

The Presbyterian

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

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves. Loving our Neighbors.

Small Acts, Big Love

Sometimes I think we underestimate the impact that a small act of service, done with sincere and legitimate love, can have on a person. Some of the most memorable acts of kindness I have experienced in my life haven't been grand gestures and expensive gifts, but things that, though seemingly small, came at just the right time. I remember a time in college when I was really struggling emotionally. I didn't tell anyone, but I felt really alone and uncertain of my future. I was just sitting in my room when I got a call from an elder at the church I was attending. He said, "Hey, I was just about to pass campus and thought about you. I just pulled up. Let me take you out to lunch." We went down the road to Milo's for burgers. To him, it probably wasn't much. He probably doesn't even remember it. But for me, that kindness barreled into my struggle at just the right time and pulled me out of the fog I was in.

I think for many of us, we can look at the world around us and all the problems can seem so overwhelming and heavy. You might ask yourself, "How can I, just one person, do anything about all of this." Well, there's good news and bad news. Bad news first: you can't. There is nothing *you* can do to fix *all* the problems in the world. Ok, now the good news: God doesn't expect you to fix all the problems in the world. What does God require? Faithfulness where he has placed you. Faithfulness to the people he brings across your path. Faithfulness to the tasks and responsibilities he has entrusted to you. And, sometimes, those things might not feel very big—they might not feel very important. But, that's not for us to decide. God can turn tiny mustard seeds into giant shrubs. He tells us, "when you give even a cup of water to one of these little ones in my name, you have done it to me."

Small acts of faithfulness, done in love to God and to others, can have an eternal impact that you don't know until glory. One day, when we are dwelling in God's presence, someone might come up to you and say, "Hey, remember when you did such and such? It may not have been much to you, but that was the moment that things started turning around for me. Thank you." Never underestimate the power of small acts done with great love. Be faithful in the moments God gives you and the people he brings across your path. Respond, even though it seems like it is a drop in the bucket. God can turn five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands. He can turn your small act of faithfulness into a spiritual harvest of souls as well.

For His Kingdom,

Jeremy W McNeill

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Bucyrus, OH

Group and Committee Dates
Please check with the
Committee Chairperson for information.

Deacon's Meeting

The Deacons will meet on **Wednesday, June 8, @ 5:00** in Fellowship Hall for kitchen clean up.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on **Monday, May 16, at 4:45 PM**

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Thursday, May 19, @ 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

Discipleship Group

The Ladies' Discipleship group will not meet **in June**.

Table Toppers

The Table Toppers meet Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 until 5:00. All ages are welcome to join in for an afternoon of board games and card games. Bring your snacks and beverage.

Presbyterian Men

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

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will be ordering chicken dinners from the **Kiwanis Chicken BBQ** for Wednesday, **June 15**. Please contact Gennie Rios, 419-562-6034, so she will know how many to order. Further instructions to follow.



June Congregational Meeting



The June Congregational meeting will be held on **June 26**.
This will be a very brief meeting and will be held just before worship service.
Everyone is invited to attend.



Happy Birthday

- 4 Christian Linn
- 5 Deb Hablitzel
- 10 Mark Dishon
- 17 Kathy Bardon
- 20 Judy Eichhorn
- 30 Jan Fulton

Anniversaries

- 5 Tom and Marcia Heminger
- 7 Kevin and Janet Kohls
- 21 Pastor Jeremy and Mary McNeill
- 22 Gabriel & Ashleigh Helbert

Flowers

- 05 – Lori Rager
- 12 –
- 19 –
- 26 – Tasha Nickler

Liturgist

- 05 – Dave Hablitzel
- 12 – Tom Britton
- 19 – Courtney Posey
- 26 – Tami Robinson

Greeters

- 05 – Lori Rager & Courtney Posey
- 12 – Lori Rager & Jeri Hargie
- 19 – Dave Hablitzel & Gary Irwin
- 26 -

Deacon of the Month: Jan Fulton

Elder of the Month: Al Fulton

Special Prayers

Dan Price, Debbie Hablitzel

Shut-Ins:

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley, Grace Kearns,
Marcia Dobbins

Cancer

Avery, relative of Judy Eichhorn
Crosby Hieber
Chuck Miller, friend of Alan Bacon
Linda Hess, friend of Kelli Patterson
Jay Owen, Barb Price's Son
Jennifer Barnes, friend of Connie Watts
Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon
Ellen Andrews, Kathy Bardon's cousin
Bruce Price, Dan's brother
Ruthie Robinson, friend of Gennie Rios

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Bonnie, Sue Irwin's sister
Danny Nickler
Baby Gideon, baby of Barb Price's co-worker
Jacqueline (Dishon) & Stephen Sutherland's baby they are expecting
Ricky Crary
Jorri Barnes & the family of Jake, Sue Irwin's great-niece
Mary Dunham, Kathy Byrne's friend
Chet Johnston
Marv Hauenstein
Anya Schell
Gary Hess, Friend of Kelli Patterson
Bill Irwin, Gary Irwin's brother
Sylvia Lane, Kelli Patterson's grandmother
Donna Watts
Jo Anne Johns
Sandy Will, Carrie Diebler's mother
Connie Watts is asking for prayers for her son's wife's family, her step-mom and sister have cancer and prayers for all the caregivers giving their support.

Military:

John T. Ballinger III, Cody Gibson, Keagan Rios, Levi Diebler, Zach Wilson



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Kudos and Updates from Jan



Victoria — Samuel — Courtney

A big thank you to the Deacons for the fun reception on Sunday, May 15th. **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Victoria Hoerig Lohr** on her graduation from THE Ohio State University on May 6th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene and to **Courtney Posey** and **Sam Rager** who received FPC college scholarships for the 2022/2023 academic year.

Presbyterian Dolls

Years ago...and I mean YEARS AGO...the congregation was asked to LOAN us their **Presbyterian dolls** for the Heritage Room display. YOU NEVER GOT THEM BACK!!!! I have them all stored in the new Heritage Room on the Fellowship Hall level in a display nook. I'm happy to keep them on display, behind locked glass doors. However, if you would like your dolls back to pass on to your future generations, please let me know. I would be happy to return them to you.

Pledges and Offerings

We are approaching the six-month date for the accounting of your tithes and offerings. If you would like me to send you a **giving statement**, please let me know.

Jan Fulton, 419/561-0263

June Sermons

Before we start a new Sermon series we will be doing a few sermons that have been suggested.

- May 29 – Mentoring
- June 5 - Prayer
- June 12 - Discipleship
- June 19 - Evangelism

Ladies Discipleship Schedule

Ladies Discipleship will not meet in June. A new schedule will be announced at a later date.

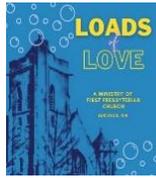
Helping in Time of Need

Occasionally there are people in need that come to the church to ask for help. During the week, Pastor Jeremy will speak privately to them and decides how the church can help.

At the last Session meeting the elders discussed what to do when someone comes during worship service. The Elders decided it would be appropriate to:

- Welcome the person to the church
- Ask if they would like to join the service or have a seat in the lounge area, offer coffee or water.
- Please go find the Deacon or Elder of the month (see bulletin). They will make them comfortable and ask them to wait for the service to end, at that time Pastor Jeremy will speak to them privately.
- The church does not offer money or gift cards, please do not give money or gift cards to anyone.

If you have any other questions please talk to Pastor Jeremy or an Elder.



OUTREACH PROJECT

2022 “Loads” of Love – On June 18th, the Elders are sponsoring an Outreach project that will be held at Stouts Laundry. Let’s make this a great project that can be done every other month. They are asking for the congregations help with:

- collecting cash for quarters
- Allergy free detergent pods
- a box of spaghetti & jar of sauce
- 2 hours of your time.
- A Prep Team to help count coin, pack detergent and food items

Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center on a table by the office door. There is a detergent bottle to collect quarters/coin (cash only), a basket for the food items and a box for the detergent pods. If you have any questions please call the office 419-562-0861.

Those that signed up to help the **Prep Team** will meet on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 PM to assemble the gift bags. If you have any questions please call the office 419-562-0861.

