



PASTOR'S PEN: SUMMER RECREATION



Summer is here. It is true that the official beginning of the season, the summer solstice, doesn't occur until June 21, and school remains in session for a few more days. Nonetheless, one can sense that the season is already in the air. People are planning vacations, trips to Cedar Point, and visits with family. Children are looking forward to time at the swimming pool, summer camps, and a few more video games in air-conditioned comfort. We are thinking about summer foods—a glass of sun tea, lemonade, or an ice cream cone that melts faster than we can lick.

We associate summer with recreation, and many use the hotter months to rest and to play. We work hard, and ironically, we are very serious about our recreation. We invest our money to make our time off more relaxing and more fun. We use our precious minutes searching the

internet for the best prices on flights, hotel rooms, and cruises. Something in our souls begs for time off or just a little break. The word recreation itself literally means “re”-creation. We are rejuvenated, refreshed, and renewed by our down time.

The Scriptures teach us that we keep Sabbath because God rested after creating the world. They also teach us that creation was corrupted, and “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come” (2 Cor 5:17). We are “re”-created by God, and we find rest finally in him. This summer, as you are frantically looking for times of recreation, don't forget the opportunity to be re-created. We'll see you on the Lord's Day in worship.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor James Hodsdon*

NO APRIL SESSION MEETING



UPCOMING:

- * Saturday, May 2: Campus Work Day
- * Sunday, May 18: VBS Training
- * Tuesday, May 6: Election Day
- * Sunday, May 25: Youth Mission Trip Breakfast Fundraiser
- * Sunday, May 18: Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- * Sunday, June 1: Graduation Sunday

Join Us for
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday May 1, 2025

POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED
ROMANS 15:13

WHEN: 6:30 AM Breakfast
Provided by the
FPC Outreach Committee
7:00 AM Prayer service

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
21 Firelands Blvd.
Norwalk, OH

SPEAKER: Dr. Amy Haynes



Dr Amy Haynes is an advanced functional medicine physician in Vermilion, Ohio. She received her bachelor's of science at The Ohio State university and her doctorate of chiropractic at Palmer college of chiropractic. She then went on to receive her functional medicine degree through the prestigious Kharrazian institution and just finished her advanced functional medicine degree in 2023 where she was awarded the flame of knowledge for academic excellence in functional medicine. She was 1 of 23 in the world to receive this award.

Amy is married to her husband Mark for almost 12 years now. They were blessed with 2 beautiful little girls together, 6 older children and 10 grandchildren. She has always been rooted in her faith from a young age, loves Jesus and spreading the love of Jesus through all she does. She is passionate about serving, family, wellness, nutrition and fitness especially when it comes to women's health.

NEXT MONTH'S MESSENGER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF March 31, 2025

YTD Income \$ 132,820.28
YTD Expense \$ 139,080.61
YTD Net Income \$ (6,260.33)

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

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THE ROAD AHEAD

COREVALUES
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THE ROAD AHEAD - Key Targets

Children/Youth
Sponsored by Kathleen Wheeler
 Involvement
Championed by George Scherz & Mike Wilde

Discipleship
Sponsored by Dr. Julie Murdock
 Communication
Championed by Dirk Hiler

DATE	USHERS 8:30am—10:45 am	LITURGISTS 8:30am—10:45 am	COFFEE HOUR	VISITATION	GREETERS 8:30am—10:45 am	SCREEN OPERATORS 8:30am—10:45 am
May 4	Paul & Mary Ann Lamb/ Chris & Molly Canfield COMMUNION: Mindy & Brian Klett & Heidi Strong / Bev Miller, Brian Hauler & Roger Knight	Marilyn Huston / Julie Murdock	Cynthia Kniffin	Cynthia Kniffin	Marcia & Terry Goodsite / Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Nancy Cloak / Brian Pancost
May 11	Paul & Mary Ann Lamb/ Chris & Molly Canfield	Roger Knight / Chris Canfield	Debbie Balduff	Debbie Balduff	Marcia & Terry Goodsite / Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Brian Pancost / Brandon Schwinn
May 18	Paul & Mary Ann Lamb/ Chris & Molly Canfield	Youth /Youth	Christian Education	Marilyn Huston	Marcia & Terry Goodsite / Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Nancy Cloak / Kayla Eyer
May 25 9:30AM	Chris & Molly Canfield	Katrina Dickerson	George Scherz	George Scherz	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Mindy Klett

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

DATE	USHERS 9:30am	LITURGISTS 9:30am	COFFEE HOUR	VISITATION	GREETERS 9:30am	SCREEN OPERATORS 9:30am
June 1	Shannon & Adam Sommers COMMUNION: Connie Kluding, Diane Eschen & Crissy Cooperrider	Julie Gardner	Christian Education	Kay Kersey	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Nancy Cloak
June 8	Karen Becker	Alice Pleasnick	Janet Newcomer	Janet Newcomer	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Mindy Klett
June 15	Tracey & Norm Sommers	Youth	Cynthia Hight	Cynthia Hight	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Brian Pancost
June 22	Tracey & Norm Sommers	Kay Kersey	Shannon Sommers	Shannon Sommers	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Kayla Eyer
June 29	Jullie & Scott Gardner	Alice Pleasnick	Marcia Barlow	Marcia Barlow	Jack Churchill & Ralph Leber	Brandon Schwinn





So you think you know.....

Aundrea Gordon?



Aundrea Gordon has been a beloved part of our church family since the 1990s. She recalls that time fondly when her daughter Amanda began attending youth group with Erin Scherz, prompting Aundrea and her husband, Mike, to attend services themselves.

A lifelong educator at heart, Aundrea retired in 2005 after 31 years of teaching, mostly energetic and curious Kindergarteners. Retirement didn't slow her down much, though. The following year, the church called her to serve as our Christian Education Director, a role she faithfully and joyfully filled for over seven years.

Faith has been a foundation throughout Aundrea's life. Growing up, her family provided incredible examples of Christian love and service. She remembers her grandparents' courage in the late 1950s and early '60s, standing up for justice by renting an apartment to a Black couple despite threats from the KKK. Another cherished memory is riding

horseback through the hills of Kentucky with her grandfather, who served as a mission pastor visiting remote mountain cabins.

Her small group here at FPC has been a source of love, comfort, support, and faith growth—especially through life's harder seasons. After losing Mike in 2020, the support of her small group, family, and lifelong friends helped her embrace a "new normal" and continue forward with hope. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It reminds Aundrea that Jesus will be by her side, giving her strength even when anxious or unsure.

Her family continues to be one of Aundrea's greatest blessings. Her daughter, Amanda, and son-in-law, Ben, have given her two wonderful grandchildren, ages 2 and 14. You can find her in Strongsville every Tuesday and Wednesday, spending time with them. Some of her favorite moments are hiking, biking, and "beaching" with her family.

When not spending time with family or serving the church, Aundrea loves riding her bike, hiking a trail, cozying up by the fire with a good book, enjoying a meal with friends, or scrapbooking memories. She especially cherishes mornings by the ocean, watching the sunrise.

With her years of service to children, it's not surprising that Aundrea's favorite Christian songs are "This Little Light of Mine" and "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart!". These certainly reflect the joyful light she brings to our church family.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor James

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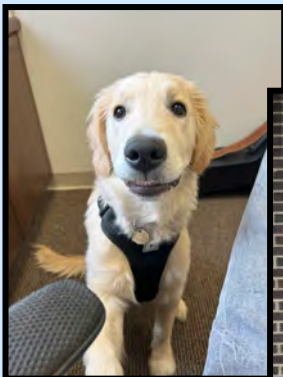
**Check out the fun that was had at
APRIL'S E.D.G.E SUNDAY FUNDAY
Random Acts of Kindness Party!
ETERNALLY—DRIVEN—BY—GOD'S—EXAMPLE!**



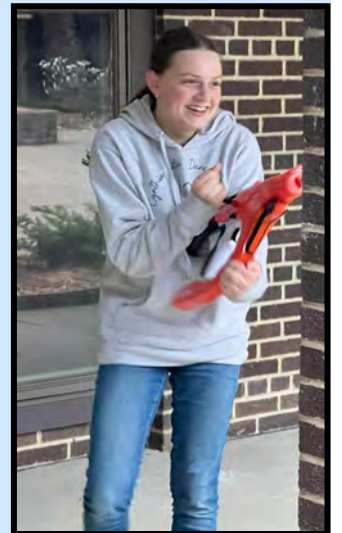
Do you have a 3rd-6th grader?? Have them join us for all the fun and fellowship at EDGE! 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 4:30pm!

**JOIN US MAY 4 @ NOON
CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!**

**PHOTOS FROM APRIL'S ANNUAL
SPRING BREAK NERF WAR!**



**'Marty',
the new HYPED
Mascot!**



JOIN H.Y.P.E.'D! ↓

HYPED

**7TH - 12TH GRADE MINISTRY
LIVING TRUE LIFE WITH GOD
AND ONE ANOTHER**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM | HYPED @ 7PM
YOU ARE INVITED**

JOIN THE BAND APP VIA THE QR CODE | CONTACT EVAN HOFFMAN



**Do you have a teenager,
grades 7th - 12th ??
Have them join us for all the fun and
fellowship, on Sunday evenings at
6PM for SMALL GROUP &
7PM for HYPE'D!
Helping - Young - People -
Explore - Discipleship**

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“HYPED - Tales from the Nerf War”

It was a hard fought battle with betrayal, espionage, and many good men and women eliminated (from the game, they're not actually dead).

In March, HYPED held its very first nerf war during Norwalk's Spring break.

For those of you confused by what that even means, the nerf war is a game that the youth group played for an entire week where at any point during the week you could've been eliminated from the game, by being hit with a nerf dart from a nerf gun. This is something that I (Evan), did in high school which brought back good memories. Little did I know that I'd be coming home to Eli Kluding sitting on my porch waiting for me to walk in, so that he could get me out.

There are a lot of stories from this nerf war, that may or may not involve me driving by the Keefer's house almost daily to shoot out the window at Wes, Eli, and Greg. But, none of them compare to the stories that Clay Heyman, from the team “The Grog Assassins,” is able to tell. Clay ended up with 4 eliminations, and his entire team had 9. The war path that they were on would not be in vain, and it landed them with the most eliminations in the nerf war becoming the first ever winners. Congrats to “The Grog Assassins,” even though I'm a little bitter that my team lost with two of us being taken out by Clay.

Great job by everyone, and we all look forward to next year as the Annual Nerf War continues, and the trophy will be passed on. Stop any HYPED member and ask them for their stories!



The Grog Assassins Team
Left to right: Nolan Jones, Zuri Immel,
Xavi Immel & HYPED Leader, Tracey Sommers.
(Not pictured: Clay Heyman)

Join us Sundays at 7:00pm in the Underground!

Evan Hoffman, Youth Director

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY MAY 25TH - 8AM - NOON
@ NORWALK EAGLES CLUB - 151 CLINE ST.

Enjoy the omelette station and more!
Come support our youth as they raise funds
for their St. Louis Mission Trip!
This will replace coffee hour at church.

CAR WASH

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

THE FPC
YOUTH GROUP
IS HOLDING A
CAR WASH
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST
9AM- 1PM
AT THE
NORWALK EAGLES
TO SUPPORT THEIR
MISSION TRIP

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MAY



**Friday,
May 2nd
at 1:00pm
Ice Cream
Social & Games!**
in the great room!
Are you 70 years or older??
If so, come join the fun!!

Keenagers

JUNE

JOIN US FOR KEENAGERS
Friday, June 6th to experience a
performance from
The "Treble" Women Singers
Are you 70 years or older??
If so, come join the fun!!



May 6th, 2025
ELECTION DAY



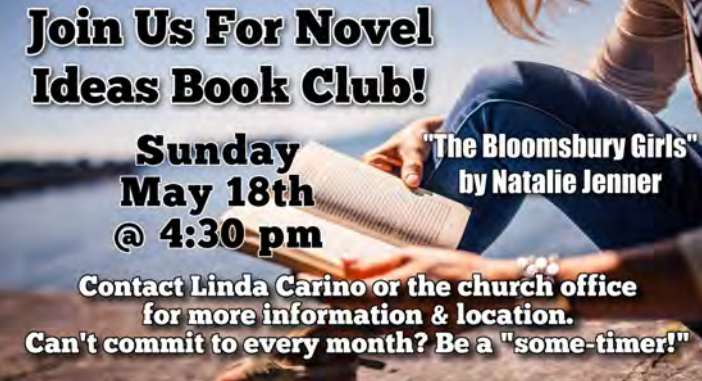
**I
VOTED
TODAY**

VOTE

**Join Us For Novel
Ideas Book Club!**
**Sunday
May 18th
@ 4:30 pm**

"The Bloomsbury Girls"
by Natalie Jenner

Contact Linda Carino or the church office
for more information & location.
Can't commit to every month? Be a "some-timer!"



*Sunday, May 4, 2025
9:30am In the Great Room*

**Town Hall
Adult Discipleship**



**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!**



**Cheers
to 80+
Years!**

Happy "80 PLUS" birthday to:

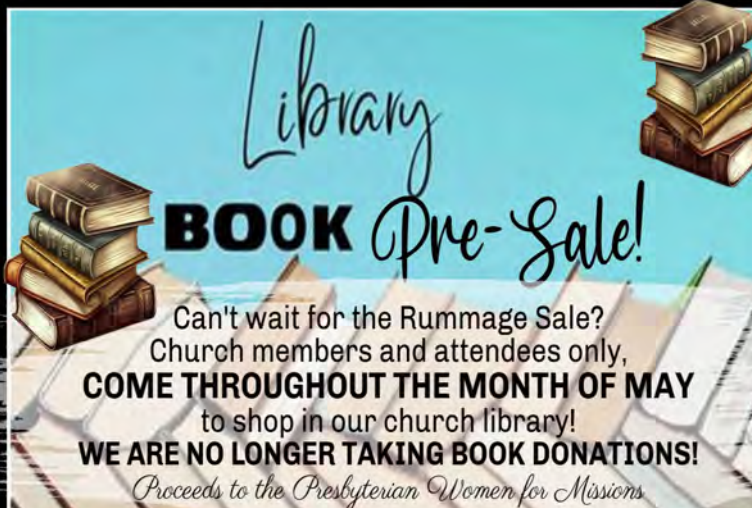
05/03 Dolores Hodsden
05/12 Steve Trimble
05/27 Shari Smith
06/01 Neil Robinson
06/15 Dave Hester

05/05 Jan Fegley
05/14 Judy Eckler
06/01 Michael Allen
06/03 Dale Rafie
06/23 Patricia Douglas

**Are we missing your birthday?
Contact Kathi at the church office to get us updated!**



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Library **BOOK Pre-Sale!**

Can't wait for the Rummage Sale?
Church members and attendees only,
COME THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY
to shop in our church library!
WE ARE NO LONGER TAKING BOOK DONATIONS!
Proceeds to the Presbyterian Women for Missions

Can't wait until the Rummage Sale to buy some books? Come to the Church Members and attendees only

BOOK PRESALE EVENT

In the church library, through the month of MAY. Great selection of books for all ages and interests.


No additional book donations are accepted at this time. Proceeds to the Presbyterian Women for Missions



BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE CHURCH

**FOR EXAMPLE: PAINT, CURTAINS,
REPLACEMENT ITEMS, ETC.....**

**PLEASE CONTACT A
BUILDING & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE MEMBER
FOR APPROVAL.**



Give thanks
in all circumstances;
for this is the
will of God
in Christ Jesus
for you.


Can't make it to church as often as you'd like?

Would you like us to add you to our HOMETOUCH mailing list? We would like to keep our community strong and vibrant, so we offer a variety of adult devotionals, activity pages, coloring pages, prayers, and crossword puzzles from both the Old and New Testaments, as well as our weekly worship folders.

Contact the church office to be added 419-668-1923

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**EVERY
THURSDAY
@ 6:30PM**



Contact Evan Hoffman for more details:
evan@firstpresbyterian.net

Have you left any dishes in the kitchen or items in the coat areas??

Please have them picked up by July 13th, or they will be donated to the Rummage Sale!



SUMMER

Worship Schedule

**On MAY 25th
we begin our
Summer worship
schedule.
We will have
ONE SERVICE at
9:30am**




BRING GLOVES AND A 5 GAL. BUCKET

Church

WORK DAY

**JOIN US
SATURDAY
MAY 3rd
8 am - Noon**



Work Day - May 3, 2025. Bring gloves, buckets, rakes, blowers, wheel barrels, window washing equipment. Save The Date—Fall work day is October 18, 2025!

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A Big Thank You to everyone who prepared food for the Lent Soup Suppers, and to All who worked or cleaned up. Fellowship appreciates all you do to make this Lent Season another opportunity to gather and give God the Praise.



Blessings, Fellowship Committee

Thank You!

We want to thank our church family for all of the prayers, cards, and encouraging messages that we received these past weeks. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern! Bob is on the mend now...God is good!

Bob and Becca Schumm

Please extend my gratitude to the congregation for the many prayers, cards, emails, and even phone calls I received in the weeks following my surgery. The love of the Body of Christ in those weeks is something I will always treasure.

Steve Ebling



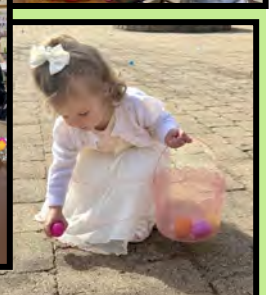
THANK YOU!

THANKS FOR COMING TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT!

We so enjoyed having you at this year's Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to everyone who helped fill our Easter Eggs with fun prizes, candies, and coins, and thank you to our Christian Education Committee for hosting this event. We should all aim to achieve the same look of excitement on our children's faces during Easter, all year round!



Thanks
for coming
to our
Easter Egg Hunt!



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FAITH 5 Real-Life Ways to THAT Disciple Your Preteen STICKS

TRICIA GOYER AND
LESLIE NUNNERY

MAY'S PARENT BOOK NOOK FEATURE:

Faith That Sticks 5 Real Life Ways to Disciple Your Pre-Teen

By Tricia Goyer & Leslie Nunnery

Visit our Parent Book Nook located next to the
Christian Education Office on the
2nd floor of the Children's Wing.

MAY PARENT BOOK NOOK FEATURE:

This month's featured book is entitled, "Faith That Sticks: 5 Real-Life Ways to Disciple Your Preteen," written by Tricia Goyer and Leslie Nunnery. If you want to connect with your preteen on a deeper level and watch your kids grow in their faith, you will find *Faith That Sticks* the encouragement and direction you need! The book's five key areas—prayer, Bible reading, family relationships, conversation, and service—provide a clear roadmap for parents who feel overwhelmed or unequipped. Using personal stories and examples, Tricia and Leslie's relatable experiences acknowledge that while the journey isn't always easy, it's always worth it. 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.



Would you like to donate needed supplies and scenery? Check out our [needed craft supplies board](#) in the gym and our [Amazon wish list](#) which can be found online at FirstPresbyterian.net/amazon

Thank you so very much for investing in this great ministry!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 16-20

9AM - 12:30PM DAILY

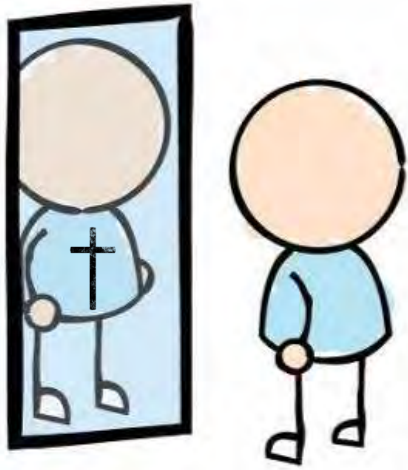
This year we welcome all of our preschool through 6th grade students as we learn that God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us, in this year's, "MAGNIFIED!" VBS. We would love for you to join us as kids get ready to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God! 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!



Operation Praise

Operation Praise came as response to a phone call for help with yard work. This team is designed to be ready at any moment to be God's hands and feet, whether it is cleaning out a flooded basement or picking up sticks in a yard, we will be there. This group is for all ages ready to give up any night of the week to help serve the church body. Contact our Youth Director Evan Hoffman to get plugged into the team, or join with the band app via the QR code on the slide.

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Thursday take out trash, Friday family dinner, Saturday tournament, Sunday church, Monday practice, Tuesday groceries, Wednesday laundry, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, MonTuesWedThursFriSatSMTWTFS....

No matter your stage of life, your weeks tend to look something like that monstrosity. Fill in the list with your own events and you'd get a good idea of your routine. How you spend your time in a given week with chores, work, school, taking care of other, social events. You get the idea.

What scares me is how we can lump our faith into our weekly routines. Sunday church and maybe youth group or a weekly Bible study for an hour. It becomes a checkbox in our mental schedules. How can we avoid this trap?

High school taught me a lot on how I wanted my future to look like. Perhaps most importantly, it showed me how much variety I need in my life. The weekly drab of MonTuesWedThursFRI almost lulled me into a mindless meandering of weekly living. I couldn't do that for the rest of my life. I needed change and new experiences or challenges to be my routine.

Now high school is my example. It could be yours. Or you could have loved every second of 9-12th, I will only silently judge if you did. But hopefully some examples from your life can help you think of what makes your routine the best and how it can keep you enjoying every week.

Don't make your faith a routine. I want that to be clear. I do want to use what I learned from my high school routine and apply it to our thinking on our faith. We need to be active and aware of what is going on in our journeys of faith in order to prepare us for a better future.

Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (ESV). With deliberate and consistent focus, the mercies of God will be revealed in new ways, we will have fresh experiences and insights into our faith.

I'm someone who hangs on to analogies when trying to learn or explain topics. My mind always goes towards exercising. If you run once a week for the same speed and distance, you will eventually hit a point called a "workout plateau." This is when your body has adapted to your regimen and you stop seeing improvements.

If a plateau is hit, you need to increase your speed or distance in order to keep growing and progressing.

If faith or church seems like part of your routine, you could be chillin on a spiritual plateau, which is dangerous. There is a sermon that mentions Revelations 3 and the church of Laodicea, so I won't get too deep into it. Just saying lukewarm and plateau seem eerily similar.

My purpose with all of this is simple: it's a call to self reflection. Even for myself. Is my faith growing? Am I actively seeking God and His mercies? Does my faith reflect all aspects of my life or just some? Do I act differently on Sundays than MTWTFS?

"A man grows most tired while standing still." ~ Chinese Proverb

**Keep your feet,
Dawson Strong**

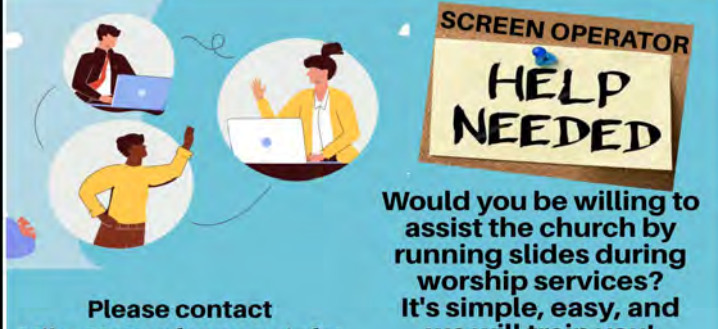


HEALING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT

Monthly, ongoing support for the loss of an adult loved one.

**2nd Thursday of every month here at
The First Presbyterian Church
21 Firelands Blvd.
4pm-5pm Rm 107**

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON
1st Wednesday of the month at Bob Evans**



**SCREEN OPERATOR
HELP
NEEDED**

Would you be willing to assist the church by running slides during worship services? It's simple, easy, and we will train you!

Please contact
Mike Matter for more info!

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SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

10 am - 4 pm

FOR VBS

Cricut & Cookies



Contact Kathleen Wheeler for more details

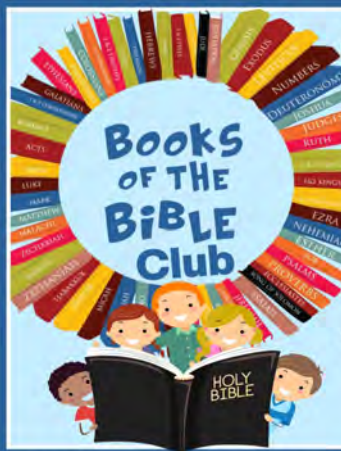
VBS CRICUT AND COOKIES PARTY:

If you own a Cricut machine and like cookies, we have an event for you! On Saturday, May 3rd, 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 10am - 4pm 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!

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE KIDS' CLUB

Congratulations to the following kids who have leveled up in our "Books of the Bible Kid's Club:" Lena Howell (level 3), Lilly Howell (level 3), and Anna Fries (level 3)!
What a wonderful job!

If your Sunday School-aged child would like to join our "Books of the Bible Kid's Club," see Mrs. Wheeler to get started or continue on today. Your treasures await!



ATTN: Sunday School Students -Grade 1-6

Recite the New Testament Books of the Bible, and become part of **THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE KIDS' CLUB!**

Contact Kathleen Wheeler for details

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

CINCO DE MAYO

END OF YEAR FIESTA

May 4th 12-2 pm Free Entry

Are you ready to party at the ultimate end-of-year fiesta! Get set for all you can eat chips and tacos, endless amounts of fun, and don't forget to bring all of your amigos!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21 FIRELANDS BLVD. NORWALK

E.D.G.E.
ETERNALLY DRIVEN BY GOD'S EXAMPLE

KWheeler@firstpresbyterian.net
FirstPresbyterian.net/edge

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THE HYPPIES

THE HYPED AWARD SHOW
SPECIAL GUESTS, AWARDS, PRIZES,
AND MUCH MORE.

5/4 @7PM

**We are having an
awards show night
for our final HYPED!**

**We will be going over highlights from this
year and bringing in special guests to give
away awards. Dress to impress and be
prepared for a special night
with lots of surprises!**

**"Man must not live
on bread alone but on
every word that comes
from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4**

**MAY'S
VERSE**
Every month
we will challenge
the congregation to
memorize a Bible versel



WEAR RED SUNDAY, June 8th

 **WE CELEBRATE
THE GIFT OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT.
IF YOU SEE PEOPLE
WEARING RED,
IT IS TO REMEMBER
THE FLAMES THAT
DESCENDED ON THAT
PENTECOST IN ACTS 2**



**Pentecost
SUNDAY**

MAKING SUMMER PLANS?

**JOIN US AT
SUMMER
CHURCH CAMP!**



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

AGES 3-17 * AGE 17+ BE A COUNSELOR

SIGN UP TODAY FOR 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.

Will you be celebrating a high school graduation in your family this year? If you haven't already, please contact Evan Hoffman, evan@firstpresbyterian.net with the following: Name, high school, future plans (college, employment, military, etc.), a Senior and a baby picture **ASAP!** We would be honored to celebrate your Senior's achievements with a celebration during the 9:30 service on Sunday, June 1st.

**Know a FPC
High School Graduate?**

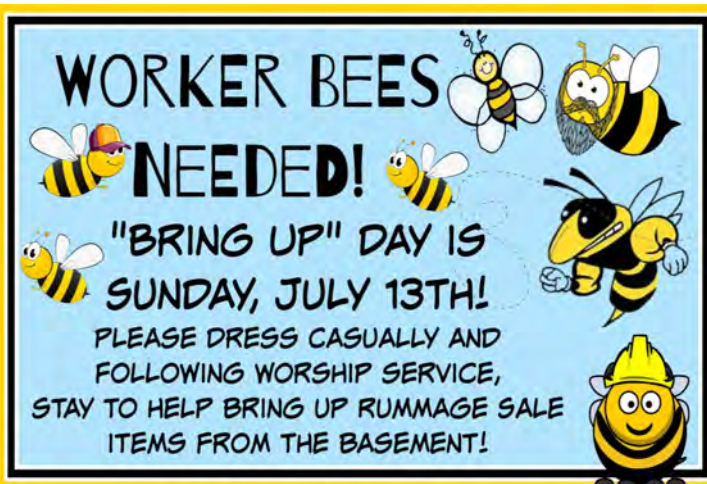
GRADUATION SUNDAY
9:30 service on Sunday, June 1st 2025
Join us to celebrate our graduating seniors!



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When bringing your treasures to the church, please put them in the elevator if there is room. Items will be taken to the basement by Rummage Helpers almost daily.
Please be respectful of our Youth's meeting space and don't put your items out into the general basement area.



What's up with Building & Grounds?

- Come be a part of our Work Day - May 3, 2025. Bring gloves, buckets, rakes, blowers, wheel barrels, window washing equipment. Mark your calendars, Fall work day is scheduled for October 18, 2025.
- Kitchenette has been cleaned and will be painted soon.
- Brian and Landan Klett fixed the garbage disposal in the kitchen.
- Brian and Landan are also still working on updating all the lighting in the church to LED.
- The library office has been painted, shelves hung and is ready for Linda Carino to use.
- The sump pump in the old basement has been totally replaced. Last month the plumbing was replaced and this didn't fix the problem. Now it is good to go.
- The sump pump in the new basement under the elevator shaft will be replaced next.
- Roof over CE Wing is being repaired. New gutters and gutter guards are part of that plan.
- Scott Howell has been working for several months on our boiler system. We are trying to be more cost effective and energy conscious. This is a very big task, the boiler/heating system is very complicated, and at this time, one of the boilers is still being worked on.
- Our Christian Education Wing is getting new flooring on the upper level!
- Larry Carpenter is working on making signs for all the Christian Education rooms, upstairs and downstairs. These will hang on the outside of the rooms to make it easier for folks to find. He's also made the trees! Thanks to all those that helped with that install!
- Bride's Room is coming along. There are new sheers and cornice (valances) are on their way. Please, if you need to use a room for an uncomfortable child during worship services, you are asked to use the Family Room (202/204) or the Nursery. The live stream will be available soon.
- Discussing more security for our church, our members and staff. More to come on that.
- If you see something or have a project in mind, please contact a member of the Building & Grounds Committee. The committee can then discuss it at their next month's meeting.




**This will be a monthly update
from our committee.
We want to share the care
and updates with all of you!**



May 2025

"A Family on a Mission to Love God and All People"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
COMMUNION / FOOD BANK SUNDAY Internet Worship Service 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Service 11:45a Youth Mission Trip Meeting 12p EDGE Sunday Funday 7p The HYPPIES Awards	4 11a Womens Small Group 4p Faith McCoy Baton 5:45p Worship Committee 6p Marotta Small Group	5 ELECTION DAY 10a AA Meeting 4:15p Mom's Small Group 5:15p CE Meeting 7p Mary Tester Small Group	6 7a Men's AM Group 5:15p Hodge Podge 5:45p Worship Team 6:15p Bell Choir 7p Westminster Voices 8p At-anon	7 6:30a Women's Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 4p Stein Hospice Grief Group 5:30p Mission Committee Meeting 6:30p Young Adult Small Group	8 10a AA Meeting 1p Keen-Agers 6:30a National Day of Prayer Breakfast 7a National Day of Prayer Worship Service 12p Men's Small Group 4:30p EDGE 5:30p Outreach Committee 6:30p Young Adult Small Group	9 7p AA Meeting
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18 Internet Worship Service TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship Service 12p VBS Training 4:30p Novel Ideas Book Club	19 11a Womens Small Group 4p Faith McCoy Baton 6p Marotta Small Group 7p Bible Banter via Zoom	20 10a AA Meeting 4:15p Mom's Small Group 7p Mary Tester Small Group	21 7a Men's AM Group 12:30p Birthday Bunch 1:30p Ministerial Assoc Meeting 5:15p Hodge Podge 5:45p Worship Team 6:15p Bell Choir 7p Westminster Voices 8p At-anon	22 6:30a Women's Small Group 12p Men's Small Group 6:30p Session Meeting 6:30p Young Adult Small Group	23 10a AA Meeting 7p AA Meeting	24
25 Internet Worship Service 7a Youth Breakfast Fundraiser at Eagles 9:30a Worship Service	26 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 	27 10a AA Meeting 7p Mary Tester Small Group	28 7a Men's AM Group 12p LYN Luncheon 4p Huston Small Group- Off campus 8p At-anon	29 6:30p Young Adult Small Group	30 7p AA Meeting	31

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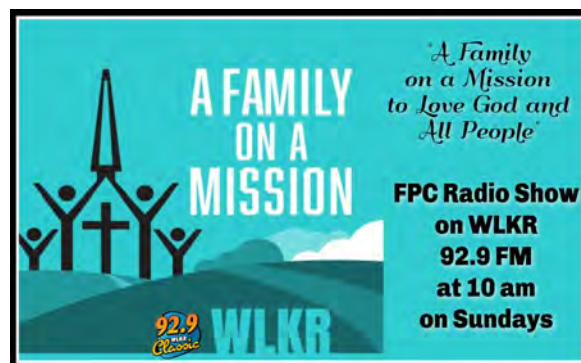
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8:30am & 10:45am—Worship Services
Summer Services: 9:30am ONLY May 25, 2025-August 31, 2025



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