



PASTOR'S PEN: THE OTHER WISEMAN



Henry Van Dyke was a Presbyterian pastor, an author, an English professor, and even a diplomat. In 1895, he was the pastor of the Brick Church in New York City. There, he wrote *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, which is a favorite of many at Christmastime. In the gospel of Matthew, we learn about how Magi from the East follow a star to discover the new King of Israel born in Bethlehem. Van Dyke imagines another wise man named Artaban, who follows the same star. However, this wise man is delayed. He arrives late to Bethlehem,

where the other magi and the Holy Family have already left. Thus begins a lifelong quest to find this king and Messiah.

Along the way, Artaban learns some valuable lessons about the nature of Jesus' Kingdom. Jesus came into the world, not among the upper reaches of society, but into the family of a poor carpenter. He was celebrated not by King Herod and the elite but by a rag-tag group of shepherds. He was rejected by the religious leaders but heralded by a group of Gentile astrologers. He didn't hang out with the rich and powerful but with sinners, prostitutes, and tax collectors. In his own words, Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Matthew 9:12). This king doesn't lord over us but instead acts as the Great Physician who offers comfort, grace, and healing. Van Dyke's story serves as an invitation to join in Christ's ministry to the world. As the Apostle John writes, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

After last year's great success of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* for the radio, the Presbyterian Radio Players are at it again. This year we have adapted Van Dyke's story starring our own Dawson Strong as Artaban. You can catch it on WLKR 92.9 FM on December 22 at 5:00pm and Christmas Eve at 9 pm. (If you missed last year's *A Christmas Carol*, it will be on at 11 pm on Christmas Eve.)

Van Dyke also wrote hymns. The most famous was "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." It's a celebration of God's creation, but the last verse, like his Christmas story, serves as an invitation.

"Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand."

Artaban learns to love as he seeks the Christ child. This Christmas season, let that be said of us.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor James*

NEWS FROM SESSION



NOVEMBER 2023

The 2024 Stewardship Campaign is complete. 2024 pledges were up 6% over 2023 pledges. Thanks to the congregation for their overflowing generosity. Some remaining details for the 2024 budget need to be considered before the budget can be approved at the December meeting. Session thanked Pat Babcock for all she does as treasurer. The Nominating Committee met again on November 14th to select additional candidates for Deacons. Pastor James is contacting the candidates. Please continue to pray for the candidates.

FPC received the Crossroads Survey report. The participation rate was around 93% which shows great investment and interest of the congregation in this process. The Steering Committee, comprised of Pastor James, Julie Murdock, Chris Canfield, and Curt Markley, will be reviewing the report and reporting to the congregation. Focus groups will be interviewed in February 2024 to gain additional insight into the survey results. Anyone interested in helping with the Focus Group interviews should contact a member of the Steering Committee.

Building and Grounds Committee members are scheduled to make building rounds looking for leaks or other issues. They are also consulting with the garden club regarding the courtyard landscaping. On November 15th Dawson Strong started as interim Youth Director. Volunteers are needed for ADVENTures on December 3rd and for the youth groups. Contact Kathleen Wheeler or Dawson Strong if you're interested.

The Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success with 131 people attending. Thanks to all who helped with this event. Session approved the Presbyterian Women conducting a shoe drive. Logistics are being worked out to host 10-12 students from Hanmi Presbyterian over the Christmas holiday. The Mission Committee will be showcasing our mission partners during ADVENTures. We are still looking for people to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 16th. If you're interested in ringing, sign up in the Narthex or contact Dale Rafie.

The Outreach Committee completed the annual roll review. The Personnel Committee is conducting annual staff performance evaluations. Session accepted the 2022 Financial Audit Report. There were no findings. Session thanked the audit committee for their efforts and hard work. Session approved the 2024 Communion Schedule presented by the Worship Committee. The sermon series for Advent is "The Unexpected". Westminster Voices is preparing a musical Christmas Program, "Heaven's Child", that will be presented on December 17th at the late service. The Presbyterian Radio Players program, "The Other Wiseman," will be aired on WLKR on December 22nd at 5:00 p.m. and on December 24th at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- **December 1** – Keenagers Christmas Party
- **December 3** – ADVENTures
- **December 16** – Ringing Bells for Salvation Army
- **December 17** – Musical Christmas Program
- **December 22 & 24** – Presbyterian Radio Players on WLKR
- **December 24** – Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- **January 5** – Red Cross Blood Drive

NEXT MONTH'S MESSENGER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

FYI: To avoid delays in reimbursement from receipts, PLEASE have them turned into the office no later than Sunday, to be reimbursed that same week. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know that you can arrange for mandatory distributions from your IRA to be paid directly to First Presbyterian Church without having to pay federal income taxes on the distributions? Well you can! Individuals can donate up to \$100,000 annually, and married couples who qualify separately up to \$200,000.

To qualify, you must be age 70 ½ or older at the time of the distribution and the proceeds must be paid directly to the qualified charity. The donations can even be made monthly.

Consult your financial advisor or contact the church office to take advantage of this strategy. God bless.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2023

YTD Income	\$ 412,256.80
YTD Expense	\$ 403,521.42
Net Income	\$ 8,735.38

Questions about the finances of the church? Please contact our treasurer, Pat Babcock at pbabcock@bex.net

ROOTED IN GRACE



Keenagers

I know it is hard to believe but we are looking at our December meeting. Do you think the next three months will go as fast as the last three? I don't.

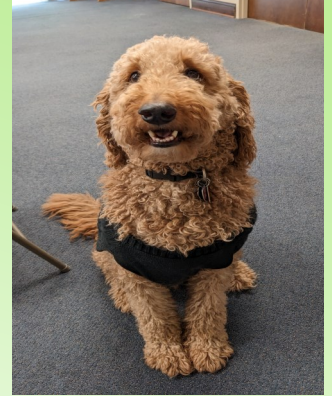
Well, we've done this winter thing before and we'll do it again!

Some of us could not make the November meeting and we missed a great opportunity. It was a chance to learn about the project Pastor James had with our age group and the results of those discussions. Katie took good notes to share with us. We really appreciate that!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 1:00 is our next meeting and it is so much more than that. It is the annual **CHRISTMAS PARTY** sponsored by the Deacons.

You absolutely will not want to miss this!!!! We always have a wonderful time. If you have any questions, call the church office. We all look forward to getting together for this very special event.

Dog hugs, Winston



Please keep in mind, the servers scheduled below are subject to change!

DATE	USHERS 8:30 am / 10:45 am	LITURGISTS 8:30 am / 10:45 am	COFFEE HOUR	FLOWER DELIVERY	GREETERS 8:30am / 10:45 am	Screen Operators 8:30am / 10:45 am
Dec. 3	Norm Sommers Family / Dale & Jan Boone COMMUNION: John & Laurie Flickinger / Bob & Marilyn Huston	Tom Root / Chris Canfield	Adventures	Aundrea Gordon	The Bond Family / Margo & Will Benz, Ralph Leber	Mindy Klett / Brandon Schwinn
Dec. 10	Norm Sommers Family / Dale & Jan Boone	Greg Keefer / Brian Pancost	Donna Allen	Donna Allen	The Bond Family / Margo & Will Benz, Ralph Leber	Brian Pancost / Jaime Fries
Dec. 17	Norm Sommers Family / Dale & Jan Boone	Youth / Youth	Shannon Sommers	Shannon Sommers	The Bond Family / Margo & Will Benz, Ralph Leber	Jaime Fries / Brian Pancost
Dec. 24	Bob Huston Family 9:30 am Roger Knight Family 5:00 pm Brian Klett Family 7:00 pm	Julie Murdock 9:30 am TBD 5:00 pm TBD 7:00 pm	N/A	TBD	Chris Canfield 9:30 am TBD 5:00 pm TBD 7:00 pm	Kayla Eyer 9:30 am Brian Pancost 5:00 pm Mindy Klett 7:00 pm
Dec. 31	Norm Sommers Family 9:30 am	TBD 9:30 am	N/A	TBD	The Bond Family / Margo & Will Benz, Ralph Leber	Mindy Klett 9:30 am

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Jan. 7	Eric Weisenburger Family/ Eric Dickerson Family COMMUNION: TBD / TBD	Marilyn Huston / Bev Miller	Marco Caponi	Marco Caponi	TBD /TBD	Jaime Fries/ Brandon Schwinn
Jan. 14	Eric Weisenburger Family/ Eric Dickerson Family	Roger Knight / Nancy Gfell	Tom Root	Tom Root	TBD /TBD	Mindy Klett/ Brian Pancost
Jan. 21	Eric Weisenburger Family/ Eric Dickerson Family	Youth / Youth	Norm Sommers	Norm Sommers	TBD /TBD	Brian Pancost/ Kayla Eyer
Jan. 28	Eric Weisenburger Family/ Eric Dickerson Family	Eric Weisenburger / Suzanne Boegli	Crissy Cooperrider	Crissy Cooperrider	TBD /TBD	Jaime Fries/ Brandon Schwinn

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So You think you know.....

Our Interim Youth Director??

While the subject of December's "So You Think You Know..." article is not a new member, it's a long-time member in a new position!

Dawson Strong is our new Interim Youth Director, and we are so excited!

Dawson is a 2020 graduate of Norwalk High school, and more recently, a Dec. 2022 graduate of Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio. He majored in broadcast production and digital media. He also earned a minor in theater and biblical studies.

In his spare time, Dawson enjoys both physical and artistic pursuits. Disc golf is his go to sport; he says it's not as expensive as other sports and he gets to spend time outdoors. Dawson also enjoys playing the piano and screen writing in both short form (about 30 pages) as well as feature length (about 90 pages). He has a few of each under his belt. He is also involved with fantasy football (and is having a pretty good season!).



Dawson's favorite (non-biblical) book is "Save the Cat: The Last Book on Screenwriting You'll Ever Need" by Blake Snyder. While many of us may not have heard of that book before, he notes that it is very well-known in production and media circles and has had a big influence on him. Reading this book enabled Dawson to see that he could write a screenplay – it gave him hope and encouragement as well as motivation. He also finds motivation in scripture. Dawson's favorite verse is Proverbs 14:23, "In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." In his words, don't talk the talk if you don't walk the walk. He values leading by example, not just words.

Although he had to think about it, Dawson's favorite hymn and worship song is, "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), an adaptation by Chris Tomlin. The hymn "Amazing Grace" has always been a favorite of his as it is very powerful, and the background story is amazing. The words of Tomlin's adaptation are also very powerful. Dawson plays this on the piano in many different circumstances. He is not sure that many people know he plays the piano, but most people also don't know that he acted in productions during college. He recalls playing the character "Asher" in the play "The Giver" as one example.

Dawson feels that God has been a part of his education from the very beginning. He attended a Christian preschool and then Trinity Christian Academy before finishing his schooling at NHS. He then went to Cedarville which is a Christian college. He feels that God's presence throughout his life has prepared him for life today. When he was younger, he came to youth group under Brandon Newell, but the leader that had the most impact on him was Don Renninger. Dawson's desires for the youth under his leadership are two-fold. First, he wants to assure the youth that he is there for them in any situation, that they can confide in him knowing he is on their side. He wants to help them develop a Christian way of thinking now so that when they encounter problems in the future, they will know how to approach them. Secondly, Dawson would like the youth program and participants to be more present and visible in the life of the church. He would like the youth to participate in church services more, whether it be through music, reading, or whatever. He would also like to see more in the congregation become involved with the youth at any level. He understands that youth often have difficulties talking to the older generations as the older generations feel awkward talking to the youth. He wants to serve as a bridge so that deeper ties can be formed.

Dawson, we are so excited to have you on staff! May God bless and multiply your ministry as only He can, and we look forward to the fruit it will bear!

Dr. Julie Murdock
Ministry Associate

GROWING IN CHRIST



ADVENTURES!

Come and enjoy the miracle of Christmas
on the streets of Bethlehem!

Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 9:30-10:30 am
Fellowship Hall



ADVENTURES! SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD!

Experience the miracle of Christmas with us as we take you on a journey through the streets of Bethlehem. Bring your family along to this year's annual Adventures event and immerse yourselves in the festive cheer. Adventures caters to all ages, so everyone can enjoy the activities and have a great time. We have prepared various crafts and games as well as a delicious breakfast. The event will take place on Sunday, December 3rd from 9:30 - 10:30 am, so mark your calendars and join us for a morning filled with fun, laughter, and joy.

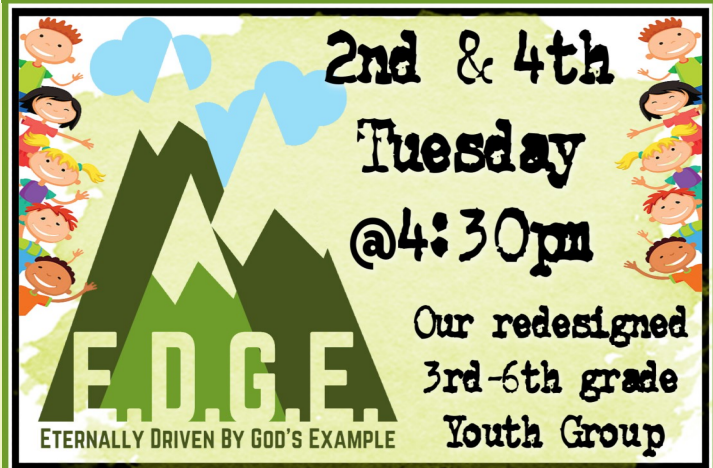
We can't wait to celebrate the season with you and your loved ones!

3RD - 6TH GRADE E.D.G.E. YOUTH GROUP

Join us for E.D.G.E. (Eternally Driven by God's Example) as we finish up our series all about God's Plan! Preteens are reaching an age at which they start thinking about their futures. What should I do with my life? What is my purpose? During this series, it is our goal to help our 3rd - 6th graders understand that God has a plan for everyone!

E.D.G.E. meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 4:30 - 5:30. Pickup and drop off at the gymnasium entrance. Also, keep an eye out for our monthly SUNDAY FUNDAY! We hope to see you and all of your friends at E.D.G.E.

Check out our end of 2023 schedule :



Dec. 12, Tues 4:30 - 5:30: A Special Christmas Session
Bible passage: John 3:16

Dec. 17, SUNDAY FUNDAY 12 - 2: Gingerbread Christmas Party!

Dec. 26, Tues: No E.D.G.E. meeting. Enjoy your Christmas!

GROWING IN CHRIST



Kid's Sunday Morning Holiday Schedule for December

Dec 3: NO Sunday School - ADVENTURES

Dec 17: NO Kingdom Kids - Cantata

Dec 24: NO Sunday School - 9:30 worship service

Dec 31: NO Sunday School - 9:30 worship service

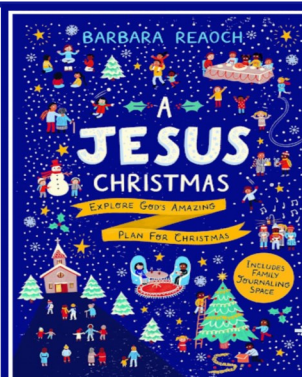
Nursery remains open

DECEMBER KIDS SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars with the switches to the calendar during the Holiday season! We will have no Sunday School on December 3rd as we invite everyone to our Adventures program from 9:30 - 10:30 in the gym. We will also have no Sunday School on December 24th and 31st as we are combining our Sunday morning schedule into one church service at 9:30 for both of those days. Additionally, we will not have Kingdom Kids on December 17th as we encourage all children to remain with their families to enjoy our church's annual Christmas program. The nursery will remain open for all December Sunday morning events.

PARENT BOOK NOOK FEATURE:

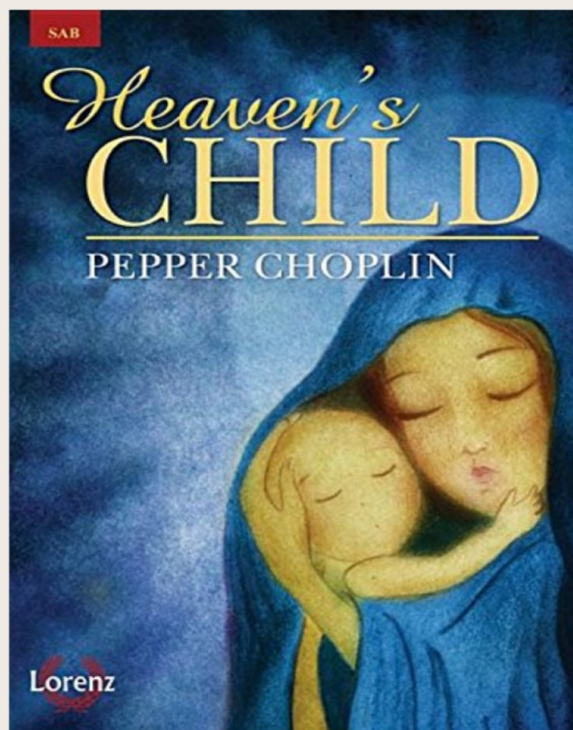
This month's featured book is entitled, "A Jesus Christmas: Explore God's Amazing Plan for Christmas," written by Barbara Reaach. Explore God's amazing plan for Christmas with this family devotional for Advent. Right from the beginning, the serpent lied to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden – and he has been lying ever since. But right from the beginning, God told us his amazing plan to send Jesus. Each of the 25 readings contained within "A Jesus Christmas," looks at one of the serpent's lies from Genesis 3, and then shows how the glorious truth of Christmas beats it every time!



December's Parent Book Nook Feature: "A Jesus Christmas"

by Barbara Reaach
Find it next to the Christian Education
Office on the 2nd floor of the
Children's Wing

If you are interested in checking out this book or many other helpful parenting resources, visit our Parent Book Nook located next to the Christian Education Office on the 2nd floor of the Children's Wing.



Join Us for the Westminster Voices' Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17
at our
10:45 worship service

REACHING OUT IN LOVE



"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)



DECEMBER'S VERSE:
Every month
we will challenge the
congregation to
memorize a Bible verse!



All year, we are challenging our congregation, from youngest to oldest, to memorize a monthly Bible verse.

Here is our verse for December:

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)



**SATURDAY
DEC. 16TH
@WALMART
8AM-8PM**

**Bell
Ringers
Needed!**

SIGN UP SHEET IN
NARTHEX OR ONLINE @
firstpresbyterian.net/bellringers
or donate \$15/hr for
another person to "ring for you!"
Makes checks payable to First Presbyterian Church

Can't volunteer that day?

The Salvation Army hires local workers to ring for any hour we miss. You can donate \$15/hour to cover those costs.

Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church.

Contact the church office for more details.



**FUN was had at the
E.D.G.E. Youth Group Fall Festival!
Pumpkin Painting,
Pumpkin Bowling and more!**



**E.D.G.E meets on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of the month, and has
monthly SUNDAY FUN DAYS!!
Won't you join us for the fun!
3rd—6th grade!**

VISIT OUR NURSERY:

All children from birth to Preschool age are welcome to visit our staffed nursery any Sunday during either of the services (8:30am or 10:45am) as well as during Sunday School (9:30). Our nursery caregiver, Jennifer, would love to meet you and show you around our facility!

The nursery provides a safe and creative environment for your child to play and learn beginning Bible stories while you attend worship or Sunday School. You can find the nursery on the lower level of the children's wing, beside the library and across from the family room.



Are you in need of
Nursery Care during
worship services
or Sunday school?
Our staffed nursery is available
Room 201
INFANT THROUGH PRE-SCHOOL

**WELCOME TO
OUR NURSERY!**

HEY KIDS, JOIN US!

**Please have your
children meet the
teachers at the
back of the church
after our
Children's Moment!
10:45 service only
Room 206**



JOIN US FOR KINGDOM KIDS!

Our Kingdom Kids program gives our preschool - 3rd grade students a chance to have an age-appropriate worship and learning experience all their own. If your kids would like to join our Kingdom Kids, simply attend our second worship service on Sunday mornings

with your family, and after the children's message, follow the Kingdom Kids Leader to their worship room located on the lower level of the children's wing across from the library.

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RECYCLING YOUR FOOTWEAR!

Donate your gently worn, new and used footwear to help the Presbyterian Women's shoe drive! Drop off at the church office before Jan. 31, 2024



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Our shoe drive fundraiser goes beyond raising money for our Presbyterian Women's' Association. After your shoes are picked up, they're sent to developing countries to create job opportunities.

It's estimated 300 million people don't own shoes. Shoe drive fundraisers help provide inventory to over 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs who sell the shoes to support their families. In turn, they help themselves out of poverty with a hand up, not a handout.

Please bring your new and gently used footwear to the Church anytime before Jan. 31, 2024.

The PW will collect, bag and package the shoes for pick up. Please help of you can! THANK YOU!

WHY QUALITY MATTERS

The shoes you collect go beyond raising funds for your organization, they are given a second life with those in need. If you wouldn't give them to a friend, then they're not worthy for your collection.



GOOD

GOOD SHOES = Gently worn, used and new shoes that are in good condition, clean and still wearable.



- ✓ All shoes are dry and clean.
- ✓ The soles attached and no holes throughout.

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"The Other Wiseman" Presbyterian Radio Players Radio Show WLKR 92.9

Friday Dec. 22 @ 5:00pm
Christmas Eve @ 9:00pm



Last year's "A Christmas Carol" will air again Christmas Eve @ 11:00pm

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ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex starting on the first Sunday of Advent. This annual mission project provides hats and mittens for local people in need. Choose a paper mitten off the tree indicating the age and gender of the child you will be donating mittens and hats to. Bring your unwrapped mittens and hats back to the tree by Sunday, December 17th. The gift items will be distributed by the Community Action Commission (C.A.C.) of Huron County.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRYNN SELLERS!

Congratulations goes out to Brynn Sellers for completing Bible Quest! Brynn began her Bible Quest adventure a couple

years ago after taking the 3rd & 4th grade sacraments class and receiving her full text Bible from the church. In order to complete the Bible Quest, students complete packets at their own speed which walk them through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. There are also monthly challenges, such as memorizing passages, reading through a book of the Gospels or keeping a monthly gratitude journal, which advance them further along the game.

**Congratulations, Brynn!!
You have done an outstanding job!**



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THANK YOU!



Thank You

FPC Youth Group,
Wow! A giant thanks to you for the awesome crew, including Dawson Strong and Adam Konik, for the fantastic job on our gigantic amount of leaves! We feel blessed,

Julie & Scott Gardner

THANK YOU

A special thank you to our own Dwight Tkach of Nobil's Sports & Trophies for donating our new Usher and Greeter name tags. We appreciate you!

Your FPC Family

Thank You

Dear church family,
We are blessed by the outpouring of love from our congregation and the beautiful graveside service from Pastor James, at the passing of our mother, Laura Lee Gardner.

*In Christ's love,
Julie & Scott Gardner*



We want to thank you all for the prayers and get well wishes for Larry's surgery. The procedure went well and he is recovering nicely. Thanks for the help in arranging transportation. A special thank you to Dawson Strong for driving us to and from Cleveland. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Larry and Sharon Howe

Good Job H.Y.P.E Youth Group on your leaf raking day!! FIVE Lawns in TWO hours!! 15 Kids and 3 adults! You are wonderful, and we know those served are so very grateful for all your hard work! Your mission work does not go unnoticed!

Your First Presbyterian Church Family!



The Fellowship Committee members are so thankful for our 6 volunteer turkey cookers (Chris Canfield, Brian Pancost, Dale Rafie, John Flickinger, Amy Bower, and Reta Stark) even if the turkeys are less than grateful. We served 131 people and 6 carry outs! Thanks also to our clean up crew, including our youth, making short work of things so we got to go home earlier. Thank you to our wonderful church people who exceeded our wildest dreams for how many would show up... we love you.

Judy Eckler, Iris Riley, Heidi Strong, Bev Miller and Brian Hauler

Thank you

Youth friends,
Thanks so much for raking my leaves this Fall! You are a blessing to me!

Aundrea Gordon

First Presbyterian Church,

Every day we deal with change. It's the nature of what we do. Amidst all of this, it is a joy to find consistency, and we see this consistency in you. On a regular basis you come alongside us as a true Partner in this work. Thank you for being there.

We are stronger because of you.

Danielle Harvey, Exec. Director at Abigail Pregnancy Services

Dear Friends,

Thank you, once again, for the prayers, cards and love I have received from our church family. This has been a rather long and frustrating journey and the support you extend to all of us during a "down time" is priceless. It makes it easier to enjoy being a Keenager! I'd like to share a funny story and hope you see the humor in it. I treasure every card and note I have ever gotten. And, when making our final arrangements with John Evans we chose cremation. I asked John if I could take something along and he said "What?" I told him I had some special cards and a pair of heels. He said that would be alright. Wait till he sees how big the box is!!! Again, thank you so much. I just love being part of the First Presbyterian Church Family.

Joyce Ditz



I want to thank you for all the cards and prayers during this time of the loss of my husband. They have been a blessing. My faith and my church family will continue to strengthen me.

Bev Miller

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E.D.G.E. 3RD - 6TH
GRADE YOUTH GROUP

GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS PARTY!

DROP OFF
AND PICK
UP AT
THE GYM
DOORS

GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH GINGERBREAD HOUSE
DECORATING, A SEASONAL FEAST, CHRISTMAS MOVIES,
AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER COMPETITION, A
SURPRISE GIFT TO UNWRAP AND MORE FESTIVE FUN!

12-2PM
SUNDAY, DEC 17

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21 FIRELANDS BLVD.
NORWALK, OH 419-668-1923



Presbyterian Women's
Morning Circle
members recently
celebrated our own
Betty Boegli's
98th birthday!
We wish you the very
best Betty! Here's to
many, many more
beautiful years!



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Growing in Christ.

Reaching Out in Love.



~ December 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting 1p Keen-Agers	2 8a Men's Small Group 7p AA Meeting
3 COMMUNION / FOOD BANK SUNDAY 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a ADVENTURES 10:45a Worship Service 7p Youth Night - HYPE	4 11a Monday Small Group 5:45p Worship Committee 6:30p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom	5 10a AA Meeting	6 7a Men's AM Group 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices 8p Al-anon	7 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 4p Leadership of Huron County Graduation Event 5:30p CE Meeting 6:30p Mission Committee 6:30p Outreach Committee	8 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting	9 8a Men's Small Group 7p AA Meeting
10 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Service 6p Youth Christmas Party	11 11a Monday Small Group 6p ACT Board Meeting 6:30p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom	12 10a AA Meeting 4:30p EDGE 5:30p Building & Grounds	13 7a Men's AM Group 12p Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea 12p Stewardship Meeting 4p Huston Small Group 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices 8p Al-anon	14 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 6:30p Deacons Meeting	15 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting	16 8a Men's Small Group 8a-8p Salvation Army Bell Ringers @ Walmart 5p FADS 7p AA Meeting
17 CHRISTMAS CANTATA 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Service	18 11a Monday Small Group 4p Huron County DD Bears 6:30p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom	19 10a AA Meeting	20 7a Men's AM Group 12:30p Birthday Bunch 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices 8p Al-anon	21 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 4p Huron County DD Bears 6:30p Session Meeting	22 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting	23 8a Men's Small Group 7p AA Meeting
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