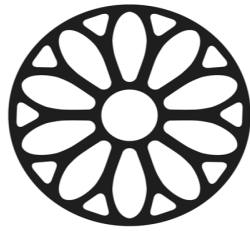


The
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July 2022



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We would like to know if there is any interest in forming a day-time book club? The books could be varied in content. Details later if there is enough interest.

Please contact:

The church (740-335- 2067), Mary Stolsenberg (740-335-6225) or Carol Halliday (740-333-0068).

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July 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			AA - Weds 7:00 pm Persinger Hall		1	2 AA - Saturdays 7:00 pm Persinger Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Communion	11	12	13 Kids Fun Night 6-8 pm	14	15 Outdoor Movie Night See flyer	16
17 Trustees 9:45 am	18 Fair Week	19 Lunch Group 11:30 am @ Roosters	20	21	22	23
24 Family Activity Day - Moor Aker 3-9 pm see flyer	25	26	27	28 Session 7 pm	29	30
31	No fishing license needed for Family Activity Day					

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

When discussing prayer, we often go directly to Jesus' teaching on prayer during the sermon on the mount. This is a wonderful resource, but there are other descriptions of prayer in the Bible that can help us as well. One of my favorites is found in 1 Timothy chapter 2 and is referenced above.

The author (Paul) gives us a clear teaching into what should make up the contents of our prayers. He gives us 4 categories: petitions, prayers, intersession, and thanksgiving. A petition is a formal request to authority with respect to a given cause. This is when we ask God for specific outcomes. We might say that when we petition God, we are asking that God act in such a way that mirrors our own will in a given situation. Prayers for cures to diseases, prayers for material gain, prayers for specific outcomes, prayers that other people act a certain way, these are all examples of petitions. When we pray, we need to feel comfortable to bring all of our specific requests to God.

The second category of items that must make up the content of our prayers is prayers. This might seem out of place. Our prayers should contain prayers, thanks for the help, Paul. Yet, I believe that prayers, in this case, is referring to specifically earnest hopes and wishes. Sometimes we don't know what we want. Sometimes we don't have any idea what outcomes would best lead to our desires. I would love for the world to enter a time of peace, but I don't know what specific things to ask God for to make that happen. I want my kids to grow up to be happy and have nice lives they can be proud of; but I don't know what needs to happen for this to be a reality. When we pray, we need to feel comfortable to bring all of our hopes and wishes to God.

A third category is intercession. Intercession is the act of intervening on the behalf of another. This is simply saying that our prayers need to include petitions, and prayers (hopes and wishes) for others. Our prayers cannot simply be about us. I would also say that our prayers for other people should be considerate of their hopes, desires and wants. I don't mean to say that we should pray exactly what the other person would say themselves, because sometimes we know better. Sometimes we know that what the other person wants is actually bad for them. However, we need to be careful that our prayers for others aren't selfish but are truly asking for what is best for them.

Thanksgivings or expressions of gratitude, make up the fourth category of content in prayer. In general, being thankful has been scientifically proven to improve mental health, physical health and relationship building. Thankful people are proven to be happier, thankful people tend to take better care of themselves physically and thankful people maintain more and stronger relationships than others. It is no surprise then, that being thankful in prayer life improves our spiritual life and our relationship with God. It is important that we share our thanks to God when we pray.

Think about this scripture the next time you pray. Remember to pray for petitions, and prayers. Remember to pray on behalf of others. Remember to be thankful and remember to pray for everyone.

In Christ,

Rev. Steven Brand



The Historical Committee needs help with names. The original picture is in the church office if you would like to see it. Let Mary Stolsenberg, Gary Campbell, Luran Perrill, Polly Dean, or Cindy Sagar know if you can identify any of them.

Everyone should know one! 😊

World Vision 30-hour famine held



(above)- Twenty high school students took part in the World Vision 30-hour famine at the First Presbyterian Church. Friends and family sponsored them during experience. Senior Katie Pieratt said, "I'm glad we got to do this again, if we only help a little, we still help." Youth minister Brian Mitchell said, "We see plenty of negative news about our teenagers, it was great to be part of this event and see our kids do something very positive."

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Lunch Group – The next lunch group will be on **Tuesday, July 19, 11:30 am at Roosters**. Just let Rajean know that you will be attending even if you end up not being able to attend. It just helps to give the restaurant heads up.

Pastor Steve, Vacations

Pastor Steve will be on vacation July 1-9 and then again August 3-7. Make sure to come and hear Elder Dick Glass preaching July 3rd and Elder Sara Creamer preaching on August 7th.

Communion will be served July 10th and August 14th. This is because Pastor Steve will be out of town the first Sundays of July and August.

Bible Study on Interacting with Other Religions

Back in November I asked the congregation to turn in any questions that they might have dealing with faith. I have worked through most of these questions as sermons or a few newsletter articles. However, quite a few questions dealt with other religions and faiths. These questions weren't about the basic tenants of other faiths; but rather how we are to view other faiths and how are we to interact with believers of other faiths as Christians. These really didn't feel like questions I could handle as sermons or newsletter articles and so I am going to do a three-part Bible study during the Sunday School hour July 17, 24 & 31. These will be held in the small meeting room next to the kitchen from 9-10am. I am excited and I hope you can join us as we look at the Christian's call when interacting with and thinking about other religions.

Kid's Craft & Bubble Night

The next Kid's Fun Night will be Wednesday, July 13th from 6-8pm at the church. These events are open to all children; but are particularly aimed at elementary and pre-school aged children. The evening will include making crafts, cards for congregation members and bubble activities. See Amy Booth for more information.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Outdoor worship in the park with All Saints Church, with a picnic following worship. Sunday August 14th at **11am** @ the pavilion in Washington Park (the park with the splash pad). Make sure to mark your calendars for this great event. We will be worshipping with the folks at All Saints Church. Notice the abnormal start time of 11am. The park and pavilion are very nice, with some playground equipment and the splash pad nearby. More information to follow.

At Home Communion

The Deacons and Pastor Steve would like to begin serving at home communion to those who would like to receive it. Please call or email Pastor Steve or the church office if you are typically unable to make it to Sunday morning worship or are uncomfortable returning to in-person group worship and would like to receive communion on a regular basis.

Church Scholarship Recipients

Christian Growth Council is excited to be able to award scholarships to three graduating seniors this year. They received their scholarships during worship on June 26th. Carmen Enochs received The Carroll Halliday Scholarship & The Vivian Shaw Scholarship. Carmen will be joining the nursing program at Wright State University. Jonathan (Jack) Mead received The Dr. Jack Persinger Scholarship. Jack will be majoring in elementary education at the University of Cincinnati. Tyler Tackage received The Charles and Lucille Ellis Scholarship. Tyler plans on studying economics at Carnegie Melon University.



7/2 - Jo Langdon
 107 E. Circle Ave.

7/2 - John Pickelheimer
 823 Washington Ave.

7/3 - Cole Enochs
 1330 Gregg Rd.
 Jeffersonville 43128

7/12 - Wanda McMurray
 132 W. Elm St.

7/13 - Charlene Bishop
 804 Merritt Way

7/15 - Jack Persinger
 1630 Courtney Dr.

Happy Birthday

7/16 - Wayne Taylor
 213 River Rd.

7/18 - Sara Creamer
 503 Lampe Rd.

7/20 - Amy Brown
 665 Duffy Dr.

7/20 - Roger Maddux
 830 Leslie Trace

7/23 - Martha Cooper
 3131 US Highway 62 SW

7/29 - Molly Preston
 203 River Rd.

7/30 - Nancy Isham
 117 Laurel Rd.



Happy Anniversary!

7/1 - Tom and Jennifer Pieratt **7/18 - Sam and Dianne Junk**
 706 Washington Ave. 11860 St. Rt. 56

7/10 - John and Carol Halliday **Mt. Sterling 43143**
 1042 Damon Dr. **7/22 - Butch and Jill Roberts**
 558 Albin Ave.

7/16 - Mark and Kitten Richards **7/24 - Eric and Dianna Wayne**
 1218 Storybrook Dr. 401 Cloverleaf Lane

7/16 - Ted and Susan Waddle **7/26 - Carl and Katie Purdin**
 1619 Stringtown Rd. 147 W. Josie Ave.
 Hillsboro 45133



Beautiful flower pots sponsored by the church through the Gloria Loyd flower fund and provided by the Master Gardeners of Fayette County.

**Becky Thompson's
90th Birthday Party!!!**

It was a wonderful celebration, delicious cake, ice cream and punch.

She received flowers, gifts, and cards! Thank you to all that helped, in any way, Becky celebrate her 90th birthday!



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

CH Manor Assisted Living
555 N. Glenn Ave.
Joy Heiny #110

CH Manor Nursing Home
555 N. Glenn Ave. A-16
Lynn Heiny Queen

Four Seasons Nursing Home
201 Court House Parkway
Becky Thompson #206
Frances Wilson #107

Hopewell House
17273 St. Rt. 104
Chillicothe, OH 45601
Dan Isham #145

St. Catherine's
250 S. Glenn Ave.
Carmen Johnson #34

Sue Crosby
8417 Sierra Meadows Blvd.
Apt. #135
Naples, FL 34113

At Home
Rollo Marchant
Faye Ann Persinger
Scott Queen
Wanda Robinson
Barbara Zoodsma



Presbytery of Scioto Valley 2022 Mission Work Weeks

October 17-21 in Hampden, WV, and October 24-28 in Colcord, WV.

(Rev Steve will be coordinating and attending the mission work week of October 17-21)

These mission work weeks, sponsored by our PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach, will be hands-on basic construction work in poverty relief areas in Appalachia. The sites are two projects of the West Virginia Ministry Advocacy and Work Camps, Inc. (WVMAW). Cost for each person will be \$350 for adults eighteen & over. We hope to have 12-15 participants per team. We will travel by cars, trucks, or church vans, and will stay in group housing with shower facilities and equipped kitchens. If you are interested in joining one of these work teams, contact the Presbytery Office to receive an application form. For questions, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org.

A Sacred Space for Lamentation: "Laying It on the Table"

Thursday, July 7th at 7 p.m.

You are invited to join in either one of these gatherings which are sponsored and led by members of the Presbytery Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO). They are both happening at the same time, one in-person and one on Zoom.

In person:

Indianola Presbyterian Church, 1970 Waldeck Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

Or Zoom:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: July 7, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pf-GrqzspG9GjsO8-owwfr3mYcESXdt9L?https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001pwEk5qA5w-CMlybEYOi8cDFOCWZlnPFecmCVpbLDiL-gXxnitxHciLlxpoZwR7MQ935XqTO1eYX4u1qPg3tzFH2NWQ2HuY-btVV4hC0isyJ6aZnYNZDXBuxnyv1H5I7_17AS6sfLpH9VBkRE5dmEiox8kg1kbOUUoy0dpNHZUqI7Z91tCvxvltwntD3-7S1Y8muyCsOq10jOF9G8tAsWKqYVW6Reba&c=LK5xvuKvVX38dl4i6q3ZOD_ZW6uqVhDzqbbHKdAplR8zJIQqkVgMQ==&ch=DQ7v9TM9wXMtCS1HL5YJw5zhduB6mhiDe56-QBxlnSg8lfE3eMizag== Together we will be a community

holding a sacred, safe and listening space for anyone who wishes to lay his or her heart upon the Table in response to the court's overturning of Roe v. Wade. This is not a program or even a conversation, but a bearing witness to one another's spoken words and holy presence. Christ's Table is the site of God's love poured out for us all, allowing us to show up as we are - with whatever vulnerability, pain, fear, anger or need we are experiencing. These holy gatherings are sponsored by the Nurture & Outreach Commission (CNO) of our Presbytery.

"Day of Hope"

The presbytery's Commission on Nurture and Outreach voted today to support an event commemorating those on Ohio's Death Row and to mark the date four years ago when Ohio had its last execution. Your church's members are invited to attend the "Day of Hope" on the Statehouse lawn, High Street side, at noon on Monday, July 18. Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, head of the Ohio Council of Churches will speak. He is a powerful speaker and you won't want to miss this! Death Row exonerees will speak as well as representatives of the campaign, No Death Penalty Ohio.

You can get more information by signing up at the following link:

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See you on July 18th!



OUTDOOR
Movie Night

Disney
THE LION KING

Friday, July 15 @ 9:30 pm
Free Movie, Popcorn & Drinks

This free movie will be in the front side yard of the manse. Bring some chairs or a blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars, outside on a big screen.

A Church Family Fun Day of Fishing



- July 24, 3 to 9 p.m.
- Moor-Aker Pay Lakes in Jeffersonville
- Location- 13177 US Rt 35 NW, a half mile past the Outlet Mall
- A 2-acre lake is reserved for our event.
- Plan to attend and invite friends and family!
- You do not need a fishing license.
- Even if you don't fish there'll be lots of fun fellowship time.
- More details to follow, including a carry-in style picnic or cookout.



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www.wchofpc.org
facebook.com/fpcwcho



Fayette County Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1 pm - 3 pm
*If you would like to donate
please make your ck out to the
Fayette County Food Pantry*

The Session		
Clerk of Session Jennifer Pieratt Moderator Rev. Steve Brand		
2022	2023	2024
Sara Creamer	Gary Campbell	Nancy Crouse
Nick Preston	Debra Grover	Carol Waddle
Dick Glass	Sandy Patton	Carole Wright
The Deacons		
2022	2023	2024
Amy Booth		Carol Halliday
Julie Butcher	Martha Cooper	Diana Melchiori
Mary Stolsenberg	Josh Pickelheimer	Kitten Richards
The Trustees		
2022	2023	2024
Lauran Perrill		Polly Dean
Janet Robinson	John Pickelheimer	Jill Maddux-Roberts
2022 Per capita - \$40.00 per member		

All about First Presbyterian Church
... Sunday Services
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
In-person at 10:30 am
Live stream on facebook @ 10:30 am
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