

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.

You Have Not, Because You Ask Not

Recently I was meeting with a group of fellow EPC pastors from our Presbytery, and we were talking about developing a greater vision for seeing people come to faith through the ministry of our church and its members. There is truly something beautiful and soul stirring to see God work faith into someone's heart, and for that person to come before your church, professing their faith, and being baptized into the covenant family. But the question was, "why are we not seeing this more often in our churches?"

And, I think, it's because we have lost sight of what God has called us to do as a church. We are to be a people of Good News—and not just on Sunday morning! God has called us to go to the lost and dying with the word of truth, the message of the gospel. And, I know many of you feel insecure about sharing the Gospel. But, before we talk about sharing the Gospel, I want to spend the rest of this letter taking a step back with the first thing we should do: Pray.

In this meeting I was at with my fellow pastors, one of them told this story. At their church, they had gone a very, very long time without seeing a believer's baptism—that is, an adult who professed faith in Christ for the first time and was baptized into church membership. So, this pastor put forth a challenge to his church. He said, "Let's pray, and let's ask God to use our church to bring 15 people to faith in the next year." He put it before the elders and the members of the church. They prayed for it every time they were together. They took pictures of the person each time someone professed faith and was baptized so that everyone could see what God was doing.

After he told us this story, he said, "I realized we had not, because we asked not." Yes, they had asked God to use them, and I'm sure God had used them. But now, they were asking specifically to see people in their community come to faith in Jesus. And that year, they had *more* than 15 people come to faith.

So, this is our challenge. Let's pray specifically that God would use our church, and would use us individually, to bring people to faith. Let's keep the work God has already done before our eyes (people like Levi who was recently baptized), and let's keep going forward to share the love and good news of Jesus to our neighbors!

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, August 10, @ 5:00** in The Welcome Center.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on **Monday, August 15, at 4:45 PM**, in the Welcome Center.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will not meet in August

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 17, @ 6:00 PM** in the Welcome Center. The meeting will be on Wednesday due to the Bratwurst Festival.

Discipleship Group

The Men's Discipleship group will resume their meetings on **Tuesday, August 9, & 23 @ 7:00 PM**. The Ladies' Discipleship group will resume their meeting on **Tuesday, August 16, @ 6:15** with a Potluck. Please see schedule below.

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.





Happy Birthday

- 3 Dan Price
- 7 Ashleigh (Black) Helbert,
Brooke Young
- 11 Carrie Diebler
- 12 Joey Rager
- 14 Carissa Diebler Massey
- 18 Ed Dolch
- 20 Tom Britton
- 29 Spencer Mutchler

Anniversaries

- 5 Lori and Charles Rager
- 7 Brydan and Victoria Lohr
- 8 Gary and Susan Irwin
- 22 Leon and Carrie Diebler

Flowers

- 07 – Dan & Barb Price
- 14 – Lori Rager
- 21 – Judy Rhode
- 28 – Tasha Nickler

Liturgist

- 07 – Tami Robinson
- 14 – Marcia Stout
- 21 – Dave Hablitzel
- 28 – Tom Britton

Greeters

- 07 –
- 14 –
- 21 –
- 28 –

Deacon of the Month: Barb Price

Elder of the Month: Dan Price

Shut-Ins:

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

Cancer

Vinny Reed, Jeri Hargis nephew
Avery, relative of Judy Eichhorn
Crosby Hieber
Chuck Miller, friend of Alan Bacon
Linda Hess, friend of Kelli Patterson
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:

Dan Price
Dave & Debbie Hablitzel and Laney
Jason Hargis, Son of Jeri Hargis
Jacqueline (Dishon) & Stephen Sutherland's
baby they are expecting
Ricky Crary
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:

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson
Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler's
son
Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson's
grandnephew

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Kudos and Updates from Jan



Mark your calendars for our next big event...**NATIONAL NITE OUT on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd**... 5:00 to 7:00 pm, in our church parking lot. We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers, and we'll serve other tasty treats – AND – we're hoping to have the Mark's Ice Cream truck with us serving free ice cream. At the very least, we'll have their individual serving cups ready to hand out. We'll be inviting our neighbors to sup and visit with us. However, we need as many Presbyterians there as possible. This event is a wonderful way to reach out to our community, even by just showing that Presbyterians actually step outside of our church doors and HAVE FUN!! We're working on other details and will have more info for you. PLEASE JOIN US!

Jan Fulton, 419/561-0263

Bratwurst Festival Parking

“Brattie Remembers Old Friends!”

The Bratwurst Festival is on August 18, 19, & 20 this year. If you would like to volunteer to help with parking for a couple of hours for 1 day or all 3 days, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions please see or call Debbie Hablitzel @ 419-561-8823.

Women's Discipleship Schedule

Tuesday, Aug. 16--Potluck Kick-off-- Bring a dish to share and discuss 50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die by John Piper (the book Marcia gave as a gift at Easter). Men are welcome to the Potluck.

Tuesday, Aug. 30--Begin New Book Study--Ch. 1 “His Very Heart”

Tuesday, Sept. 13--Ch. 2 “His Heart in Action”

Tuesday, Sept. 27--Ch. 3 “The Happiness of Christ”

Tuesday, Oct. 11--Ch. 4 “Able to Sympathize”

Tuesday, Oct. 25--Ch. 5 “He Can Deal Gently”

Tuesday, Nov. 8--Ch. 6 “I Will Never Cast Out”

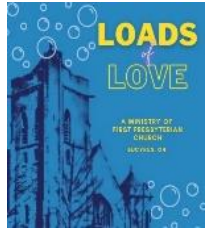
Tuesday, Nov. 22--Ch. 7 “What Our Sins Evoke”

Tuesday, Dec. 6--Ch. 8 “To the Utmost”

Tuesday, Dec. 20--Ch. 9 “An Advocate”

Titus 2 Ministry

"Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us." These words of Paul in Titus 2 encourage and convict us to be mentors to those who are growing in the church. We are looking for seasoned, faithful saints who would be willing to share a bit of their time and wisdom to walk alongside a young person. Please pray about this important ministry opportunity, and contact one of the elders or Jeremy to let your interest be known. Sharing our love for God is not a duty but a delight!



OUTREACH PROJECT

2022 “Loads” of Love – **On August 27th**, the Elders are continuing our Outreach project that will be held at **Stouts Laundry**. Let’s continue to 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 to make baked goods (cookies, brownies, muffins, cupcakes etc.), a small bottle of oil. The church will supply a dozen eggs for each family.
- 2 hours of your time.
- A Prep Team to help count coin, pack detergent and food items

We are also providing note cards and would like for members of the congregation to write a special note to be put in the bags. Even something simple such as “We are praying for you.” You can sign your name or not, or put “Members of First Presbyterian Church.”

There are sign-up sheets 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.



Men’s Discipleship Schedule Meet at 7:00 PM on the following dates

August 9 & 23
September 6 & 20
October 4 & 18
November 1, 15, & 29
December 13 & 27



Community Breakfast

Bill Denton and I decided that we need to put this Ministry on hold for a while and do some reevaluating. We are planning to revisit this Ministry in the fall and see what God has instore for this Ministry.

I recently was talking with people that are involved in Ministries and other organizations, and they are dealing with attendance issues with gatherings as well. Some people are still reluctant about gatherings, we still see some wearing masks. Most of the restaurants that we have attended recently are running only about 50% capacity.

Bill Denton and I definitely appreciate the support that you have provided over the last 5 years!

May God continue to Bless you with ALL of your Endeavors!

Bill Denton and Jim Rowland

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