



# HOT OFF THE PRES...

Newsletter *from* First Presbyterian Church of Delaware

## Worship Leaders

- May 01** Dick Thayer
- May 08** Kent King
- May 15** Nikki Hogarth
- May 22** Cathy Courtice
- May 29** Lynn Burke

Lectionary Readings:  
[www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary)

## Upcoming Events

- May 01** Last Day of Sunday School
- May 11** Ten40 Concert @ 7pm
- May 14** Game Night @ 6pm
- May 15** Graduate Recognition  
VBS Training @ 3pm
- May 22** Confirmation Sunday  
10am Worship @ Gallant  
Woods with Zion
- May 29** Congregational Meeting  
to Elect Officers @ 11am
- May 31** 1st Day of VBS @ 6pm

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## From Our Pastor's Heart

This month's devotion comes from *Unfolding Light*, a daily reflection by Steve Garnaas-Holmes rooted in a contemplative, creation-centered, justice-oriented spirituality:

*Dearly Beloved, Grace and Peace to you.*

*The women come to the tomb bearing jars heavy with grief and despair, burdened with fear. After all, Jesus didn't die by accident, or get murdered by a jealous opponent. He was executed by the Roman Empire, as an example, as crucifixion always was, meant to terrorize subjects of the Empire: If you follow this man you will meet the same fate.*

*His death was not just his, but the end of his movement, his community—enforced by fear...*



## Your Library

This month's topic is Hope. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope you have." (Sarah Young). Your library has suggestions for answers. The two books are Max Lucado's *Unshakable Hope* and Henri Nouwen's *Seeds of Hope*. Find many more in the *Spiritual Life* section of the library.

Add to the children's Summer fun with First Presbyterian's Summer Reading Challenge! The program starts right after Vacation Bible School on May 31st and goes to July 10th. The library has many good books for all ages. Look out for details soon!

## Graduate Recognition

Join us for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 15th where we will recognize our graduating seniors, Charlie Thacker and Drew Niemi!

## Session Highlights

- Maddy Herzog reinstated as Adult Handbell Director.
- Session thanks Confirmants for help during service.
- Next Communion is May 15th

*Fear.*

*It's what prevents us from loving deeply:  
fear of pain, powerlessness, vulnerability,  
not being in control, not belonging.  
But when you pour yourself out in love  
you enter God's infinite life.*

*Standing here at the empty grave  
the news sinks in: he is not here. He has risen.  
The women's hands fly up in wonder and joy—  
and the jars fall and shatter, spilling out  
all their grief and shame, all their fear.  
The message of the empty tomb is clear:  
If you follow this man you will meet the same fate.  
In love you too shall be raised.  
When you give yourself in love,  
whatever it costs—even your life—  
you will end up with more life, not less.*

[www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

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## Presbees May Update



Can you stay safe in the online world? We hear about viruses, worms, ransomware, scams and phishing in the news. What are these things, and will they affect us?

Find out during Presbees luncheon on May 18th as Kent King shares his expertise with us. Kent has worked in cybersecurity for over 30 years and is currently Information Security Officer for the Ohio Department of Transportation. He has a wealth of experience to share, including topics like securing your network connections, protecting your online accounts, and keeping your computer safe from malicious software. Bring your questions and concerns and get some advice on practical things you can do to stay safe online.

The lunch will start at 12pm in the Social Room. The cost of the catered meal is expected to be \$10 per person. Reservations can be made with Chuck or Peggy Stringham at 740-816-0295 or email [casnpeg@msn.com](mailto:casnpeg@msn.com).



## Ten40 Concert

Come see Ten40, BGSU's premier all mens a cappella group, May 11th @ 7pm in the FPC Sanctuary! Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken during intermission.

## Fellowship

We're having another Game Night May 14th @ 6pm! There will be games, foosball, popcorn, soda, and more!

## Trustees Update

- Contract signed for lawn cutting.
- Deposit made for exterior painting of sanctuary.
- Nursery and Lily Pad painted.
- Reviewed the list of projects identified last summer- making good progress on completing or moving forward on many.
- Reviewed the order of who is called when the alarm system is activated.
- Security cameras to be re-positioned for better coverage of church exterior.



## VBS 2022 FPC & Zion UCC



*Tuesday, May 31st - Friday, June 3rd*

*6:00pm-8:00pm (Dinner Included Each Day)*

*73 W. Winter St, Delaware, OH 43015*

Space is limited, sign up today!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/dfpc>

Join us for a **MONUMENTAL** week as we explore God's greatness! At Monumental VBS, kids explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for each of them. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's power and love!

## VBS Training for All Volunteers



VBS training is Sunday, May 15th from 3-5PM @ FPC in the Social Room! There will be snacks, refreshments, and fun!

## Confirmation Sunday



Join us for Confirmation Sunday as we celebrate the culmination of another successful confirmation class who will officially join us in membership on this day. We will worship outdoors at Gallant Woods at 10am with Zion United Church of Christ. We've had a wonderful year of partnership between our two communities of faith and look forward to celebrating our youth together!

## Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life Service for Don Sommers will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church, 73 W. Winter St. The service will begin at 11:30 a.m. with calling hours beginning at 10:30 a.m. A reception and lunch will follow in the church social room.

## In Sympathy

Beloved member, George Doland, passed away at his home on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 94. George and his late wife, Martha, were faithful members of FPC for many years.

A memorial service celebrating George's life will be announced at a later date. Please keep George's daughter, Candace, son-in-law Steve, nieces Cheryl and Carla Ross and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in George's memory.

## Prayers

Please continue to pray for Lisa, Chris, Claudia and Madeline Macri as they continue to recover from a devastating house fire.

## Giving Thanks

Dear FPC,

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank you so much for your support as we navigate through the fire of our home. Your donations to the GoFundMe account mean the world to us and I can't thank you enough. The funds will go to anything the insurance will not cover. We are truly grateful for all your donations. I have wonderful support from FPC. I will cherish it always.

Again, thank you for all your support. No man is alone who has God, family and friends by their side.

*Sincerely, Lisa Macri*

Pastor Deb & First Presbyterian,

Thank you for inviting DAAHC to be a part of your "Mr. Rogers" service. The message moved me to tears and was so timely and refreshing. Additionally, thank you for the generous \$500 donation to the council's scholarship fund. Your investment in the lives of our local youth will pay dividends of gratitude and education.

*Blessings abide, Tamika Vincent Reed*

Our family is so grateful for the wonderful Celebration of Life service in memory of Oluf on March 12th at the church. We are still hearing from family and friends about how meaningful the service was and about the lovely reception afterwards. Thank you so much!

*Love, Betty Kongshaug*

Thanks to your prayers, best wishes, and messages of support, my recovery from open-heart surgery is going well. I am again permitted to climb the stairs, lift more than ten pounds, and drive. And, of course, being able to return to the organ bench has been particularly recuperative. I have begun cardio rehabilitation at Grady, which the doctors have advised is essential for a full recovery. Louise and I very much appreciate your concern and encouragement.

*A note of appreciation from Joe Musser*

# May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Last Day of Sunday School</p> <p>9am CE</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am VBS Decor Team</p> <p>11:30am HR</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation @ FPC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm W&amp;M</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Deacons</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Meditation</p> <p>6pm Trustees</p> <p>7pm Fellowship</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>5pm Free Community Carry Out Meal</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7pm Session</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am Meditation</p> <p>5:30pm Practice</p> <p>7pm Ten40 Concert @ FPC</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Arts Festival</p> <p>6pm Game Night</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45am Session Mtg Welcoming Confirmands</p> <p>10am Worship Grad Recognition Communion</p> <p>3pm VBS Training</p> <p>3:30pm Presbytery</p> <p>6:30pm Intertwine @ Zion UCC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Scouts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Meditation</p> <p>12pm Presbees</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30pm Abigail Circle</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Service for Don Sommers</p> <p>10:30am Visitation</p> <p>11:30am Service</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>10am Joint Worship w/ Zion UCC @ Gallant Woods</p> <p>1:30pm Great Books</p> <p>6:30pm Intertwine @ FPC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Scouts</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am Meditation</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5pm Free Community Carry Out Meal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am Cong. Mtg. to Elect Officers</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm-8pm VBS "Monumental"</p> <p>(May 31-June 3)</p> <p>-----&gt;</p>				



## Birthdays

May 02	Brian McConnell	May 12	Matt Walls
May 04	Nancy Rietz	May 17	Betty Kongshaug
May 08	Kathy Duis	May 20	Jennifer Thacker
May 09	Bob Wattenschaidt	May 20	Susan D'Arcangelo
May 09	Ben Roel	May 22	Louise Musser
May 10	Deb Patterson	May 22	Jenny Artemus
May 11	Dalia Bermudez	May 23	Ruby Stevens
May 11	Larry Rhonemus	May 25	Roger Smith
May 12	Phil Rees	May 25	Judi Pavlovich
May 12	Bill Sharp	May 29	Ruth McQuigg

## Anniversaries

May 02	Jack & Leslie Flury
May 12	Greg & Marie DeJaynes
May 13	Larry & Eileen Rhonemus (67)
May 15	Keith & Gail Abernathy
May 21	Dick & Beth Zechiel
May 22	Scott & Kate Gordon
May 24	Bob & Susan Short
May 24	TK & Susan Cellar
May 27	Dave & Christine McCauslen