

The Presbyterian

A Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church
125 South Poplar Street, Bucyrus, OH 44820
December 2017



"Where everyone is welcome"



Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, December 21st, @ 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacon's meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 13th @ 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, December 12th, at Noon, at Pisanello's**. The business meeting and Bible study will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Men

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

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will meet on **Wednesday, December 20th, @ 12:30 PM**, in Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck lunch and they will be wrapping gifts for the Salvation Army.

Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will meet **Thursday, December 7th, at 6:30 PM** at Dorothy Watt's home.

Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, December 3rd, at 1:00 PM**.

† In Our Prayers

Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:

Nancy Crum, Al Basinger, Marcia Dobbins, Judy Eichhorn, Denny Wells, Kennedy Sharrock (surgery for removal of a brain tumor)

Shut-Ins:

Margaret Price, LaVeta Byrne, Grace Kearns, Glenn & Jeannie Gibson, Mary Kiess

Family and Friends of Members:

Michael Cole (son of John & Phyllis Cole), Alayna Rose Clark (Dave & Deb Hablitzel's granddaughter), Connie Watts' grandson Kade, Marcia Stout's parents, Sharon Roth (friend of Kathy Bardon), Cody Howard (friend of Ashleigh Helbert), Florence Cooper (Vickie Ahlefeld's mother), Sandy Will (Carrie Diebler's mother), Jon Peterson (friend of the Bacon's).

Cancer

Bruce Price, in remission (Dan's brother)
Susan Murphey (Jan Fulton's cousin).
Doris Haun (Betty Hauenstein's sister-in-law)
Ann Pokopac (Kathy Bardon's sister)

Military:

John T. Ballinger III, Cody Gibson, Keagan Rios, Levi Diebler, Jason Hahn, Daron Watts, John Dobbins, Zach Wilson, Jonathan Duks, John Bacon, Todd Loy

† Special prayers requested for the Pastor Search Committee

Prayer Requests

Add to Prayer Requests _____ Remove from
Prayer Request _____

Prayers are needed for:

Member ____ Member's family ____ Friend
of member ____

Requested by:

**The office will be closed
December 25th through January 1st**



December

Happy Birthday

- 3 Tim Mutchler
- 5 Toby Butterfield
- 15 Tami Robinson
- 19 Tyler Goldfuss,
Victoria Hoerig,
- 25 Chet Johnston, Janet Kohls
- 26 Tena Eyster
- 27 Maya Collene
- 28 Mary Kiess
- 29 Emily Goldfuss
- 31 Kevin Kohls

Happy Anniversary

- 28 Alan & Michelle Bacon

Children's Time

- 03 Carrie Diebler
- 10 Joe Collene
- 17 Beth Barton
- 24 Dave Hablitzel
- 31 Debbie Hablitzel

Ushers/Greeters

- 03 Marcia Stout, Danny Nickler
Tom & Marcia Heminger
- 10 Marcia Stout, Danny Nickler
Dan & Barb Price
- 17 Marcia Stout, Danny Nickler
Tami Robinson
- 24 Tasha Nickler, Danny Nickler
Dave & Debbie Hablitzel
- 31 Marcia Stout, Danny Nickler
Tami Robinson

December Altar Flowers

- 03 Alan & Michelle Bacon
- 10 Tami Robinson
- 17 Marv & Betty Hauenstein
- 24 Christmas Poinsettias
- 31 Don & Phyllis Reed

Deacon of the Month: Vicki Ahlefeld
Elder of the Month: Marcia Stout



First Presbyterian News

Guest Speakers for December

December 3rd – Rev. Andy Wilson

Liturgist – Al Fulton

December 10th – Rev. David

MacDonald

Liturgist – Tami Robinson

December 17th – Matt Eichhorn

Liturgist – Bob Thompson

December 24th – Marcia Stout

Liturgist – Tami Robinson

December 31st – Joe Collene

Liturgist – Al Fulton

**December 24 – Candlelight Light
Service @ 7:00 PM**

Coffee Hour

In December we are looking forward to Wassail during Coffee Hour. Hosting in December will be:

12/03 Deacons

12/10 Presbyterian Women

12/17 Youth Group

Welcome New Baby

Congratulations to Jason & Joleene Hargis, son of Jeri & Luke Hargis on the birth of their new baby boy, Cameron Noah Hargis. Cameron was born November 13th weighing 8lbs 15 ozs and 23” long.

Pastor Search Committee Update

We have several promising applicants being interviewed. We have one candidate that we have requested a second interview with and we will continue to work through the process as we gain more resumes. Continued prayers and patience

Brooke Young, chairperson

2ND Hour Kids

The Mission Committee sponsors a Giving Tree for families in need. Members of the church pick a tag from the tree with a child's Wish List and purchase suggested gifts for them. If church members pick a tag, shop and bring items in **the 2nd Hour Kids** have wrapping paper and tape and **would LOVE to wrap and label them** to get them ready for the tree! Thanks!

Advent Save the Date



This year Advent begins

on **Sunday, December 3rd**, our beautiful Advent Table will already be decorated and the Mission Giving Tree displayed. **On**

Saturday, December 9th, more

decorating will commence with our

wonderful Chrismon tree as well as other

wreathes and garland. Pew candelabra and

poinsettias will be added later for the

Christmas Eve service. **We need your**

help on Saturday, December 9th, from

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, to help decorate.

All ages are welcome...and many hands

make light and swift work!! Please let us

know if you will be able to join us!

Al and Jan Fulton

Thank You

I would like to take this time to thank

everyone who has helped guide and support

me this year. Thank you for providing

information for bulletins and newsletters

before it was needed. A special thank you to

all of the Guest Speakers for being so great

to work with. Everyone has been a big help

but I would especially like to thank Anya

Schell, Jan Fulton, Tami Robinson, Julie

Pelter, Bob Thompson and Debbie Hablitzel

for all they have done.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Bacon*



Poinsettia Order Form

This year we will be purchasing poinsettias from Norton's. Colors available are red, white, and pink. **Orders must be in by Sun., Dec. 10th.** Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Checks should be made out to the church and payment of **\$12.50 per poinsettia** is appreciated with your order. If you have any questions, please call me at 419-561-0263. *Thank you! Jan Fulton*

Name _____

Phone _____

Qty ____ Red _____ \$ _____

Qty ____ Pink _____ \$ _____

Qty ____ White _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

I will take my poinsettia home _____

Please give to a shut-in _____

Order forms are also available on the table at the back of the church.

Parish List Update

The church Parish List will be updated at the end of the year. If you have changed your address, email or phone numbers please call or email the office. This would also be a good time to update birthday information.

Thank You

The Board of Directors and staff would like to express our gratitude for your loyal contribution to Bethel Pro-Life Ministries. Your generosity helps this ministry maintain Voice of Hope Pregnancy Centers in Crawford, Wyandot & Marion Counties. Together we are saving lives and serving families because of the resources you provide to make it happen.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held **Wednesday, December 13th @ 7:00 AM** in the Bucyrus Community Hospital Cafeteria. The **Guest Speaker** this month will be **Coach Lee Owens**, Head Football Coach of Ashland University and former Assistant Coach for The Ohio State Buckeyes. Sponsored by Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

United in Harmony

Christmas Concert

In celebration of Good Hope Lutheran Church's 175th Anniversary, United in Harmony is having a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 10th @ 4:00 PM at Good Hope.** A **Love Offering** to benefit 9 of the **Bucyrus Feeding Ministries** will be taken. **First Presbyterian** will be included for our Meals for the Hungry.





Presbyterian Kids Corner



Special Music

A big thank you to Megan Young and Jan Fulton for our wonderful Special Music on November 12th. The congregation truly enjoyed your duet of "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Great Job!



What is Advent

Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Christian church, advent is time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas, which means it often begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

So how can you celebrate Advent? One way is to buy or make an Advent wreath to lay on your table. An Advent wreath typically consists of greenery with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle on the Advent Wreath has a specific meaning:

- Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.
- Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.

- Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle.

- Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.

- Many advent wreaths also include a Christ candle in the middle of the wreath.

To celebrate with an Advent wreath, you light a candle on each Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday, you light candle one; the second Sunday you light candles one and two, etc. You can often find readings to go along with the candle lightings on the internet or at Christian bookstores. Or find a Christmas book that represents the theme of the week and read it with your children.



Chrismon Tree

Over the years, the Christmas tree has become a symbol of Christ as the "tree of life." Through the birth of Jesus, believers have been given God's gifts of life, light and wisdom. The use of Chrismons to decorate Christmas trees is popular in many churches today. Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Va. In an effort to create appropriate decorations for her church Christmas tree, Spencer fashioned centuries-old symbols into white and gold tree decorations. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. Ideas for fashioning them are developed from early Christian symbols, the Bible and church histories.

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