Trustees will cover custodial duties during Peg's vacation.
- The Safety and Security Plan continues to progress, and the trustees will meet soon with the Delaware Police and Fire Departments. The plan will be shared with the congregation when finalized.

FELLOWSHIP

*Come together as a church family for
First Presbyterian Night at the Clippers.*

Sunday August 25th, 4:05 PM; the Church Van will leave at 2:30



**The Clippers will play
the mighty Toledo MudHens**

Reserve Seat Tickets \$10, \$ 7 for Seniors over
60 and Kids 12 and under.
Sign up in the Social Hall or call Dick Thayer
228-860-7740.



Phil and Vicky Grubb are the newest FPC kayak enthusiasts. They are offering to organize a kayak outing with others from the church, especially other kayakers!

See them at church or callVicki 740-803-1143 or Phil 740-803-3702



FPC RENEWAL

Currency of Wellness



REST

RESTORE

RELATE

Our most recent holy currency was the currency of wellness. We all practice some level of taking care of our physical selves. But we also need to practice the cycle of work and rest-for ourselves and the community. The celebration of Sabbath is the key to wellness.



Our celebration of the Sabbath took place at Delaware's Splash Pad, where we shared a meal, practiced relaxation with yoga, enjoyed massages, chose a divine offering card and finished with s'mores.



Exodus 20:8-11
8 Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.
10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work-you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock or the alien resident in your towns.
11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.



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CONGRATULATIONS

After 36 years of working for the city of Delaware, **Linda Matthews** has retired. She started her career as a summer playground program director in 1978. She has enjoyed many titles and responsibilities; since 1996 she served as the customer service liaison for the city's public works and utility projects. Linda will be missed, but is looking forward to creating her own daily schedule and enjoying more time with family and friends. Enjoy yourself, Linda!

Emerson Elizabeth Bowie was born July 2, 2019 to Jason and Stephanie (Hoovler) Bowie. The happy grandparents are Todd and Laura Bowie and Jim and Jill Hoovler.

Nora Hiland and **Will Seam** were married July 19th and honeymooned at the LeVeque in Columbus. Congrats!



FPC Congregation surprised Kyle and Lauren Bucholz with a baby shower ! on July 14th !



Taste tester?? Enjoying the goodies!



Dick and Janet Jackson enjoying their last FPC worship and social time before moving to North Carolina to be closer to their “boys” and families.

ELIZABETH WHITE CIRCLE

Elizabeth White Circle invites old and prospective new [Seriously. For variety perspectives, we need some fresh, not-so-gray-haired women] members to our August 8 meeting at 1:30pm at Willow Brook Village (south on Rt 23). [We alternate 2nd Thursday meetings at the church or at Willow Brook -- to include some of our less mobile, but mentally sharp women.]

Circles are small groups of Presbyterian Women who meet for the Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves...

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- To support the mission of the church worldwide,
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Our current study is "What Would Jesus Tweet? People of Faith in the Social Media Age." The lesson for August is "Exploring the Twitterverse" (Get it? Twitterverse/Universe)

Interested women... See you there! Questions? Contact Babs Tull 740-363-4131 or tullbarbara@fastmail.fm

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your continuing support of Turning Point. You truly are living out the "Good Samaritan" within our community!
On behalf of Law Enforcement, Thanks for caring.

Sheriff Russell L. Martin



Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to our next adventure! Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain.

Leigh Rabby and the red dogs

On behalf of the entire Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties family, thank you for supporting our mission through your recent gift....We are so thankful for the generous support we receive from First Presbyterian!

Todd Miller, Executive Director



Communion was served by intinction by the Elders with Rev. Tollefson presiding again in July.



