

The Presbyterian

A Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church

June 2024

Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves. Loving our Neighbors.

Dear Church Family,

The Session thought it would be a good idea for me to share more details with you about my new role in the life of First Presbyterian. I have officially retired from my nearly 40-year career as an English teacher as of May 24, 2024. I am delighted to be trading in my “chalkboard” for the cozy little office just off the east side of the sanctuary and a more intentional ministry here.

My new job title is Director of Spiritual Care. My duties will fall under three main categories: Visitation, Spiritual Counseling, and Christian Education. To be clear, I am not a licensed therapist. I hold two degrees, a B.A. in English Language & Literature and an M.Ed. in Middle School Education and Reading. My professional life has been devoted to teaching middle school, high school, and college students. It has been a joy to serve God in those mission fields, and I thank Him for gifting me with the skills I needed to impact the young people in my care. In this new role, however, I bring a sincere desire to serve God in this place, and I am deeply grateful that the Finance Committee and the Session have approved of this new job. I am eager to begin my work in June.

For the Visitation part of my duties, I will regularly visit those in our Body who need encouragement, prayer, and communion when they are home-bound temporarily, in assisted living, or shut-in on a more permanent basis. I will also keep track of hospitalizations and share and coordinate information with the Session and the Deacons.

For the Spiritual Counseling portion of my ministry, I will actively assist and encourage our members to lead lives of spiritual discipline. That may come in many different forms, from leading and organizing prayer and discipleship groups to supporting and encouraging those who seek a more intentional, spirit-filled life.

My Christian Education duties will include teaching responsibilities, organizing new educational opportunities for our church family, training new liturgists, and helping with the liturgy of special services.

The Director of Spiritual Care is an entirely new position in this church. I humbly ask that you join me as I pray for God’s wisdom to serve Him by serving the people of this Body and this community. Please note that this position is part-time; I do intend to enjoy my retirement years, and I look forward to spending time with my extended family, and so therefore, please remember that I am just one part of the Body. Each of you has a distinct role to play. Pray that God will gift you with the courage to serve our Risen Savior alongside each other.

May Blessings Abound,
Marcia Stout

*Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

Group and Committee Dates

Please check with the
Committee Chairperson for information

Session Meeting

The Elders will meet on **Tuesday June 18, @ 6:00 PM** in the Welcome Center.

Gamma Delta

The Gamma Delta group will meet on **Thursday, June 20, at 12:00 pm** at the **American Legion**.

Discipleship Group

The Ladies Discipleship group will resume meetings in the fall.

The Men's group will meet on **June 11 and 25, at 7:00 PM**. The Men will continue meeting through the summer months.

Table Toppers

The Table Toppers meet **Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 until 5:00**. All ages are welcome to join in for an afternoon of board games and card games. Bring your snacks and beverage.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men's group meets each **Friday @ 7:00 AM, at the Pelican**. All men of FPC are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Deacon Sunday** – On June 9th, we will be recognizing the Deacons for all they do. All loose offering will go to the Deacon fund, please give generously

 **Second Refocus Meeting** – Andy Gilman will be presenting our next Open Church Meeting on Saturday, June 15, **will let you know the time**. This is open to all church members. Also, please keep Andy and his church and the Greenville, Ohio area in your prayers. They were hard hit with the storms.

 **The June Congregational** meeting will be held Sunday, June 30th, following Worship Service. All are welcome to attend.



Happy Birthday

- 5 Deb Hablitzel
- 10 Mark Dishon
- 17 Kathy Bardon
- 20 Judy Eichhorn
- 30 Jan Fulton

Anniversary

- 17 Kevin and Janet Kohls
- 21 Jeremy and Mary McNeill

Liturgist

- 02 – Tom Britton
- 09 – Tami Robinson
- 16 – Kathy Bardon
- 23 – Lori Rager
- 30 – Tasha Nickler

Worship Leader

- 02 – Al Fulton
- 09 – Al Fulton - Gateway
- 16 – Carrie Diebler – Gateway
- 23 – Tom Britton - Gateway
- 30 – Al Fulton

Ushers/Greeters

- 02 – Lori Rager
- 09 – Gary Irwin
- 16 – Jeri Hargis & Gennie Rios
- 23 – Howard & Lucille Gilliland
- 30 – Tom & Sandy Britton

Flowers

- 02 – Lori Rager
- 09 –
- 16 –
- 23 – Al & Michelle Bacon
- 30 – Tasha Nickler



Shut-Ins:

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley, JoeAnn Johns

Cancer

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon
Bruce Price, Dan's brother

Surgery

Ben Hubble, Jan's nephew, back surgery
Kathy Hildebrand, Courtney's Mother, received a liver transplant

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Dan Price
Barb Price for the loss of her son Jay
Melissa, blood clot on brain, friend of Barb Price
Tom Ahlefeld
Judy Eichhorn, waiting on MRI for pain in head, neck & shoulders
Lou Ross, recovering from a stroke, Lori Rager's Dad
Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey's sister
Abigail Sutherland, recovering from heart surgery, Dishon's granddaughter
Mike McKee, Heart problem. Friend of Kathy Bardon
Becky Bellamy, Parkinson's, sister of Kathy Bardon
Mary Dunham, Kathy Byrne's friend

Military:

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson
Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler's son
Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson's grand-nephew

Elder of the Month: Carrie Diebler

First Presbyterian News

Kudos & Updates from Jan

Renovations in the church are ongoing. Michelle's office, the restroom and the entryway at the top of the Rensselaer Street steps are almost complete with only minor "finishing" details left to do. The Parlor is ready to decorate with furniture. Marcia's office, which was the original "Library" will have the floor refinished at the end of May. Al Fulton and the hard working "Holler Boys" spent a Saturday cleaning out decades of accumulated "junk" in the furnace rooms. Those rooms will now be professionally vacuum-cleaned. When Marcia's office is complete, I would like to begin work on the new Heritage Room (the old choir room) and the Nursery also needs to be freshened up with new carpet and furnishings. We also have two pianos available if anyone would like them. There is the old upright in the fellowship hall and another piano in the old choir room. Let me know if you are interested.

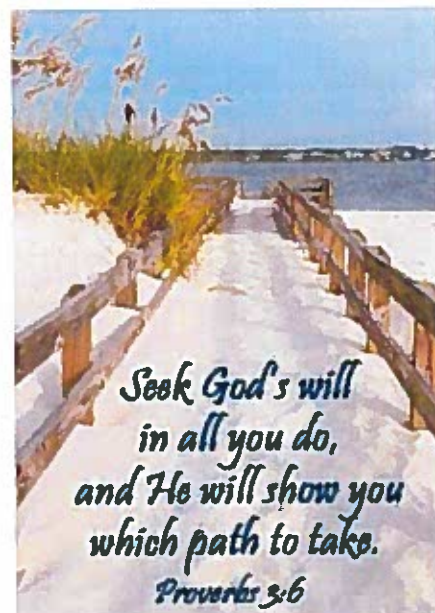
As you know we continue to have a prayer list in our weekly bulletins. Also, the deacons have a very active prayer chain with more detailed prayer needs. They will be using this column in the monthly newsletter to keep you aware of more prayer needs. Feel free to let me know if you would like to add anything to our list. We ask for prayers for the following: prayers for Jan and Al's nephew, [Ben Hubble](#) continues therapy after major back surgery and is feeling so much better; continued prayers for [Courtney's mom](#), who finally received a new liver; continued prayers for [Dan and Barb Price](#) whose son, Jay, died; continued prayers for [Dave Hablitzel](#) as he continues to gain weight and strength, and for [Debbie](#)

who is his main caregiver; prayers for the family of [Tammy Schott](#), who died this week after battling cancer; continued prayers for [Dan and Barb Price](#) as they navigate the many stages of Parkinson's Disease; prayers of compassion for those who suffer depression; prayers for our congregation as we refocus our energy and talents to strengthen our congregation, begin the search for our new pastor and increase our outreach outside of our doors... all for the glory of God!

The Finance Committee would like to congratulate Sam Rager and Courtney Posey on receiving \$2,500 FPC scholarships for the 2024/2025 school year.

It is time to pay the Per Capita to our EPC and Presbytery. We pay \$36.00 per confirmed member every year. If you would like to help by paying your own Per Capita, just make your check out to First Presbyterian Church for \$36 for each confirmed member in your family and put "per capita" in the memo line. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Jan Fulton – 419/561-0263



Please do not
bring clothes or
shoes!

All items must be
in good condition
& they should
work.

MULTI-CHURCH

GARAGE SALE

SAVE
BIG!

First Alliance Church

1955 Hopley Ave. Bucyrus

JUNE 21st 9am-5 pm

JUNE 22nd 9-2pm

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

Bucyrus Outreach &
Restoration Network



Happy Father's Day
June 16

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Blessed is the man who
trusts in the LORD.

— Jeremiah 17:7



FATHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

Happy Father's Day!



Celebrate	Gift	Home	Caring	Honor	Daughter
Relaxation	Son	Hugs	Holiday	Here	Grandman
Inspiration	Wise	Sunday	Giving	Daddy	Children
Appreciate	Laugh	Happy	Love	Layoff	Encourager
Grandfather	Kiss	Family	Friend	Provider	Greater!
Devoted	Care	Care	Strong	Father	