

The Presbyterian

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"Where everyone is welcome"

What is Christian Unity?

There are over 2.2 billion Christians in the world (over 1/3 of global population). These Christians are found in every corner of our planet with different languages, cultures, and histories. So, when the Paul exhorts the church, saying, "***I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment,***" we might ask, "how on earth is that possible?" And, forget for a second the billions of believers on the planet...think about a single, local church like ours. Even within our little church we have people of various persuasions, backgrounds, and convictions. So, how are we to be united with the same mind and the same judgement?

In our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, we have adopted a quote from Saint Augustine as our motto: ***unitatem in necessariis, in non necessariis libertatem, in omnibus caritatem.*** That is: in the essentials, unity. In the non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity. That means that in the essential elements of the Gospel and the call on the life of a believer, we are to be fully united, with no difference among us. In the non-essentials (those things which do not directly contradict the Gospel of Christ and his commandments), we have freedom and liberty to practice. But, in all things, whether essential or non-essentials, we are to practice love and charity towards one another.

In other words, we are to stand firm, united, and unwavering in regards to the essentials of the faith. We allow others to think differently in areas that are not essential (musical preferences, dress, diet, political stances, etc.). And we are to practice love both to those who think the same as we do, and those who think differently.

What does this look like? In John 17: 22-23, Jesus prays, "***The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.***" Therefore, we are by necessity united together *already* because we are united to Christ. For believers, there's nothing we can do about this. And this unity in Christ is a testimony that He has indeed come to save us, and that God loves us. So, any act of disunity is at best shooting ourselves in the foot, and at its worst, defaming the name of God.

But, we will disagree, and we will not always do it in kindness and love. The antidote is two-fold. First, as Paul teaches us in Colossians 3, "***Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must***

forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” So, in order to live in unity we must be willing to forgive when we have been offended in some way. Notice that Paul puts the onus on the offended one. Why? Because we are to be like Christ, who though he was innocent and free from sin was betrayed, beaten, mocked, despised, rejected, and crucified like a heinous criminal, and *still* prayed while hanging on the cross, “Father, forgive them...” Now, that doesn’t leave us much room not to forgive others, does it?

Second, Paul teaches us in Romans 12, **“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”** So, unity is maintained when we don’t think too highly of ourselves. When we realized that our own sin contributes as much of a problem to unity as someone else’s, and when we are more concerned with putting to death the sin in our own flesh, and not someone else’s, we will be knit together in unity. The Gospel teaches us that God is God and we are not. It teaches us that all humans alike are sinners, guilty before the Lord. And so there is no human less or more deserving of God’s grace than another. Because of that, we ought not to think of ourselves too highly.

Third, we are to actively seek to honor one another. This is the “positive” command. The first is self-denial, and this one is the lifting up of others. Also in Romans 12, Paul commands us to, **“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”** Can you imagine that kind of church? The kind where, even when people disagree, we are intentionally praising and encouraging and promoting others and not ourselves? That, brothers and sisters, will knit us so tightly together we will never be shaken.

Therefore, when we do these things- remember that we are united together in Christ, that Christ actively forgave us by taking the initiative to love and reconcile with us, that we are to forgive one another, practice self-denial and not think too highly of ourselves, and seek to outdo one another in showing honor to others- we will become a people who are, **“eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,”** because, **“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”** (Ephesians 4:3-6).

May it be so, brothers and sisters, for **“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”** (Psalm 133:1)

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Pastor Jeremy



Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will meet **Thursday, June 7th, @ 6:30 PM** at Dorothy Watt's home. There will not be meetings in July or August but will resume in September.

Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, June 10th, @ 1:00 PM**.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet **Monday, June 11th, @ 9:30 AM** at the church.

Deacons Meeting

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

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday, **June 14th, @ 12:30 PM**, at Pisanello's. The business meeting and Bible study will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will meet on **Wednesday, June 20th, @ 12:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting

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

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.

† In Our Prayers

Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:

Rev. Stanley Walters, 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

Jeff Reser
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: Mary Lou Hastings

Elder of the Month: Beth Barton

hello,
June

Happy Birthday

- 4 Christian Linn
- 5 Deb Hablitzel
- 16 Joyce Hahn
- 17 Kathy Bardon
- 20 Judy Eichhorn
- 30 Jan Fulton

Happy Anniversary

- 5 Tom and Marcia Heminger
- 8 John and Phyllis Cole
- 14 Norm and Caroline Campbell
- 17 Kevin and Janet Kohls
- 22 Gabriel & Ashleigh Helbert
- 25 Marv and Betty Hauenstein

Children's Time

- 03 – Kathy Byrne
- 10 – Beth Barton
- 17 – Debbie Hablitzel
- 24 - Dave Hablitzel

Ushers/Greeters

- 03 - Beth Barton, Carol Griffith,
Danny Nickler & Tasha Nickler
- 10 - Beth Barton, Carol Griffith
Jared & Brooke Young
- 17 - Beth Barton, Judy Diederich,
Danny Nickler, Dorothy Watts
- 24 - Beth Barton, Gennie Rios,
Marv & Betty Hauenstein

Altar Flowers

- 03 – Tami Robinson
- 10 – Duane & Connie Watts
- 17 – Tasha Nickler
- 24 – Marv & Betty Hauenstein

Liturgists

- 03 – Kami Pelter
- 10 - Kevin Pelter
- 17 - Joe Collene
- 24 - Dave Hablitzel

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting held **Sunday, June 10th**, following worship service to vote on new members for Elder and Deacon. Please plan to stay for this meeting.

Coffee Hour

Congregational Life will be having Coffee Hour on **June 17th** in honor of **Father's Day**. Hope to see everyone there.

Deacon's Offering

Deacon's Sunday will be **June 24th**, all loose offering will go to the Deacon's fund to help them with all they do. Please let them know they are appreciated.

Clerk's Corner

COMMUNION: As Pastor Jeremy explained before communion on May 6, anyone who has not been baptized and confirmed in the faith is not to take communion. More on this in the coming months. If you would like you or your child to be confirmed in the faith, please schedule a time to meet with Pastor Jeremy. If you or your child has been confirmed in the faith, but have not taken vows to become official communing members of the church, please also plan to meet with him to discuss a time to do that.

NATIVITY: The nativity will continue to be placed in the sanctuary for Advent.

VISION TEAM: If the series from James has sparked a desire to see and pursue where God might be leading this church, please consider talking with Pastor Jeremy about serving on this team.

VOCAL LEADER IN WORSHIP: Al Fulton has agreed to be the vocal leader for songs that are unfamiliar to us.

HOMILETICS CLASS: A Homiletics class will be conducted by either Pastor Jeremy or

Bob Thompson for any Elders wishing to preach the message on a given Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Congregational Meeting for June will be held on June 10 immediately following worship.

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee Hour for June will be held on Father's Day which is June 17.....please plan to attend!

Yours in Christ,
Tami Robinson, Session Clerk



Members of the Military

Tami Robinson is heading up a group to put together **Care Packages & cards** for the military members that are on our Prayer List. If you have current addresses as well as what each person would like to have sent please contact Tami 419-569-5747 or the church office 419-561-0861. Volunteers would be appreciated to help whenever boxes are going out. Need updated addresses for the following people: **John T. Ballinger III, Cody Gibson, Keagan Rios, Levi Diebler, Jason Hahn, Daron Watts, John Dobbins, Zach Wilson, John Bacon, Todd Loy**

Congregational Life

The **Meal for the Hungry** will be on **Saturday, June 16th**. We would appreciate your help. If you are available please contact Brooke Young 419-562-5891 or Mary Lou Hastings 419-562-7604. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Thank you notes from the Graduates

Dear Church Family & the Finance Committee,
Thank you all for the reception and scholarship. I will be using the scholarship to pay for my tuition.

*Thanks Again,
Spencer Mutchler*

Dear First Presbyterian Church Finance Committee,
Thank you very much for generously providing me a \$2500 scholarship to further my education. I was so honored and thrilled to learn of my selection for this scholarship during the church recognition ceremony. Am so excited to attend The Ohio State University for my college experience. For the first two years I will be attending the Marion Campus to complete the prequisitioned courses. Then I will transfer to the main campus to complete my bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from OSU and this scholarship will help me financially to achieve that goal. I cannot fully express my gratitude for receiving this scholarship. You have lightened my financial burden for college, allowing me to focus more on what is really important, my college education. I am very committed to become a licensed dental hygienist to help others in the future, to continue growing in my faith and to spread the word of God every opportunity that is presented to me. Not only am I thankful for this scholarship but also for all of the love and support from this church throughout the years and it will always be my home!

Victoria Hoerig

Kitchen Items

There are a couple missing casserole dishes and towels missing from the kitchen. If you have taken them home to clean please return them to the kitchens as soon as you can. Thank you.



Men's Breakfast

Mr. Zane Gross, President and CEO of Wenco Franchises of 63 Wendy's Restaurants, will be the guest speaker for the Men's Community Breakfast. Mr. Gross also serves as the Team Executive Director for Mr. John Maxwell. The Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 am at the Bucyrus Community Hospital Cafeteria. Ladies are more than welcome to attend.

BORN NEWS

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. There is more information at the back of the church.

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Thoughts For the Day

The greatest handicap – Fear
The best day – Today
Easiest thing to do – Find A Fault
Most useless asset – Pride
The greatest mistake – Giving Up
The greatest comfort – Work Well Done
Most disagreeable person – The Complainer
Worst bankruptcy – Loss of Euthusiasm
Greatest need - Common Sense
Meanest feeling – Regret of Another's
Success
The Best Feeling is being Kind & Nice to
Everyone
Best gift – Forgiveness
Greatest knowledge – GOD!
The greatest thing in the world - Love

First Presbyterian Youth and Young Adults



Bees are one of God's Important Creatures

Fascinating Honeybee Facts

Did you know these honeybee facts?

The Honeybee...

1. Is the only insect that humans raise for food and medicine.
2. Is responsible for pollinating 70 of the 100 crops that provide 90% of the world's food.
3. Make only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. To make a pound of honey, honeybees need to visit 2,000,000 flowers. Each cell of a capped honeycomb contains the nectar from about 1,000 flowers.
4. One ounce of honey would power a bee for a flight completely around the earth.
5. Has hair on its eyes to help keep its eyeballs clean. The hair catches dirt and pollen.
6. Has an incredibly acute sense of smell that has been harnessed by scientists to detect and track down illegal drugs and explosives hidden by terrorists.
7. Is able to regulate the temperature of their hive. In cold weather, the bees huddle together and vibrate their wing muscles to generate heat. When it's hot, they fan their wings to improve air circulation or even collect water for evaporative cooling.
8. Makes about 200 beats per second with their wings, creating their infamous buzzing sound. A worker bee in the summer lives six to eight weeks. Wearing their wings out is the most common cause of their death.
9. Is capable of complex visual processing and learning tasks that are commonly reserved for primates. It is able to

discriminate and remember remembering one human face from another, a capacity likely used for foraging, navigation and identifying flowers.

10. Waggle dances and creates airborne sounds to communicate the locations of nectar.

11. Has a highly sophisticated communication system and a phenomenal collective intelligence that has been studied and applied to many organizations trying to learn effective management and leadership styles.

12. Has a grass-seed sized brain that is able to calculate foraging distances and energy expenditure, and find out the shortest route to the targeted flowers, a complex mathematical problem that can keep computers busy for days.

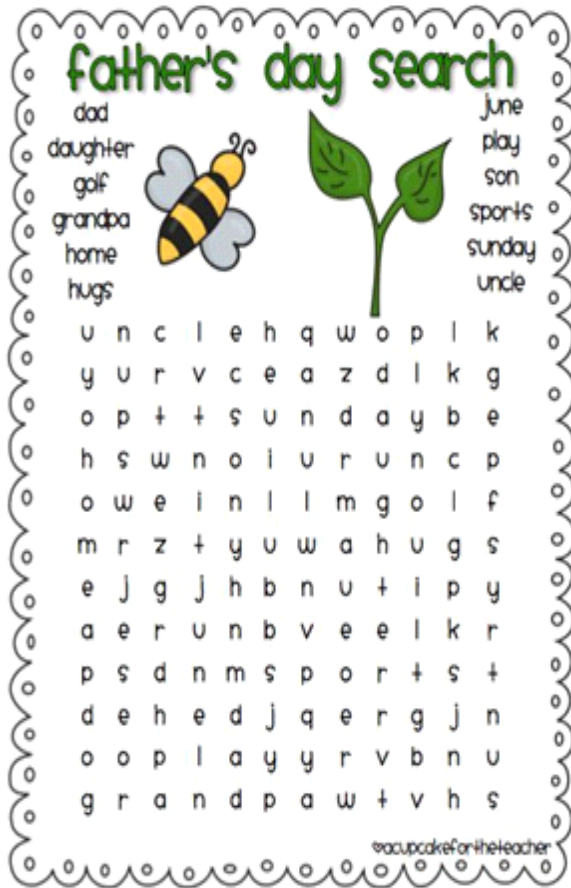
13. **Bee venom** is given as a shot for rheumatoid arthritis, nerve pain (neuralgia), multiple sclerosis (MS), reducing the reaction to **bee stings** in people who are allergic to them, swollen tendons (tendonitis), and muscle conditions such as fibromyositis and enthesitis.

A Father Is:

www.fathersday-2013.com

There in every memory
See his love and care
Strength and hands to count on
Freely he does share
Provider, toil so faithfully
To make our dreams come true
Give strong and tender discipline
Though it is hard to do
A Father is God's chosen one
To lead the family
And point it to His will for life
Of love and harmony...

Sue Skeen



Healthy Strawberry Watermelon Popsicles

**Juice of 1 lemon
2 cups of strawberry
2 cups of watermelon**

**Blend until liquefied and pour into ice pop molds. Freeze 4-6 hours.
18 Calories.**

It is not too late to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School

**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 see Angela Collene for information



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