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From our Pastor's Heart ...



Dear Friends,

I've been doing some reading and thinking around the Genesis 2 passage for a coming sermon. It is the second account of the creation story. In it one reads of God creating the world, heavens and earth, land and sky, rivers, and streams. God creates man/human from the dust of the earth and breathes life into this new being. Isn't that a lovely image? It is so personal and so intimate, God sharing breath and life with this human creation.

The Hebrew word for man is Adamah which translates as ground or earth. I love what one writer wrote which was that the human creation is not only created from the dirt of the earth but is then called to live on that earth and care for it. (my words) From the point of creation, Adam was given the responsibility to name and then care for all of what God created. Adam along with Eve became God's chosen stewards of the earth.

As I think about God breathing life not only into the first human, but into each of our lives, I also recognize that the responsibility of stewardship has been passed on generation after generation to us. We then have the responsibility to pass it on to our children and they to their children.

FPC is an Earth Care Congregation. We continue to make changes in how we interact with God's creation. And yet there still are so many ways that we can improve on our care of God's creation. As I read the reports on climate change, I recognize that humanity needs to refocus on their care of God's world.

Stewardship is not only about caring for plants and trees, animals, and waterways, it is also about caring for our neighbors, our cities, our society. I have watched over the last year or so as you have really stepped up your caring/stewardship. During the pandemic, your support whether monetary or hands on tripled at one point the number of meals shared with our hungry neighbors. You adapted programming so that VBS could continue.

You also welcomed and assisted in the adjustments to our new online format for worship. I'm not sure that many of you realize that our worship service is shared with about 20 people in southern Ohio. There are others outside our state and inside our city that we don't know personally but join with us on Sunday mornings to worship God. This, my friends, is called evangelism.

I write all of this to tell you that your gifts of time and money have made a tremendous impact on the ministry of this church. You have been so faithful in your giving. Your gifts have touched so many lives not only inside our congregation but in the community and beyond. You have been such wonderful examples of what it means to be a good steward. I am proud and hopeful to stand with you as we look to the year 2022.

I want to invite you as you hear from the stewardship committee to consider how you can financially and personally support the growing ministries at FPC. How might you grow in your calling to be a steward for God? Stewardship is not all about money. It is about finding your calling and sharing your gifts in an effort to make God's world a stronger, healthier, more loving place.

Thank you for all you do. May God bless and keep you and those you hold dear.

Faithfully,

Pastor Deb

THANK YOU

We are in receipt of your recent gift to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Thank you for your donation of \$2,000 to our Raise the Roof Campaign in honor of your pastor, Rev. Deb Patterson. We are grateful for your generosity as we seek to install a new roof on our beloved Caldwell Chapel. After sixty years, our aged chapel roof will be replaced due to the kindness of many alums and friends at this time. Caldwell is our worship center and informative of our academic life. Again, our deepest thanks to you and warm greetings to your pastor!

Alton B. Pollard III
Louisville Seminary, President

LECTIONARY

November 1	All Saints' Day Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44
November 7	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; <i>Complementary:</i> 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
November 14	<i>Semicontinuous:</i> 1 Samuel 4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10 <i>Complementary:</i> Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
November 21	2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
November 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21:25-36

OPPORTUNITY

The 2021 Richard W. Smith Civil War Lecture is happening!

Virtual this year, Dr. Mark Grimsley, faculty member of The Ohio State University's Department of History, will speak about a key Buckeye during the War: General William Rosecrans.

The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, November 4th, starting at 7 p.m. - perfect timing since Richard turns 98 on the 5th!

The Zoom link will be posted before the speech on the Ohio Wesleyan University's calendar page. Here's the link as of today: <https://www.owu.edu/calendars/details/2021-smith-lecture-in-civil-war-history/2021-11-04/>

MEMBER UPDATES



Tricia Shaw and Diane Welker stopped to visit FPC member Janet Jackson in Durham, North Carolina on their way home from a Florida vacation. We not only had a wonderful visit but came home with two plates full of Janet's famous cinnamon twist cookies!

Hard to believe...but Charlie Thacker celebrated Senior Night with his Olentangy Berlin Soccer team and his family! Rex and I were glad to be there so you could picture the celebration!



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Sunday School Update:

Sunday school will begin meeting at our regular time, every Sunday, following the children's moment during worship. All ages will meet in the library (rather than the Social Room). We hope you are able to join us!

"This Is Us" and Willow Brook Gatherings...

Linda Fischer (Lisa Macri's mother), Dalia Bermudez, Nancy Jewett, Kathy Duis



In October at our "Willow Brook Gatherings" we took our Sunday School theme of "This Is Us" on the road. We invited our Willow Brook residents to create self-portraits just as we did in our first Sunday School back together...these portraits will be added to a mural of portraits that we are creating in the room outside of the Sunday School room in the church building. This is a reminder that although we have been separated for a long while due to COVID, we have remained the church family of FPC- beloved and cherished children of God. We hope to find creative ways to gather more portraits as the year goes on!

Confirmation Class Update:

We held our first confirmation meeting to kick off the year on September 28th. The class will begin this fall with a focus on mission and community service. The first two projects completed in October were:

1. Kickball at London-Town Apartments during our monthly meal delivery.
2. Halloween "Goody-Bag" delivery to White Sands during our monthly meal delivery.

Both events got our youth out into the community in a new way! We are excited to see this group grow in their relationship and experience of God. Stay tuned for more updates.



It's time for Scarf The Town!! Sunday, December 5th.

It's time to start collecting scarves for our scarf the town event this year! Scarf the Town will be held on **Sunday, December 5th** following worship.



Starting November 1st, there will be a bin at the church to collect scarves!

SADLY MISSED

Donald P. O'Sullivan passed away October 2nd. He was a member here at FPC. He was a US Army Veteran and a Red Cross volunteer. Please keep his wife, Wendy England O'Sullivan and their extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ned Paca (92) passed away October 8th. He and his wife, Maxine, had moved to Willow Brook after retirement in the early 1990s and joined FPC. They were often seen at Presbees, Sunday worship and other church events prior to the pandemic. Maxine passed away in 2019.

Please keep their son, John and their daughter, Marcia and their immediate families in your thoughts and prayers.



Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



PRESBEES

For our November 17th Presbees Meeting, we will host "The Outsiders", an instrumental group from Delaware Run Willow Brook. Their program will include a variety of musical styles including hymns, marches, musicals, selections from the Great American songbook and Ohio State favorites. The program will have a Thanksgiving theme. Members of the group include Chris Reimer on tuba, Dave Mansberger on baritone, Joan Maxwell on flute, Carol Hollenbeck on keyboard, and from FPC Ron Mead on trumpet, and Wayne Moore on banjo. Come to the Campbell Addition at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17th to enjoy this musical program. No food will be served. You may bring your own water or coffee if so desired.

Any questions contact Chuck Stringham 740-816-0295 or Peggy Stringham 740-834-9025.

SESSION

Nikki Hogarth and Pastor Deb are planning a New Member Class for November.

We received nice thank-you notes from Louisville Seminary. We made a donation to their building fund in honor of Pastor Deb's studies at Louisville.

All Session members have received an updated version of the Book of Order and our By-laws (to include our current mission statement). We will be looking at these at the November meeting.

A joint worship service with Second Baptist Church is being planned. Possible dates for worship in their sanctuary are Nov. 21, 2021 and they would possibly join us on Nov. 28, 2021. Deb is finalizing these plans with them.

Mission - Lynn Burke shared: Flannery Rokeby-Jackson from CRIS in Columbus will speak about refugees in Columbus and their needs at the November meeting.

Steve Shaw reported the Stewardship Campaign is beginning.

DEACONS

The ministry of a Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of compassion, witness and service. Sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for all those in need.

Your Deacons continue to help our congregation when there is a need with calls, visits, rides, meals and prayers. We help deliver meals on the 4th Thursday of each month and participate in the 3rd Sunday service at Willow Brook Christian Village.

As November arrives, your Deacons feel very thankful to be able to be a part of so many lives.

“As the hymns of praise and thank you
Fall upon each listening ear,
Let us offer true thanksgiving
To our God throughout the year.”



COMMUNITY MEALS

Laura Bowie, Dave and Nancy Nungesser stuff “dessert” cookies into ziplock bags for a “sweet treat” to one of our drive thru pick up meals.



Kitchen Ministry Update

We continue to provide dinners to many people in our community! On October 11th we served 161 meals! Our next meal is on October 28th and we are planning on preparing 180 meals. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us with our ministry. If you would like more info on how to volunteer, please contact Emily Hinton.

THANKSGIVING IN A BAG!

Instead of doing a drive thru meal on Thanksgiving Day we will be delivering bags of food. Each bag will contain everything a family needs for a Thanksgiving dinner!

By now you should have received a flyer in the mail from the Kitchen ministry's Thanksgiving food drive. If you would like to donate food for a bag take a look at the shopping list and return all items no later than November 18th to the social room. If you prefer to make a donation and let us do the shopping, the average cost for all items is approximately \$30!

If you will be shopping we suggest you purchase items as soon as possible due to the supply chain issues we are experiencing. Thanks in advance for helping us provide a Thanksgiving meal to those in need!

MISSION

Calling all sewers !!!

Do you enjoy sewing? Interested in helping those in need? Why not learn more about the Sewing Sisters! This is a group of women in Upper Arlington who have been using their talents to sew and sell bags. The profits from these bags have gone to help school children in Ethiopia. To date they have sewn over 1,000 book bags for the children of Debre Birhan. If you are interested in helping with this mission or would like to donate, contact Lynn Burke.



CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

TRUSTEES

Narthex wall repair-looking for contractor options.

Receiving bids for snow removal.

Discussed a plan for native plants in flower beds.

A new remote screen and projector installed in the Social Room.

Alarm system glitches repaired.

Several tasks are still to be completed in the apartments and Unity House. Hope to replace all exterior doors, repair faucets , and clean dryer vents as top priorities.

Try a new Thanksgiving Tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.



Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything!"

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

Dear Judy,

This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you!

Sincerely, Joan



