

# The Cornerstone News

## First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.  
(1John 2:6)

...the followers of Jesus are to be different-different from both the nominal church and the secular world, different from both the religious and the irreligious.

(John R. W. Scott, Christian Counter-Culture—Italics added)

A lot of you know that I spent my last semester of college in Europe. There were 40 of us, and even though our school wasn't Christian, part of our protocol was to elect a group chaplain and I was chosen—perhaps because, due to my very long hair, I bore the most resemblance to Jesus (though I'm fairly certain he wasn't blonde).

The thought of becoming a pastor was completely off my radar back then, but I was a very serious Christian. But apparently, not too serious, because I was told by a few of the guys one evening that, even though I was leading a Bible study in my room, I wasn't, as they put it, "like the God Squad". My best friends were in the "God Squad", but I took that as a compliment (again, maybe it was the hair and the beard).

Jesus was a one man God Squad, but the gospels clearly indicate that he wasn't at all like the religious people of his day. The Scribes and the Pharisees definitely had a love-hate relationship with our Lord: they *loved* to hate him! A big part

## Out of the Saltshaker...

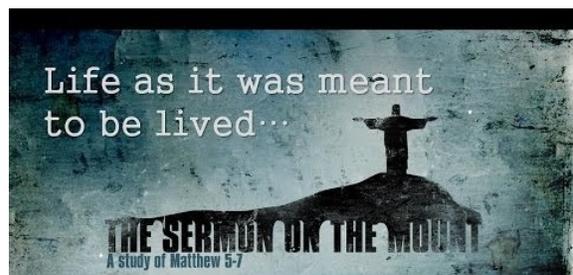
of this is that they understood Judaism backwards and forwards, but they didn't understand the kingdom of God as Jesus described it – and Jesus described it over and over again.

His most concentrated description is in the Sermon on the Mount, which takes up all of chapters 5—7 in the book of Matthew. It is the largest collection of Jesus' teaching in all of the gospels, and though there are a variety of topics covered, an overall theme emerges which is summed up in the *exact center* of the Sermon: **Do not be like them** (Matthew 6:8). He was specifically referring to **pagans** (v.7), but this exhortation to be different can apply to all ways of thinking and living which are at odds with the kingdom of God, whether they happen to be religious, irreligious or anything in between.

Followers of Jesus are supposed to be different. Not necessarily weird, but definitely different. Not different in the sense that we stay clear of anything non-Christian, but different in the sense that we can shine light in the dark places, which, as Jesus says near the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, is both our privilege and responsibility. We're not to be different just to be different, but to be like Jesus.

So, when I get back from vacation, I'll start preaching through this wonderful teaching on Christian counter-culture that Jesus has given for us who would follow him - for anyone who would walk a different path in this world, which is the path that he himself walked.

Shalom. *Pastor Dave*



# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
				Prayer in the fellowship hall 6:00 Ignite informational meeting at 7:00 at the Senior Center		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Communion Congregational Meeting following worship		5th Quarter Meeting 7:00 PM	Vision Team Meeting at 7:00 PM	Prayer in the fellowship hall 6:00 Prayer and worship at 7:00		
Community Bible School at the Nazarene Church 6:00 PM						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
		Session 7:00		Vision Team meeting 7:00 Prayer at 6:00 Prayer and Worship 7:00		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
				Prayer in the fellowship hall 6:00 Prayer and Worship 7:00		Youth Membership Class
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

August:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Stan Searing  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sherie Summers  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Jillene McMichael  
 11<sup>th</sup> - David Beatty  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Clark  
 13<sup>th</sup> - Jacob Fife  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Jaden Verfaillie

17<sup>th</sup> - Alex Straley

26<sup>th</sup> - Barb Searing  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Samuel Henson  
 29<sup>th</sup> - Jamie A. Smith (Jim & Doris Smith's son)

August Anniversaries:

5<sup>th</sup> - Carol and Art Razo  
 7<sup>th</sup> - Don and Ruby Crossland  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Scott and Danielle Haas  
 20<sup>th</sup> - Joel & Joy Coughlin  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Dan and Dianna Karlstadt

## Session Highlights

At the July Session meeting, elders: \*were pleased to learn that the cottage flooring project has been completed under budget. Some old termite damage discovered under the flooring under the refrigerator was repaired in the process. All the money remaining in the cottage fund will be used on this expense, and that fund will be deleted. Future needs at the cottage will be taken from the property fund. The balance for the flooring will be taken from remaining carryover funds from 2014 into 2015.

\*set a date for a special congregational meeting on Sun., Aug 7th after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the possible purchase of the house at 321 N Cherry St. (see separate article).

\*heard from the property committee that a quote is being received from Hartzog Lumber to replace the alley door into the fellowship hall; that an outdoor work day will be held to pull some dead bushes, remove the basketball hoop, and seal the sign along the highway; and that 2 bids have been received on the proposed garage project. No action will be taken on the garage until a decision is made on the possible purchase of the house at 321 N Cherry St.

\*learned that the ice cream tent grossed about \$1200, despite the post-parade downpour, and that we sold out of ice cream for the first time in recent memory! Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of ingredients and supplies (~\$250); to pay for materials for Paul Panches to repair the wagons that hold the freezing equipment (~\$350); and to pay the Women's Board for the sale of their root beer floats and brownies (~\$250).

\*approved youth outings once a quarter for our young people and their friends using youth group funds. Dave and Jane Nice have offered to coordinate and plan these events.

\*were reminded of July 31st being a 5th Sunday. The 5th Sunday offering will go toward the Agape Fund; and our church is responsible for worship at The Gardens that day.

\*went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

These are highlights of the most recent meeting. It was suggested in Vision Team surveys that some would like to read more detail about Session meetings in the newsletter. In response to that suggestion, after the full minutes of the July Session meeting are formally approved at the August meeting, they will be available by email through the church office on request. And as always, please address questions or concerns to any Session member.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 7 after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about, and vote on, the proposed purchase of the property at 321 N. Cherry St.

When this house on the northwest corner of 'our' block went on the market this spring, Session gave the property committee authority to explore the possibility of purchase within certain limits. Any agreement reached was to include a contingency clause that a congregational vote was required.

The Session's thinking is that we should consider this purchase while the land is available, with the plan being to tear down the buildings, and to create green space and options for the future. In May, an offer was made and rejected with no counter-offer. Last week, the sellers reduced the price, and another offer was made by the property committee. This offer has been accepted.

The finance committee will be meeting before the Aug. 7 congregational meeting to make its recommendations on the details. The final decision on this (and all matters related to purchasing property) rests with the congregation. Thus, the meeting on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Anyone can attend a congregational meeting; only members can vote. If the purchase is approved, closing and possession would be Sept. 2.

If you would like more information, you may speak with Dan Straley, the property chair, or to one of the elders listed on the back of your bulletin.



How exciting is it to think about Christmas in July? A very few people have their shopping done by September, which is great for some, but not the norm. Most of us wait much later in the year to begin planning for the holiday. But this year a group from the church is planning to put together an Advent Devotional Booklet. Our booklet will need a minimum of 24 daily devotions, with the Sundays being the Hope, Love, Peace and Joy format. Therefore we are looking for people willing to participate, at least 24 of you. We are also looking for some people willing to illustrate the Advent theme with drawing, paintings or photos to be included.

The idea is to use these as “giveaways” at the Historical Society during their Christmas Tree weekend, at the Women’s Ecumenical Dinner and program, in the food bags that we give out from the church over the holidays. This can be a huge outreach, ministering to many.

As we get ready to start, probably in August, there will be written guidelines so that each page follows, at least in theory, the same format. Put your thinking caps on, if we don’t hear from you, you **will** hear from the committee.

**Advent:** (from the dictionary)

- 1)The first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays
- 2)The arrival of a *notable person*, thing, or *event*
- 3)The coming or the second coming of Christ

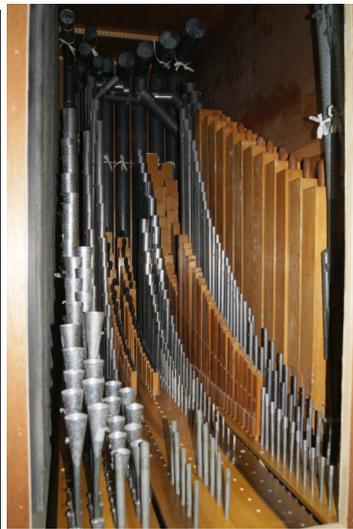
## Advent Devotional

This is being spearheaded by Cindy Koenig and Sue Paulus and the excitement is building.



### Ministerial Association Pulpit Swap

On Sunday morning July 17, our pulpit was filled by Pastor Vinny Kroterfield of the Family Worship Center on W. Perry Street. He spoke on the importance of unity and humility within the church body. Pastor Dave spoke at the House of Love that same day at their 3:00 pm service. Pictured above are Brenda Richardson, Pastor Dave and Pastor Dwayne. Pastor Dwayne will be speaking here this week on July 31, during the Meriwether’s vacation.



### New Swell Box for the Organ



These pictures of the new swell division were sent from the workroom of Lima Pipe Organ Co. The first photo shows the new expression box and shutters. The second photo shows the pipes, including the new open bass pipes for the 8' Geigen Principal and 8' Salicional. These pipes had to be "mitered" to fit into the available space. Mitering involves cutting the pipes at a 22 1/2 degree angle and soldering the pieces back together to "bend" the pipe.

These photos left in to compliment the ones taken by Bill Ackerman on page 7.



# The Schumacher Scoop

News from Ron & Donna — July 2016

## Manobo Matters

Louren had grown up next to us at Sagunto, but we didn't get to know her until she came with Pastora Rebecca to visit us in April. Now she's a school teacher with a burning desire to help others learn to read in their language and to use the translated Scriptures. While they were here, plans were discussed for two major efforts:

1) **An ethno arts workshop** in the Manobo area to encourage them to use their cultural heritage for praising the Lord, especially music. This is on the calendar for October.

2) **Dubbing the Jesus Film into Manobo.** The initial work of preparing the script is scheduled for August 1-12. Teams from several languages will be doing this together in Manila, and Ron and I will be there as consultants.



A few days ago, Lauren sent us this text:

"Praise God for what happened this afternoon, for the wisdom

He has given. I let my pupils listen as I read the first part of Luke chapter 1 in Manobo. It was great reading and the pupils were very attentive. They were not only able to answer why/what/where/why/how questions, but they also got values which they applied after our lesson. May this continue and may they apply the values they have learned. GLORY TO GOD and thanks for your prayers!"

## Family and Personal

*Introducing our newest grandson, Lucas, born to Brent and Jenny on June 14. Just a few days later, the family moved from Maryland to southwestern Ohio where they are in the process of buying a house and getting settled. Thanks for your prayers in all the huge steps they've experienced and are still facing.*



*Nathan and Karis are also in the process of moving and will be in a temporary housing situation until their next place is ready.*

*Donna will be having surgery on her shoulder this Sunday (July 3) to remove a calcium deposit and repair a tendon. Please pray for wisdom and skill for the doctors and for good recovery.*

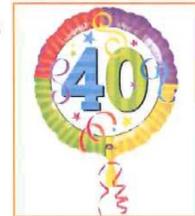
## Just checking...

Ron is just finishing a check of Genesis in the Bantoanon language and will then begin Exodus. Please pray for the translators of this and three other languages in the final stages who are facing various challenges (mentioned in our March letter).

Donna is checking Ecclesiastes in two different languages. Key in this book is the Hebrew word *hevel*. Its meaning varies from 'meaningless' to 'transitory' to 'impossible to understand.' Here's a very helpful eight-minute presentation on Ecclesiastes, its structure and its themes, if you'd like to take a peek:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrsQ1tc-2wk>

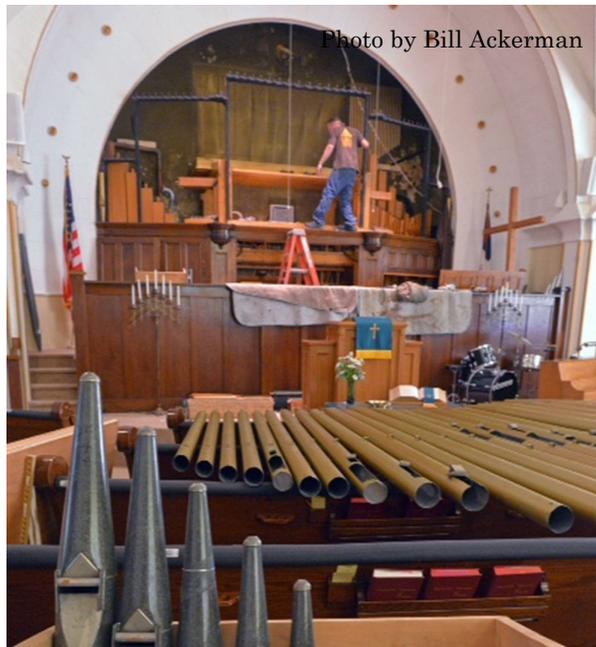
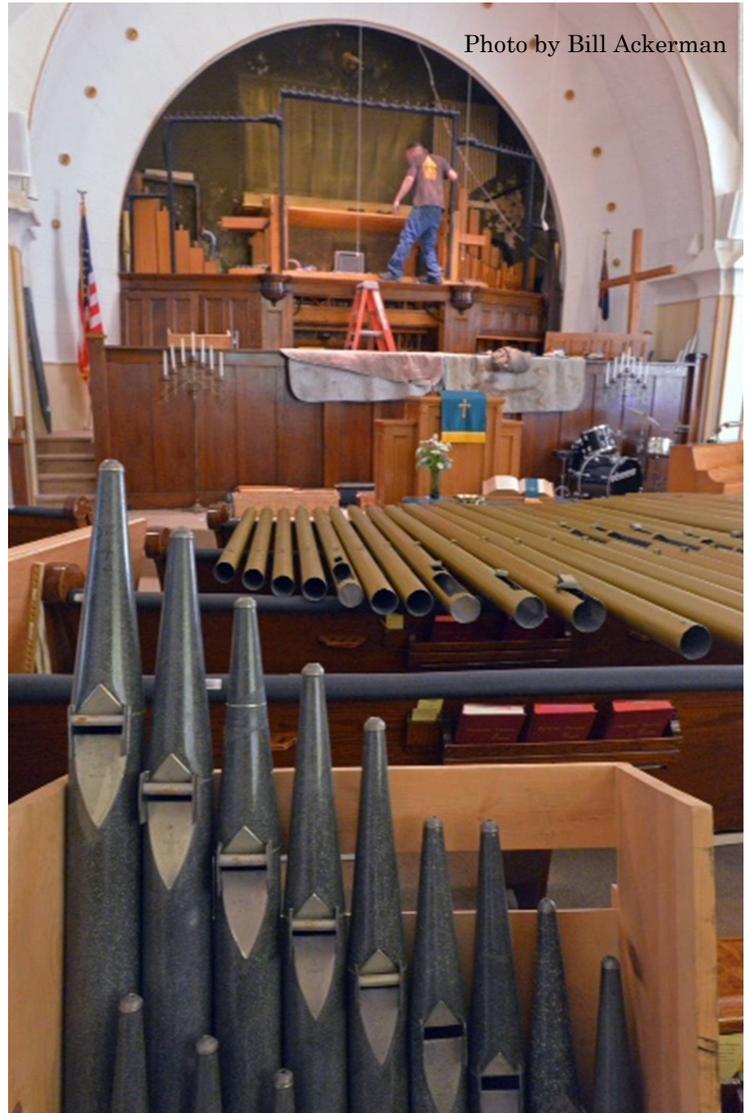
Can you believe it's been 40 years since we first came to the Philippines to take up our assignment? Some of you have been on board with us from the beginning, and others have joined along the way. At this significant time, we want to give special thanks to the Lord for keeping us here, guiding, providing and blessing. And a note of gratitude to you who have allowed Him to use your efforts to help accomplish all that has been done.



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**We are rejoicing with Donna over the healing of her shoulder! Our God is full of power & might!**

# Organ renovation work:



Thanks, Bill, for sharing your talent with us!



These are the best photos we have had taken of the work on the organ. What a difference it makes having a professional photographer with a really good camera.

## Schwartz Family Here

On Sunday July 3, Brian and Beth Schwartz, along with their daughter Rebecca, were here to share about their ministry and work in the Philippines. We love having the missionaries whom we support here to talk with us.



Refreshments and a time of fellowship with questions and answers followed the service.



Even during the storm there were many people at the tent. And look at the second picture, God sent a rainbow - again...a reminder that He keeps His promises to us. This ministry has become a blessing to the community and to those who give of their time to work it.

## John Paulding Days Ice Cream Tent



## CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

In the heat and humidity of August HYGIENE PRODUCTS for men, women and children are needed more than ever. These include:

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo & conditioners
- Tooth paste & Tooth brushes
- Body washes
- Deodorant
- Dry Skin Lotions
- Foot creams
- Hand disinfectants
- Dental floss
- Baby wipes
- Diapers

Also needed for hydration are Gatorade, G2 drinks, lemonade mixes, iced tea drinks, 100% fruit juices and bottled water.



## PRAYER GATHERING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

One of the presenters at one of the business sessions at General Assembly shared this quote before he gave his report: "You're working too hard and praying too little." Our vision team has been working hard to process and respond to the things people shared in their surveys. A couple of folks mentioned the need for prayer, and so to that end we'll be gathering **every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 in the fellowship hall for prayer**. We already have a prayer meeting on Thursdays in the Cottage (from 7:00 to 8:30), but this prayer meeting is different. It will be a more directed time, with a variety of categories and practices for prayer. Stop in on Thursdays when you can and be an intentional part of what God is doing in our midst.



Phyllis is shown holding her newest great-grandchild - Jared Casey - named after his uncle who died of HLHS - the same heart problem afflicting Baby Lucas. Little Jared is healthy and doing well. Once again - we are blessed!



Baby Lucas celebrated his first birthday recently. Thanks again to so many for all your prayers during his first very rough year of life. Great grandma Phyllis Crossland is holding him.

## Phyllis and Great-Grandbabies

### Ladies Do Lunch

Jill Straley, Sue Paulus, Barb Searing and Betty St. John visited the Botanical Gardens in Fort Wayne, as well as their café on Thursday July 21st. It was hot, but a good time was had by all as we were somewhat amazed at God's good work. Plus we all cooled off as we stopped for ice cream on our way home.



Vacation Bible School, Nazarene Church August 8th through 12th. Call for information.

**IGNITE!**



*In God. Nothing Is Too Extreme*

## Paulding County Revival Prayer Gathering Informational Meeting

**Who should attend:** Anyone pursuing God for revival

**What's the Purpose:** at the informational meeting you will be given a first-hand report of what God is doing in surrounding counties, as well as an overview of what's been planned for Paulding County.

**When:** Thursday, August 4, 2016  
@ 7:00 pm

**Where:** Paulding County Senior Center—401 E. Jackson St, Paulding OH

**Why:** to bring the Lord's blessing for revival

For over one year there has been a strong movement in the tristate area of IN, MI and OH to unite believers in prayer for revival. This movement is spreading into many counties and has now reached Paulding. The desire to unify Paulding County in prayer is a joint effort between local believers and the revival ministry Beautiful Feet.

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*Summer Worship  
Praise Music: 9:15  
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In All Things, Charity.

