

The Presbyterian

A Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church
125 South Poplar Street, Bucyrus, OH 44820
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"Where everyone is welcome"

NEW PASTOR - JEREMY McNEILL

Please help us in welcoming our new pastor Jeremy McNeill and his family. We are so very excited to have them ALL coming to lead our church family spiritually forward for many years to come! Jeremy will be conducting our Sunday morning services and preaching the word on a full-time basis beginning March 11.

Be sure to attend Jeremy's Ordination and Installation Service
which will take place in our sanctuary on March 11 at 3:00pm.

His lovely family includes wife MARY of 4 years in June, son ELIJAH (2.5 years old) and daughter DAVI (11 months old). They are looking for housing in Bucyrus but in the meantime will be traveling back and forth from their current home in Sharon, PA. Jeremy's special interests and hobbies include: reading, hiking, cooking, fishing, and St. Louis Cardinals baseball. He expects everyone to catch up on their favorite show, Doctor Who, so that you will catch a lot of his sermon illustrations! His background includes:

- born and raised in Alabama where his family attends a Southern Baptist Church.
- Jeremy's mother and father currently live in Huntsville, AL. He has a young sister, Sarah, who lives in Daphne, AL and an older brother living in Huntsville, AL.
- Mary's mother and father currently live in Akron, OH. She has two younger sisters. Amy, who lives in Cleveland, OH, and Jessica, who currently lives in Philadelphia.
- Jeremy graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with B.A. in Philosophy (2009) where he was very involved in campus ministry.
- Youth Ministry Intern at Southwood Presbyterian Church - Huntsville, AL (2009-2011).
- Pastoral Intern at Central Evangelical Presbyterian Church - Huntsville, AL (2011-2012).
- Nursing Home Chaplain (2012-2014).
- graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary - St. Louis, MO with Masters in Divinity (2014).
- Coalition for Christian Outreach - College and Mercy Minister - Collingswood, PA (2014-2016).
- Western Theological Seminary - Holland, MI - continuing education in church history, theology and creeds (2015).
- Coalition for Christian Outreach - College and Family Life Minister - Sharon, PA (2016-2017).
- Candidate Under Care of EPC Presbytery of the Alleghenies (April 2017).
- Accepted into the EPC Presbytery of the Midwest (February 2018).

Jeremy and his family are thrilled to call Bucyrus their new home, and can't wait to be part of our church family!



Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, March 15th**, @ **7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacon's meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 14th** @ **5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, March 13th**, at **Noon**, at **Pisanello's**. The business meeting and Bible study will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will start the new year on **Wednesday, March 21st**, at **12:30 PM**. They will meet at **Baker's Pizza** for lunch and a meeting.

Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will meet **Thursday, March 1st**, at **6:30 PM** at Dorothy Watt's home.

Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, March 4th**, at **1:00 PM**.

Presbyterian Men

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

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet the **2nd Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM** at the church.

**Daylight Savings Time ends on March 11th,
remember to set your clocks ahead
1 hour Saturday Night**

† In Our Prayers

Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:

Jensen Eyster, Kathy Randall, Marcia Dobbins, Judy Eichhorn, Denny Wells, Kennedy Sharrock

Shut-Ins:

Margaret Price, Grace Kearns, Glenn & Jeannie Gibson, Mary Kiess.

Family and Friends of Members:

Mi-Lynn Mok (Joyce Hahn's granddaughter)
Michael Cole (son of John & Phyllis Cole)
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)

Cancer

Nancy Crum
Bruce Price, in remission (Dan's brother)
Susan Murphey (Jan Fulton's cousin).
Ann Pokopac (Kathy Bardon's sister)
Nancy Hicks (Friend of Al & Michelle Bacon)

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

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 open on
March 26, 27 & 28
then closed on 29th & 30th.



Happy Birthday

2 Kaitlyn Bardon
5 Danny Nickler
21 Sabrina Kohls
23 Al Williams
24 Sandy Britton,
Wanda Sharrock
25 Cindy Inscho
29 Chase Eyster

Happy Anniversary

25 Wayne and Julie Pelter
31 Dave and Deb Hablitzel

Children's Time

04 – Dorothy Watts
11 - Kathy Byrne
18 - Carrie Diebler
25 - Beth Barton

Ushers/Greeters

04 – Mark & Marcia Dishon
Jeri Hargis & Carol Griffith
11 - Mark & Marcia Dishon
Ronda & Victoria Hoerig
11 - @ 3:00 Gennie Rios & Carol Griffith
18 - Mark & Marcia Dishon
Ronda & Victoria Hoerig
25 - Mark & Marcia Dishon
Marv & Betty Hauenstein

Alter Flowers for March

04 – Tasha Nickler
11 – Ed Dolch
18 – Carrie Diebler
25 - Dave & Deb Hablitzel

Coffee Hour

March Coffee Hour will be sponsored by Kathy Byrne & Dave and Deborah Hablitzel.

Deacon of the Month: Donna Watts
Elder of the Month: Mark Dishon

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Speakers for March

04 – Andy Wilson
Liturgist – Tami Robinson

11 – Jeremy McNeill
Liturgist – Dan Price

18 – Jeremy McNeill
Liturgist – Tasha Nickler

25 – Jeremy McNeill
Liturgist – Bob Thompson

Important Events

March 11 – Jeremy McNeill's Ordination and Installation, 3:00 PM at the church. All are welcome.

March 25 – Palm Sunday
Presbyterian Women
Annual Bake Sale.

March 30 – Good Friday



Presbyterian Women

On Palm Sunday, **March 25th**, the **Presbyterian Women will hold their Annual Bake Sale** following Worship Service in the Chapel area. Food donations are needed to help make this a successful bake sale. There will be pies, cookies, bread and cakes purchase by donations.



Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who remembered me with calls, cards, visits, flowers, food, and especially your prayers since my cancer diagnosis. Even though I will live with cancer the rest of my life, the good news is that it is treatable without chemo or radiation. God is faithful and has answered the many prayers in my behalf. I am blessed to be a member of a caring church family. May God bless you all with showers of blessings!

*Your Sister in Christ,
Nancy Crum*

Kennedy Sharrock

Dear Church Family,
I was hoping to be able to attend church at Christmas to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and financial help you have given to us through all of this. I have been in the hospital so often it has become a second home. On January 1st we were told the MRI showed that the tumor was actually shrinking but on January 11 the MRI read that the cancer was regrowing. I had the third surgery on January 16 and lost the use of my right leg and paralysis in my right arm and hand. The results of the 3rd surgery showed 80% was dead tumor. Doctors had thought opposite would be the case. The tumor has also slowed down its growth rate, just not enough. It is now at typical range, 20%, for my cancer but is way down from the 90% it was at before.

We are so grateful for everything you have done and are doing for us. By the grace of God we will get through this!

We are praying for you as you welcome a new pastor into the church family. I am hoping I will be able to meet him and his family someday soon. May God continue to bless each and every one of you both now and forever.

Peace,
Kennedy Clare Sharrock II

New! Morning Coffee

Morning Coffee is now available before church service on Sundays. A new Keurig has been provided by Al & Jan Fulton. Coffee, hot chocolate, and tea supplies have been provided by Kevin & Kami Pelter. These items will also be available at your convenience throughout the week for meetings, prayer services, and choir practices. So please help yourself to a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!

News from the Gabriel Family:

I was corresponding with Marty recently and got her permission to update you....Jan

“I am so happy to hear from you! Yes, we are thriving. Some of us are more striving than thriving.

Anna is a senior and plans to go to the Colorado School of Mines, maybe chemical engineering or applied math. She is very stressed out, so she is a top prayer priority for us. So weird, as she was such a happy little dolly! She is practically perfect except for the stressed out thing. Jim is huge and good at everything—varsity football and wrestling, as a sophomore. He’s fairly smart and responsible, and wants to fly helicopters, so I plan to talk him into going to the Air Force Academy and keep him close for awhile. Robbie is still beautiful and pretty funny, but he is a surly teen with stinky feet and a stinky attitude at the moment. However, he is the only one who regularly attends youth group, and he helps with a SS class, so I guess I should give him points for that! Pete and I are so very thankful for God’s faithfulness and his constant stream of gifts and blessings. We go to an Assembly of God church here, which is weird, but they don’t act like one, so it works. We actually have a female pastor and she is from Georgia, too! We have a little cadre of Southern girls. I try to make sure that everyone knows that I am Presbyterian in my heart—chosen!” Marty



2018 Easter Flowers Order Form

This year we will be purchasing Easter flowers from Flowers and Fancies. Flowers available are Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. You may choose the color of hyacinths. **Orders must be in by Sunday, March 11th.** Checks should be made out to the church and payment is appreciated with your order. If you have any questions, please call me at 419-561-0263.
Thank you! Jan Fulton

Name _____

Phone _____

Qty _____ Easter lily (\$10.50) \$ _____

Qty _____ Tulips Mix colors (\$8.00) \$ _____

Qty _____ Daffodils (\$8.00) \$ _____

Qty _____ Hyacinths (\$8.00) \$ _____

Hyacinths: Purple # _____ Pink # _____

White # _____

Total \$ _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

I will take my flowers home _____

Please give to a shut-in _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

Men's Breakfast

Mike Greene will be the speaker March 14th @ 7:00 AM in the Bucyrus Community Hospital Cafeteria. Mike writes for Heart of Ohio Magazine and does radio voice work with a three decade career in Radio and TV doing mainly sports. He has also been the Host/MC for over 20 Resurrection Breakfasts. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Kids Corner



This map shows you key places in Israel where Jesus went during his lifetime! Jesus was born in Bethlehem but moved quickly to Egypt as a very little boy to be safe from the king Herod. When it was safe, an angel told his family to move back to Israel, and Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that all of these things had to happen for Jesus to be the Son of God, and they did!

Jesus was about 30 years old when he went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. Most people get baptized to show that they are going to stop doing bad things and instead turn to God. But Jesus never sinned! He got baptized because he knew at that moment he would show the world that he is living for God. The Bible says that after Jesus was baptized, God's voice came from Heaven and a dove landed on him. God said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

From that point on, Jesus would choose his disciples, teach God's word to thousands of people, and do many miracles in the land of Israel. (Bible History On Line, www.kidsbiblemaps.com.)



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