

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

Let me tell you my dream for this church. I dream that one day this church will be filled with people consumed with Gospel. So consumed, in fact, that every fiber of their being is eager to read God's word, pray, serve, fellowship, pray more, read more, and share the Gospel wherever God has placed them. I dream that the reputation of our church is that we are a people who hold Scripture in the highest regard and believe in God's promises so fully that we, without inhibition or fear, seek to follow God in all we do. That we are known as a people who, despite ridicule and scorn, continue to pour God's mercy and grace out on our community as we find any way we can to get outside of these walls to serve and love our neighbors. I dream that we become a church where all the broken, rejected, and marginalized people of our community will flock to find refuge, love, and welcome in the name of Jesus. I dream that we become a church where the powerful, esteemed, and successful come to kneel before the King of Kings. I dream that we are "going" people, always finding ways to do what God commands and always finding ways to share the Gospel. That's my dream: that we become so overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty and loveliness of Christ that we want nothing more than to be faithful to him and his.

But, the easiest thing for us to do as a church would be to stop being faithful because we don't see immediate results. In our instant-gratification culture of microwaves, smartphones, fast food, high speed internet, free two day shipping, T.V. shows when and where we want to watch them, we have been conditioned to think that the work God calls us to will have the immediate results we get when we turn on our phones or click that mouse button.

But, God works in his own way... he is our sovereign king. So there are a few things we need to let go of:

1. God has to work on our time table
2. If God doesn't work on our time table, it means we need to stop being faithful.

Like farmers, we are called to do the work of tilling and sewing and weeding... but we are not the ones who make the crops grow. We are to be faithful to the work God has called us to, trusting that he will bring the harvest.

In the Gospel of Mark chapter 4 Jesus said, **“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”**

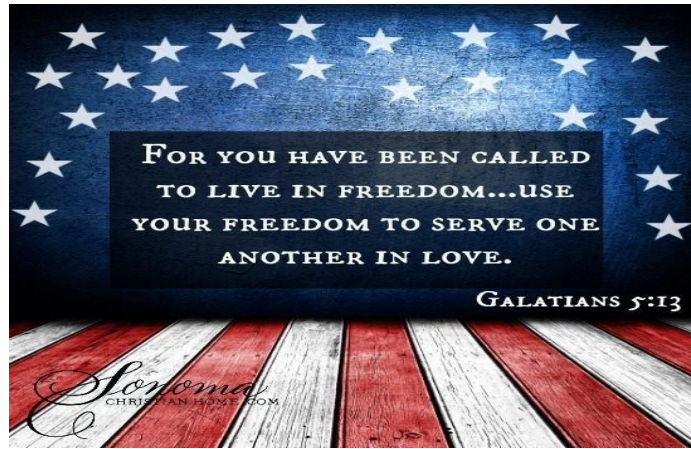
And in 1 Corinthians 3 Paul states **“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”**

As God’s people, our job as those saved by grace is to remain faithful to the one who has saved us, even if we don’t see the immediate results we want to see. We are to keep at it, because we love Jesus more than anything and trust his promises.

As God’s people, we have been given the responsibility of bringing good to the world through the Gospel. It may not be easy, we may want to give up. But the Gospel is good still, and it’s worth fighting for. It’s worth patiently enduring setbacks and slow results. It is worth it, for the Lord is near. The time is coming. Christ will return and make all things new. Let us find the courage to enter into our community in any way we can and to be consumed with the message of the Gospel: that God himself, having pity and compassion on sinful humanity, came to a broken world to die for his people with the promise of restoring all things. And let’s be part of that story. That’s what God has called us to!

(Excerpts from Pastor Jeremy’s sermon from James 5:7-12)

For His Kingdom,
Jeremy McNeill



Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will resume in September.

Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, July 1st, @ 1:00 PM.**

Finance Committee

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

Deacons Meeting

The Deacon's meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 11th @ 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, July 17th, @ 12:00 PM**, at Pisanello's. The business meeting and Bible study will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will meet on **Wednesday, July 18th, @ 12:30 PM** for a **potluck at Aumiller Park.**

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, July 19th, @ 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:

Judy Diederich, Denny Wells, Kennedy Sharrock
Nancy Crum (knee surgery July 2nd)

Shut-Ins:

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

Family and Friends of Members:

Jeri Hargis' granddaughter Brooke for back surgery
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, Zach
Wilson, John Bacon, Todd Loy, Brydan Lohr

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: Deb Hablitzel

Elder of the Month: Barb Price



Happy Birthday

- 2 Shelbee Linn
- 3 Tom Ahlefeld
- 5 Cory Black
- 6 Gabriel Helbert
- 11 Phyllis Reed
- 15 Daron Watts
- 18 Kaiden Wilson
- 22 Mary McNeill
Glenn Gibson
- 26 Raven Storm Wilson
- 29 Keenan Wilson

Happy Anniversary

- 15 Dana and Carol Griffith
- 24 Al and Mary Ann Basinger
- 25 Duane and Connie Watts

Children's Time

- 01- Pastor Jeremy
- 08- Beth Barton
- 15- Dave Hablitzel
- 22- Joe Collene
- 29- Kathy Bryne

Ushers/Greeters

- 01-Dan & Barb Price, Brooke & Jared Young
- 08- Danny Nickler, Bob Thompson
Kathy & Peyton Bardon
- 15- Dan & Barb Price, Danny Nickler
- 22- Dan & Barb Price, Bob Thompson
Don & Phyllis Reed
- 29- Dan & Barb Price, Duane & Connie
Watts

Altar Flowers

- 01- Tom and Marcia Heminger
- 08- Dan & Barb Price
- 15- Alan & Mary Ann Basinger
- 22- Kathy Bardon
- 29- Duane & Connie Watts

Coffee Hour will resume in September

Liturgists

01- Jared Young
08- Angela Collene
15- Joe Collene
22- Kelly Patterson
29- Kami Pelter

Special Music for July

01 – Alyssa Owen
08 -
15 - Jennifer Roshon
22 - Joe & Bob
29 - Jan & Al Fulton

Personal Items

Just a reminder to keep all of your personal items with you while in the church. **The church will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.** There is a lost and found area at the back of the chapel if something is found it will be placed there.

Ordination of New Elders and Deacons

The ordination of new Elders and Deacons will be held on **Sunday, July 8th**. Please plan to be here if you are being ordained.

Congregational Life

The **Meal for the Hungry** will be on **Saturday, July 21st**. In June we prepared food for 40 people and would appreciate your help in July. If you are available please contact Brooke Young 419-562-5891 or Mary Lou Hastings 419-562-7604.

First Presbyterian will host National Night Out the evening of August 7th.

There will be more information to follow and volunteers will be needed.

Clerk's Corner

Become a part of the new **Vision Committee** to help make positive changes at our church....some exciting ideas have already been suggested, so become a part of it! Contact Pastor Jeremy or Michelle at the church office and let them know "you're in!"

Finance Committee is working on a Legacy Policy for giving to the church and will be placed in a trifold.

Discussion has begun concerning the need for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in the church and will be researched.

Just a reminder to **keep all valuables with you at all times!**

Worship Committee is considering the purchase of new hymnals, so here's another committee you can prayerfully consider joining!

Check out the lighting at the southeast corner of our church at night.....it's a sight to behold!

Our church will be participating in the **National Night Out Block Party on August 7 from 5 - 8 P.M.** with food, fun and fellowship planned. You and your family can be a part of this activity!



Bucyrus Free Meals

Holy Trinity – Monday 5:00-6:00

Father's Heart Healing – Tues, Thurs, Fri –
4:30-5:30

Good Hope – Wednesday 5:30-6:30

First Presbyterian – 3rd Saturday 11:30-
12:30

St. John's UCC – Last Saturday 11:30-12:30

Bucyrus United Methodist – 3rd Sunday &
Last Sunday 4:30-5:30

Salvation Army – Every Wednesday 11:00-
12:00 (this changes)

Council on Aging – Seniors 60 & over
Monday thru Friday 11:30 Reservations
required 1 day ahead. (donations accepted)

There is a complete list of food pantry and clothing providers by the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Volunteers for Summer Lunch Program

The Bucyrus Public Library is seeking volunteers this summer through August 9 to help with their **Summer Lunch Program, through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.** Last summer 807 free lunches were provided to children and teens. If individuals or a group from the church would like to volunteer for a specific week or day it is greatly appreciated. It runs Monday –Friday 12:00-1:00, volunteers would need to arrive 30 minutes before for set up and stay 30 minutes for clean up at the library.

20-25 children are usually served, the adults may purchase a lunch. Volunteers may eat a free lunch and are invited to provide an activity such as music or a story if they would like to.

Please call 419-562-7327 ext. 106 or email rwilden@bucyruslibrary.org. More information will be available in the church's newsletter and there is copies of a letter at the back of the church.



Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast will be held **Wednesday, July 11th @ 7:00 AM in the Bucyrus Community Hospital Cafeteria.** The guest speaker will be Dr. Carlos Campo, President of Ashland University. Dr. Campo is a four-time recipient of Who's Who among American teachers and a frequent contributor to a number of national publications. Awarded the Liberal Arts Alumnus of the Year 2016. Sponsored by Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Pastor Tom Gruver.

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 and a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



The Columbus Crew

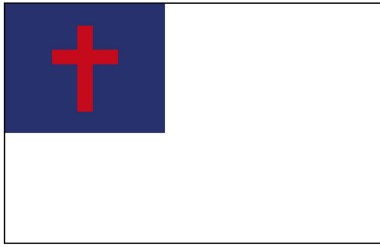
The Columbus Crew will be hosting a Faith and Family night on Saturday, August 11th kickoff at 7:30 PM. They will have zoo night and post-match penalty kicks for the kid's entertainment. They will also have players doing exclusive speeches about how they tie faith into their everyday lives for post-match. This is for the congregation, family and friends who would like to get involved.

Presbyterian Youth & Young Adults

Vacation Bible School

**VBS will be on
August 5-9, 2018
@ Bucyrus United Methodist
Outreach Center.
Ages 3-11
Registration form are
available at the back of the
Sanctuary & by
the bulletin board
Contact Angela Collene**

Pledge to the Christian Flag



I **pledge** allegiance to the **Christian flag**, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.

History of the Pledge to the Christian Flag

The Christian Flag was first conceived on September 26, 1897, at Brighton Chapel on Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York in the United States. The superintendent of a Sunday school, Charles C. Overton, gave an impromptu lecture to the gathered students, because the scheduled speaker had failed to arrive for the event. He gave a speech asking the students what a flag representing Christianity would look like. Overton thought about his improvised speech for many years afterward. In 1907, he and Ralph Diffendorfer, secretary of the Methodist Young People's Missionary Movement, designed and began promoting the flag. With regard to the Christian symbolism of the Christian Flag:

The ground is white, representing peace, purity and innocence.

In the upper corner is a blue square, the color of the unclouded sky, emblematic of heaven, the home of the Christian; also a symbol of faith and trust.

In the center of the blue is the cross, the ensign and chosen symbol of Christianity: the cross is red, typical of Christ's blood.

The Christian Flag being displayed on the chancel of a Luther sanctuary, Hodgkins, Illinois. The ecumenical organization, Federal Council of Churches, now succeeded by the National Council of

Churches and Christian Churches Together, adopted the flag on 23 January 1942; the National Council of Churches represents Anglican, Baptist, Brethren, Eastern Orthodox, Mennonite, Methodist, Moravian, Lutheran, Oriental Orthodox, Presbyterian, Quaker, and Reformed traditions, among others. The Christian Flag intentionally has no patent, as the designer dedicated the flag to all of Christendom. The famous hymn writer, Fanny J. Crosby, devoted a hymn titled "The Christian Flag", with music by R. Huntington Woodman, in its honour; like the flag, the hymn is also free use. On the Sunday nearest 26 September 1997, the Christian Flag celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.

(Article from:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Flag

4th of July Word Search

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