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Newsletter *from* First Presbyterian Church *of* Delaware

Worship Leaders

- Aug 07** Emily Hinton
- Aug 14** Dick Thayer
- Aug 21** Lynn Burke
- Aug 28** Cathy Courtice

Greeters

- Aug 07** Kent & Michele King (F)
Teri York & Bab Tull (B)
- Aug 14** The Mampe Family (F)
The Walter Family (B)
- Aug 21** Fred & Bunny Allen (F)
Jane Sprague & Kathy Duis (B)
- Aug 28** Tricia & Steve Shaw (F)
The Flurys (B)

Upcoming Events

- Aug 07**
Communion
- Aug 14**
Outdoor Worship @ Gallant Woods

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From Our Pastor's Heart

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. In case you didn't read the email I sent out after the last Session meeting, I wanted to keep you informed. Communications is one of the things FPC has always struggled with. The joke is that the right hand doesn't always know what the left hand is doing and vice versa. That is true when it comes to scheduling different events. I think we have gotten better at keeping the church calendar up to date.

At the root of the issue the Session is trying to address right now is communications. Intertwined with communications is the reality that we hear words through our own individual filter. We try to read body language and often misinterpret it. We try to guess what someone's intention might be and often end up with inaccurate assumptions. The best way to avoid this is to talk to one another and listen. Listen reflectively.

That is what the Session will be doing next week with some of the staff and then in two weeks with a few parishioners. These are hard conversations to have especially when there are very different points of view. We've asked Ellen Farrell

Kitchen Ministry

The Kitchen Ministry continues to serve on average 150 -160 meals on the second Sunday and the fourth Thursday of each month. In addition to handing out meals curbside and delivering to our church friends and family, we also deliver meals to London Town, White Sands and Family Promise.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested please contact Emily Hinton. Thank you for the continued support of our ministry!

Your Library

In your church library, you may find the right book to deepen your faith. You could choose a book for your little ones or your growing preteens and teens.

The library welcomes you to learn more of the Bible and Biblical history, to find devotionals, and to browse and perhaps discover the story of one of our own members - Lee Lybarger's *Parents and their Son - a Memoir*.

Meditation

All are welcome to join us for a Heartfulness Meditation via Zoom every Wednesday, 9:55am - 10:30am. In the comfort of your home, we offer this opportunity to you on your smart phone. If you are interested, please call:

Judy England 614-406-6055

(Oluf's daughter), who is a trained psychologist, to be present at both meetings in case we need some professional guidance.

The other piece will be understanding personal boundaries and communicating that with one another. The church building feels like our second home and in many ways, it is, however it is also a place of employment. Holding these two things together needs to be clarified.

The Session really appreciates your support and prayers as we navigate through this process. It has been very clear to me that God is in this working on each of us, calling us to be the best we can be. Each day I wake up with a new insight which helps guide me in our next steps.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Faithfully,
Pastor Deb

Gallant Woods Service - August 14th



Gallant Woods Preserve, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware, is the peaceful setting for our annual outdoor worship service. Special music by the Presbyterian Pickers, potluck lunch and a time of fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share, table service, lawn chairs and your sun protection. 10:00am rain or shine! See you there!

PDA Volunteer Work Team Opportunities



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is hoping to engage more volunteer work teams to help with the long term recovery in communities impacted by disasters. We plan to open a site at First Presbyterian Church in Calvert City, KY, Presbytery of Western KY, Synod of Living Waters responding to tornado damage. This site is tentatively scheduled to receive volunteers in the late summer of 2022. For more information visit www.pcusa.org/pda or contact:

Mission Work Team Contact: pda.callcenter@pcusa.org, 866-732-6121.

Please mail donations to PCUSA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Trustees Update

Trustees continue to review and make suggestions for the completion of the church Safety and Security Plan.

Recent heavy rains revealed a large leak in an apartment ceiling. Inspection revealed the roof to be in very poor condition, and the Trustees accepted a bid to replace the roof.

Another recent lightning strike has damaged several electrical components in the church. Surge protectors installed last year helped minimize damage. Repairs underway.

Exterior sanctuary painting project has begun. Estimate 6-8 weeks to complete.

Exterior plantings need daily watering because of current heat wave. Trustees are volunteering to help, and church members are encouraged to volunteer by contacting Kathy Davis.

Necessary tree trimming and removal estimates received and tabled due to current unexpected costs.

Nursery Update

Our church Nursery is now Open! We welcome back Nursery Attendants, Melissa Curtis and Kendra Napier, who will give the best of care to your little ones during worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Hogarth.

Order Study Book for Fall Class

It is time to order your copy of the fall adult study book, "Hope For Hard Times" by Magrey DeVega. Used copies are available from Amazon Books starting at \$6.00. Christianbook.com has new copies at \$14.00 or e-books at \$10.00.

In "Hope for Hard Times", author Magrey deVega examines the lives of the great biblical prophets Elijah and Elisha. A consistent message in their stories emerges. Don't give up, and don't lose hope. Trust that God will help you find a way. This 4-week study will begin September 19th-21st, with the Monday evening sessions being held from 7pm-8pm and the Wednesday morning sessions from 9am-10am. Both classes will meet in the church library with an optional remote Zoom hook-up available for the Wednesday class.

To register for the classes please email Peggy Stringham at casnpeg@msn.com or text or call Peggy at 740-834-9025. Please indicate which class you would like to be part of.

Lightning Strike Update

On July 6th at 1:07am, the church experienced yet another lightning strike. Not only did it affect us, but it affected our neighboring Willis building as well. This time, we believe its traveling point was along the Spectrum internet line. Since our last strike on August 28, 2020, we have worked diligently at installing failsafes at locations surrounding the building. However like water, lightning has a way of finding a traveling line regardless. I do believe that because of our efforts the damage and interruptions were minimized. We are continuing to do our checks and to date we feel we have a good handle on where the damage occurred and we are working to resolve and fix issues. Our network, organ, security video and monitoring systems are functioning normally. We are waiting for some fixes for particular problem areas in the audio / video area and finance office. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to resolve all of the issues and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Please feel free to contact me or find me at church should you have any questions.

Grace and Peace,

Matthew Walls, Trustee

Session Highlights

Cathy Courtice led elder training.

Sean Miller gave an update from Trustees on the safety and security plan.

Session voted to resume collection plate passing and traditional Communion.

Next Communion is August 7th.

Joys

Congratulations to Paul and Regina Kostyu who became grandparents on July 6th when John Wallace Kostyu was born in Chicago to Kurt and Elizabeth Kostyu. They are so happy to welcome this little guy to their family!

Donation Statements

Statements have been emailed and mailed to everyone for the 1st half of 2022. Please check your email and remember to also check your Spam folder because sometimes they go into that file. If you should have any questions regarding your statement, please call the church office and someone will get back to ASAP.

Vacations

Wenda will be on vacation August 1st -12th. Staff will be checking email and phone messages. Office hours will vary during her absence. Please call ahead if you plan to come to the office to make sure someone is there to help you. If you should have a pastoral care/concern, please contact Pastor Deb directly on her cell phone at **740-815-1836**.

Nikki will be on vacation August 6th -13th.

Birthdays

- Aug 01 Leslie Flury
- Aug 02 Eion Pavlovich
- Aug 06 John Hay (98), Brock Cunningham
- Aug 07 Jeff Easterday
- Aug 08 Aiva Niemi, Bill Courtice
- Aug 09 Luke Flavell
- Aug 10 Jane Sprague
- Aug 12 Connie Lybarger (86), Matthew Stroupe
- Aug 13 Betty Smith (92), Alejandra Miller
- Aug 15 Clara Miller
- Aug 16 Hadley Gordon
- Aug 17 Ariel Whitacre
- Aug 18 Richard Thayer, Rory Elfner
- Aug 20 Marilyn Sipes, Marie DeJaynes, Carson Stroupe
- Aug 21 Keith Abernathy, Chloe Artemus
- Aug 23 Regina Kostyu
- Aug 25 Arlene Palenshus
- Aug 26 Teresa Thomas, Leah Dunham
- Aug 27 Lorenzo Miller
- Aug 30 Nick D'Arcangelo
- Aug 21 Rayna Patton

Anniversaries

- Aug 03 Bill & Kay Rietz (31)
- Aug 05 Nick & Chrissi D'Arcangelo (15)
- Aug 06 Phil & Mary Rees (62)
- Aug 11 Bo & Ruth Rabby (60)
- Aug 12 George & Margaret Alexander (62)
- Aug 15 Paul & Regina Kostyu (35)
- Aug 16 Sue & Mark Bauer (42)
- Aug 18 Ray & Barbara Lou Morrison (49)
- Aug 20 Fred & Bunny Allen (62)
- Aug 24 Steve & Susie Lehtomaa (48)
- Aug 30 Richard & Betty Smith (70)

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30pm W&M	1 No Deacons	2 10am Meditation 7pm Fellowship	3 6pm Trustees	4	5
7 Communion 10am Worship + Live stream 11:30am Handbells	8 10am Membership	9 7pm Session	10 10am Meditation	11	12	13
14 10am Outdoor Worship @ Gallant Woods 5pm Free Meal	15	16	17 10am Meditation	18	19	20
21 10am Worship + Live stream 11:30am Handbells	22	23 10am Gathering @ WB Del Run	24 10am Meditation	25 5pm Free Meal	26	27
28 10am Worship + Live stream 11:30am Handbells	29	30	31 10am Meditation			