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Behind the Stained Glass



The church I grew up in was doing some remodeling a few years back and discovered something amazing that they didn't know they had. The church has a large hot-meal program that serves over 100 people twice a month. They needed to upgrade their kitchen in order to keep up. They had to remove an old drop-in ceiling so they could put in larger cabinets. When they removed the ceiling they found fancy gold silverware and the church's china. No one in the church even knew that they had those things! Someone years ago put that china up there 'for safe keeping' and it disappeared. The church's communal memory forgot all about this valuable possession. It is amazing how quickly we can lose track of our resources.

When I was at Wickliffe PC we had a lot of trouble with the roof; water was constantly leaking, especially after a snow. Being in the snow belt, we got a lot of snow. After a pretty big storm, we came in to find that an entire ceiling fell in above one of the stairwells. It looked like a disaster. We didn't have a huge budget or much money in the bank; how could we fix this? We decided that we would just see what our insurance would say. They came out and estimated the damage at several thousand dollars, so we filed a claim. After seeking bids, we got one for \$450. We used the rest of the insurance settlement which was \$7,141.07 to: fix some dangerous sidewalks, paint all of our bathrooms, buy a huge snow blower, fix the ceiling, and repair a few other ceilings that were damaged previously. The church's disaster became a win that allowed us to make positive changes.

We aren't always as lucky of course. There isn't a bunch of treasure hidden above our drop-in ceiling; I have looked. Our hot water boiler was a lemon from the start, cost us a bunch of money in repairs, and then cost us about \$10,000 to replace. We also had to fix registers, replace part of the system, put in new valves and thermostats. It was all so much money and trouble. I do, of course, enjoy the fact that my office is warm in the winter. I used to have to work from home whenever it was below 30 degrees. I wonder, however, what lost treasures do we have at First Presbyterian? I wonder what positive opportunity are we looking at as a disaster?

The 6 local PC (USA) churches have been meeting together in order to talk about ways we can work together. It seems like a prime opportunity to start something new. Hanover PC has a new pastor starting Sunday and she visited with us in worship last week. Second PC's pastor nominating committee is well established and looking for a new minister, while having gone through a long season of discernment. Outville PC has a new pastor and has a history of reaching out. Woodside PC is trying to figure out how to be a small but alive congregation. 1st Granville PC is looking for ways to do local mission and wants to help support smaller congregations. It is a perfect time to start something new.

Our 6 Cooperation Committees join to form what we are calling a Gathering of Presbyterians. We have determined that we have a joint mission we want to partake in; the Y-Healthy Kids Network. This program currently feeds 300 kids and their families over the weekends. The kids are at 9 elementary schools all around Licking County. Kids are identified by their teachers as needing food. Each Friday these identified kids get a backpack full of food. They bring the backpack back the following week so it can be refilled. The Y-Healthy Kids Network is a collaboration of the Licking County YMCA, the Food Pantry Network, local schools, and was started by Doug Lowe a local lawyer at Diana's new firm. He is committed to helping raise the \$36,000 it takes to run this program each year. He does it because he knows that hungry kids do worse in school, are sick more often, and miss school at higher rates.

They have a dream of helping kids at all 25 Licking County elementary schools. They even want to spread into the middle and high schools. The program is currently limited by space. The food is stored and packed at the Food Pantry Network and it cannot afford to give more space. It needs to use the space for other programs. The other limitation is logistics, getting the packed bags from the Food Pantry. to the schools and on to the kids. That is where we can help. We can host the food once it is packed in our huge empty annex. People from

Second are already volunteering in the schools adding the final touches and getting the bags of food to the kids. With schools all around the county, each of the churches has a school in their community to help. Each church is working on doing a fund raiser or some other financial commitment to the program. Presbytery is very interested in supporting the program.

In order to get the annex ready to store the packed bags, we need to rip out the carpet on the first floor, clean out the front few rooms, put in some shelving, tear out a wall and replace the front doors. We also want to make the area look nice with some paint and some other aesthetic work. Don't worry we are not paying for all of this or even most of it. Gary Collins has torn out the carpet and tore out the wall. We are probably going to have a contractor replace the doors. The rest of the work will be done by the group.

I went in there after Gary took out the wall. It was amazing. Just look at the picture. If you think it looks bad, you haven't been in the annex in a long time. What really struck me was how open and bright it was. The annex has always seemed so unusable in part because it has a bunch of small rooms; it feels so closed off, separated and run down. Almost like an abandoned museum to 1980's Sunday school. I have seen the annex as a waste, a burden, and a sign of what the church used to be.

Maybe, just maybe our annex is a long-lost treasure. Maybe, just maybe our annex is a disaster that can become a blessing. If not the annex, at least the other PC (USA) churches could be our long-lost treasure, a curse that became a blessing. I see so much possibility. What if we can look back in a few years and see that our annex has become the key to feeding hundreds of kids? What if you volunteered with this program and became key to feeding hundreds of kids? Not to mention the folks that get fed because of the space opened up at the Food Pantry. That is certainly better than some china.

I see a lot of other possibilities with our other PC (USA) churches. I think that will take more time as opportunities for change are hectic. New pastors, new programs, new ideas take time. Yet, we could do youth programming that supplements what we do on a regular basis. We could have social groups for moms, or young people, or families, or whoever. We could have small groups that do missions; maybe a group for retired guys that work as handymen, A young adult mission program, kid's music lessons. The opportunities are endless. Any one of these programs is worth more than a few thousand dollars.

Keep an eye out for hidden treasures and opportunities instead of looking at what we don't have and what we can't do. I really think that if we stop trying to do everything by ourselves, stop trying to make things the way they used to be, stop trying to do things the way we did when we had different resources, stop seeing new things as devaluing old things, stop trying to force people to find value in things they just don't see as important and allow people to try; we will find more opportunities than we will know what to do with and find more treasure than we ever imagined.

In Christ,



Rev. Steven Brand

Worship

February Sermons

- 5- Dare to Compare? – Matthew 18a
- 12- My Call vs. My Rights – Matthew 18b
- 19- Truth & Reward – Matthew 19
- 26- The Immortal Death – Matthew 17a

March Sermons

- 5- Our Own Denial – Matthew 26
- 12- Anticipation – Matthew 26
- 19- God's People Judge God – Matthew 26
- 26- The World's Judgement– Matthew 27



Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15p in the sanctuary. Please see Zac or Kim Frick if you have any questions or are interested in taking part in the choir.

Easter Choir – Over the season of Lent the choir will be doing several different services. If you would like to take part just over the Lenten season or for only the Maundy Thursday Cantata, please see Zac or come to choir rehearsal.

Bell Choir – Bell Choir practices every Wednesday of each month @ 6:15p in the old choir room. If you would like to play in the Bell choir please see Zac. The choir will play in service once a month as long as we have enough participants.



Maundy Thursday Easter Cantata and Potluck Dinner – At 5:30pm on April 13th come to a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall in celebration of Maundy Thursday. Sloppy Joes and Shredded Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to share or a dessert to divide. At 6:30 the choir will be performing a special Maundy Thursday Cantata. They will tell the story of one of the darkest days in human history through song. The service will also have communion. Even this dark day was the beginning of new life in the blood of Jesus.

Lenten Lunch Service- First Presbyterian will be running the Lenten Lunch Service hosted by 2nd Presbyterian Church March 1st at Noon. We provide the lunch and all proceeds from that lunch go to a mission of our choice. See Priscilla Hare if you can help. Second Presbyterian hosts these services each Wednesday of Lent. Each week a different local congregation runs the event. There is a half hour worship service led by the pastor of the host congregation followed by lunch at a cost of \$7.

Lenten Season – Here are some other things to look forward to in worship over lent. Ash Wednesday is March 1st – The service will be at 7pm in the chapel and feature the imposition of ashes. The choir will be doing several anthems on Palm Sunday (April 8th) and on Easter Sunday (April 23rd). The community Good Friday service will be April 14th from Noon-3pm and will feature the last words of Jesus on the Cross. What a fitting way to celebrate Good Friday.

Church Life

Hello all! The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Project Dignity for Sweet Cases was a success! Thank you to all who participated in the fundraiser in August 2016. From those who attended to helping with prep and clean-up, it would not have been possible without you. Thank you also to those who helped decorate the Sweet Cases. They look wonderful! Each Sweet Case is a medium-sized duffel bag filled with a blanket, coloring book, crayons, a hygiene kit, and teddy bear. These Sweet Cases replace trash bags, because no child deserves a trash bag as a suit case. Thanks to the efforts of so many of you, 32 children in foster care will receive Sweet Cases. They were donated January 13, 2017 to House of New Hope who will distribute them to children in need of suit cases. Please enjoy these pictures of the spaghetti dinner and Sweet Case decorating party.

- Kelsie Angeletti



Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15am for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen if you would like to bring the snacks.

GRAPEVINE FELLOWSHIP @ Buckeye Winery

The church will be meeting for a time of fun and fellowship @ Buckeye Winery on Friday, February 24th. Please plan to attend!



All Church Open Skate – Everyone is invited to strap on their ice skates and join us for some wintery fun as we all go ice skating together. This fun day will be February 25th from 2-3:30pm at Lou Gibbs Ice Arena. The cost is \$6 but the memories are priceless.

**Louis Whitis' Award Winning:
Not Stuffed Pepper Soup**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 3 green peppers--chopped
- 1 onion--chopped
- 2 regular size tomato soup
- 2 regular size beef broth
- 1 large can crushed (or diced) tomatoes--slightly drained
- 2 servings cooked Minute Rice



Brown beef with green peppers and onions; drain fat. Add soup, broth, and tomatoes. Salt & pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, lower heat and let simmer 30-45 minutes. Add cooked rice and heat through. Serve.



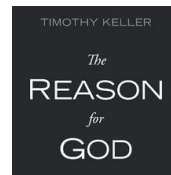
Lunch Bunch

**Come to Red Lobster
Wednesday February
15th @ Noon for food
and fellowship.
Everyone is invited.
Please RSVP to Rose
Gibson 587-2095 or
Louise Whitis at
345-5426.**

Christian Education



Alpha got off to a fabulous start Monday evening, Jan 30th. In attendance were 15 guests, 7 table hosts/helpers, 4 ladies providing a wonderful meal for us and 7 prayer warriors lifting us up in prayer! We are anticipating additional guests next week. We enjoyed lots of laughter, great food and discussion. It's not too late to join us in our 11 week journey, discussing the Christian faith – no pressure, no follow-up, any and all questions are allowed and encouraged. To register or for more information email 1stpreshenewarkALPHA@gmail.com, call Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-877-0346) or go to www.alphausa.org.



Sunday Morning Adult Elective: The Adult Sunday School class continues the DVD-based study entitled *The Reason for God*. This class is designed to help us dig deeper into objections of the Christian faith and to learn about both sides of the issues. This study is a wonderful explanation of common issues non-believers have with Christianity. Each week author Tim Keller discusses common objections with six adults from very different backgrounds. He models an uncompromising and yet very gracious witness style that quickly creates a sense of safe environment for his participants to share their objections. Please join us in the Journey Room at 9:15 on Sundays.

Camp Akita Youth Retreat!



A great time was had by all at this year's winter youth retreat. We had a good turn out from 1st Presbyterian. Ingrid, Lydia & James were campers and had a good time meeting new people. They even did a great rendition of Journey's 'Don't Stop Believing'. You know it was fun when James didn't play any video games or look at any screens for all of free time. Keegan Hare ran a small group. Sarah Bowles chaperoned the kids. I think she had a good time, but definitely wanted more sleep than the kids did. Pastor Steve was the camp director, so of course everything went smooth. There was good worship, engaging talks, better than OK food and fun had by all. The retreat is open to all kids in middle school

and high school and takes place in January and a separate time in February.

Extended Church, Nursery & Kids Activity Packs are available every Sunday. See Ed Jobs for details.



Missions

There is an old saying that "a woman's work is never done!" Well, jump up here on the wagon with us fellas, because yours is never done either! I think it is safe to say that for us Christians, our work is never done. We may move from one project to the next, completing each as we go, but the spreading of the Gospel will not be completed until Jesus comes again! Until then, we must stay united, building each other up, giving freely to one another, praying for one another, and praising our wonderful God together. If each of us gives a few crumbs, soon the bowl will be overflowing! I have no doubt that we each have a crumb or two to share. It is our duty, and we should meet it with joyful hearts! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your gift giving, and for the power of God to multiply those gifts, however small or large they may be.

Many are being blessed by our gifts even now! Our missionaries are reaching out to people in their neighborhoods, lending helping hands as needed, building churches, teaching farming, teaching and building schools, and even writing bibles in various languages. It is awesome to know that God is at work in their lives, and that our breadcrumbs are truly helping! Please pray for their safety, good health, and increase of support to further their work for the Kingdom.

Love in Jesus Christ,
Tracee Barr.



From Rick & Laura Leatherwood - Greetings in Jesus. This past month has been filled in

overseeing the translation of our book, *100 Stories of God*, into the national trade language where we live. From this one written translation we will be able to make recordings of oral Bibles in many tribal languages. There are actually a few trade languages used by different tribes in the country so in the future we will put translations into

those languages as well. But for now we are working on the national language which is the largest and used in the marketplace by some 150,000,000 people, 99% of whom have no knowledge of a Savior and a better way of life.

And now to jump to another subject, in some ways I am still that same little boy hearing my mother say as I came through the door, "Well better late than never." But to let you know we can do things in a modern way, you may now support Kairos International through PayPal at www.oralbibles.org/content/donate. There is also an option for you to purchase our book *100 Stories of God* using that same URL. Please check the box "share my mailing address with Kairos" when placing your order so we'll know where to send your book(s) or just send an email to me at kairos@oralBibles.org with your address and I'll make sure you get a book.



From Mike & Nancy Mahon - Please pray for Nancy Mahon's foot problems to improve, as certain areas have not healed properly. More will be known in February, as

Nancy says: "I am in contact with the chief surgeon from an orthopedic team that is coming to Pucallpa Feb. 16. He will be removing the heel pin while he is here, so we are just praying the heel area heals before he arrives." Also, for her husband Mike's health to stay good so he is able to continue taking care of her. Prayer is requested for their son Daniel as he strives to conquer difficulties while pursuing his schooling." Please continue to pray for rebuilding and recovery in Hurricane devastated Haiti, and our missionaries there.

From Montana de Luz Executive Director Erika Shell Castro- In 2010, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and found myself wondering what life would hold for me. I knew I wanted to leave more than a carbon footprint in the world and found the posting to be the Executive Director for Montaña de Luz. I left my job as a health care executive and took on what was to become one of the most meaningful and humbling roles I have experienced in my life. I have had the privilege of loving and influencing these children's lives, working alongside staff who consider their work not a job but a calling from God. I am very proud of what we have accomplished over the last six years together! I have been blessed with good

health, despite having MS, but in the last year I have had an increase in symptoms and 6 months ago my neurologist advised me it was time to make some changes. I will be returning to my former position 4 days a week which will allow me more time to focus on caring for myself and my family.

Morgan Brown has been named the new Executive Director. Morgan succeeds Erika Shell Castro, who has served as MdL's Executive Director for the past six years. The transition to Morgan has been smooth and effective. Morgan is joining me in Honduras this week to meet the youth, in-country staff, and even some service team participants. I am excited for the next chapter of Montaña de Luz. If you have any questions or concerns during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the board directly at board@montanadeluz.org.

Evangelism & Outreach



SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, Noon-1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental disabilities. Every

Tuesday students and staff from SPARK will be serving a free lunch and everyone is invited. The food is provided by Denison University. SPARK students serve the food, and do all of the set up and take down. For them this is a job that they get paid to do. It is also a time for community involvement and job training. They would like us to advertise the meal, to provide the space and the dishware. Most importantly, they would like us to come to the meals and to work alongside SPARK developing relationships. If you would like to volunteer, they arrive at 11:00 a.m. and stay till about 2:00 p.m.

Property



Bad Weather ~ It is that time of year again when bad weather and dangerous conditions happen on a regular basis.

Officially it will take some really bad conditions for Worship to be canceled. However, please use your judgment. No one wants someone to get hurt or be in danger because of Church. If it is too cold or the roads or your driveway looks too slippery; stay inside. Even if you are staff, or have volunteered for a specific job for the day; stay inside if the weather makes you feel unsafe. Worship services will be

automatically canceled if there is a level 3 Snow Emergency. All other church functions will be canceled during level 2 or 3 Snow Emergencies. This would include: the church office, all meetings, Bible studies and social events. Check www.ohgo.com for updates and real time traffic information.

Congregational Care



Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. If you have any changes in your address, email, or phones, be sure to let us know. There are forms in the back of the church for anyone to make updates; or you may call the office @ 740-345-1480. Please know that prayer requests and updates can be given to the church with ANY needs as well.

FYI

NARFE Dinners are the second Tuesday of every month. These dinners serve as fundraisers for the committee that hosts. These

dinners help to give needed support to our mission and witness as a church. Please consider helping with them. February (E&O), March (Church Life), April (Christian Ed).



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money

to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you have to do is go online to Kroger.com, go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.



Session

January Congregational Meeting and Session Summary

Following worship on Sunday, January 8, 2017, a congregational meeting was held to elect the

following Elders for the class of 2019: Karen Birtcher, Evangelism and Outreach; Rose Gibson, Church Life and Keith Hare, Budget and Finance.

Clerk's Report

The 2017 Per Capita is \$4,818.00. Following discussion, Session decided by consensus to continue withholding Per Capita

Thank you notes were shared from Marilyn Stocker for hosting her art group and Samuel Britton of the Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency for hosting the Breakfast for Santa.

Pastor's Report

The Cooperation Committee is moving forward with the Backpack Project for the annex. Shelving has been donated by State Farm Insurance. All food for the bags will be delivered to the annex in February.

Christian Education, Family and Youth Committee reported that Rev. Brand, 4 youth and 2 young adults attended the Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Akita on January 20-22, 2017.

Church Life Committee reported that the hot chocolate and cookies fellowship after worship on January 15 was well received. An all-church ice skating party will be held February 11 and the next Lunch Bunch will be February 15.

Congregational Care Team reported that they met to reorganize the district lists. These will be reviewed with Rev. Brand for further input before they are finalized.

Evangelism and Outreach Committee reported that the budgeted fourth quarter funds have not yet been received, however there was enough in the checking to cover the amount and it has been mailed to the missionaries. Funds designated to Buckhorn will now be called Flexible Funds and used as needs are made known.

Bob Blamer has resigned as committee treasurer, but has agreed to continue until a replacement can be found.

Session approved the following Special Offerings, Donation Requests and Fundraising from the Evangelism and Outreach Committee: One Great Hour of Sharing-equally divided between Salvation Army, World Vision and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-3/1 through 4/9; Bottles for Life-5/14

through 6/18; Trick or Treat on the Square-candy; Operation Christmas Child Shipping-Oct. and Nov.; Salvation Army Red Kettle Sunday-November and Fund Raiser Wilson Gift Card sale- Feb. & Mar.

Nominating Committee requested that Rev. Brand restate the make-up of the committee and send it to Session for approval of this by-law change. The by-law change will be voted on by the congregation at the annual congregational meeting.

Personnel Committee made a motion that was seconded and approved to pay the choir director's nine-month salary over a 12 month period. The amount will stay the same, but be spread over 12 months. All other memos of understanding have been signed by employees.

Property Committee has been asked to research the purchase of a new shed for the back of the church. A motion was made, seconded and carried to obtain an estimate for the construction of handicapped restrooms near the elevator in Fellowship Hall. A motion was made, seconded and carried to remove the lighted picture in the hall outside the library and replace it with a cross.

Worship and Music Committee reported that Keith Hare is looking into the wiring for the projector and media update.

Budget and Finance Committee reported the treasurer is working on reports and training the assistant treasurer. All expenditures through July have been reviewed. Giving statements are being prepared. The treasurer is working to streamline reports. Giving envelopes are now available. The books will be closed the week of January 23, 2017.

February Birthdays

Feb. 5 ~ Helen Pryor
Feb. 7 ~ Rose Gibson
Feb. 8 ~ Peggy Lieb
Feb. 11 ~ Diane Dodson
Feb. 13 ~ Chris Rainey
Feb. 14 ~ John Denison
Feb. 16 ~ Bruce Weekly
Feb. 20 ~ Michael Frick
Feb. 23 ~ Donna Kinney



February Anniversaries

Feb. 3 ~ Robert & Phyllis Fish
Feb. 11 ~ Bob & Cindi Parkinson



Wilson Gift Cards for Outreach

There are so many ways to use Wilson Gift Cards:
As Gifts for all occasions; spring planting; decorating items
for seasonal or OSU fans; houseplants; bird feeders, houses
and food; gardening supplies

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee will be taking orders
for Wilsons Garden Center Gift Cards between February 1 and March 31.

- The cards will be sold by prepaid order for the months of February and March.
- Orders received by Sunday, February 26 will be delivered on Sunday, March 5.
 - Orders received by Sunday, March 26 will be delivered on Sunday, April 2.
- You can use the order form below or they will be available in the sanctuary on the sign-up table. Make your check out to First Presbyterian Church with Wilson Gift Card in the memo line. Orders can be given to Debbie Blamer or dropped into the offering plate.

For each \$25.00 card, you get to purchase \$25.00 worth of materials to help make the world a little more beautiful and the Committee gets \$5.00 to make the world more beautiful by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This is your last chance to order cards through the Evangelism and Outreach Committee before spring and summer planting.

Wilson's Garden Center is open year round!!!
Check out their website for specials and merchandise. <http://www.gardencenterohio.com/>

Contact person: Debbie Blamer (344-2298), dblamer@hotmail.com

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First Presbyterian Church-Wilson Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to order _____ Wilson Gift Cards @ \$25.00 each.
(Number of Cards)

I am enclosing \$ _____.
(Total Enclosed)

Date Ordered _____ Check Number: _____

*Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church with Wilson Gift Cards in the memo line.
Contact Person: Debbie Blamer 344-2298 or dblamer@hotmail.com*