

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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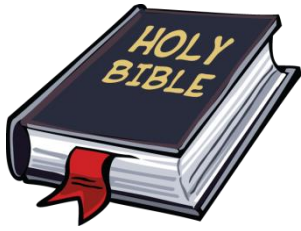
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Janet Simross, Part-time Organist

October 2019



## SERMONS



**Sermon Series:**  
**Favorite Scriptures-**  
Recently, I asked  
Session Elders to send  
me their favorite  
scripture and 1 or 2

reasons why. We have been focusing sermons on those scriptures and will continue through our last one on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all that submitted their favorite scriptures.

### October Sermons

Oct 6 – Keith Hare’s Favorite - Deut. 10  
Oct 13 – The Valley of the Shadow - Psalm 23  
Oct 20 – Up to the Mountains – Psalm 121  
Oct 27 – A Royal Priesthood – 1 Peter 2

## WORSHIP

**The Worship Committee** is looking for some suggestions/ideas, and volunteers to expand the committee members.

We would also appreciate your ideas for favorite hymns that you would like to have included in our worship service. Several members have already mentioned their favorites and these have been included in recent services.

Volunteers would be appreciated, if you have interest in any of the following:

- One volunteer to help setup for communion and /or cleanup communion items after service. Set-up is between 8:30 to 9:00 AM and cleanup takes ~30 minutes immediately after the service.
- One volunteer to light/extinguish candles on the communion table for one or a few Sundays in a month; immediately before and after Sunday service.
- Periodically someone to clean out the wax from the brass candle tops (followers) and lightly polish them.
- One volunteer to help change out the paraments on the lectern and communion table after service Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- In December, at least one volunteer before the Christmas Eve candlelight service to prepare the candles/holders.

Please contact Carolyn Durr if you are willing and able to volunteer, the task(s) of interest, and the date(s) you find convenient and any suggestions you may have for music and worship services.

Work email: [Carolyn.Durr@dnvgl.com](mailto:Carolyn.Durr@dnvgl.com)

Work phone: 614-761-6930 (9:00 to 5:00 M-F)

Home phone: 740-366-2189 (leave message or call after 7:00 PM).



### Gluten Free Communion Available

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They are in the communion cup trays.



### *Peanut Free Worship, Sunday School & Coffee Hour*

**Coffee 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 Sanctuary, if you would like to bring the snacks.



*Communion will be  
offered  
this Sunday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup>,  
World Communion  
Sunday*



## SEPTEMBER IN THE REVIEW MIRROR



**121 Presbyterians in the Park**, Rotary Park that is. A mix of music, a bit of “magic,” Scripture and lessen. Mingling and munching. If you

missed our September 15 worship service this year, don’t worry we will gather again **September 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**, barring a scheduling difficulty. Put us on your calendar!



### PCUSA – Witnesses for the Public

The **Reverend Jimmy Hawkins, Director of Public Witness for the PCUSA** in Washington, DC, spoke to a local gathering of Presbyterians Monday, September 16. We learned a little about how Scripture

based positions on legislation and events occurring at the national level are advocated by not only our denomination but a network of Christian churches. He encouraged us to advocate locally for those who Christ would have come along side in real, immediate ways, but also by paying attention to what is happening politically. The church should be standing with the poor, hungry, underrepresented, jobless, elderly, etc. As Newark revitalizes, we should be in the mix, making sure problems are not solved by sweeping people under the carpet or driving them out of town.

One takeaway was that all Presbyterians should be receiving the news updates put out by the Presbyterian News Service to keep up on what is happening within the denomination. You can subscribe to daily or weekly news and announcements in digest form at the following website: <https://www.pcusa.org/newsupdates/>



Warning: There is a LOT going on in our denomination!

Another interesting online source for reading is the collection of position papers researched, written, and presented with GA approval. These not only inform our PCUSA, but are also referenced by other denominations as well as public policy makers. We have a reputation for rigorous research and attention to truth and detail when covering a topic. Just one of the many ways our church serves others.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/acswp/topics/>



### ALPHA update!

Each session of Alpha seems to take on a life of its own, and this time is no different. We are continuing to meet at the Look Up Center, and every week the excitement continues to grow. The first week we started off with only 5

guests. Two came because they attend the free Monday night meals at the Look Up Center. Two others were brought by a church member. The following week two more came because of the Look Up Center. The third week two more came, also because of the Look Up Center. One more person came looking for prayer and a free meal. The video we watched that evening addressed the very serious issues she is dealing with! We are up to 11 guests with the potential for at least a couple more. We have all been blessed to be a part of showing God’s love to those He is bringing to us!

Please continue to keep Alpha in your prayers. Our retreat will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. We are in a very strategic place to be able to offer hope and help! Prayer is what makes these encounters at Alpha happen.





## CANDLEWICK COMMONS

Thank you to everyone for making our outreach to Candlewick Commons a success. The residents enjoyed the food and the conversation we shared with them. As we served the food, more and more of our neighbors appeared in their community room. We invited them to the activities of the church both at the church and in the downtown area. We were all very blessed by this outreach.

Our next outreach to them is **December 12th** when we will be celebrating Christmas with them. I hope you will plan to join us!!



## Y – HEALTHY KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

### How Can You Take Part?

-Would you like to take part in a program that provides a weekend worth of food, every weekend of the school year, to over 500 kids in our county who would likely go hungry?

-Would you like to take part in a program that is a partnership of churches, the Licking County Food Pantry, the Licking County YMCA, local schools and business leaders?

### Here is How:

**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 45 minutes 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](mailto: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. There are seven schools that we will be delivering to. We need people who would be willing to help load the boxes onto a truck and unload the boxes at the schools. Deliveries start in the middle of September. See Rev Steve, or Ron Noland, if you have any questions.

**Packing Party** – On Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> we had a great time packing up food. We had two lines going at the same time and the team that was there unloaded and loaded 3 pallets full of food which resulted in 630 bags being packed for the upcoming year for Newark City Schools. Great job! And thank you to all that came to help.

**We would like to hold a second packing party.** This will be coordinated through the church emails. So that we pick a time and date that works for those who wish to participate.



**On September 20<sup>th</sup> Garfield School had teachers and students here to help pack. They came at 4:00pm and stayed until 6:00 and helped get bags of food ready.**



Thank you so much Garfield Elementary for your community service. It was very helpful and much appreciated.

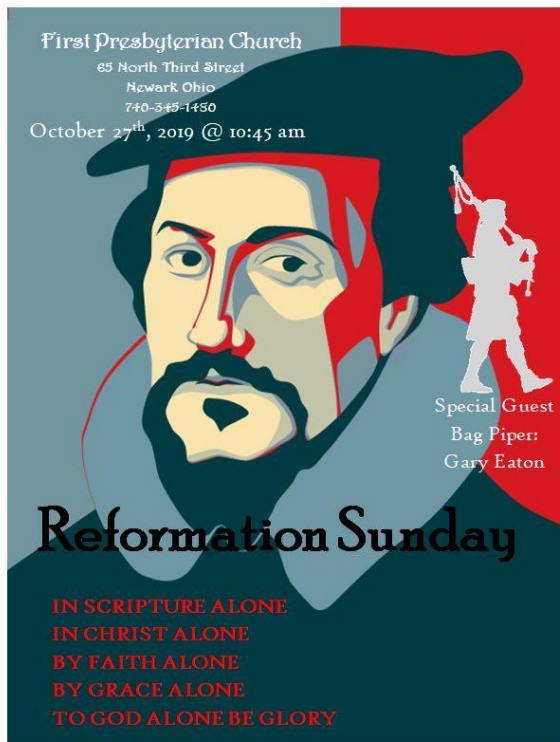
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 12, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.— “Why Christians Should Care About Civility”

Hanover Presbyterian hosts Theo Brown, Outreach Coordinator for Religious Groups for the National Institute for Civil Discourse. Do not miss this opportunity to learn how we might seek to be faithful together even in difficult times. **\$15 per person covers a continental breakfast at 9:00, lunch and snacks.** If interested in attending, please contact Priscilla Hare or Pastor Steve **ASAP**.

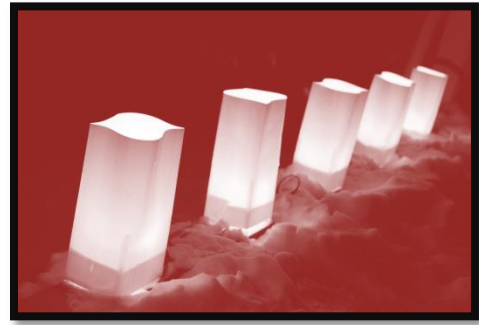
**October 27 – Heritage Sunday** Celebrating our church history and members, new and old! We will celebrate our Scottish Reformed roots with Scottish flair throughout the service including a guest bag piper who will lead us in from out on 3rd Street.

**A reception will be held following the service.** Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall.



**November 10 - Veteran's Sunday Potluck** following service. Lois has asked for Veteran's and descendants to please bring pictures, uniforms, mementoes, etc. of that time of service to be displayed.

**November 24 - Pizza after church as we Prep Luminaries for Christmas Walk & Decorate the Church.**



**December 5 – Sights and Sounds Newark Christmas Walk** – Put this on your calendar! We will be looking for sanctuary hosts, doormen, luminaria lighters, cookie bakers. Signups will be in November.



(Shoebox Ministry)  
**Packing Party**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
(or any time in between)

Come join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 PM until 8:00(ish) PM. **We'll have a light supper around 6:00.** If you can come for just an hour, that's fine; just come. We'll need folks to label boxes with shipping tags, write notes to children, etc. We'll also need some adults or teens to help little ones make age-appropriate selections for their boxes. Please come join us in this important (and fun) ministry. Bring a few goodies of your own or choose treasures from our First Pres "store" to fill a shoebox that will be delivered to a child with an introduction to the real gift, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Items Needed To Fill Boxes:** *Items are Collected Year Round. A Collection Box is Located Outside the Sactuary Doors on the NW Corner.*

**August-**School Supplies as above

**September-** socks or footies

**October- Bandanas and toothbrushes**

**November-**OCC Shipping Money

**Every month-**shipping money, shoeboxes wrapped, plastic shoeboxes.



**Meet Amy Faith**

Super Typhoon Haiyan pummeled the Philippines for hours with its relentless 195-mile-per-hour winds and driving rain. Waves nearly 20 feet high crashed over the coastline, leaving nearly 20 feet high crashed over the coastline, leaving 4 million people homeless.

Nine-year-old Amy Faith Raayco, who lives on Bantayan Island, remembers hiding under a bed and clutching her mother, brothers, and sisters when Haiyan hit. Windows shattered, their roof peeled off, and eventually the walls buckled in around them. "I was so scared," Amy said. "All I could do was close my eyes."

Amy and her family lost everything that night. Even the simple Christmas decorations they had were washed away.



Amy's mother and father used their entire life savings to rebuild a one-room house on the old foundation. The children were told not to expect any presents at Christmas. Hope was renewed when Amy was invited to receive an Operation Christmas Child gift box at Bethel Christian Leadership Center. After sending two

cargo planes to the Philippines loaded with relief supplies, Samaritan's Purse chartered a third 747 to airlift 65,000 shoebox gifts for children in churches across the devastated islands of Leyte, Bantayan and surrounding communities.

Amy beamed with excitement when she was handed her shoebox. The crayons and scarf she received served as a comforting reminder that God loved her and never forgot her, even after Typhoon Haiyan washed away her home. "I'm so happy to get this shoebox and to use all the things in it." Amy said. "Even this scarf I can use to shade myself since all the trees are gone."

(Article taken from Samaritan's Purse, Good News, Great Joy magazine)

A graphic for 'LUNCH BUNCH'. It features a blue background with a white fork and spoon crossed over each other. The text 'LUNCH BUNCH' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the graphic, there is a blue box with white text that reads: 'Lunch Bunch is a fellowship lunch group to which everyone is invited. October 16 – Lunch Bunch will be meeting/eating at Watts Restaurant in Utica, OH. Please contact Louise Whitis if you think you can join us. A head count helps us prepare seating ahead of time.'

## **Safe Trick or Treat on the Square**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-7** Downtown Newark has a wonderful trick or treat program. There will be thousands of kids downtown. Last year we passed out over 1,000 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.





## Candy Packing Party!



**October 20<sup>th</sup> after worship, join us in Fellowship Hall as we pack treat bags for the kids.**

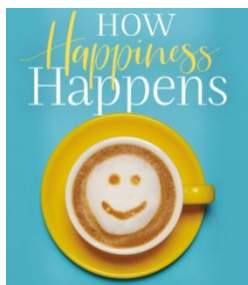
## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Good Morning Bible Study** is from 10:00 am to noon in the Library. We are currently studying the book of **1 Samuel**. No book to buy, just bring your Bible for some good Bible study and fellowship. Please join us!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Life seems to be wearing us all down - personally, locally, nationally and internationally - stuff just keeps happening. But God's Word tells us that God wants to bring us joy. In his Word he has given us practical and applicable ways to instill this joy. During the month of



October the Adult Sunday School class is learning how to have this kind of joy in our study of "How Happiness Happens". If you haven't been in Sunday School for a while, maybe think about giving this study a try. Please join us in the Journey Room at 9:15.

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

### Second Mile Giving Missionaries

David and Joy Miller  
Boston International Student Ministry

Boston International Student Ministry serves international students, scholars and their families in cooperation with the international student offices in the colleges and universities throughout the west Boston area. Services consist primarily of friendship partners, holiday host families, seminars, tourism and both conversational and academic English as a second language classes.

As students and their families come into this country, imagine the difficulty they encounter to adjust to the culture. BISM helps them find housing, transportation, friendship, English classes, and seminars to help them adjust to the culture. As friendships grow, opportunities to share the Christian faith with these students and families may occur. In helping with adjustment to this country, our help and caring may allow them to be introduced to Jesus.

David and Joy Miller have been working with BISM for many years. Our latest information from them is that David may be having some serious health issues. He had a stem cell transplant in 2013 for mantle cell lymphoma. He is going through many tests to determine a plan of action for his health.

David was active in this church during high school. His mother served on the mission committee for many years during her lifetime.

We are hoping to hear from David and Joy in the near future. Please pray for David's health and their ministry.



**REFIT fitness class**  
Every Monday at 6 pm  
Led by Kim Frick  
Cost: \$5  
Second Presbyterian Church Gym, Newark

Park between the church and Park National Bank, enter in the back door (gym entrance). Front doors will be locked.

### What is REFIT?

REFIT is a positive fitness experience that fits everybody. Age or fitness level are not a barrier in a REFIT workout. REFIT involves repetitive movement to music, providing aerobic exercise with toning. The entire workout is done while standing and without equipment.

How is REFIT different from other formats? REFIT is a fitness experience that centers around helping people change from the inside out. REFIT is body work + heart work. After the workout (body work), the instructor offers inspiration and encouragement (heart work). All music is family friendly and promotes a positive message. Anyone who attends should leave feeling better than when they came in.

Questions?

Contact Kim Frick at 740-405-5666.

## FROM THE OFFICE

**Office Hours** are Tuesday – Thursday from 9-2pm. Sheri, the church's secretary, will regularly be there during those times.

**Church Emails** – Every Wednesday, a church wide email is sent out with announcements, prayer requests, volunteer schedules and other information. Please send your email to [firstpresofc@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresofc@gmail.com) if you are not receiving these emails.

**No Email?** – We are compiling a list of individuals with no email that would like to be called if important information arises. This would include: church cancelations, event changes, important events, or serious events. Please call the church office to be placed on this list.

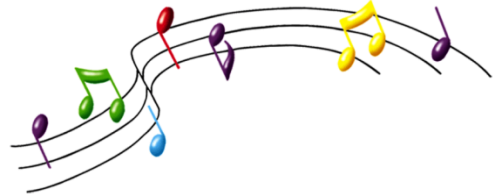
**Prayer Chain** – The prayer chain is an email list that updates everyone on new prayer requests as they come in. If you would like to be added to

the prayer chain email Kim Dershem at [kdershem@windstream.net](mailto:kdershem@windstream.net).

**Pictures** – Please remember to take pictures of church events as they happen. Send them to the church office email if you take a picture you wish to share. [firstpresofc@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresofc@gmail.com)



**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](http://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.



**We want to Welcome Janet Simross, our new part-time Organist, who will be playing the organ for us on the following dates:**

**Oct. 13, 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sight and Sounds**

**It will be so nice to hear the sound of the organ again during Worship.**



## FATHER FACTOR



**Do you like to bake or entertain?**

**Would you like to provide a treat or snack for Father Factor Meetings?**

Father Factor, a parenting skills, resource and support group, has been meeting at the church for the last few years. During their next session on Mondays, 6-8:00pm from November 4 through December 23, would you like to again bless this group with a treat each week? If you'd like to help out, just sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. You can provide cookies, brownies, chips, fruit, donuts, ice cream bars or whatever you'd like. Please have the treat at the church in the Journey Room by 5:45pm on your chosen night. You could even bring it in on Sunday and not need to return on Monday. Please be sure to put out whatever paper products are needed, too. Those can be found in the cupboard behind the folding door just past the ladies restroom. The leaders will be sure all is cleaned up. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Dershem at 740-877-0346 or [kdershem@windstream.net](mailto:kdershem@windstream.net).

Thank you for taking on this opportunity to bless men who seek to be better fathers.

(Dates, for the next Father Factor session are: Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25 & Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23)



**Downtown Newark Association (DNA)  
Final Fridays  
May to September 2019**

The 2019 Final Friday season is over. The Evangelism and Outreach Committee would like to thank all of those who helped with our TLC (Talking-Listening-Caring) Tent and Popcorn Cart-with set up and tear down, listening ears and prayer, water donations, popping corn and distributing it with a warm welcome. May God bless you with His grace and peace as you have blessed others.



***Congratulations to **Tricia Denune** who was awarded the **CAREGiver** of the month award for Home Instead. Keep up the good work and thank you for your service to our community!***



Keith and Chris Rainey 10/19  
Greg and Tina Angeletti 10/22  
Tim and Angie Klinker 10/22  
Bob and Deb Blamer 10/25  
Jay and Wendy Hartman 10/27

*Happy  
Anniversary!*



Lisa Detrick 10/1  
David Kittel 10/2  
Emily Hare 10/4  
Ayden Woods 10/5  
Haley Drake 10/7  
Ryan Fish 10/7  
Kathie Snider 10/9  
Tanya Noland-Walters 10/11  
Lois Rodeniser 10/12  
Peighton Gilbert 10/13  
Gary Deweese 10/14  
Jean Nichols 10/19  
Dee Barger 10/25

