

# The Presbyterian

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



September 2018

*"Where everyone is welcome"*

## Letter from the Pastor

This week's letter from the pastor will be short and sweet. As many of you know, we have formed a Vision Team who will play a crucial role in shaping the future direction of our church. If you want more details on their work, you can refer to last month's newsletter, or... you can join us for the Vision Team training on Saturday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm (lunch provided!). And, IT'S ALL FREE TO YOU!

We want everyone to be informed about the labor of love that our Vision Team will be undertaking as we seek to live faithfully to the gifts and calling that God has given to First Presbyterian Church. You need to know what they are going to be tasked with doing so that you can pray for and with them and support them in this work.

Bill Rasch who serves with the EPC GO Center and is also the Coach & Church Development Coordinator for the Presbytery of the Midwest will be leading the training. Here is a note from Bill:

***I've spent my entire ministry career working with churches of varied sizes facing an array of challenges in a variety of ministry settings. I have seen God do the impossible in people and places where there seems to be no way forward. Our God has an amazing way of making all things new, beginning right here, right now, with you and me, if we let Him. My conviction is that every single church can make a vital, life-changing difference in its community for Jesus Christ. I hope you will join me in that journey to fruitfulness, as Jesus says, "fruit that will last".***

Please consider joining us for this event. To RSVP please email Michelle at [info@firstpresbucyrus.org](mailto:info@firstpresbucyrus.org), or call the church office at 419-562-0861.

For His Kingdom,

Jeremy McNeill  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church  
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## Committee Schedule

### Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will resume **September 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00** at Dorothy Watts home.

### Youth Group

The First Presbyterian Youth group will meet on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:00 PM**.

### Deacons Meeting

The Deacon's will meet with **Session** this month on **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, @ 9:30 AM** at the church.

### Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, @ 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, September 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 12:00 PM** at the Community Center at Ridgewood, (Dorothy Watts home). Hosted by Dorothy Watts and Joyce Hahn.

### Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. This will include the Deacons.

### 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.

Check Website Calendar for any changes.

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## + In Our Prayers

### **Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:**

Kathy Randall, Norm Campbell, Jennifer Roshon,  
Judy Diederich, Denny Wells, Kennedy Sharrock,  
Nancy Crum, Marcia Dobbins

### **Shut-Ins:**

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

### **Cancer**

Nancy Crum  
Jeff Reser  
Steve Hoover  
Jim Krieg (Friend of Chuck Fancourt)  
Susan Murphey (Jan Fulton's cousin)  
Sue Napier (friend of Kathy Bardon)  
Wendy Owen (friend of Barb Price)  
Bruce Price, in remission (Dan's brother)  
Ruthie Robinson (friend of Gennie Rios)  
Ann Pokopac (Kathy Bardon's sister)

### **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)

### **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 \_\_\_\_

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**Requested by:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Deacon of the Month:** Mary Lou Hastings

**Elder of the Month:** Dave Hablitzel



## Happy Birthday

- 4 Joe Collene
- 8 Judy Rhode
- 12 Susan Walters
- 13 Peyton Bardon
- 18 Caila (Diebler) Rogers  
Marcia Dobbins
- 22 Duane Watts
- 23 Levi Diebler
- 28 Judy Diederich
- 30 Sammy Rager

## Happy Anniversary

- 5 Dave & Jana Dlubak
- 6 Tom and Sandy Britton,  
Brian and Megan Plantner
- 11 Chase and Tena Eyster
- 21 Tim and Brenda Mutchler

## Children's Time

- 02 – Debbie Hablitzel
- 09 – Sam Rager
- 16 – Megan Young
- 23 – Kathy Bryne
- 30 – RALLY DAY – Pastor Jeremy

## Ushers/Greeters

- 02 – Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
Kenny Hablitzel & Kathy Bryne
- 09 - Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
Marcia Stout & Kathy Bryne
- 16 - Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
Danny Nickler & Chet Johnston
- 23 - Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
Kelli Patterson & Gennie Rios
- 30 - Dave & Debbie Hablitzel  
Duane & Connie Watts

## Liturgists

02 – Bridget Kohls  
09 - Tasha Nickler  
16 - Tammy Robinson  
23 - Bob Thompson  
30 - Joe Collene

## Alter Flowers

02 – Tasha Nickler  
09 – Tom & Marcia Heminger  
16 – Sue Headley  
23 – Sam & Judy Eichhorn  
30 – RALLY DAY!!

## Communion Servers

Alan Bacon Scott Hastings  
Al Basinger Mary Lou Hastings



Josh and Carissa (Diebler) Massey welcomed a new baby girl into the family. Aubrey Lynn Massey was born August 6, and weighed 10 lbs 2ozs. Congratulations to Josh, Carissa and grandparents Leon & Carrie Diebler.



## **BORN Dunk Tank "WINNER"**

Thank you Pastor Jeremy for being such a good sport!! Mary has quite an arm – and notice the smile. Looks like she had a little help from their daughter Davi. What are Scott Hastings and Payton Bardon up to, looks very suspicious? Congratulations on the win!

## Gamma Delta

### Bucyrus 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

The **Gamma Delta** will be **selling their cookbooks** during **1<sup>st</sup> Friday in September**. Please remind family and friends to come downtown to support them.

Gamma Delta members would like to **thank everyone** that helped with the **Bratwurst Festival parking lot**. It was a very successful year, they were able to raise **\$1,007.00, Outstanding !!**

## Congregational Life Committees

Congregational Life will be **collecting bags of candy for Trunk or Treat**. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Cut off for candy is October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information to follow.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped make **National Night Out** possible this year!

Thank you to the following:

Tami Robinson – paper plates, napkins, food & drinks.

Tom & Vickie Ahlefeld – set-up tables and chairs.

Danny Nickler – set up the tent

Al Fulton – sharing his wonderful singing talent.

Jan Fulton & Barb Price – helping clean up the kitchen.

Kelli Patterson – for painting faces.

Mary Lou & Scott Hastings & Kathy Bryrne – setting up cookbooks for sale and helping organize the food table.

Jared, Megan & Cooper for always going along with my ideas and taking orders when I needed you too!

Thank you to everyone that helped or participated in anyway! We had a wonderful, hot night & I'm blessed to be able to call our church my family! Mark your calendars and let's plan on doing it again next year.

Brooke Young

## Clerk's Corner September 2018

Bill Rasch will be leading the **Vision Committee training on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 – 3:00** with an hour break for a catered lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The driveway and parking lot will be completely repaved in either September or October...watch for updates.

**RALLY DAY** will be **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, starting with **breakfast catered by Katering Kountry Style** from 9:00 - 10:15 in Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin at 10:30. We will hear from Joe Collene and Kathy Byrne what Christian Education will have to offer this year.

Watch for all the exciting events Congregational Life is planning in the coming months.

**The AED** has arrived and will be explained to everyone who wants to be involved in the training. **Please sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary** showing your interest in the training and also if you have already been trained.

## Choir and Bell Choir

There is a desperate need for commitments for Choir and Bell Choir. We would like to have 3 more people for Bell Choir to have at least an 8 piece choir.

All voice parts needed for vocal choir.

Please contact Anya Schell @ 419-569-3972.



## Presbyterian Women Born

### Blessing Bags Needed

As we are approaching winter (ugh...I know, I know). Here is a list of items we are running low on for our Blessing Bags.

#### Necessities:

Toilet Paper  
Diapers - Assorted Sizes  
Baby wipes  
Feminine Products  
Deodorant

#### Non-perishable food items:

Water  
Peanut Butter  
Individual Crackers/Snacks

#### Clothing / Other:

Socks  
Work boots (men & women new or used)  
Blankets  
Q-tips  
Conditioner  
Mouthwash

**There is a basket by the bulletin board for donations. Will be taking donations until September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## Thank You

Thanks to all who remembered me with cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and food. It all helped to make my days at the hospital, nursing home, and after returning home go a little faster. The flowers were so beautiful! God bless each and every one of you as you have been a blessing to me.

In Christ's Love,  
Nancy Crum

## Thank you notes

To Pastor Jeremy McNeill: Thank you for allowing our team to use your church. We appreciate it very much.

God Bless You!  
The Potter's House Baptist Church



### **Thank you continued**

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your taking the time to donate. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of the individuals and families we serve. It is an honor to know that Turning Point is on your mind. We deeply appreciate your donation of \$250. Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,  
Paula Roller

Dear First Presbyterian, The American Red Cross is very grateful for your generous gift of \$250 on August 7<sup>th</sup>, to where it is needed most. On behalf of those we serve, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Gail McGovern  
President & CEO, American Red Cross

### **Letter from Kennedy Sharrock**

Dear Church Family,  
It is hard to express our love and thanksgiving to each and every one of you for all of your support for almost 17 months. I wanted to bring you up to date in my fight against glioblastoma cancer but due to my weakened state and paralysis my wife Heather is doing this for me.  
There is never an easy way to tell people the heinous details of what goes on in their lives behind closed doors. Why should we? There is no limit to the depth of pain one feels when you want to scream but only a whimper comes out. Remembering to smile at the passing stranger because they just might be having a worse day than you. How is that possible? Accepting all the literature and news articles from well meaning loved ones, friends and even strangers on the elevator with a "Thank you, I'll look into that" and a crooked smile so as not to offend or alarm them. Humans are well meaning creatures with the ability to love unequivocally but often forget that life is easy come, easy go.  
We have reached an intersection on our journey with glioblastoma with only

two options. We know there is no turning back, but how does one choose which journey to take? There is no right or wrong answer. One will not and cannot be better than the other because they both lead to the same destination. One may prolong your arrival at your destination but will it allow you the quality, peace and comfort that you desire before you get there?

Can the other give you the quantity and still have you arrive at your destination with your dignity intact? The diagnosis and death of Senator John McCain did not go unnoticed or unwatched by those with glioblastoma. We all wanted to know what treatment he was going to receive, the when, the where, the how....

We all grieve together because we know the pain, the suffering, the anguish, the isolation and ugliness that this insidious disease casts upon us whether we like it or not.

Cancer knows no boundaries; it does not discriminate. One man's cancer isn't better or worse than that of the next. We are all equal in cancers' eyes.

It saddens me when a new member is introduced into our club. We all arrive here at different moments in our lives each with that ember of hope burning in our eyes only to watch it slowly fade away once the reality of the cost of membership into our club is revealed. Medications, treatments, supplements, oils, diets, alternative whatever....just delays the inevitable.

**THERE IS NO CURE FOR CANCER!**

Just a release from its pain once it's had its way with you.

My warrior, Kennedy, the man that I am proud to call my husband and the father of our two audacious children, has decided to push forward and receive his final challenge. His neuro-oncologist feels that this final option is going to be the least "toxic" to him and allow him to spend his final (days, weeks, months, dare I say year?) with his adoring family at home.

**THIS.IS.IT** An MRI is scheduled for this week with treatment to follow.

Thank you all for your continued support....we love you so much!!!!  
Kennedy and Heather Sharrock

# Youth News



## Congratulations

### Megan Young

Congratulations to Megan for winning 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Princess contest. Your church family is very proud of you. Well done.



## Congratulations Tyler, Emily & Noah

**Congratulations** to our 4-H county winners! We are so proud of you! **Tyler & Emily are Ohio State Fair bound. Good Luck to you both!**



### Emily Goldfuss

Fun day at the Ohio State Fair! Emily represented Wyandot County with her project, Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals and received an outstanding of the day!



### Tyler Goldfuss

We had another amazing day at the Ohio State Fair! Tyler's judging was today. He represented Wyandot County with his Safe Use Of Guns project and earned an Outstanding of the Day ribbon! So proud of our 4-Hers!

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