



**Worship-10:00 am**  
**MASKS required indoors.**

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**COVID OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM-12:00**  
**CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY**

Bulletin Deadline . . . . . Wednesday at Noon

Newsletter Deadline . . . . . NOON on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month  
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**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday,  
JULY 5<sup>th</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.**

## **Worship in the FPC Parking Lot!**

Congregation sits in  
the available shade in the  
parking lot.



FPC Presbyterian Pickers provided the music with a volunteer choir.

Clara Miller attends Outdoor Worship to see her Daddy become Trustee President.



Pastor Deb opens the service.



## LECTIONARY

<b>July 4</b>	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48; <i>Complementary:</i> Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6: 1-13
<b>July 11</b>	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24 <i>Complementary:</i> Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
<b>July 18</b>	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37 <i>Complementary:</i> Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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July 25	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14 <i>Complementary:</i> 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6: 1-21	



As we begin a gradual transition back to a more nearly normal Sunday service, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the Covid Choir on behalf of the congregation. Members of the chancel choir have sung as the “Covid Choir” for more than a year. They adapted to many limitations that would enable them to sing as safely as possible.

The size of each Sunday’s group was limited to single digits, so not all of the singers could participate every week. They followed a flexible schedule that sometimes required last-minute changes. All singers wore masks, no small impediment to good vocal sound and clear diction. They sat at least six feet apart, especially challenging for choral singers who strive to blend seamlessly as a group. And they had to review the hymns and service music, as well as learn an anthem, within less than an hour’s rehearsal prior to the service. They had to forgo the usual mid-week rehearsal, the opportunity for intense work on the music and the disciplined repetition that is essential for a satisfying performance.

Many of the anthems were new to most of the singers, because much of the music in the choir library is intended for a larger group, and even those anthems that the choir had sung before often had to be rearranged to be suitable for the limited number of voices.

Invariably the singers rose to the challenge. With commitment, hard work, gracious cooperation, and prayer, their singing helped ensure that each streamed service was dedicated to the glory of God, a worshipful celebration of the faithful Christian community embodied in First Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks, Covid Choir!

*Joe Musser, Interim Director of Music*

## Summer Plans

During July and August, Joe will be at Chautauqua Institution, which is returning to a more nearly normal season this year after the summer of 2020, when the pandemic led the institution to cancel all the usual in-person events, including worship services, symphony concerts, chamber music, the opera, the theater, and lectures. He will be playing the organ for the Episcopal Chapel on the grounds, and singing in an octet, part of a gradual transition back to the usual Motet Choir of about forty voices, and the Sunday Choir of about 130.

While Joe is attending Chautauqua Institution, Peggy Stringham and Peggy Hawse will share responsibility as pianists / organists for services, and the Pickers

will play for some services. There will be outdoor services on 27 June, 25 July, and 8 August. On 20 June, the congregation, wearing masks, will resume singing the hymns as usual, and some members of the choir will lead the singing at services each Sunday.



### **Call it a Christmas in July or the Summer of the Cicadas Party**

Join the Fellowship Committee to celebrate...

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Date: Sunday July 25, 2021

Where: COhatch, 18 E William St, Delaware, OH 43015

Who: FPC Adults and Guests

**Let's get "dressed up" and go out!**

The Fellowship Committee will provide the appetizers and soft drinks. Bring your adult beverage of choice.

## **COMMUNITY MEALS UPDATE**

We are going down to serving only two meals a month starting in July. We will be doing the normal curbside meal the second Sunday and 4th Thursday of each month. I think we are good with cooks and a few people have volunteered. **We are in need of some substitutes for delivering meals the next couple of months and we always welcome dessert volunteers too!** Contact Emily Hinton.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Part of the VBS  
volunteer preparation group



Official  
greeters  
at the  
drive  
through  
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Mother and son driving through to pick up their VBS bag of goodies and lunch!



Susie Short and crew made 100 Meals daily times 5 days= 500 Meals! These were either picked up or delivered.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**

Outdoor Worship at Gallant Woods Preserve

Potluck Lunch Following!

Bring your lawn chairs, table service and a dish to share!

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session voted to approve re-Opening!! First Sunday will be June 20! Welcome back!
- The Mission committee donated to the Unity Center. It will receive \$500 each for expecting mothers and the Pride Festival.
- Vacation Bible School is going well with drive thru.
- There will be no session meeting in July or August unless needed.

## THANK YOU

I had a busy but lovely birthday week.. I really enjoyed all the cards and greetings from my church family. Thank you so much!

Love,  
Nancy Jewett

Your compassionate support of The Salvation Army is a lifeline for people in need in Central Ohio. We want to thank you for your gift of \$500 ...designated to support our Anti-Human Trafficking program.

Please be assured The Salvation Army is committed to *Doing the Most Good* with every dollar you give. We provide life-enhancing programs that meet basic needs and help break the cycle of poverty-and we do it efficiently and effectively so we can make the most of your donation.

THANK YOU! May God bless you!  
Captains James and Tricia Brennan

Bob Douds, Senior was lected president of Trustees in June 2008 and has been ever since. Several of those years was not a trustee but retained as president Over those years :

- Boiler removed and gas heat installed remaining areas of building including rooftop of Campbell addition
- Boiler removed from Unity house and gas heat installed
- Numerous sewer line failures repaired
- Major water leak on apartment line on winter weekend repaired
- Implemented annual inspections of roof and gutters
- Worked on solar panel plan with installers for many months



- Complete renovation of Apartment #1 and upgrades to others
- Major sanctuary renovation project including new entry, additional heating/cooling, a/v systems and social room ceiling and lighting
- Along with all the “other” stuff that required fixing!
- And leading all those corporation meetings during the annual membership meeting

PLUS Bob has been an important member of the financial committee for as long as I can remember!

**Thanks, Bob Douds, for all your many years of service to FPC!**

*Bob Wattenschaidt*

## TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Back-flow issue repaired and upstairs bathroom leak repaired.
- A/V streaming boxes to be purchased for streaming services in the Thompson and Social Rooms when members are watching from those areas.
- Getting close to finally closing out insurance claims from the lighting strike. Issues needing attention with the organ keep coming to light.
- Bid accepted to install surge protection for the entire church building.
- Received word that the school system will be repaving parking lots.
- Recognition for Bob Douds, Sr, as he leaves the position of President of the Corporation. All expressed many thanks for his time, talents, and leadership over MANY years. Bob Wattenschait, former trustee, offered a nice synopsis of the many projects overseen during Bob’s long tenure on trustees and as president. (See Thank You section)
- **Welcome** to new trustees, Todd Miller and Brian McConnell!
- **Election of Officers:**
  - President- Sean Miller
  - Vice President- Matt Walls
  - Secretary, T.K. Cellar

- Trustee Kathy Davis reported on new plants being installed and some dying plants to be removed.



- A number of projects need completed for the church building, the apartments and Unity House and will be addressed by trustees in the upcoming year.

TRUSTEE MR. (Todd) MILLER greets TRUSTEE MR. (Sean) MILLER

## DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

*by Former Moderators, Jack and Leslie Flury*

Deacons closed out their year with the annual potluck gathering. It was so good to resume this in-person welcome and farewell dinner. Mother Nature smiled on us and gave us perfect weather.



Kathy and Jeanne!

With some sadness we said good-bye to our retiring Deacons, Kathy Duis and Jeanne Wasil. Both served faithfully for six years. Thank you,

Always at this meeting, we welcome the incoming Deacons. Beth Zechiel and Carol Burns begin their three-year term this month. Both have been Deacons in the past,



so expect a smooth transition. Caring Team members, you'll be hearing from them soon.



The Boards BIGGEST announcement is that Teri York has taken over as Moderator. This time around, Teri served a three-year term and was our secretary last year. This year she agreed to stay on the Board and was elected for a second three-year term. I say this time around, because a number of years ago, Teri held the position of Deacon Moderator. Once again, Jack and I feel our faith community is in good hands. Please say hello and thank you to Teri when you see her...and you will see her because she is very active in the life of First Pres.!!!

*PS Ask any Deacon about the story behind their potluck party favor.*



Nancy Overturf passed away May 30, 2021. Many of you probably met Jennifer Thacker's mother as she often visited here at FPC. She was a staunch supporter of her grandsons, Will and Charlie, when they shared their theatrical and musical abilities here! The Adult Bell Choir appreciated her smiling face and applause inside Gray Chapel at the annual Bell Festival. She was an active Presbyterian at her own church where she sang in the choir, but she was known and loved here at FPC too. Please keep Jennifer, Dana, Will and Charlie Thacker in your thoughts and prayers; as well as their extended family.

## JOY IN CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Firsthand from my usher reporter: Kay Rietz!



June 20<sup>th</sup> I went to church for the first time since October 2020. There were 58 people in attendance. I helped usher the southwest door of the sanctuary. It was great seeing the Rhonemuses, Carol Evans, Scott Anstaett, Grant Cunningham.... I was so hoping YOU would come through the door so I could “air hug” you.

Yes, I was tired after church and got in my daily nap! ☺

Looking forward to seeing you all in person soon.



Eileen and Larry Rhonemus are thrilled to announce they have 2 new Great grandchildren. Born May 7<sup>th</sup> in Troy at 7 pounds and 9 ounces is Penelope Lyn Layer. Born June 11<sup>th</sup> in Greenville at 8 pounds and 1 ounce is Henry Elwood Rowland.

## FPC COMMUNICATIONS

To raise awareness that this subject is being considered, the editor has included a brief summary of our ZOOM meeting. Some of the questions raised as we begin our look at communication here at FPC: Who do we communicate with generationally, who is the point person, what are the platforms of communication, what messages do we want to communicate and what are people's preferences. IF you'd like to add input or insight to this discussion, please contact any of the members. The committee is listed in the COMMUNICATION paragraph on the inside cover of this month's Spire.



