

The Presbyterian

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



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"Where everyone is welcome"

Letter from the Pastor

The resurrection of Jesus is the first breath of life into God's new creation. It is the assurance that all of the sin and brokenness we see and experience in this world will be undone, and the entire universe will be made new again. It is the promise that we, too, will be raised bodily and will dwell on earth with God when heaven (the realm of God) and earth (the realm of man) become one, and God once again walks and dwells with his people, as he did in Eden. Revelation 21:3 gives us a picture of that, when John records a voice from the throne of heaven declaring, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

But, what does that mean for us right now? We live in the "already but not yet" of the Kingdom of God. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, the promise is secured, but the fullness of that promise will not be revealed until Jesus comes again to make all things new. So here we are, assured of what was promised, but not yet experiencing its fullness. This is why, even as Christians, we struggle with sin and brokenness. The Spirit, through the process of Sanctification, is purifying our lives of sin, which will be completed when we are glorified in God's presence.

Part of that Sanctification process is to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3). And that calling is the reality that through Jesus God is going to "reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20) and that "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

And so God, who is reconciling all things to himself, has given us the ministry of reconciliation. The phrase "all things" is the Greek word "ta panta," which after extensive research I found to mean... "all things." Literally, everything. And this is the work he has called us to do. That means every area of brokenness in this world, God's people are called to redeem and reconcile to God: education, poverty, housing, hunger, health care, and environmental issues... all of it!

So, church, where are those areas here in our community that we can step into as we obey God by embracing the ministry of reconciling all things to God? Where do you feel a "holy discontent" in the brokenness of our community, and how can we step into that brokenness with the good news of the Gospel?



Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will meet **Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:30 PM** at Dorothy Watt's home.

Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, May 6th, at 1:00 PM**.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacon's meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 9th @ 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet **Monday, May 14th, @ 9:30 AM** at the church.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will meet on **Wednesday, May 16th, at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**.

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, May 17th, @ 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Wednesday, May 23rd, at 12:30 PM**, at Pisanello's. The business meeting and Bible study will follow in Fellowship Hall. They will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month until further notice.

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.

**Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday are May 13th.
Honor our Veterans on Memorial Day, May 28th.**

+ In Our Prayers

Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:

Rev. Stanley Walters, Kathy Randall, Judy Eichhorn, Denny Wells, Kennedy Sharrock

Shut-Ins:

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

Family and Friends of Members:

John Scott (Kathy Bardon's relative)
Mi-Lynn Mok (Joyce Hahn's granddaughter)
Michael Cole (son of John & Phyllis Cole)
Connie Watts grandson Kade
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)
Jim Krieg (Friend of Chuck Fancourt)
Nancy Hicks (friend of the Bacon's)

Military:

John T. Ballinger III, Cody Gibson, Keagan Rios, Levi Diebler, Jason Hahn, Daron Watts, John Dobbins, Zach Wilson, 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:

Deacon of the Month: Judy Diederich

Elder of the Month: Al Fulton



Happy Birthday

- 3 Bridget Kohls
- 4 Dana Griffith
Alan Bacon
Jared Young
- 7 Kathy Randall
- 9 Julie Pelter
Megan Young
- 23 Ronda Hoerig
Tommy Randall
- 24 Al Fulton

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Dan and Barb Price
- 6 Al and Jan Fulton
- 13 Tom and Vickie Ahlefeld
- 27 Ted and Lisa Goldfuss
- 29 Tom and Joyce Rarick

Children's Time

- 06 – Deb Hablitzel
- 13 - Joe Collene
- 20 - Beth Barton
- 27 – Tom Britton

Ushers/Greeters

- 06 – Dan & Barb Price
Mark & Marcia Dishon
- 13 - Al & Jan Fulton
Ted & Lisa Goldfuss
- 20 - Al & Jan Fulton
Chase & Tena Eyster
- 27 - Al & Jan Fulton
Jared & Brooke Young

Altar Flowers for May

- 06 – Dan & Barb Price
- 13 – Al & Jan Fulton
- 20 – Tom & Vickie Ahlefeld
- 27 – Nancy Crum

Liturgists for May

06 – Joe Collene
13 - Marcia Stout
20 - Maya Collene
27 - Tami Robinson

Clerk's Corner

Please let Jeremy or Michelle know when you are entering or leaving the church during work hours.

More adults are needed to sign up to help with **Second Hour**.

Get involved and prayerfully consider serving on one of the committees in our church whether it is **Christian Education, Congregational Life** or **Worship and Arts**.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and volunteers are needed in many areas. There is a sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter and there are sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary.

Stewardship Sunday for the month of May will be **May 13**, which is **Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday**, with mothers and graduates being honored. Please plan on attending and supporting our graduates...**Victoria Hoerig** (Wynford) and **Spencer Mutchler** (Colonel Crawford).

Yours in Christ,
Tami Robinson, Session Clerk



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women received the following letter from Elena Francisco Andres who is a 4th grade student they sponsor in Guatemala:

Dear Ladies from Presbyterian Church, I'm greeting you with all my heart, hoping that you are healthy and happy with your loved ones and your family. With this letter, I would like to tell you a little bit more about my school and the new vegetable garden that now has my family.

Classes for the new school year started back in January. I'm in grade 4. I love to attend school, and there I have fun with my friends. I like to study so that my parents feel really proud of me. We are so happy with our family's vegetable garden. Before we never had such garden. Every day, my mother waters the plants. She is very grateful because with this garden, she can feed us, Sometimes, my siblings and I help her by removing dry leaves, cleaning, creating trenches. Some of our neighbors buy vegetables from my mother, and with her earnings, she can buy some useful things such as soap for washing clothing, oil, salt and some other things for the house. Thank you so much to be my sponsor and to be part of my life. May God bless you.

*With Love,
Elena Francisco Andres*

The picture & original letter that Elena wrote is on the bulletin board if anyone would like to see it.



First Presbyterian Youth and Young Adults

Emily Goldfuss Dance Recital

The Goldfuss family would like to extend an invitation to our church family to attend Emily's Simple Gifts Dance Recital on **Saturday, May 12th @ 11:00 AM**. It will be held at Trinity Evangelical Church, 108 Malabar Drive in Upper Sandusky. Emily has worked very hard and has a solo this year. No tickets are needed for admission.

Graduation Sunday is May 13th We will be honoring Graduating Seniors Victoria Hoerig and Spencer Mutchler



Victoria Hoerig Graduation Information and Senior Project at Wynford

At Wednesday evening's softball game between Wynford and Mohawk, the opening ceremonies were a bit more celebratory than the typical pre-game activities. Wynford senior Victoria Hoerig thanks those in attendance and various sponsors for helping her with her senior project, installing a flag pole at the Wynford softball field. Wynford senior Victoria Hoerig presented to the crowd and her school the final product of her senior seminar project: a flagpole for the

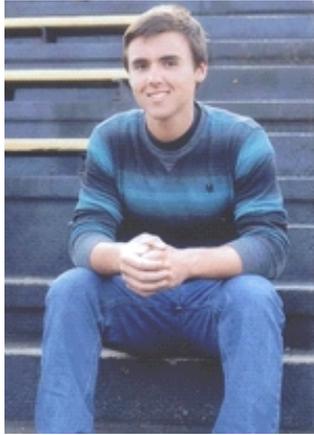
softball field. Every senior has to complete a project, and Hoerig saw a great opportunity to support a loved one of hers who is serving in the Air Force. "I also saw the whole issue NFL players protesting during the national anthem and I wanted to find a way to honor all of those serving our country," Hoerig explained. Hoerig talked to the crowd, thanking multiple sponsors and benefactors for their monetary and material and labor donations. One of the highlights of the event was when Barbara Taylor, deputy district director for Congressman Jim Jordan, presented Hoerig with a flag and a certificate saying the flag had previously flown above the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Taylor explained Hoerig's request for a flag to dedicate to Wynford and the softball team was referred to her, and she was very moved by the young woman's hard work that showed her love and pride for her country. "It's a unique thing in this time," Taylor said. Following the presentation and the raising of the flag, the men's singing group, United in Harmony, sang the national anthem. Hoerig said the weather played a huge factor in her project, delaying her presentation from its original date of March 28.

"I'm thankful and blessed that everyone was so understanding and able to come at the rescheduled time and do this for me," she said.

Victoria is the daughter of Pete and Ronda Hoerig. She was the 2018 Fall Homecoming Queen, received the DAR Good Citizen Award, anticipated valedictorian, 4-year varsity softball letterman, Royal Leader Award for softball, field commander for marching band junior and senior year, Interact Club president junior and senior year, student leader for Young Life, class secretary all four years of high school. Hoerig plans to attend Ohio State University in Marion in the fall to major in dental hygiene.

*Victoria's Open House
will be held on May 20th
from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
at 15494 State Highway 231
Nevada, Ohio 44849*

Spencer Mutchler
2018 Graduate of
Colonel Crawford High School



Spencer is the son of Tim and Brenda Mutchler. His graduation date is **June 3rd**. Spencer lettered in football, baseball and academics and received 3 post season football awards his junior year and 4 post season football awards his senior year. Spencer lead his baseball team with the lowest ERA and fewest walks his junior year. He also had perfect attendance for 3 years of high school.

Spencer has been accepted to The Ohio State University ATI and is planning on a major in Construction Management.

*Spencer's Open House
will be held on
Saturday, June 2nd
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
at the Aumiller Park Pavilion*



Men's Breakfast

Mr. William E. White serves as Director of Community and Corporate Engagement in The Ohio State University Engineering Department will be the guest speaker for the Interdenominational Men's Breakfast. Mr. White also played football The Ohio State Buckeyes and the NFL for 11 years. The Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, **May 9th, 2018 at 7:00 am** at the Bucyrus Community Hospital Cafeteria. Ladies are more than welcome to attend.

BORN NEWS

Many of the positives of the past year were noted at the annual meeting for BORN. Among them were:

*From the original 8 churches BORN not has 16 church members.

*It became county-wide Jan. 1, 2018.

*The Rotary auction last April yielded over \$18,000

*368 families were served in providing help with housing, shoes, prescriptions, etc.

*\$11,600 in granted money was received

*67% of the clients return - many come back because they want the volunteers to pray for them,

*They successfully hosted a women's webinar called "If" with 46 women attending the event with plans for another one next February 8 and 9.

BORN's larger vision is to find a location for a Hope Center to help house and/or direct the homeless, as well as allowing room for other county resources to help people become more independent or back on their feet. BORN members investigated the possibility of purchasing the old Al Smith's Place building last fall, but decided to do more research of facilities in other communities to better plan for one in Bucyrus.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

BORN will once again hold a yard sale **July 13 and 14** at the **Alliance Church**. Start saving items to be donated toward the yard sale. This is one of BORN's most successful fundraisers. **No clothing**. Volunteers will also be needed to help organize items and take in money.

Adopt-A-Village in Guatemala

Reading Program

Guatemala has the highest illiteracy rate in Latin America with 70% of rural indigenous children dropping out of school before sixth grade. Our literacy Program introduces children to the joy of reading and inspires them to continue their studies in school.

The 2017 Annual Report is on the bulletin board. If you are interested in purchasing a book (or more) or offering support there are two forms available along with this report . If you have any questions please see Mary Lou Hastings.

May 28, 2018



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bucyrus Neighborhood Churches

August 5th-9th 6-8 PM

Name _____

Church _____

Phone _____ Texting _____

Email _____

If under 18 please list age _____

Circle the days you are available:

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Thursday

Will you be able to be here by 5:45pm?

Yes _____ No _____

**Circle any/all the areas in which you
are interested in working:**

Snack Helper Bible Story Helper

Preschool Aide Crafts Helper

Games Helper Preschool Teacher

PR Decorations

Pre-VBS Meal Wherever needed

Guide - helps children travel to stations

By completing this volunteer sheet I understand that I will need to attend a **Training Meeting at 7 pm.**

Monday, May 21st or Tuesday, July 10th at the BUMC Outreach Center, 216 Hopley Ave. I also

need to have a background check completed at no cost to me.

(Background check paperwork will be completed at meeting.)

Please circle which date you will

attend: May 21th July 10th

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 6, 2016.

Thank You!

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