

September 2015



The day of Randall Smith's  
Memorial service

## The Cornerstone News

### First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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#### Out of the Saltshaker...

"Freely you have received, freely  
give." (Matthew 10:8)

The role of the church is simply this: to bless the  
world. (Reggie McNeal, *Missional Renaissance*)

We don't know exactly what heaven  
looks like, but we do know that in the  
middle of the New Jerusalem there is a  
river - **the river of the water of life, as  
clear as crystal, flowing from the  
throne of God and of the Lamb down  
the middle of the great street of the  
city.** (Revelation 22:12)

All throughout Scripture the river is a  
powerful picture of the abundant life  
God offers all people through His Son  
Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As the angel  
said to the prophet Ezekiel, **where the  
river flows everything will live .**  
(Ezekiel 47:9)

When Jesus first spoke about the life-  
sustaining Holy Spirit, he talked about a  
river: **"Whoever believes in me,  
streams of living water will flow from  
within him."** (John 7:38) A river is an  
appropriate image for the Christian life  
because it's always moving and never  
stagnant. There is a flowing in and a  
flowing out. We're supposed to be riv-  
ers, not lakes. **Streams of living water  
will flow**, not, *lakes of stagnant water*

*will accumulate.* That's why the Dead  
Sea is dead – nothing flowing in or out.  
That's why dead churches are dead –  
nothing coming in, nothing going out.

When Jesus sent his disciples out on their  
first mission he used the language of a  
river: **Freely you have received, freely  
give.** His life had flowed into them and  
now he was telling them to let it flow  
out. The life we've received from Jesus  
is meant to be shared - not just with each  
other, but also with our community.  
We've been talking about reaching our  
community. To effectively do this, we  
must *freely receive* in order to *freely  
give*. The Holy Spirit is constantly flow-  
ing like a river. How much are we re-  
ceiving? And how much of what we are  
receiving are we giving away?

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will  
find a lovely poem by Sue Paulus. The  
last stanza perfectly captures what Jesus  
commanded his followers:

*Keep the Living Water flowing*

*Pour out everything He has  
blessed you with*

*Drink deep*

*Drink in and pour out*

*Others need to see Him through you.*

God has blessed us and also commanded  
us to be a blessing. We who trust in Jesus  
have received and continue to receive  
living water. This gift of life is not meant  
to collect in one place, but to constantly  
flow out.

Shalom!

*Pastor Dave*

*How does God want to express Himself through this  
church in this community at this time?"*

Catching a Vision of God: from the Multiply Conference held on January 10, 2015

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Chamber Net- working Break- fast 7:45 am  Circle 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> 1st Wednesday meal and service	<b>3</b> Blood Drive at Methodist Church 11:30 to 5:30 Prayer and Praise at 7:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Coffee With Jesus Men's Group 8-9 4-H meeting Hands of Love 10:00 am
<b>6</b>  Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Praise Band Practice 6:00 Prayer and wor- ship in the cottage 7:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Coffee With Jesus 8 - 9, men, cottage
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Session 7:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Praise Band Practice 6:00 Prayer and wor- ship in the cottage 7:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Coffee With Jesus 8 - 9, men, cottage
Flat Rock Creek Festival						
<b>20</b>  Praise Band per- forms at Flat Rock at 1:00	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Prayer and Worship 7:00 pm in the cottage	<b>25</b>  5th Quarter Party after home football game	<b>26</b> 6:00 am we <b>are on TV; US</b> <b>Farm Report</b> Coffee With Jesus 8 - 9, men, Cottage
<b>27</b>  Anniversary Sunday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

## September Birthdays

5<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Fishbaugh  
8<sup>th</sup> - Sue Dotterer (Jim &  
Doris Smith daughter)  
9<sup>th</sup> - Brendon Verfaillie  
10<sup>th</sup> - Doris Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> - David Nice  
10<sup>th</sup> - Ron VanAtta

11<sup>th</sup> - Bob Mayer

11<sup>th</sup> - Steve St. John

14<sup>th</sup> - Phyllis Crossland

19<sup>th</sup> - First Presbyterian Church

22<sup>nd</sup> - Doug Smalley

26<sup>th</sup> - Dorothy Hooker

## September Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ron and Mary VanAtta

5<sup>th</sup> - Russ and Betty St. John

9<sup>th</sup> - Brock and Kelly Verfaillie

19<sup>th</sup> - First Presbyterian Church

20<sup>th</sup> - Reba and Eric Jones



### **Our Praise Band:**

Harry Wiebe and Dave Meriwether on guitar,  
Isaac Nice on drums, Rhonda Smalley, Erin  
Karlstadt, Sue Paulus on vocals and Sue  
Crossland on keyboard.

## **Flat Rock Creek Festival**

The First Presbyterian Church will once again have a presence at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. We will be selling chili in cup and bowl sizes, as well as bottled water. All profits will go toward church missions.

The Nices have agreed to get the supplies and make the chili. We will be looking for people who are willing to help man the booth in shifts of two or three hours. Be thinking of when you can help, and watch for sign-up sheets soon. The Festival is September 18, 19, 20.

In addition to the chili, our Praise Band will be singing and leading worship for close to an hour on Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 PM. We are looking for your support in this effort, also, as it helps to have a group with the band to sing praise to the Lord and help create the right atmosphere.

**Join us at the Flat Rock Creek Festival!**

## **Scrapbook for the Gutman Family**

Jen's sister, Sarah, is putting together a scrapbook of notes, prayers, Bible verses, encouraging thoughts (not cards) for the family to help get them through any tough times ahead. You may leave these items on the organ or in the church office. This will also be a reminder of where they once were as they get through this and Lucas becomes a healthy little boy.

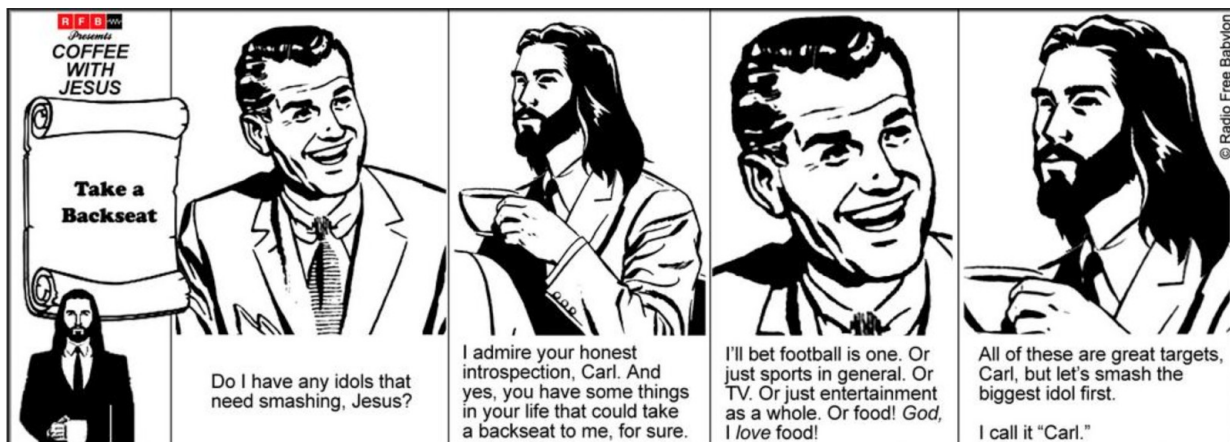


It's time once again for Women's Circle!!! ALL ladies are welcome and encouraged to come as we share from God's Word, pray together and have great fellowship!

When: Tuesday, Sept. 1st  
7:00 PM

Where: Our church fellowship hall

Lesson: #6 in the Timothy Series  
Lead by Jill Straley





## Hands of Love

This group of loving, creative women will begin meeting for the season on Saturday September 5th (actually, they met the last Saturday in September to begin their work on chemo caps). This wonderful group of women have made beautiful shawls, lots of baby items and are now beginning work for cancer patients. They are always looking for people to join them. Pray about it. Oh yes, they also would welcome men!



Thursday  
September 3  
11:30 to 5:30

United Methodist  
Church, Paulding



Networking Breakfast Tuesday September 1st, breakfast served here at 7:45, speaker is Bill Hanek.

**Thursday Evening Prayer  
and Worship will continue  
through the summer.**

**You are invited to an  
informal, relaxed time of  
praise and prayer.**

**7:00 in the cottage**



## Schumacher Update



You may be wondering where we have got to in the past few weeks/months! Are we still in the US? Yes, we are, with just two months left before we head back to the Philippines. It's been wonderful to see so many of you. We often marvel at the blessing that friends and family are to us, and we pray we can be encouragers to you all, too.

Let us catch you up on what's been going on: Our support for returning to the Philippines is currently just \$60 below the amount we have been asked to raise.

Ron's computer problem turned out to be terminal, but we thank the Lord for putting us in touch with a Christian brother who was able to help get us set up with a new one.

Our family (kids and grandchildren) had a wonderful time together for four days in July. We have to

much to be thankful for. **See above photo.**

Due to some concerns with our aging car (which just turned over 200,000), we have regretfully felt led to cancel our trip to the West Coast. We really feel bad for not seeing you out there; thank you for understanding.

We have just finished packing a couple big boxes of mostly commentaries for the translators in the Philippines to use, plus a few of our personal items. Please pray that these boxes can be sent safely and arrive in a timely manner.

Please pray for our travel in the next few days through Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota and back to Nebraska where we'll be with Donna's mom for about five weeks. During our time in Nebraska we hope to catch up on some of our translation responsibilities that have gotten pushed to the back burner.

Thank you for your concerns for Scott Burton's health, which continues up and down. Many of you have been praying for him and asking for updates. Ask the Lord to give health and wisdom for the progress they need to finalize the translation of the gospel of John and 1 Corinthians.

Thank you for your prayers, Ron and Donna

**"Do not regret growing older. It's a privilege denied to many."**

## Meditations on Growing Older

*Lord, you know better than I that I'm growing older each day and may someday be very old.*

*Please keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.*

*Release me from trying to straighten out everyone's affairs.*

*Make me thoughtful and helpful, but not overbearing. (With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, I do want a few friends at the end.)*

*Please seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and I grow fonder of discussing them as years go by.*

*I ask for grace to listen to the tales of others, and to endure them with patience.*

*I might ask for improved memory, but I'll settle for a little more humility and a little less cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memory of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.*

*Keep me reasonably sweet. I don't want to be a saint. (Some of them are so hard to live with.) But a bitter old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.*

*Please give me the ability to see good in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace to tell them so, dear Lord.*

Attributed to Marlene Beatty's mother, Ruth Ellen Kelsay

Marlene was the wife of Dr. David Beatty, one of our 50 year members. She died on March 17, 2008 at the age of 54. This brief meditation is attributed to her mother. Enjoy!

## Chimney Repairs



There has been repair work happening at the cottage. The stone front, which had large crack, is being removed and we should see a new look soon.

## Fife Family Baptism



Many of our church family were present when Jeremy, Christine, Megan, Julia and Jacob Fife were baptized in Reineck's pond on Sunday August 9th.



## CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

The September request continues to be for **HYGIENE ITEMS** which are always in short supply. Also needed are 100% fruit juices and cans of fruit.

**“If you can’t  
FEED A  
HUNDRED  
people, then  
just feed ONE.”**  
— Mother Teresa

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Our Sunday School kick-off will begin at **9:00 on September 13 in the fellowship hall** with light refreshments and classes starting at 9:15.

❑ **Elementary/Middle School:** *Show Me Jesus*, led by **Rhonda Smalley** in a fellowship hall classroom

❑ **High School:** curriculum TBD, led by **Sue Crossland** in the youth lounge

❑ **Adult:** *That the World May Know* (Ray Vanderlaan DVD series), led by **Paul Panches** in Cornerstone Cottage

❑ **Adult:** *Out of the Saltshaker* book study (1st semester only), led by **Pastor Dave** in the fellowship hall

Pastor Dave will be teaching a special class for the Fall semester (Sept. 13 - Dec. 20) on the book ***Out of the Saltshaker & into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life***, by Rebecca Manley Pippert. In 2006, *Christianity Today* voted this book to be one of the top 50 books that have shaped evangelicals. *Out of the Saltshaker* is a book that can help us to make stronger connections outside our church building and to more naturally speak the gospel when the Spirit opens the door.



7th graders Ethan Hill and Sydney Reineck will be receiving Bibles on the 13th as gifts from our church.



## Emma Wearing her “Crown”

Emma Searing wears her empty cotton candy bag crown at the Tin Caps game August 1st. Admiring Emma’s crown is Sydney Reineck.

## United Way Fund Raiser



With a train and engineer theme, Stan and Barb Searing were celebrity waiters at the United Way kick off dinner held at the Senior Center. Guests at their table that evening were (back row) Sue Crossland, Mike Farmer, Jane Taft, Cindy Koenig hosted by Engine Man Stan Searing and (front row) Dick Paulus and Sue Paulus with hostess and right hand “lady” Barb Searing.

The Fund raiser was a huge success with the people their donating \$4,000.00 to start the 2015-2016 United Way campaign. The county wide goal is \$75,000.00 this year and donations may be made through Stan and Barb or mailed to the United Way office.

We would like to thank our church family for all their prayers, beautiful cards, visits and meals. It all meant so much. This church has been such an important part of our lives for the last 40 years and all of you have a special place in our hearts. The prayers certainly help the healing. Chuck and Phyllis Lutz

## Giving Opportunity:

Romans 12: 8 lays out a number of spiritual gifts: Comforting others, preaching, administration, service... and the ability to give financially. This year, the Presbyterian women of our church have been presented with an astounding outreach opportunity and need your financial gifts to achieve its full potential.



In October of this year, the Presbyterian women will be hosting the internationally-known Christian inspirational author Lynn Austin at our 34<sup>th</sup> annual retreat. Previously, the retreat has only been funded from the PW treasury; however, in response to the amazing blessing and opportunity God has provided, we are inviting donations from members of our fellowship to offset the considerable expenses of promotion, travel expenses, special music, a catered lunch, and the speaking fee of Ms. Austin, as well as provide scholarships of \$20 per person for those women who cannot afford the registration fee.

Because of the anticipated large number of attendees, we are requesting donations be made to: First Presbyterian Church-Presbyterian Women Fund (designated for the retreat).

This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to those in the community unfamiliar with Christ or our church. And in this way, God's provision will cover the needs of the event through the host church to whom he gave this extraordinary ministry and for women of all ages.

### 34th Annual Women's Retreat

**Saturday October 24**

**Key note speaker is author  
Lynn Austin**



**5th Quarter parties** are being offered to teens in 7th - 12th grades on all the Paulding home football Fridays this year. In cooperation with 4 other Paulding congregations, teens can come to our church parking lot after 8:30 pm on any of the Fridays of home games to enjoy free pizza, games, music videos, a bonfire, and fun with friends.

The first event was last Friday, Aug. 28. Additional parking lot events will be Sept. 11, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2. The final party, Oct. 23, will be the "Super Bowl" and will be held at Alley Cat Lanes across from the Post Office.

Congregational support is needed to make these events possible. On Sept. 11 and Oct. 2, an individual or couple is needed to serve as a 'church host' to be on site to assist the church who is hosting those nights' events. Shifts are 7:30 - 9:30, or 9:30 - 11:30 pm.

On Sept. 25, when we are the host church, help will be needed to set up tables, order pizza, provide beverages, and serve as chaperones. Also, if you are a youth or adult who attends the games, your help is needed to pass out invitation cards to youth at the football field. On Oct. 23, we are also the host, and chaperones will be needed at the parking lot to direct youth to the bowling alley, as well as at the bowling alley to chaperone.

A clipboard is at the top of the steps if you can offer any time on any of the Fridays of 5th Quarter events. Many hands make light work! Please sign up to help.

## Mazza Museum and Sue Kayser's Tea Room



Ladies visiting the Mazza Museum and having lunch at Sue Kayser's Tea Room were Cindy Koenig, Christine Fife, Janet Williamson, Brenda DeLong, Shirley Miller, Barb Searing, Betty St. John and Shaaron Whitman. Not pictured is Sue Paulus. We all had a wonderful time touring, eating, laughing, talking and even praying together while on the patio at Kayser's.



## 50 Year Member Remembrances

The Anniversary Sunday Committee is compiling pictures and memories from each of our 50 year members. If you are a 50 year member and have not been contacted yet to be interviewed, you will be soon.

We are seeking a current photo, a picture of how you looked at the time you joined, and a picture taken inside the church some-time in the past.

## Did you know that our church is going to be on national TV?

U.S. News and Farm Report, a nationally televised show, will feature our church on its "Country Church Salute" on Saturday, September 26 at 6 am. Set your DVR to record and thank Dan Straley for the great idea!

## Anniversary Sunday Committee

The committee has met several times and is planning a fun day to mark our church's birthday. Starting with a quote from the historical sketch written by J.R. Ross in 1935 at the celebration of our congregation's 60th Anniversary, we have built on a "Streams of Living Water" theme. Ross wrote, "The church is a permanent organization. It is like a calm, peaceful stream, constantly flowing, bearing the waters of life from which many have drunk and been refreshed—those who have lingered along its banks ever changing, but the water ever the same."

If you have any questions about the program or the meal, please ask a committee member: Pastor Dave Meriwether, Sue Crossland, Jane Nice, Carol Razo, Barb Searing, Jeff and Sherie Summers.

# Anniversary Sunday



## Streams of Living Water

Drink deep  
Drink of the Gifts of God  
Enjoy the clear, fresh, pure water  
Remembering that at no time are these gifts ours  
They are God's gifts to others through us

So drink in and pour out!  
Pour out His love  
His peace  
His comfort  
His strength  
Pour out His holiness  
His compassion  
His joy  
His Word

Keep the Living Water flowing  
Pour out everything He has blessed you with  
Drink deep  
Drink in and pour out  
Others need to see Him through you

Written by Susan Paulus

## Fifty Year Members

Frieda Good—joined in 1942  
Betty St. John—joined in 1948  
Judy Robinson—joined in 1952  
Terry Buehler—joined in 1956  
Phyllis Crossland—joined in 1956  
Jerry DeLong—joined in 1958  
Kenny Robinson—joined in 1959  
Becky Hurtig—joined in 1960  
Cara Lou Strahley—joined in 1960  
Paul Panches—joined in 1962  
Cleo Ziegler—joined in 1962  
Brenda DeLong—joined in 1963  
Don Crossland—joined in 1964  
David Beatty—joined in 1965

## Have you passed out all of your "Save the Date" postcards yet?

The Anniversary Sunday committee has mailed out many postcards inviting people to the church's 140th celebration on Sunday, September 27. If you have already mailed or handed out all of your postcards, there are more in the basket at the back of the church. All are invited and everyone is welcome to stay for lunch. If you want to make a contribution to the cost of the meal, just put a check in the offering basket and designate "Anniversary Sunday" on the memo line.

## "Streams of Living Water."

our anniversary theme is alive and vivid throughout our hymn book.

So many hymns make reference to cleansing by blood or water - such as purging from sin, washing away sin and guilt, and cleansing every stain. Many refer to Christ as the anchor of the raging storms and seas with the resulting calm of water and the peaceful golden shores. Then there may be just a line or chorus in a hymn about drinking of the everlasting life and the streams of living water.

One particular hymn states: *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give of the living water, thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.*

Until anniversary Sunday we will be singing hymns related to our theme. As we sing these songs - we hope you feel and sense the living waters of life flowing through you and you will be refreshed.

Written by Susan Crossland



## VISION TEAM UPDATE

We met on August 6 with Bill Rasch, who is the church revitalization coordinator for our presbytery and the one who led our *Multiply* training event last January. Bill suggested that the main question we have to ask ourselves is, "Who is God leading you to?" Our discussion included: setting up a meeting with community leaders to talk about critical needs, using a demographic survey to get a clearer picture of the people we live with and asking for input from our congregation about what we do well, what we could do better and what we could be doing that we're not doing now. Our next meeting will be Sept. 22.

## VISION TEAM PRAYER SUPPORT

Thank you so much to those who signed up to pray for specific vision team members: Marlene Buehler, Arlene Cline, Christine Fife, Jeremy Fife, Becky Fishbaugh, Patty Meriwether, Gretchen Noneman, Sue Paulus, Betty St. John and Jill Straley. Anyone can still sign up to pray for vision team members-the clipboard is on the table at the top of the stairs in the sanctuary annex.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS & OFFICERS

Ruling Elders :	Deacons :	Vision Team :
Ed Cline	Darwin Cline	Sue Crossland
Phyllis Lutz	Brent Fishbaugh	Dave Nice
Dave Nice	Jane Nice	Dave Meriwether
Barb Searing	Stan Searing	Matt Reineck
Rhonda Smalley	Jeff Summers	Barb Searing
Dan Straley	Marcia Wiebe	Rhonda Smalley
		Jeff Summers

### Prayer Team:

Marlene Buehler  
Arlene Cline  
Becky Fishbaugh  
Christine Fife  
Jeremy Fife  
Patty Meriwether  
Gretchen Noneman  
Sue Paulus  
Betty St. John  
Jill Straley



## Hands of Hope at the Concert in Herb Monroe Community Park



First Presbyterian Church stepped up to help Hands of Hope provide the food for the concert in the park in August. The weather was perfect, the crowd was enthusiastic and Hands of Hope raised some money. Pictured above at the food table that evening were Jeanie Lemieux, Director of Hands of Hope, Patty Meriwether, board member, Pastor Dave Meriwether, and Doug Roop, board Member.

## WEDNESDAY SUPPER / WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2

Supper begins at 5:30, worship at 6:15 .

This year we're trying to diversify our food preparation by inviting people to sign up to do the meals each month. Couples or families can sign up, as well as two couples or two families or any combination of people. If no one signs up for particular month, we'll still have worship, but we won't have a meal. The sign up sheet is on the table at the top of the stairs in the annex.

### CPC 'Steps for Life' Walkathon & Family Fun Day

Walkathon: 9:00 am – 11:00 am Sat., Sept 19, 2015  
MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena – Bryan, OH  
To receive a walkathon packet, call Gina at 419-636-5692 or email [gina@cpcnwo.org](mailto:gina@cpcnwo.org). Please join as we take **Steps for Life!** For more information, see the poster in the hall.

## CPC Fund Raiser



The day of Randall Smith's  
Memorial service

## **Summer Worship Schedule**

Praise Music: 9:15  
Worship Service 9:30

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