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OCTOBER NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Oct 1 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p
Oct 7 - Y-Healthy Kids Packing Party- 9a
Oct 8 - 50 Year Member Sunday and Reception
Oct 8 - Cooperation Committee @ Outville PC - 6p
Oct 10 - NARFE (Worship) - 5:30p
Oct 14 - Alpha Retreat - 9a
Oct 15 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p
Oct 18 - Lunch Bunch @ the Trout Club - Noon
Oct 26 - Safe Trick or Treat on the Square - 5-6:30p
Oct 29 - Reformation Sunday

Oct 29 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p
Nov 11 - Y-Healthy Kids Packing Party- 9a
Nov 12 - Veteran's Sunday
Nov 12 - Soup Cook Off - Noon
Nov 12 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p
Nov 14 - NARFE (E&O) - 5:30p
Nov 16 - Alpha Celebration Dinner - 6:30p
Nov 26 - Hanging of the Greens - Noon
Nov 26 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p
Nov 28 - Opiates & the Church @ Boulevard PC -
Noon-3:30p

Behind the Stained Glass

(The following is a response I gave to a Facebook post questioning people for thanking God for good things in their lives and not blaming him for the bad, that said one could only believe in science or religion not both, and that said evil proves God as impossible.)

Note that for all but the most fundamental Christian; it is not in fact science vs religion. Instead it is people who believe in nothing beyond the physical universe vs people who think there is more. Science is but a tool we use to understand the physical. We then interpret what science finds in light of our convictions on the reality or non-existence of god. The best example I know is the fact that all things go from order to disorder. Well, the world is in relatively great order and started in disorder, statistically it is impossible for the universe to exist the way it does. So if we believe in god we say God is directing the order. If you do not believe in god, then you go Steven Hawkins route and say that there must be billions and billions of parallel universes, so many that it becomes statistically possible for one or more to be exactly like ours. That is philosophically describing scientific fact in light of one's belief in nothing beyond physical reality, not science.

Now on to the logical discrepancy of praising God for good things without blaming him for the bad. This is a discrepancy caused by people's misunderstanding of Christianity. God promises: forgiveness of sins, a personal relationship, that he hears our prayers, that he knows us in an intimate way, that he will give us his peace, that in faith we can have eternal life, that we can have a transformed life, that we have some level of free will and many other things. He does not promise physical protection. He promised specific groups, individual people, and times of protection; but not as people often believe physical protection, or money, or riches for that matter. It is in fact the opposite. We are warned in the Bible in many locations that following God will lead to physical, mental, and societal persecution. In the end what I am saying is that God performs miracles, he also allows creation to just exist freely within the rules and boundaries he created (that were perverted in the fall) all while redeeming humanity, and creation in the works of Christ Jesus.

Obviously, I cannot solve the problem of evil in a Facebook response. Note however, that creation was perverted in the fall, meaning that things are not how God created them to be. Note that we have free will and many times we choose to sin and sin has way more consequences then we ever realize- wars, murders, starvation, many diseases , ect... are all caused by the sin of one person, or the sins of many. Even natural disasters like hurricanes are far worse because of human sin. The science of global warming is telling us that humans have polluted the earth in such a way that we are going to have more hurricanes, more storms and more severe changes in weather patterns. There have always been natural disasters but the sin of mistreating the earth has caused them to be more devastating and more frequent. Note that evil is real. God is in a real battle with Satan and evil. God will win, but it is a real war none the less. I know people don't like believing in evil; but I think we all have come across something in our lives that is just worse or more sinister then we can blame on humans.

So many of the people who were affected by the most recent storms thanked God for what they did not lose because they could feel God's presence in their lives. I know that this is something impossible to describe to someone who has not felt it; yet it is as real as anything. I have known God's presence in failure, in success, in pain, in loss, in joy. I have seen God's presence at hospitals in the healing of disease but also despite terrific pain and death. To only see God in good is to cheapen the faith and create logical discrepancy that does not exist in the real faith.

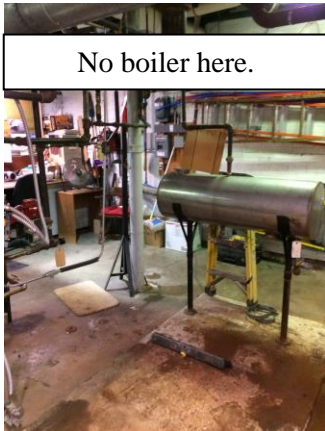
In Christ,



Rev Steven Brand

ABOVE THE FOLD

Main Boiler Replacement



As many of you know, the main boiler that heats the sanctuary has had a number of issues. Because of the boiler's age, replacement parts were not available. In August, the church received two bids from local companies for replacing the boiler.

Session evaluated the bids and accepted the bid from Houston Plumbing as it has a higher efficiency and slightly lower price. The boiler is made by Burnham Boilers, a company in Zanesville, and so also supports a local source.

The full cost estimate for removing the old boiler and installing the new boiler is \$36,950. The church paid a \$10,000 deposit at the end of August to get the work started.

Houston Plumbing removed the old boiler this past week and the new boiler is set for delivery by October 6th. Installation will take five to ten days so by mid-October we should have heat again.

In order to get the new boiler installed before the weather cools off, we are using the church's line of credit. To pay off the line of credit, we are requesting additional donations designated for the boiler replacement. So far, we have received approximately **\$11,000 of the \$36,950 needed.**

We are also investigating the possibility of a loan from the Presbytery Investment & Loan Program. This would allow us to spread the payments out over several years. Because the new boiler is more energy efficient than the old boiler, there is a possibility that we can get a "Green Loan" at a lower interest rate. This only makes sense if the interest rate is lower than the earnings on the churches investment fund.

We will keep you updated as the installation proceeds and by mid-October we shouldn't need winter coats in the sanctuary. Put 'Boiler' in the memo line of any checks. Thank you. – Keith Hare



Rev Sarah Juist, Rev Todd Tracy & Pastor Steve

Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship – A fun day was had by all at Rotary Park. The weather couldn't have been better. Many people from each of our three churches gathered for worship. Rick Black and Ann led the music. Choirs from 1st and 2nd performed and all three pastors teamed up for a sermon using their call stories as the focus. After worship, we sat together in fellowship enjoying 4 whole tables of potluck goodies. A special collection was taken for the Y-Healthy Kids Network Backpack program raising \$617.00. It was after two o'clock before everyone had left.



Rick Black & Ann Leading Worship



Everyone Enjoying Fellowship at the Park



"Ok everyone; let's take a serious picture now."

Sarah Bowles Baby Shower – Sarah & Chris have a baby coming in November. We celebrated this exciting news with a shower on September 24th. We had lunch, we played games, the men beat the ladies in baby Jeopardy, and all of the presents went to Heartbeats. Heartbeats has a store for pregnant and new mothers. The moms can buy the things they need with points they earn by doing things that help their babies grow and expand their parenting abilities.



All of the Items Donated to Heartbeats

WORSHIP

October Sermons

Oct 1st – Philippians 4 – Greetings & Peace

Oct 8th – That's Not Quite Right:
Everything Happens for a Reason

Oct 15th – That's Not Quite Right:

God Helps those Who Help Themselves

Oct 22nd – That's Not Quite Right:

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle

Oct 29th – Time for Another Reformation!

November Sermons

Nov 5th – Saints of the Future

Nov 12th – A Conversation with Veterans

Nov 19th – That's Not Quite Right:
God Said it, I Believe it, That Settles It

Nov 26th – That's Not Quite Right:

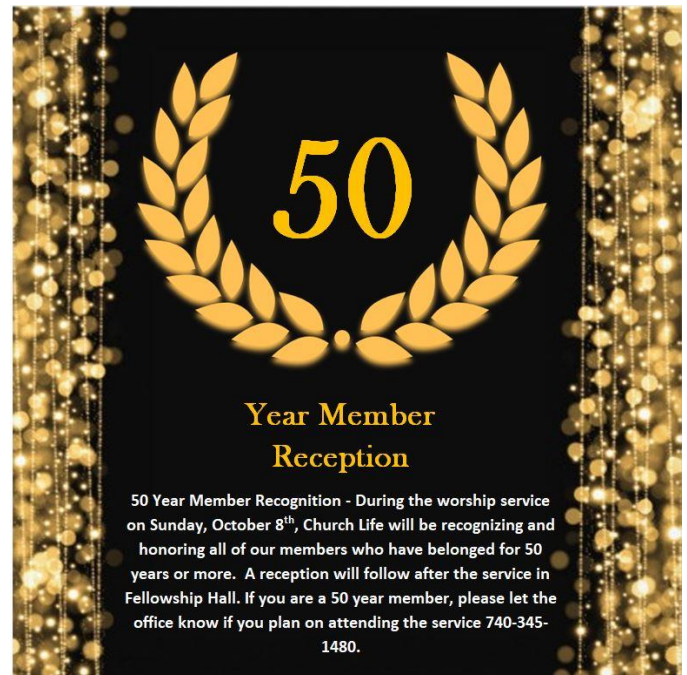
Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner

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



Bell Choir – Bell Choir practices the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:15pm in the music room. If you would like to play in the Bell choir please see Zac. The choir will play in service once each month.

Special Music – Just because the summer is over, it doesn't mean that special music has to stop. If you would like to take part in worship offering your talents you can do so at any time. Let Kim Frick or Zac know that you are interested in lending your talents to worship.



50 Year Member Recognition - During the worship service on Sunday, October 8th, Church Life will be recognizing and honoring all of our members who have belonged for 50 years or more. A reception will follow after the service in Fellowship Hall. If you are a 50 year member, please let the office know if you plan on attending the service 740-345-1480.





Reformation Sunday– October 29th – This year is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Our branch of protestant comes from John Calvin. "Calvin

argues that the knowledge of God is not inherent in humanity nor can it be discovered by observing this world. The only way to obtain it is to study scripture. Calvin writes, "For anyone to arrive at God the Creator he needs Scripture as his Guide and Teacher." He does not try to prove the authority of scripture but rather describes it as self-authenticating. He defends the Trinitarian view of God and, in a strong polemical stand against the Catholic Church, argues that images of God lead to idolatry." On October 29th we will celebrate our Scottish Reformed roots with Scottish flair throughout the service including a guest bag piper who will lead us in from out on 3rd Street.



Worship NARFE – The worship committee is serving the NARFE dinner Tuesday October 10th. We need volunteers to help with the meal. Please see Kim Frick if you can help.



Hanging of the Greens – Stay after worship November 26th to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. The decorating goes fast, there is no pressure and it is a good way to get into the Christmas spirit!



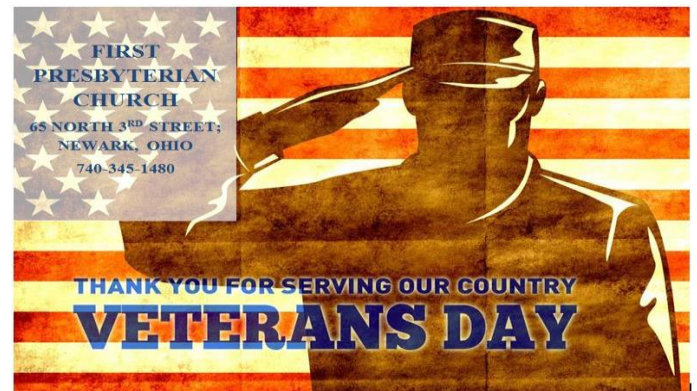
Gluten Free Communion Available
We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be in the communion cup trays.

CHURCH LIFE

Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. 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. There are pastries in the freezer to use if no one has brought snacks.

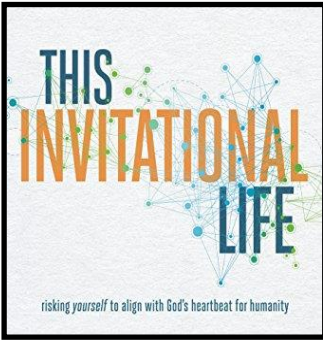


Lunch Bunch is a fellowship lunch group to which everyone is invited. The next Lunch Bunch will be October 18th at noon @ the Trout Club. This should be a great place to see the fall colors.
See Rose Gibson or Louise Whitis for more details.



Veteran's Sunday & Soup Contest – November 12th Join us for a special worship service that honors our country's servicemen & women. During the service we will recognize those who have served and hear from some of the members of our congregation who are Veterans. A reception featuring a soup contest will follow. Look through your recipes and get out your soup pot. See if you can wrestle the golden spoon trophy away from last year's winner Kim Frick. See Rose Gibson for more details or to sign up as a contestant. Please bring pictures or other items to display that honor your service or the service of a loved one.

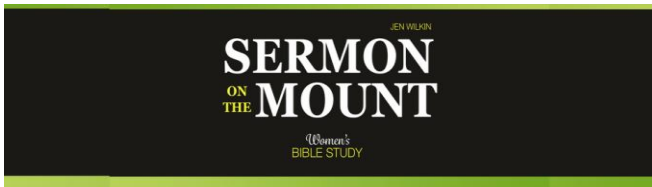
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Elective – This Invitational Life - Do you want to share your faith but don't know where to begin? Are you worried about coming across as a salesperson for Christ? *"This Invitational Life"* is an 8-week guide that

gives practical ideas and a biblical foundation for talking about what we believe and why. Please join us in the Journey Room at 9:15 as we discover ways to initiate non-threatening conversations and sensitively share our beliefs through Scripture and our own story.

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.



Women's Bible Study – The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study is working through a Jen Wilkin study on The Sermon on the Mount. Learn what it means to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount through a 9-week study led by Jen Wilkin. What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven? Matthew's gospel opens with three chapters containing Jesus' longest recorded message – a sermon given to His disciples early in His ministry to articulate what the life of a Christ-follower would look like. It was a message intended to turn upside down every expectation His closest followers might have. Both practical and profound, the sermon asks of us the same questions it posed to its original hearers: How should a disciple relate to sin? To others? To the Law? How does a disciple think, speak, and act? What is the nature of true righteousness? Monday nights in Fellowship hall @ 6:30pm.



Youth Group @ Hanover PC – Hanover Presbyterian has invited us to join them for a youth group this year. The group is for Middle School & High School youth. It is every other Sunday at 6pm. The next few meetings will be Oct 1, 15 & 29. See Pastor Steve if you are interested.



Safe Trick or Treat on the Square – October 26th, 5-6:30p.

Downtown Newark has a wonderful trick or treat program. There will be 100s of kids downtown. Last year we passed out 900 bags of candy with Bible tracks in them. First Presbyterian will again be participating

in Safe Trick or Treat on the Courthouse Square. We need candy to donate and smiling happy faces to pass them out to the kids. In October there will be a sign-up sheet if you would like to pass out candy and there will be a basket in the sanctuary for your donated candy. So start buying now, I hear there are good deals at GFS! October 22nd after worship, join us in Fellowship Hall as we pack the bags for the kids.

MISSIONS



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Natural disasters are causing so much pain and agony around our country. Sometimes it seems like things are so serious that there is nothing we can do. Here is an option from our denomination: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This is one of the great strengths we have available to us as a connected church.



Right now, PDA is on the ground offering assistance and hope to those affected by Hurricanes Irma, Maria & Harvey, as well as the earthquakes in Mexico and the South Sudan. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance asks us to fill in the **GAP** by **Giving**- Share your financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout the world. **Acting** – Get involved with disaster recovery ministry. **Praying** – Our best response is prayer. Seek God's presence on behalf of disaster survivors. Go to pda.pcusa.org for more information or to give financially.

God works great wonders through our weaknesses. He can take our gifts, regardless of how small and do amazing things with them! This also helps us as individuals to become more prolific in our own daily lives. Please keep giving, acting, and praying for all missions both near and far!! 2Cor. 12:9-10, 1Thess. 5:16-18, Prov. 16:3 – Tracee Barr

Alpha! The third offering of Alpha is off to an excellent start! We have had *about* a dozen guests attending – half from 1st Pres and the other half from outside our church.

Our retreat is coming up Saturday, October 14th. It's a high point of Alpha. We gather for the day and eat, watch videos and have lots of time for discussion, games and even a bit of down time.

Please pray for the Alpha team and our guests that God would work in all our hearts and draw us closer to him.

If you would like to know more about Alpha, please contact Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-877-0346) or go to www.alphausa.org.

YHEALTHY KIDS- Backpack

The Y-Heathy Kids Network Back Pack Program Involvement Opportunities

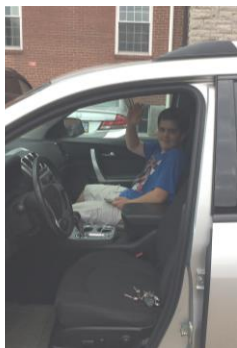
Packing Parties! The church has two packing parties planned - October 7th & November 11th at 9am in the Annex. Try parking in the gravel lot behind the Annex and coming in the back door of the Annex for the quickest walk. At a packing party, we will be loading the individual bags of food. We will create an assembly line in which each person puts one food item into a bag and then passes the bag onto the next person. The bag is then placed into a box. The box is then stacked on pallets ready to be sent to the schools. There are jobs for people of all skill levels at a packing party and you can even sit if you want to. Be sure to invite anyone you know who might be interested in helping - not just church folks.



A Load of Food Ready to Go to Carson Elementary!

In School Preparation – On Thursdays, the food gets taken out of the boxes. The bags get put into the kid's backpacks and other items are added. This job takes about 45minutes to complete but most schools have their teachers doing this. The teachers already do so much. If you would like to help with this final stage, speak with Sally Henry tomsallyh@windstream.net (She is a member of 2nd Pres and is coordinating this part of the program).

Food Delivery – The Presbyterian Partnership is also tasked with taking these prepacked boxes to the Newark and Heath Schools every other Wednesday. We hope to be able to deliver to all 15 schools eventually but want to start with a more manageable



number. There are seven schools that we will be delivering to. Most of the schools would only require a medium to large SUV. For the bigger schools, we can use 2nd Presbyterians van or a truck. To sign up for delivering or if you have any questions see Rev Steve.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. Please update our CCT of any address, phone number changes. If you are not sure of who your CCT person is, please contact Ann Robinson at 366-1579 (home) [6145577489](tel:6145577489) (cell/text) or annmarie0458@gmail.com. Without accurate information, it makes it difficult for our team members to be in touch with all of you.

Thank you.
Ann Marie Robinson
Chair, CCT

Hospice of Central Ohio Volunteer Training

I am writing on behalf of Hospice of Central Ohio as your church's liaison.

I can be that person who will guide you with questions you may have about WHAT Hospice is and what they do.. from palliative care, through transitions from this life to the next and how to cope with changes in life.

We do have Volunteer Training for all who are interested. I know MANY of you have a heart to volunteer, this may be for you :)

Next training dates are:

October 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm
All training is held at Hospice of Central Ohio offices 2269 Cherry Valley Road.

Please call Volunteer Services at 740-788-1404 or 740-788-1416

Email : volunteerservices@hospiceofcentralohio.org

Ann Marie Robinson

annmarie0458@gmail.com; 740-366-1579

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

Final Friday TLC Tent at the DNA Apple Festival

September 29 5-8pm

Our TLC tent (Talk, Listen and Care) will be set up again for the Downtown Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday Apple Festival on Friday, September 29 from 5-8pm. The tent will be set up close to the Popcorn Cart and to relieve the thirst it builds, we will have small bottles of cold water. We can 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.

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 that 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!

This month we still need:

School Supplies

Clothing such as

T-Shirts, Underwear, Hats, Gloves or Socks

FYI



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ~

November 5th is Stewardship Sunday. This is the day in which we dedicate our stewardship promises to the Lord.

These are promises of time, talents and offerings. Please plan on coming to this service having prepared in your hearts and minds your goals for the coming year. You will be receiving your stewardship packets and pledge cards on the 5th or mailed out during that week. They are to be returned by December 3rd.



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.

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.

Upcoming Favorites:


Advent Starts ~ Dec 3rd

Sights & Sounds of Christmas ~ Dec 7th

Christmas Celebration Concert ~ Dec 16th

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this Year ~ Dec 24th



SCRIP 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!



SCRIP CARDS

–VS–

FUEL POINTS

	<p>The Deal = Spend \$50 at Giant Eagle Get 10¢ off 1 Gallon of Gas</p> <p>The Reward = \$1 per 10 Gallons of Gas</p> <p>Savings = 2%</p>
	<p>The Deal = Spend \$100 at Kroger Get 10¢ off 1 Gallon of Gas</p> <p>The Reward = \$1 per 10 Gallons of Gas</p> <p>Savings = 1%</p>
<p>–VS–</p>	
	<p>The Deal = Buy a gift cards for stores or restaurants that you go to anyway.</p> <p>The Reward = The church gets a percentage of the sale anywhere from 1-12% with specials that go up to 25%.</p> <p>Savings = Average of 4.3%!</p>

Baked Stake Dinner: The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, October 13, 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: \$9.00 minimum donation.

Services & Resources for Older Citizens

Thursday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm

Outville Presbyterian Church
6463 Outville Rd.

740 927 7925 - for information

Presented by Colleen Upton



Learn how you or persons you know may
maintain independence longer.

Program is free. Come join us.

SEPTEMBER SESSION SUMMARY

Clerk's Report - The Presbytery Records Review was completed on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Gilead.

Death- Marcia Louise Fouke on September 5, 2017 with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark

Wedding- Keegan Hare and Alina Burton on August 6, 2017 at Pataskala Grace Church.

Communion- The Lord's Supper was celebrated during worship on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Presbytery Business-Letter from Presbytery regarding 2017 per capita of \$33.00 per person for a total of \$4,818. The church will only forward money designated toward per capita by those giving.

Pastor's Report- Hanover Presbyterian Church has invited the youth of First to attend their youth group which meets the first and third Sunday of each month.

Christian Education, Family and Youth

Committee - reported that the adult Sunday School class is studying This Invitational Life by Steven Carter.

Church Life Committee - reported that approximately 145 people from First, Second, Hanover and Woodside Presbyterian Churches met on Sunday, September 17 for worship and a picnic at Rotary Park. The 50-Year Member Recognition and a reception will be on Sunday, October 8, 2017. The Lunch Bunch will meet on October 18 at the Trout Club.

Evangelism and Outreach Committee - reported that the third session of Alpha is currently running through November 16, 2017. A dinner was served to the residents of Candlewick Commons on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The One Great Hour of Sharing collection for 2016 and 2017 has been equally divided and sent to Salvation Army, World Vision and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. A total of \$472.25 was collected for 2017. On Final Fridays the TLC Tent (Talk, Listen and Care) has been available for talk, prayer and cold water. The popcorn cart distributed over 600 bags of popcorn, Christian wristbands and stickers at the Kid's Fest on August 25, 2017.

Property Committee - reported that the new boiler has been ordered and \$11,600.00 has already been donated toward the expense.

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. October (Worship), November (E&O) and December (Church Life).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Detrick, Lisa	October 1
Kittel, Dave	October 2
Hare, Emily	October 4
Fish, Ryan	October 7
Drake, Haley	October 7
Snider, Kathie	October 9
Rodeniser, Lois	October 12
Gilbert, Peighton	October 13
Deweese, Gary	October 14
Lucero, Hannah	October 19
Nichols, Jean	October 19
DiBlasio, Barb	October 22
Barber, Dee	October 25



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rainey, Keith & Christine	October 19
Angeletti, Greg & Tina	October 22
Blamer, Bob & Debbie	October 25
Hartman, Jay & Wendy	October 27

The gas meter has been moved from inside the building to the gravel lot.

Worship and Music Committee - reported that Worldwide Communion will be served on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Reformation Sunday will be celebrated with a bagpiper on Sunday, October 29 and All Saints Day on Sunday, November 5 will include a time to remember those who have passed away in the last year.

Budget and Finance Committee - reported that they are researching Presbytery minimum salary for Pastors and reviewing compensation for the

custodian. The treasurer reported that July and August reports have been emailed to Session members. The payroll service has increased. A motion was made, seconded and carried to increase the choir director's annual salary to \$4,524, so that it can be divided evenly as this amount is paid over the entire year. The line of credit balance is \$27,822.62 with interest to date of \$246.94. The \$10,000 deposit for the boiler is included in this amount.

New Business A checklist on opening and closing the church will be provided as elder training at the October meeting.

November 28th Pre-Presbytery Event

Conversations About the Opiate Epidemic in Ohio

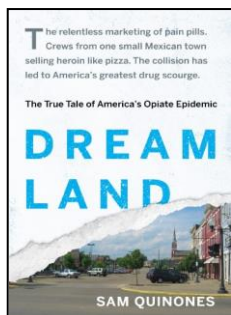


He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. -Psalm 147:3

Noon-12:45: Q&A with 'Dreamland' writer Sam Quinones

In his book 'Dreamland' journalist Sam Quinones shows us how capitalism run amok, the unfettered prescribing of pain medications in the 1990's and an influx of black tar heroin has led us to the frightening abuse of opiates we see today. He uses the lives and stories of the people of Portsmouth, Ohio as the background for this book.

Sam Quinones will be joining us via Skype for a question and answer period revolving around 'Dreamland' and his experience preparing and writing this book. 'Dreamland' is an important read for all churches as we look to face a problem that is hurting all of our communities.



12:45-1:30: Lunch \$5

Lunch will be available for \$5. We will be having pizza, salads & dessert. Please RSVP for this lunch so that we can have enough food for everyone by November 26th to Steven Brand at firstnewark@gmail.com.

1:30-2:30: 'The Church's Role in the Opiate Epidemic' with William Livisay

We know that the church has a role in the Opiate Epidemic. Somehow, we have to be a part of keeping people from drugs, helping those who are addicted to get clean, and reuniting families; but how? William Livisay will be presenting on just how the church can help. Don't expect easy answers or a magic bullet, but there are steps we can take. There are ways of understanding that help us find our own action steps.



William Livisay, a Licensed Social Worker, who has over thirty years of human service experience primarily with children and families, the criminal justice system, and the substance use disorder field. William is the owner of the W Osborne Group, a professional services firm specializing in organizational development, training and consulting. His sphere of experience also involves strategic planning, cultural competence, managing change, building effective teams, and leadership development. His work has taken him nationally and international as a presenter and participant in exchanges with criminal justice, education and substance use disorder.

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