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Behind the Stained Glass

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.' – Acts 2:42-47

I know Pentecost isn't until June 4th this year; but, I think that it is proper for us to spend some time looking at how the Church was born, before we celebrate. When I look over the beginning of Acts, I am always amazed at how quickly the Church grew. What can the church learn about growth from the beginning of the Church?

It is tempting to say that the Church grew so quickly because of all the amazing signs the apostles could perform. When the Holy Spirit first came upon Jesus, it descended as a dove. When the Holy Spirit first came to the Church, it came as a strong wind with tongues of fire that rested on each believer's head. This would be strong visual evidence that what the disciples were saying about Jesus was true. Then the newly Spirit-filled Christians could speak in languages that they had never learned. They could speak to the wide variety of people who were in Jerusalem, each in their own language. This was more striking evidence of the Gospel's truth.

I haven't seen that kind of physical evidence in today's Church. It is no wonder that the Church grew so quickly, with this ability to perform instant miracles. Our Scripture says the people were filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Yet, those miracles didn't convince everyone. When the believers spoke in tongues, many thought they were drunk. When Jesus performed miracles, many thought he was possessed. When Jesus performed the feeding of the 5,000, many did not see that he was Lord; they just wanted more food. At Jesus' birth, Herod found out a new star was made in honor of this child. He just wanted to kill him.

I don't think these kinds of signs would really help the Church today. Healings would be seen as fake or would be attributed to modern medicine or coincidence. Other signs would be hard to believe in an age in which film or pictures can be edited to look like almost anything.

The Church grew so quickly because it did things so differently from the rest of the world around it. The early disciples did things so differently. They had joy in their hearts and they cared for other people. That is what made the Church grow so quickly. The lesson we learn from the early Church is that growth comes from living our lives differently from the world around us and from caring for others. You might say, "We can't follow the early Church's example. It wouldn't be practical or possible in today's world." I don't mean that we should sell all our stuff and live in a commune. I don't mean that we must hang out constantly. We do not have to follow the particulars of their example.

How can our church live out a different way of life that is so evident that people want to be a part of it? Let's pick out the description of the early church without the particular actions. *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They gave to anyone who had need. They continued to meet. They acted with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.* That seems possible to me.

It is possible for us to: 1. Have devotion for God's teaching. 2. Have fellowship with one another. 3. Be in prayer. 4. Give to anyone in need. 5. Continue meeting together. 6. Have glad & sincere hearts. 7. Praise God. 8. Be looked upon in a positive way by all groups of people.

If our church lived like that, we would be unable to handle the growth.

In many ways, the Church's reputation today is the opposite of the early Church's. Christians aren't devoted to God's teaching; it's just something they say. Faith is individual and personal - not communal

and public. Prayer is for emergencies only. Our charity is for those who deserve it or for ourselves. Worship is when we have time and on special holidays - not a regular commitment. The Church is full of hypocrites - not sincerity. They praise their history, traditions and buildings - not God. The Church divides. America is most segregated on Sunday mornings. The Church is only for good people and it must run away from or condemn sinners.

Take a moment to look those over, both how the early Church lived and what our reputation has become for so many. Examine your own life and the life of the Church. Are you devoted to God's teachings or are they just in the background of your life? Do you fellowship with other Christians or are other Christians just around you? Do you pray on a regular basis or only when all seems lost? Do you give to others based on need or just on your relationship to them or their deservedness? Do you regularly meet for worship or is it random and sporadic? Is your heart glad and sincere or driven by something else like duty, pride, appearance or power? Do you praise God or only the good things He gives you? Are you welcome in many groups of people or just a small group? Is there any group that you have earned a bad reputation with?

Let us strive to be the people Jesus is calling us to be.

In Christ,



Rev. Steven Brand

WORSHIP

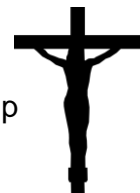
May Sermons

- 7- Make Way – Matthew 21
- 14- Indispensable or Replaceable– Matthew 21
- 21- The Wedding– Matthew 22
- 28- Ruth Cooper, Preaching

June Sermons

- 4- Receive the Gift – John 20
- 11- Peace Be with You – Psalm 8
- 18- What Do You Want to Know?– Matthew 22
- 25- Warning Religious Leaders – Matthew 23

Lenten Services – I hope that you were blessed this Lenten season as much as I was by all our special worship services and activities. On Maundy Thursday, the choir performed 'The Weeping Tree', which is moving cantata that tells the story of Easter from the standpoint of the tree used to crucify Jesus. The evening began with a potluck that was enjoyable and filling. If you missed this service, you can hear it online. Go to our church's website for details.



On Good Friday, we had a community service at Christ United Methodist Church. We heard messages from seven local pastors based on the last words of Jesus from the cross. There was singing and music from the choirs of: St Paul, 2nd Presbyterian and 1st Methodist churches. The people of Christ United also had a large spread of appetizers and desserts throughout the service.



Easter Morning, we were invited to join a Sunrise Service at Hanover Presbyterian. People from five different churches joined us in worship and afterward we enjoyed a nice breakfast.

Easter service at 1st Presbyterian was joyful, happy and full of hope. What a great season! I look forward to next year and hope that you might consider taking advantage of some of these special offerings.



Easter Morning @ Hanover



Music Celebration Banquet – June 7th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

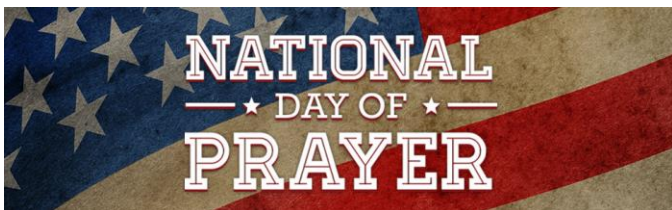
Everyone is invited to celebrate the wonderful music we have had over the past musical season. We will honor the work of our Choir, Bell Choir, Ann Robinson, Zac Marquart, Kim Frick and everyone else who added so much to our worship. More details to come, but keep this date on your calendar.

Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15p in the sanctuary. The Choir season runs through the end of May. Please see Zac or Kim Frick, if you have any questions or are interested in taking part in the choir.



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.

Gifts of Women Sunday – May 14th is Mother's Day and what better way to celebrate than taking time in worship to celebrate the many wonderful gifts for ministry that God has given to the talented women of our church? From Deborah & Ruth, Mary & Martha to all the women that fill our pews today, God has used women to further His Kingdom in amazing ways. Join us May 14th as we celebrate this remarkable truth!

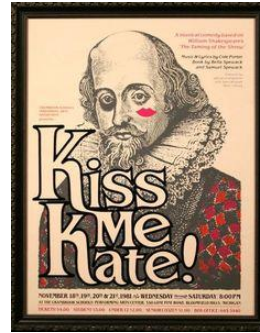


NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ~ May 4th at 12:20 on the steps of City Hall. Join us as we pray for our country. The service includes music by the kids of Newark's Catholic Elementary schools, and prayers for various parts of our nation and city given by local pastors and officials.



Gluten Free Communion Available Now: We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be in the communion cup trays.

CHURCH LIFE



Dinner & a Show – Church Life is planning an outing May 21st to attend Kiss Me Kate at Licking County Players, lunch at DoubleTree after church and then the play will start at 2:00. Please contact Rose Gibson or Louise Whitis for reservations.

Kiss Me, Kate is a musical written by Samuel and Bella Spewack, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew and the conflict on and off-stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. A secondary romance concerns Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill, who runs afoul of some gangsters.

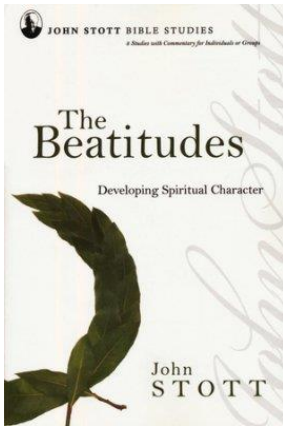
Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 am for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, if you would like to bring the snacks.

Lunch Bunch @ Yesterday's Pub- June 21st @ Noon. The lunch bunch will be headed to Yesterday's Pub for food and fellowship. Our own Dave & Kay Kittle own this restaurant and they are going to open special just for us. Look for a menu soon as we are going to need to order our meals in advance. See Rose Gibson or Louis Whitis for details.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Sunday Morning Adult Elective - The Adult Sunday School class has begun a study on the Beatitudes. They reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessings. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as his followers in a world with values much

different from God's. As we study these qualities and integrate them into our lives, we will receive the blessing Jesus promised to his followers then and now. Having a study guide will be very helpful in this 8-week study. Please see Peggy Lieb to get a copy (\$6.50, if able).

They are the key to the future of VBS and a ripe part of God's harvest. Let's put priority where God is working. If you are willing to work with those kids, please see Rev. Steve, Diana Brand or Ed Jbes.

VBS Meeting – Our next Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be May 7th at noon in the library. Please plan on coming, if you are interested in volunteering for this year's VBS.



CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available online on our church website @ www.1stpreshnewark.com. They are due by May 21st and

require letters of recommendation. These scholarships are open to all church members and friends who are pursuing education. You may contact Ed Jbes with any questions.

1st Presbyterian Church VBS!
 July 10th-14th 5:30-8:30pm : 65 N 3rd Street Newark, Ohio
 Register Online Starting in June @ 1stpreshnewark.com
 740-345-1480

Vacation Bible School will be July 10-15th here at 1st Presbyterian. More details will follow. We are looking for several volunteers who are willing to work with the pre-school kids. The last few years' pre-school aged children have made up half of our total attendance. This is a common phenomenon around the country. We want to take advantage of this by really pushing the pre-school aged children.



Women's Bible Study – Meets at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and begins with refreshments. See Priscilla Hare for more details. About the study: All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. *The Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Good Morning Bible Study – The Good Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Golden Circle Room. The class is open to all people and is going to be doing a self-study of the Scriptures. See Linda Smith for details.



MISSIONS



Heartbeats Bottles for Life – Heartbeats serves pregnant mothers, new moms and their families. They provide ultrasounds, guidance, support and supplies. Being a new mom can be a frightening and isolating feeling. So many moms make bad decisions because they are afraid or they lack the skills necessary for being a good parent. Heartbeats is there providing the knowledge they need to make good decisions. We will be collecting for Heartbeats from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Take a baby bottle and fill it with anything from loose change to big checks.

What a great month to reach out to our local Heartbeats, as we celebrate Mother's Day this month! Fill those baby bottles with love and care, and as you do you will be ministering to more than 6,000 women, men, teens, and babies who will receive the accurate information, practical help, and spiritual support needed to make healthy decisions, find hope, experience healing, and choose life! Heartbeats stands "as an oasis" in the uncertainties of pregnancies, past abortions, and points their clients to Jesus. (Each bottle, whether filled, partially filled, or empty, is important! It costs \$1.35 to replace each one that is not returned.) For more info: www.heartbeats.org or 740-349-7558.

A letter from the Haspels

"Dear Kim & friends at Newark,

Thank you for the lovely Easter card reminding us that Jesus's resurrection is our great hope. We are both well. I may even get teeth by May; it has taken longer than I anticipated.

John was in Ethiopia in January helping the congregation at KoKa to build a *termite proof* church. The growth of the church among Suri is a miracle of God! So many Suri now share with us the hope we have in Jesus.

-The Haspels

As I read the above letter, a joy and peace came over me. It is good to hear from our missionaries, even though they are "retired." It is good to know that prayer and support has gone global! The gospel is spreading and we are helping with that. Each time we give of ourselves, whether through monies, time, or prayer, we are making a difference in the world. Be good stewards in furthering the gospel of Christ - give abundantly and pray without ceasing!

Love in the Kingdom,
Tracee Barr.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH



A BIG thank you to everyone who donated supplies so we could make our Famous Final Friday Fudge, and to those who helped make and package our Famous Final Friday Fudge! (We've heard folks, when they entered for Sights and Sounds of Christmas, "Oh, this is the church that gives out the yummy fudge!").

Thank you to those who came out on April 28th to help distribute fudge or to check out the popcorn cart or to lend an ear to those needing to talk. We appreciate your time and willingness to outreach to our community.

The May Final Friday is the Food Truck Festival, which will take place on South Third Street, 5-8 p.m. on May 26th. Mark that date on your calendar and we'll plan to meet for dinner! Check the weekly bulletin for more details.



Looking ahead to July Final Friday, **The Art & History Walk and Quilt Show**. We must plan to have an extra special Quilt Show in memory of Georgia Porter. Thus, we are looking for someone to help organize the event. Prayerfully consider helping to organize the First Presbyterian Quilt Show, especially if the Quilt Show popped in your mind at the time of Georgia's passing.

Our next Evangelism and Outreach meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd, 5:30 p.m. at the River Road Coffeehouse on the Square. We'll gather in the meeting room. Consider this your invitation to join us! We'd appreciate hearing new ideas for outreach. The popcorn cart started with one guy's idea to reach out to kids on Final Fridays ...



Alpha Update Alpha Update

Alpha wrapped up its second course on Monday, April 10th with a wonderful turnout at our Celebration Dinner – 50 people were in attendance – over half were guests (and most of those were from outside our church)!!!

Our guests got to experience what an evening at Alpha is like and many expressed interest in attending this fall.

The next session of Alpha will be held this fall, beginning around Labor Day. We will need additional help as the program grows. If you think you might be interested in helping or just want to attend, please see Peggy Liebe or Kim Dershem.



Final Friday Tent - Team Members Needed

Our tent will be set up again for the Downtown Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday Food Truck Festival on May 26, from 5-8 pm. The tent will be set up right next to the Popcorn Cart. This year we thought perhaps we'd invite folks to come into the tent, sit down, chat or ask a question. If you are a good listener, love to talk to folks and/or pray for folks, please consider joining in this outreach to Newark.

As an extension of Alpha, where folks gather to discuss, we could use people to just sit and talk. Don't feel pressured to pray. We'll have someone there who is comfortable doing that. We've found that people just like to sit down and share their cares and burdens. We have a few comfortable chairs provided. Please pray and consider if you would be able to participate in this way of sharing the love of God with others.

The Final Fridays run from 5-8pm. Please contact Karen Birtcher at kb8114@windstream.net or Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or 740-345-6624, if you would like to give this a try.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

ROAD TO 300 BOXES



Each year, First Presbyterian works hard to send hundreds of boxes to needy children all over the world.

This year we want to try to get to 300 boxes. This would be an amazing feat! To do that, we need 300 boxes, 300 boxes of crayons, 300 sets of school supplies, 300 of everything. Each month we are going to focus on a few items we need to collect. There are boxes in the sanctuary set up for collection of each item. Let's try to collect as much of each item as we can so that this can be a happy Christmas for more needy kids around the globe!

Last month's need update:

- Shoeboxes: 199

- Bars of Soap: 126

-Wash Cloths: 164

If each member would give only 2 of each item, we would meet our goal.

This month we need:

-300 Toys, Stuffed Animals or Games

Make sure they won't fill the whole shoebox!



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.

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 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.



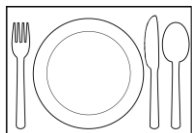
Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community

Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must 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.

**Church Membership or Confirmation**

— Pastor Steve will be holding a membership class in May for any individuals who desire to join the church. We will hold a class for youth and/or adults, depending on who needs

the class. If you are interested in becoming a member of 1st Presbyterian, please see Pastor Steve.



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. May (E&O), June (Scholarship), July (E&O), August (Christian Ed), September (Scholarship), October (Worship), November (E&O) and December (Church Life).

SCRIPT Cards— Come to the library before or after each Worship the first Sunday of each month to buy gift cards for all sorts of different stores and restaurants. Pick up your order the next Sunday. It is easy and there are volunteers in the library to help you with your purchase. Your purchase of SCRIP cards supports the programs and needs of First Pres. Thanks to all who have supported our Church through the SCRIP program!

The Average American Budget on

SCRIP Cards

Each Gift Card You Buy Gives a Percentage
Return to the Church

Put Your Budget to Work With SCRIP!

Coffee
\$20 per week



Eating Out
\$70 per week



Arby's 8%, Burger King 4%, Donato's 10%, Subway 6%, Wendy's 4%, Applebee's 8%, Bob Evans 12%, BW3 8%, IHOP 8%, Olive Garden 9%, Texas Roadhouse 8% and more!

Entertainment
\$48 per week



Gas
\$27 per week



= 4%

Groceries
\$150 per week



Average Expense
\$315 per week

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Average Return to the Church Using
SCRIP Cards
\$13.54 per week
Or \$704 per year

**Woodside Presbyterian Baked Steak**

Dinner - The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, May 12, 2017, 4:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m., at

Woodside Presbyterian Church, 295 Woods Avenue, Newark, (740) 345-3742. The menu includes baked steak, homemade mashed potatoes

and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Carryout is available. Cost: \$9 minimum donation.

Directory – It is amazing how quickly things change. The last church directory is only a year old but so much is different. There is a copy of the current directory in the back of the sanctuary, with all the most up-to-date information that we have in the office. Please check to make sure all information is correct. There are forms available to give your information, if you need updated or you are not listed. This directory is intended for all friends and members of 1st Presbyterian. You can also email your information to the church office at firstpresofc@gmail.com Thank you.

May Birthdays

3 ~ Gary Collins
4 ~ Tony Cain
6 ~ Ann Howard
8 ~ Kathy Golde
9 ~ Lena Mae Weekly
11 ~ Lee Walker
13 ~ Emily Darr
25 ~ Michelle Allds
25 ~ Jared Frick
27 ~ Angie Klinker
29 ~ Gary Clark
30 ~ Wayne Carlyle
31 ~ Julie Ashcraft



May Anniversaries

4 ~ Sharon & David Wills
14 ~ Gary & Jo Deweese
17 ~ Tim & Lisa Detrick
18 ~ Joe & Marilyn Johnston
22 ~ Mick & Sue Kiely
23 ~ Robin & Carol Balderston
23 ~ Ed & Barb Jobs
28 ~ Steven & Diana Brand



Georgia Porter, "Quilt Angel"



Because of Georgia's quilting skill, artistry, and generosity, our Presbyterian Church in Colorado has been able to raise thousands of dollars for deserving charities. Each year since 2012, Georgia designed, made and contributed a beautiful quilt, that we termed our "Mission Quilt".

As a vital part of our annual "Western Welcome Week" community celebration, the quilt was prominently displayed in our church. Members and friends of our congregation, plus hundreds of Quilt Show visitors, donated money to our designated charity—in exchange for tickets giving them a chance to win Georgia's beautiful quilt. Every dollar collected has gone directly to the designated charity—Georgia never wanted us to reimburse her for even the cost of materials.

In 2012, quilt ticket proceeds raised \$1012 for Doctor's Care—an organization assisting the medically underserved population. In 2013, Georgia again generously donated a quilt, and we made \$900 to donate to Love Inc—Love in the Name of Christ...a valuable community resource in meeting the needs of the poor. In 2014, another Georgia Porter masterpiece raised \$1161 and every penny raised went once more to Doctor's Care!!

In 2015, again a gift quilt from "Quilt Angel Georgia" made \$1000 for La Puente—addressing homelessness and hunger in the high poverty San Louis Valley area surrounding Alamosa, CO. Last year, 2016, we were able to give \$850 to the Village Preschool, a few blocks from our church, so that scholarships could be made available to children whose families otherwise could not afford the tuition.

And, just this week, Georgia's last quilt arrived here at our church. Through her husband's last illness, and her own, she made sure we had the quilt she had made for us. It, too, will earn money for a worthy cause, as we fondly remember our Quilt Angel Georgia.

*- Jennie Staritzky, 2016 Quilt Show Chairman,
First Presbyterian Church of Littleton*

Creation Care Roundtable & Lunch, May 16, 12-3pm

The Presbytery's Second Green Power Event will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 12-3 pm at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N. High St., Columbus. A \$15 donation per person will help pay for a local food lunch.

You are especially invited to come and gather with others throughout the Presbytery for round table discussions and special speakers on how the faith community is responding to climate change. Rebecca Barnes, PC(USA) Coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, will be the guest speaker.

Round Table Topics include:

Church Gardening & Community Impact

Being the Voice of Caring for all of Creation

Facilitators will be: Tim Van Meter, MTSO; Bob Tannehill, Covenant Presbyterian Church; Phyllis Heffner, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church; Sara Ward, Executive Director of Ohio Interfaith Power & Light; Amanda Hoyt, Ohio Coordinator for Faith in Public Life. RSVP to Dagmar at dagmar@psvonline.org

PROJECT UPDATES

Y-Healthy Kids Network – There has been a lot of work going on at church, getting us prepared for hosting the Y-Healthy Kids Network Backpack Program. In the Annex, a wall with a door was built to separate the first and second floors of the annex. The front doors were modified so that they can accommodate the pallets of food that will be arriving in July. Walls have been painted and supplies have been purchased. Presbytery approved a grant for \$3,000 to help with our work! Thank you to everyone who has been working hard in the Annex and behind the scenes.

Y-Healthy Kids Network Annex Work Day –

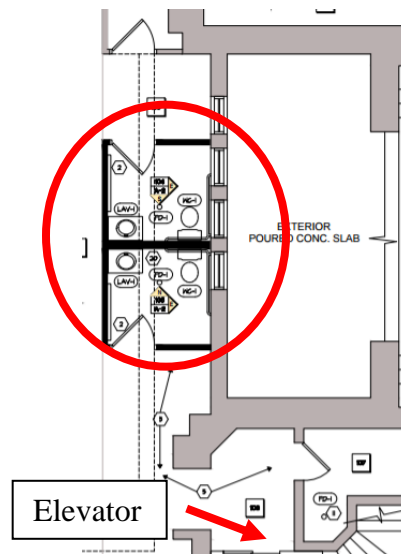
More work needs done to get our Annex ready for this immense project. Please see Pastor Steve if you would like to help by painting, putting together shelves, some minor carpentry, or electric. Work can be done at any time; but, we will be having an all-church work day on May 13th from 9am to noon. Look for more details soon.



Handicap Accessible, Convenient Bathrooms– The church building needs bathrooms that meet the needs of people. The current bathrooms are limited in number.

They are not handicap accessible (even the one that says it is). They are far away from the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. They do not offer room for changing tables. The current bathrooms do not meet our needs.

I know that the current bathrooms keep several members from coming to before or after church activities. I know that several members do not take their medicine on time, so that they won't have to use the restroom while at church. With all of this in mind, Session is considering the possibility of building new bathrooms that would be in Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Street exterior wall.



Having bathrooms in Fellowship Hall would solve these problems. The new bathrooms would be fully handicap accessible. They would have changing tables and kid's chairs for parents. They would be located close to activities and the elevator. This would also help keep people in Fellowship Hall, during events. I know I

would love being able to watch my kids go to the bathroom without having to go down the hall with them. Guests of the church would be easily able to find the facilities. They would help to add to the welcome nature of the church. A person with physical needs or a new parent would feel more welcome knowing that they can take part in all our activities, without worry or being left out.

Session has hired Claggot and Son's as contractors to draw plans for the bathrooms. These plans will be ours and allow us to seek bids for the actual construction. After receiving these plans and bids, we can decide whether or not to proceed with construction.

Do not worry. The walls will be sound proof and the doors will open to the side. **No one will hear, smell, or see people in the restroom.**