



PASTOR'S PEN: SLEEPERS AWAKE

Matthew 25:1-13



Every morning, people arise ready to face a new day. They make the coffee, check the news, and make their morning jog before the darkness turns to light. Then, there are the rest of us. Morning comes as an unwelcome intrusion into our rest. When the alarm sounds, we amazingly complete complex mathematical calculations to determine if we have time for ten more minutes of sleep. Even the most chipper morning person I know occasionally reaches for the snooze bar. Simply put, waking up is hard to do.

At least once a year in our house, we change our alarm. We get accustomed to the bells and whistles of one and need another. Thankfully, plenty of inventors are not content to let sleeping dogs lie. I read recently about an alarm clock that launches three puzzle pieces into the air when the alarm sounds. The sleeper must locate the pieces and place them in the correct order before the snooze bar will end the annoying sound.

Why do some of us have so much trouble waking up? Some say that we are overworked. Others say the issue is related to genetics. Still others argue that we spend too much time on screens. Personally, I think that I'm like that little kid who doesn't want to go to bed. I think I might miss something exciting. I greedily hold onto yesterday, trying to stretch it out.

We have a tendency to do the same in our spiritual lives. We want the love of God. We desire a life motivated by hope. We have experienced the grace found in Jesus Christ. However, we still hold onto former desires and priorities. We are not ready to be transformed. We cling to old behaviors and attitudes not consistent with our new lives in Christ. When the call comes on Easter morning, we reach for the snooze bar, exhausted.

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This does not mean that we add a religious category to an already busy "to-do" list. Instead, our list becomes transformed. We leave behind those things unpleasing to our Savior, and we do everything from this day forward to the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor James*

NEWS FROM SESSION



MARCH 2024

Session met with several confirmands at the beginning of the meeting. The 2024 Confirmation Class will be accepted as new members in April. Dawson Strong shared some of his thoughts on the Youth Director position. The Boundary Training policy was approved. The committee procedures, policies, and guidelines were approved as revised or reaffirmed. The church will be closed on April 8th due to the solar eclipse.

Building and Grounds reported the Chancel lights were repaired. The sump and lift pumps were tested, and the gutters were cleaned on March 3rd. Presbyterian Women donated \$10,000 to Building and Grounds for maintenance of the storage building. Electricity and gutters will be added soon. The Christian Education Committee shared its Vision Statement for 2024. Session endorsed the senior high mission trip to Puerto Rico in July. Twelve youth and three adults will be going. A New Members class begins on April 21st. Preparations for Vacation Bible School are well underway. The theme is *Twists and Turns, Following Jesus Changes the Game*.

The Fellowship Committee reported that Lenten Soup Suppers are going well with an average attendance of around 58 people. Session approved the Belize Mission Trip for February 2025. Fellowship will be hosting a dinner on Maundy Thursday at 5:30 pm. The Youth are having a movie night event on April 5th and Fellowship is providing drinks and snacks. The Outreach Committee continues planning for the 2024 National Day of Prayer. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 am followed by a worship service at 7:00 am. John Soisson will be the guest speaker. The Radio Program has been funded for another quarter thanks to a generous donation.

The Stewardship Committee reported that Jeff Polcar, Wells Fargo Advisors, provided a review of the investment portfolio which is doing well. The Worship Committee is preparing for Holy Week worship services and Easter Sunday worship services. The Joyful Ringers and Hodge Podge will resume rehearsals soon.

The Crossroads Steering Committee developed a Discovery Report that summarizes the survey results and the information gathered during the Focus Group discussions. This information was used by the Vision Team during its first retreat on March 2nd. So far, we have looked at *Who we are*. During the second retreat in May, we will be looking at *Where God is leading us*. A communication plan will be developed to share this information with the congregation.

Upcoming Events:

April 5 – Youth Movie Night
April 8 – Church closed due to eclipse
April 14 – Confirmands Welcomed
April 21 – New Members Class begins

April 21 – Dawson Strong to preach
May 2 – National Day of Prayer
May 11 – Vision Team Retreat #2
June 17 – VBS begins

NEXT MONTH'S MESSENGER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, APRIL 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.



CHURCH FINANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024

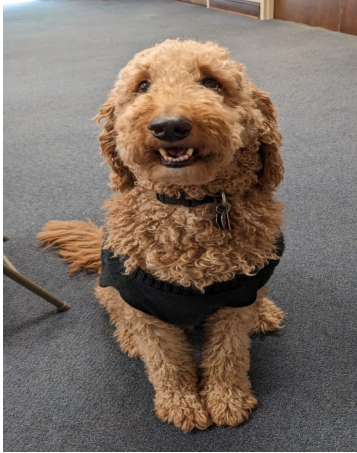
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| YTD Income | \$ 75,229.53 |
| YTD Expense | \$ 89,624.37 |
| Net Income | \$ (14,394.84) |

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

ROOTED IN GRACE



Keenagers



The Keenagers came together in March to hear Steve Beal with Senior Enrichment Services speak. He updated the group on the construction of their new building, services, and the upcoming levy. .

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th at 1:00pm we are meeting in the great room, to enjoy a HYMN SING with Russ White.

NEXT MONTH, MAY 3rd at 1:00pm we will enjoy Christian Charades! Come be a part of the fun!

Are you 70 years or older?? If so, come join us!!

Dog hugs, Winston

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| Apr 7 | Ty Keefer Family/ Adam Sommers Family COMMUNION: Barb Fries & Julie Gardner / Bev Miller & Brian Hauler | Marilyn Huston / Bev Miller | Heidi Strong | Heidi Strong | Michele Graves /Ralph Leber | Mindy Klett / Brian Pancost |
| Apr 14 | Jason Strong Family / Adam Sommers Family | Roger Knight / Nancy Gfell | George Scherz | George Scherz | Michele Graves /Ralph Leber | Brian Pancost / Brandon Schwinn |
| Apr 21 | Jason Strong Family/ Bev Miller & Brian Hauler | Ella Fries / Aili Corfman | Crissy Cooperrider | Crissy Cooperrider | Michele Graves /Ralph Leber | Brian Pancost / Kayla Eyer |
| Apr 28 | Dale Bond Family/ Bev Miller & Brian Hauler | Amy Bower / Suzanne Boegli | Katie Howell | Katie Howell | Michele Graves /Ralph Leber | Jaime Fries / Brandon Schwinn |

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

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| May 5 | MaryAnn & Paul Lamb/ Michele Graves & Diane Eschen COMMUNION: Roger Knight & Amy Bower / Greg Eyer & Chris Canfield | Ty Keefer / Chris Canfield | Roger Knight | Roger Knight | Laurie Flickinger /Ralph Leber | Brian Pancost / Brandon Schwinn |
| May 12 | MaryAnn & Paul Lamb/ Craig Corfman Family | Abby Keefer / Brian Pancost | Donna Allen | Donna Allen | Laurie Flickinger /Ralph Leber | Mindy Klett/ Kayla Eyer |
| May 19 | MaryAnn & Paul Lamb/ Craig Corfman Family | Owen Fries / Zoey Corfman | Julie Gardner | Julie Gardner | Laurie Flickinger /Ralph Leber | Jaime Fries/ Brian Pancost |
| May 26 9:30AM | Brian Klett Family | Julie Myers | Shannon Sommers | Shannon Sommers | Laurie Flickinger & Ralph Leber | Brian Pancost |

ROOTED IN GRACE



So You think you know.....

...Kathleen Wheeler??



Vacation Bible School is coming. June 17-21 will be here before we know it. Like the first flowers of spring, Bible verses and colorful decorations will soon be budding around the church. We thought this month that we might find out a bit more about the lady behind it all, our Director of Children and Families, Kathleen Wheeler. Here's what we found out in our latest interview.

What's your background?

I graduated from Ashland University with a Bachelor's in Music Education. I was then hired as the choir director for grades 6-12 in New London. I also was director/choreographer/vocal instructor for various musicals and plays, Show Choir, A Cappella Choir, several area Honors choirs and was the Artistic/Choral Director for the Ashland Symphonic Youth Chorus.

I went back to college at Ashland University and received my Master's in Education, Curriculum and Development. After our first child was born, I started working part-time at First Pres. as your Children and Families Director. When our third child was born, I quit and took some time at home to be a full-time Mommy. A few years later, this job came knocking again, and here we are!

Where are you from?

I have lived in this area my entire life. Born at a hospital in Sandusky; lived in Clyde, Bellevue, Castalia, Monroeville, Ashland, New London, Norwalk, and Milan, which is where we live now.

What is your favorite Scripture or book of the Bible? Why?

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

This was the verse I chose when I was in confirmation, and it has given me great strength and hope through many of life's challenges.

What are your favorite hymns or worship songs?

How much time do you have? I seem to add new favorite songs to my list every month! *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone), Blessed Be Your Name, Indescribable, I Could Sing of Your Love Forever, How Great is Our God, Oceans, The Old Rugged Cross, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Joy to the World, I am Redeemed, You Say, Joyful Joyful, Oh Happy Day, I Can Only Imagine...*

What is something that not many people know about you?

Even though much of my life is spent in front of people (directing, managing, on a stage, as the spokesperson, etc.) I really prefer to be pretty introverted.

Do you have a credo or a piece of advice that you live by?

I don't know if it's a credo per say, but I often try to shift perspective and look on the bright side of life. The silver lining to the cloud, rainbows during rain, don't sweat the small stuff kind of mentality seems to keep me focused on what really matters. I'd say I am a realistic optimist. I don't pretend negative things don't exist, but at the same time, I choose to focus more on what is still positive during those moments. "Paint things in a positive light," as they say.

What do you like best about VBS?

Oh gosh! Since you probably don't want a generic, "Everything!" answer, I'd have to say it's probably the end of the day, lol. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love the days of VBS and teaching kids, hearing laughter and learning down every hall, and watching everything fall into place, but there's just something super special when you see a job well done! Kids are leaving, excited to tell their parents about their day or asking to bring their friends tomorrow. Teachers are worn out but so happy with what they accomplished. You get to breathe again after the chaos but jump right back into prepping and planning for the next day. This is really the time that I see the dedication of our volunteers and the excitement for Jesus in our kids.

Please pray for another outstanding VBS!

GROWING IN CHRIST



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
2024
JUNE 17 - 21!**

TWISTS & TURNS

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 20:4

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Vacation Bible School, June 17th - 21st from 9 - 12:30pm daily

This year we welcome all of our preschool through 6th grade students as we learn that following Jesus changes the game in this year's, "Twists and Turns!" VBS. We would love for you to join us as kids get ready to spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. To register your kids now, simply go to our church's website, www.firstpresbyterian.net, click on the children and youth tab, then the Vacation Bible School tab and you will find our online registration. Don't forget to invite all of your friends, neighbors, classmates, cousins, and all other kids who want to come and celebrate Jesus with us! Vacation Bible School isn't just for the kids! Won't you consider volunteering to help make this year's event a smashing success? If you are willing, we will find a place for you!

We need everyone from teachers to craft prep to snack providers to those dedicated to praying for this year's VBS - all are welcome.

Contact Kathleen Wheeler, kwheeler@firstpresbyterian.net today!

MAKING SUMMER PLANS?



CONTACT PAT AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE FOR
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
BEFORE APPLYING AT
WWW.PHOC.ORG

**JOIN US AT
SUMMER
CHURCH CAMP!**

JUNE 16 - JUNE 21

JUNE 23 - JUNE 28

JULY 7 - JULY 12

JULY - JULY 19

KINDER CAMP

JUNE 7 - JUNE 8

AGES 3-17

AGE 17+ BE A COUNSELOR

PLEASANT HILL OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMP

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp! Camps have an unquestionably significant influence on the spiritual and relational lives of our youth! Send your child to camp this summer and let him or her connect with Christ. For more information and schedules, visit www.phoc.org for information on Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp in Perrysville or www.bbeach.org for information on Beulah Beach's Camp in Vermilion. Camp scholarships from our church are available for all church members. If you are interested in a scholarship, please talk to Pat Babcock in our church office and return your scholarship applications by May 1st.

GROWING IN CHRIST



On behalf of the 2024 Belize Mission Team, thank you. Thank you for everything you've done as a church. The prayers, the support, and the spirit for mission. Missions matter. And we are blessed to have gotten to be a part of this trip.

This trip showed us something evident. When people use their skills and passions with a purpose, God works through them. That was on display throughout our trip. Watching Katie Howell, Macie Wallace, and Jason Strong lead a 2-day medical clinic in the Valley of Peace serving around 200 people or a day of home health to check on some of the older residents showed their heart for people and the expertise of their medical knowledge.

Seeing Greg Graves and Ty Keefer coach those at Marla's House of Hope on how to properly service their septic system so it lasts a long time. Or Linda Carino at the libraries and interacting with the kids. Or Laurie Flickinger giving powerful prayers. Or Scott Howell fixing a radio for a couple so they could once again dance to hymns.

It was a blessing to get to see events like these every day. And if you ask any of them, they could share many more of their stories with you. Maybe even more of a blessing is the impact on each member. Mission trips are for us to go and make a difference. To show the love of Christ. While doing that, the impact often happens to us. We are impacted. We are changed.

This trip cemented in our minds that anyone can go on a trip like this. Anyone with the right heart and mindset can have an impact. And maybe even more importantly, anyone can be impacted.

We're going next year! February 15-23, 2025. Reach out for more information if interested!

Dave Wallace and Dawson Strong



REACHING OUT IN LOVE



**"I am the living one.
I died, but look - I am alive
forever and ever!" -
Revelation 1:18**

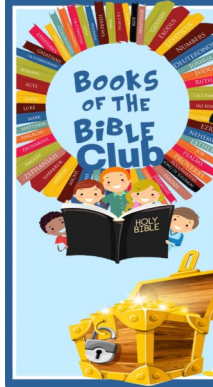
APRIL'S VERSE
Every month
we will challenge
the congregation to
memorize a Bible verse!



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

Here is our verse for April:

"I am the living one. I died, but look - I am alive forever and ever!" - Revelation 1:18



**Congratulations
to our first GOLD STAR
"Books of the Bible Kid's Club"
members
Eliza & Emmie Wheeler,
and to Alena & Lilly Howell
for both reaching LEVEL 3!**

Contact Kathleen Wheeler for details to join in!

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE KID'S CLUB!

Congratulations to our first GOLD STAR "Books of the Bible Kid's Club," members, Emmie and Eliza Wheeler, who have completed all 5 levels of memorizing the books of the Bible! What an outstanding job! Congratulations also goes out to our students who leveled up this past month: Alena Howell (level 3), and Lilly Howell (level 3). Way to go, kids! If your Sunday School aged child would like to join our "Books of the Bible Kid's Club," see Mrs. Wheeler to get started. Your treasures await!



**2nd & 4th
Tuesday
@4:30pm**

**Our redesigned
3rd-6th grade
Youth Group**

EDGE
ETERNALLY DRIVEN BY GOD'S EXAMPLE

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

E.D.G.E. (Eternally Driven by God's Example)

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 FUNDAYS!**

We hope to see you and all of your friends at E.D.G.E. Check out the end of our 23/24 school year schedule below:

Apr. 9, Tues 4:30 - 5:30: Session 3 -

Me, Myself and I: Who Am I Trying to Please?

Apr. 14, SUNDAY FUNDAY 12 - 2: Chocolate Olympics!

Apr. 23, Tues 4:30 - 5:30: Session 4 -

Me, Myself and I: Who Is Really In Charge?

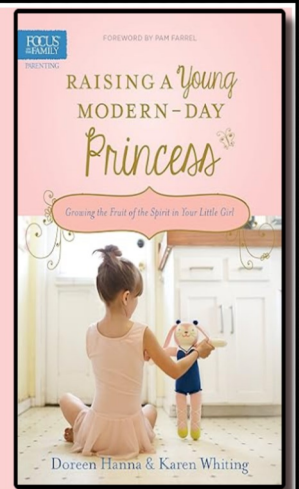
May 5, SUNDAY FUNDAY 12 - 2: End of Year Fiesta!

PARENT BOOK NOOK FEATURE:

This month's featured book is entitled, "Raising a Young Modern-Day Princess: Growing the Fruit of the Spirit in Your Little Girl," written by Doreen Hanna & Karen Whiting. Doreen and Karen seek to help parents and grandparents cultivate strong relationships and encourage spiritual formation in their daughters using examples, Bible teaching on the fruit of the Spirit, and a variety of creative activities based on Galatians 5:22-23. This book will equip you to understand and guide your daughters through each step of becoming His "princess," the daughter of the King. 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.

*April
Book Nook Feature:
"Raising a Young Modern-Day
Princess: Growing the Fruit of
the Spirit in Your Little Girl,"*

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REACHING OUT IN LOVE



CHECK THIS OUT!

**FPC BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
HAS REVISED OUR
FACILITY USE FORM!**

Default Room arrangements are now posted in Fellowship Hall, Great Room, Good Room, & Session Room. Contact the church office for the new form, pricing & details you'll be responsible for.

WE take it all!

WE collect ALL YEAR LONG!

Garden accessories & tools

Holiday & seasonal items

Remodel pieces, parts & home decor

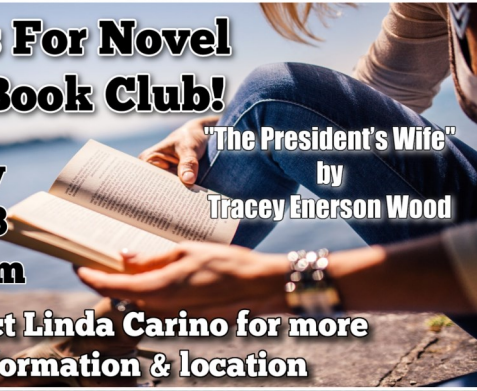
We take unopened & very clean undergarments & socks

Coming in AUGUST!

NORWALK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Join Us For Novel Ideas Book Club!

**Sunday
April 28
@ 4:30 pm**



**"The President's Wife"
by
Tracey Emerson Wood**

Contact Linda Carino for more information & location

Saturday, April 13th
Contact
Bob Sands or Kelly Weisenburger for details!

CAMP CLEAN UP DAY

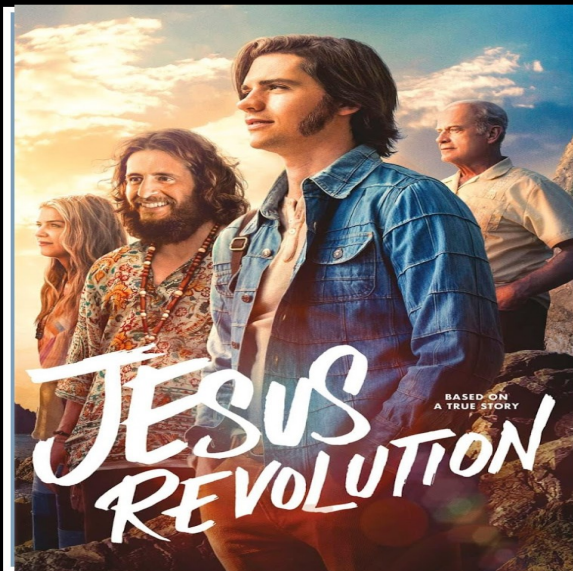
4654 PLEASANT HILL ROAD
PERRYSVILLE, OH 44864

**Join our
"BIRTHDAY BUNCH"
the 3rd Wednesday
of every month!**



EVERYONE has a birthday! Let's celebrate together with pizza every month @ East of Chicago Pizza at 12:30pm!

**AT THE CROSSROADS.....
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!**

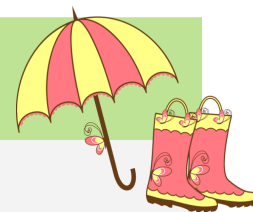


EVERYONE!

Join us on
**Friday, April 5th
@ 6:30pm**
for our
**"Jesus Revolution"
Movie Night
in the Great Room!**

Contact Dawson @ (419) 577-8574 for more details

REACHING OUT IN LOVE



From the Underground.....



Springtime is my favorite time of the year. Maybe it's because of how much I despise winter, but I always get thrilled when the spring season rolls around. The trees and flowers bloom, gardens are planted, while the animals and children start frolicking. It's also when I start to notice butterflies again. Whenever I see butterflies, the infamous "butterfly effect" comes to mind.

I find it hard sometimes to feel like my choices matter. Especially when it seems like God isn't there. That's why I remember Ruth and Esther. The two female-named books in the Bible have a lot in common and can unite for an outstanding message.

In Ruth, God is hardly mentioned. And in Esther, God is flat-out not mentioned at all. Why?

Ruth asks us to look at the relationship between God's purposes and human decisions. Throughout the book, the choices of the characters matter. Ruth chooses to stay with Naomi, even though it will be extremely difficult. Boaz chooses to allow Ruth to pick in his field. The family redeemer chooses not to redeem because Ruth is a Moabite. Boaz chooses to redeem Naomi and Ruth. Looking back at Ruth, every choice, mundane or otherwise, matters and leads to redemption. Not just for Naomi and Ruth, but for all of us. *Take a look at the genealogy at the end of Ruth.

As for Esther, the choices the characters make are less worthy of imitation. They get drunk, they get angry, and they even murder. The Jews are in exile and unable to obey God's law. God seems absent from this story, from the choices. He seems done with Israel. Is He?

Of course not. God isn't mentioned by name, but that doesn't mean that He isn't there. He's working in the mess and moral ambiguity of human life. He uses the faithfulness of even morally compromised people to do His purposes. Esther asks us to trust God's providence even when we can't see it. That requires a posture of hope, to believe that, no matter how horrible things get, God is committed to redeeming His good world and overcoming evil. God's involvement in our daily lives may be hard to see. Seemingly impossible at times. But no matter what, He is still working through our choices, through the flaps of our wings.

Our choices matter and when we choose good, when we choose God's way, He can use anything and anyone for His plan, including butterflies.

Get HYPE'D,

Dawson Strong, Youth Director

Contact Dawson Strong for details

HYPE'D

Sundays @ 7pm
in the Underground

7th - 12th Grade Youth
Helping • Young • People • Explore • Discipleship

HAVE A 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?

We'd like to honor them!

Contact Kathleen Wheeler @ kwheeler@firstpresbyterian.net
by May 1st with the Graduate's name, high school, future plans
(college, employment, military, etc.), a Senior and a baby picture.

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2024

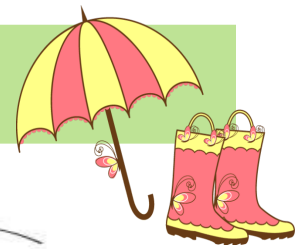
Will you be celebrating a high school graduation in your family this year? Before May 1, please contact Kathleen Wheeler, kwheeler@firstpresbyterian.net with the following: Name, high school, future plans (college, employment, military, etc.), a Senior and a baby picture. We would be honored to celebrate your Senior's achievements with a celebration during the 9:30 service on Sunday, June 2nd.



We had a fun! Pizza & Movie Night!

REACHING OUT IN LOVE

THANK YOU!



Giving Thanks for all the visits, calls, food, cards, thoughts and prayers of healing!

We got this!
Jerry Gormley

WHIRLYBALL?!

Well now, that looks like fun!
H.Y.P.E.'D YOUTH!
Join us on Sunday April 14th
from 2-8PM!
We'll meet in the
Underground and head out for
Fellowship, Food and FUN!
Please call our Youth Director
Dawson Strong @ 419-577-8574
for more info!
Let's WHIRL!



**Join us for
WHIRLYBALL,
Fellowship and FOOD!!**

**Contact Dawson Strong
for more info @
(419) 577-8574**

H.Y.P.E.'D YOUTH!!

**Sunday, April 14th- 2-8pm
Meet in the Underground - \$15 each**



CONFIRMATION



Receive The Gifts
of the Holy Spirit

Help us welcome
our 2024
Confirmation Class
members on
April 14
@ the 10:45
worship service

JOIN US APRIL 14th

at the 10:45 worship service!

At the baptism of our children, we declare that they belong to God. We also promise that we will raise them in faith. In time, we pray that they themselves would affirm the covenant made at their baptism. For the First Presbyterian Church, confirmation is an important step in that process.

However, confirmation is not the end but another beginning. It is tragic when a youth who takes the time and effort to learn about the faith disappears shortly after affirming his or her faith before the congregation. Our prayer is that each youth will continue praying, reading scripture, worshipping, serving, and asking questions long after the classes are over.

APRIL

MAY

JOIN US FOR KEENAGERS

Friday, April 5th at 1:00pm
in the great room.

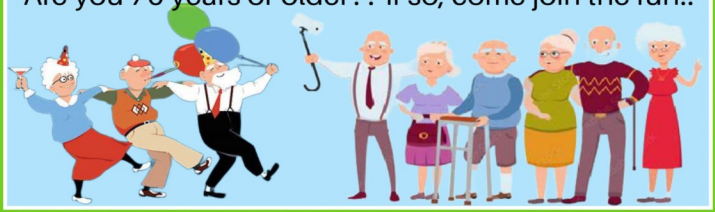
We'll enjoy a HYMN SING with Russ White!
Are you 70 years or older?? If so, come join the fun!!



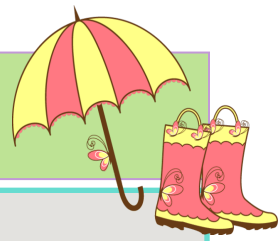
JOIN US FOR KEENAGERS

Friday, May 3rd at 1:00pm
in the great room.

We'll enjoy a GAME OF CHRISTIAN CHARADES!!
Are you 70 years or older?? If so, come join the fun!!



REACHING OUT IN LOVE



THURSDAY, APRIL 25th
3-8 pm

FOR VBS

Cricut & Cookies



Contact Kathleen Wheeler for more details

VBS CRICUT AND COOKIES PARTY:

If you own a Cricut machine and like cookies, we have an event for you! On Thursday, April 25th, we will be hosting our annual Cricut and Cookies party to help prep for VBS. Bring yourself and your Cricut machine to the great room anytime between 3-8pm to help us cut out all kinds of VBS related items! If you would like to bring a plate of cookies to share with everyone, please do! Otherwise cookies and snacks are provided. Don't own a Cricut machine? No problem! Come anyway to help cut and prep without a machine. We hope to see you there!

E.D.G.E. 3rd - 6th Grade Youth Group

Chocolate Olympics

APRIL 14, 2024



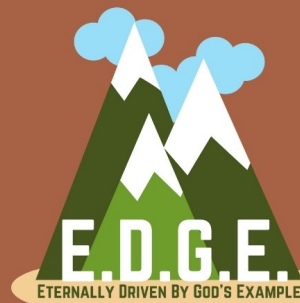
Welcome to the Chocolate Olympics - an epic afternoon filled with cocoa-fueled excitement! Get ready for thrilling relay races, challenging obstacle courses, pie-eating showdowns, M&M sorting madness, and more!

12 - 2pm. Pickup & dropoff at the gym doors

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY 11a Monday Small Group 5:45p Worship Committee 7p Bible Banter via Zoom | 2 10a AA Meeting | 3 7a Men's AM Group 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices Rehearsal 8p Al-anon | 4 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 6:30p Outreach Committee | 5 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting 1p Keen-Agers 6:30p Jesus Revolution Movie Night | 6 8a Men's Small Group 5p FADS 7p AA Meeting |
| 7 COMMUNION / FOOD BANK SUNDAY 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Confirmation Class 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Service 11:45a Crossroads Vision Team | 8 OFFICE CLOSED TOTAL ECLIPSE DAY | 9 10a AA Meeting 4:30p Youth -EDGE 5:30p Building & Grounds 6p Fellowship Committee | 10 7a Men's AM Group 12p Stewardship Meeting 4p Huston Small Group 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices Rehearsal 8p Al-anon | 11 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 5:30p CE Meeting 6:30p Deacons Meeting 6:30p Mission Committee | 12 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting | 13 8a Men's Small Group 7p AA Meeting |
| 14 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY (10:45) 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Confirmation Class 9:30a Sunday School 10:15a Session Special Meeting 10:45a Worship Service 2p Youth Night - HYPE'D-WHIRLEYBALL | 15 11a Monday Small Group 6p ACT Board Meeting 6p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom | 16 10a AA Meeting | 17 7a Men's AM Group 12:30p Birthday Bunch 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices Rehearsal 8p Al-anon | 18 6:30a Ditz Small Group 10a PW Morning Circle 12p Men's Small Group 12:30p PW Afternoon Circle | 19 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting | 20 8a Crossroads Team - Home Retreat 8a Men's Small Group 5p FADS 7p AA Meeting |
| 21 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Baptism 10:45a Worship Service 12p Crossroads Vision Team Meeting 7p Youth Night - HYPE'D | 22 11a Monday Small Group 6p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom | 23 10a AA Meeting 4:30p Youth - EDGE | 24 7a Men's AM Group 12p LYN Luncheon 5:15p Hodge Podge 6p Joyful Ringers Bell Choir 6:50p Westminster Voices Rehearsal 8p Al-anon | 25 6:30a Ditz Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 6:30p Session Meeting | 26 9a Friday Morning Small Group 10a AA Meeting | 27 8a Men's Small Group 11a Virginia Poling Funeral Visitation 1p Virginia Poling Funeral Service 1:45p Virginia Poling Coffee Hour 7p AA Meeting |
| 28 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Baptism 10:45a Worship Service 4:30p Novel Ideas Book Club 7p Youth Night - HYPE'D | 29 11a Monday Small Group 6p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom | 30 10a AA Meeting | Notes: | | | |