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Alpha!

Alpha is up and running! We began meeting on Thursday, August 31st with a wonderful mixture of church members, returning guests and new guests – all with varying interests in the Christian faith!

Alpha is a meal, a movie and a time of meaningful conversation. It's a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back, non-judgmental atmosphere – perfect for someone who either wants to learn more about their faith or to bring someone who has questions.

It's not too late to join us. If you would like more information email 1stpresnewarkALPHA
@gmail.com, call Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-877-0346) or go to www.alphausa.org.

Embrace the Discomfort

I recently read a book entitled "REVOLUTION In World Missions" by K.P.Yohannan. As a westerner, this book was a hard pill for me to swallow, however it got me thinking about the importance of missionary work in general. It is our job as Christians to not only spread the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, but to spread it wherever God has planted us. Some are called to other lands, others to stay home and give our support. The point is that we are all called. Our missionaries out in the field are in dire need of our financial support! Many are in dangerous areas, some are ill, others persecuted or imprisoned. Some need money for legal fees, some a means of transportation.

Those who have made the sacrifice to spread the Gospel are often uncomfortable in one way or another, but they hold fast to God's word, knowing He will provide and see them through. For us here at home, it should also be a little uncomfortable. If we are shy or embarrassed to invite people to come to our church, let us embrace that discomfort and invite them anyway! If it makes us a little uncomfortable to give a few extra dollars each week, embrace that discomfort and give anyway! If you find it uneasy to get in extra prayer time, re-arrange your thoughts and find that needed time! Our "mission" as Christians is to spread the good news about Jesus whenever, wherever, and however we are led. It is often more than just being able-it is about being led. So help fight the good fight and the growth of our church through faith and giving-praying always with a thankful heart while embracing any discomfort. Our church, our missionaries, and our community are calling. - Love in His Kingdom, Tracee Barr.

Church Access & Parking

Here are the expected dates of completion for some of the downtown construction. 13 and Hudson Ave are supposed to open back up by the middle of September. That will help, especially those of us on the North side of town. Church Street and part of 3rd Street are opening back up mid-November. The portion of 3rd Street that is in front of our church will not open again until May 1st. That said, getting to church and accessing the building is really not any harder, though it is different.

FAQ

Is the handicap door on 3rd Street still open?

Yes, the sidewalk remains open and will remain open for most of the construction.

Can I park in the PNB lot across the street?

Yes, they have created a walk through from the PNB lot to right in front of the alley. It will be open for most of the construction.

Are the alley ways still open?

Yes, both of the alleys that run through our block will remain open.

Where can I park?

Anywhere you could before except for street parking on 3rd Street. Here are some options.

- 1. As mentioned earlier the PNB lot is open from Locust and there is a walkway.
- side of the church.
- 2. The main blacktop lot is open from the alley way that runs along the
- 3. The fenced in gravel lot behind the chapel. It belongs to Windstream and has a sign saying not to park there but Windstream said it was OK and I park there all the time.
- 4. The gravel lot on the south side of the building behind the Annex. This lot is rented out M-F from 8-5pm but is free to use all other times. The back door will be open for services. It is a surprisingly short walk from this lot to the sanctuary.
- 5. Street parking on 4th or Church.



In order to park in the main lot, drive down the alley that runs right along the church building toward the front of the church. At the front of the lot they have created space to U-turn into the lot. Please do this.



Continue Down Alley for Parking



Location of Turn Around for Lot

WORSHIP

September Sermons

Sept 3rd – Philippians 2 – Newark All-stars Sept 10th – Philippians 2b – Misplaced Confidence Sept 17th – All Church Picnic @ Rotary Park Sept 24th – Philippians 3 – Gaining at a Loss

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!



Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship @ Rotary

Park – September 17th @ 10:30am. For the second year, we will be joined by our brothers and sisters at Hanover and Second Presbyterian. All three churches will take part in worship, provide music, work together for the sermon, have fellowship around the table and enjoy each other's company. Following the service we will have a potluck picnic. There is so much to see and do at the park. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. If the weather makes us change our plans we will have our picnic here at 1st Presbyterian. We had such a great time last year. Don't miss this day! During the service there will be a special offering taken for the Y-Healthy Kids Backpack Program.

Choir Rehearsal – Choir rehearsals began August 30th and will continue 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.



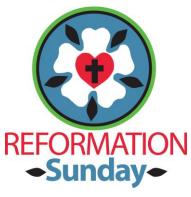
Bell Choir – Bell Choir will begin practicing September 20th at 6:15pm in the music room. If you would like to play in the Bell choir please see Zac. The choir will practice twice a month and play in service once a month **as long as we have enough participants to do so.**

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.

Church Media System - The projectors have been installed in the sanctuary and are now in use for worship services. A big thank you to everyone who donated toward this fund and to Keith Hare, Steve Smith, Gary Deweese, Ron Noland and Gary Collins who helped with the purchase and installation. The worship committee appreciates everyone who helped make this vision a reality.



- October 29th - The teaching of the Protestant Reformation is described by the '5 Solas'. Sola means alone and so the '5 Solas' can be translated as: In Scripture Alone, In

Christ Alone, By Faith Alone, By Grace Alone, To God Alone be Praise. Our wing of the Reformed church comes out of Scotland. It emphasized the freedom of worship, a Calvinist expression of God's character & plain worship spaces. 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.



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.

You are invited to join us for lunch and a party!

Sunday September 24th, at noon

We will be celebrating the impending birth of Baby Bowles

Food and Games will be provided

Gifts will benefit Heartbeats of Licking County.



Heartbeats Wish List

Diaper Sizes: 2 and up

Wipes

Baby Hygiene Items

(Shampoo, Lotion, etc.)

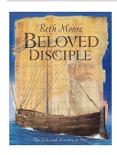
Children's Books (for under age 2)

Stuffed Animals

Bottles

(Please make sure items are new and in their original packaging.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Women's Bible Study – The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study is working through Beth Moore's Study: Beloved Disciple. Every disciple and early follower of Christ left a legacy for future believers. John's legacy was love. Perhaps

like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless. This study is about finding our way to the heart of Jesus and reclining so closely that our pulse begins to throb in tandem, loving what He loves and hating what He hates. Monday nights in Fellowship hall @ 6:30pm.



Presbytery Wide Youth Event – The Fall Tailgate. Join youth from all over the presbytery for this fun day. The Buckeye Video Game truck will be on hand. This is a trailer that has stadium seating and huge TVs on the inside so that 20 people can play video games at the same time. On the outside of the truck large screens will be playing the Ohio State Rutgurs game. There will be an inflatable obstacle course. And a big grill serving up your tailgate favorites. For Middle and High School Youth. *See Pastor Steve for more details.

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 first meeting is September 17th. 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!

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.



Adult Elective – This Invitational Life - The class finishes up its' study on parables September 3rd. Then the class takes a few weeks off for the Fall Brunch and the Church Picnic. September 24th

the Adult Elective begins a new study- "This Invitational Life" by Steve Carter. The community of Christ has a great tradition of invitation. Inviting others to faith requires leaning in to your own story, overcoming fear, and stepping out. But the good news is for everyone, always. And you can help keep it going. Using Scripture and story, Steve Carter casts a vision for non-threatening conversations that point people to Christ. Most significantly, Steve shows that only through risking it all will we discover what God is truly like. 9:15am on Sunday mornings in the Journey Room.



Y HEALTHY KIDS- Backpack



The Y-Heathy Kids Network Back Pack Program Involvement Opportunities

Packing Parties! The church has two packing parties planned - September 9th & October 7th 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.



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 go to the following link

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48afa72aa0f c1-wednesday See Rev Steve, if you have any questions.

Schools Participating for 2017-18 School Year We are Delivering to the Schools in Newark & Heath.

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Dianne Schlepper	Sept 2
Holman, Jean	Sept 4
Kittel, Kay	Sept 4
Montgomery, Shannon	Sept 8
Novell, Rose	Sept 8
Ashcraft, Ryan	Sept 10
Gibson, Gaye	Sept 13
Fouke, Marcia	Sept 16
Rainey, Keith	Sept 16
Drake, Vincent	Sept 19
Rodeniser, Jim	Sept 21
Cox, Lorraine	Sept 22
Deweese, Jo	Sept 24
Balderston, Carol	Sept 26
Fish, Anna	Sept 26
Gilbert, Harper	Sept 26
Ashcraft, Logan	Sept 28
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Keck, Steve & Kenita Sept 17

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

Candlewick Commons

Please join us at Candlewick Commons on Thursday, September 14 at 4:00 P.M. for our next meal with our neighbors there. We will be having chicken casserole, vegetable, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. We will also have a time of music and fellowship with these great folks.

If you can supply a dessert for this outreach, a signup sheet is on the sign-up table in the sanctuary or call Gaye Gibson at 740-344-3933.

Email: <u>lgayegibson@gmail.com</u>

We hope you will come to share with this great group.



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



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) <u>6145577489</u> (cell/text) or <u>annmarie0458@gmail.com</u>. 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:

August 15, 17 22 and 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm 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

FYI



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.

Upcoming Favorites:

All Saints Day ~ Nov 5th
Veteran's Sunday ~ Nov12th
Hanging of the Greens ~ Nov 26th
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

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.



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!

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

New Main Boiler Needed August Session Summary

The church's main steam boiler is broken beyond repair. Several of the heat exchangers have holes that cannot be repaired or replaced. After seeking many bids for replacing the boiler, two were received from Gutridge Plumbing and Houston Plumbing. The bids were within several hundred dollars of each other. The time frame for replacing the boiler is 6 weeks. So, a special meeting was held following worship on Sunday, August 20, 2017 to discuss the purchase of a new boiler.

Prior to the meeting, Keith Hare provided a breakdown of the boiler estimates received from Gutridge Plumbing and Houston Plumbing considering efficiency rating and cost. The Budget and Finance Committee made a suggestion that the purchase of the new boiler be put on the line-of-credit and that a Green Loan from the Presbytery Investment and Loan at a rate of 2.5% be sought. This loan is provided for churches who are improving their carbon footprint by being more efficient and using less fossil fuels.

The loan was considered to be a good option as it lets us stretch out the time period of repayment and lets us keep our invested funds. The invested funds are making a higher rate of return than the loans interest.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept 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 we appreciated being able to use a local source.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase the boiler as soon as possible by putting it on the line-of-credit and to seek the Presbytery Green Loan. Session will meet for further discussion if the loan is not approved.

After the meeting, Huston was contacted and contracted with the installation of the new boiler and a deposit of \$10,000 was made. The full cost estimate for removing the old boiler and installing the new boiler is \$36,950. Capital campaign to come. Please consider giving toward the new furnace. Put 'Boiler' in the memo line of any checks. Thank you.