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OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER

by guest writer Susan Crossland

Psalm 130:5 *"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his work I put my hope."*

PNC - and now we wait!



I hate waiting on things: the dryer to finish, a meeting to start, food to cook, and the list goes on. Patience is a word just not in my vocabulary. Although my patience is better than it used to be, the last 6 weeks have certainly been a trying time for me. Several years ago during another health crisis, my friend, Becky F. gave me a small ceramic snail with the attached words - by perseverance the snail reached the ark. He sits once again on my counter as a reminder that God is in charge and in His time it will all work out.

So goes it with the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) as we begin the waiting process. We have spent several months working on our CIF to present to all interested in our pastor position. I think our Church Information Form truly identifies us: our strengths, weaknesses, goals - what we seek in a pastor. We have business cards, an email address, and our delegation was recognized at the recent Presbytery meeting. Even at the first night of the Presbytery meeting I was praying the word was out and I was checking my email every few hours! I didn't really expect anything but you never know! It may take a few weeks, a few months, or even more. I know we are all anxious but we also need to take this time to sit back and listen to what God has to say to us. We need to time to grieve for what has passed and yet look to our future. We will gain strength and grow in faith as we trust and lean on Him to care for us during this time.

The PNC has some things it will be doing now as we wait: compiling interview questions, a list of expect-

tations, and reviewing the job description.

AND of course - Pray, Pray, Pray!!!

We will persevere until we reach our goal! The Bible tells us in James 1:2-4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Hang in there folks - wait, pray, have patience, and persevere! The snail will reach the ark!

In His time!

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reached the ark.



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer for the Church at 8:00 Ash Wednesday lunch and evening meal plus service choir practice	2 Prayer, Paulding County Senior Center 7:00	3	4
5 Scott Long, Administrative Pastor from Findlay Communion	6	7 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30 Circle 7:00	8 Prayer at 8:00 Lunch by Divine Mercy at noon, supper by Deacons at 5:30 followed by worship service 6:15 Choir at 7:00	9 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	10	11 4-H in fellowship hall at 9:00 am
12 Dan Young, retired Pastor from Findlay	13	14 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	15 Prayer at 8:00 am Lunch by Methodists noon, supper by Choir 5:30 followed by service at 6:15 Choir at 7:00	16 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	17	18
19	20	21 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	22 Prayer at 8 Lunch by Lutherans at noon, supper by Session 5:30, followed by service at 6:15 Choir at 7:00	23 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	24	25
26	27	28 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	29	30	31	

March Birthdays

1st - Becky Mayer

3rd - Marcia Brune

4th - Chris Henson

6th - Anna Karlstadt

8th - Tiffany Razo

11th - Dick Paulus

10th - Sarah Buzzell Morgan

16th - Kristen Razo

21st - Danielle Pennington

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21st Kim Mileto

23rd - Olivia Henson

24th - Kayleigh St. John

25th - Brenda DeLong

Session Highlights

At the Feb. 21st Session meeting, elders:

*approved and signed the Church Information Form prepared by the Pastor Nominating Committee, and returned it to the PNC for their signature(s), after which it will be released to the EPC for posting.

*approved Scott Long, administrative pastor at Gateway Church, Findlay OH, (and an ordained EPC elder as well), to preach and serve communion on Sun., March 5.

*approved communion to be served on Ash Wednesday, March 1, during worship after the Wednesday supper; and also on Maundy Thursday, April 13.

*asked the Mission Committee to schedule speakers after each Wednesday evening meal from March 8 - April 5. (There will be a worship service, devotional, and communion on Ash Wednesday, March 1st). These presenters from various missions & community projects that the church supports financially will share

*approved the Worship Committee's pulpit supply list for the month of March. (see separate article). Elders extend a huge THANK YOU to the Worship Committee...Sue Paulus, Sue Crossland, and Rhonda Smalley..... for their extra work on this during our time of transition.

*approved the Deacons' plan for visiting those sick or hospitalized, and approved mileage reimbursement for visits outside the Paulding area.

*approved Rhonda to set up a meeting for those who run the sound system with Sal Sajuan to review and find solutions for some frustrating issues.

*approved Rhonda to take communion, along with a second elder, to shut-ins on the 1st Sunday of the month.

*approved the use of the Fellowship Hall on Sat., June 3 for Lauren Hill's graduation party

*heard an update from the Property Committee regarding church security, bids for mowing, rebids for the planned garage, removal of dead ash trees on Cherry St., van servicing, and needed repairs in the cottage laundry room. All these items are works in progress. THANK YOU, Property guys, for all you do!

*learned that Becky and Rick Craft have stepped forward to continue recycling of church items. THANK YOU!!!

As always, the elders welcome questions, comments, requests for a home visit and are ready to serve the congregation in any way.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

Dave and Patty Meriwether say

"Thank You!"

To the brothers and sisters at
FPC ...

Thank you so much for your
extravagant gift! I am
"Simply grateful" for all of
you, and Patty and I have a
humungous spot in our hearts
for FPC and for Paulding. We've
been so blessed for so many years,
and we'll always be thankful that
God brought us to Paulding.
We love you more than words can
say! May the Lord emaze
you with His blessings this
year and may each of you
stay close to Him.

I pray that Christ would
dwell in your hearts through
faith and that you grasp how
deep is the love of Christ -
that you may be filled to
the measure of all the fullness
of God. (Ephesians 4:16-19)

Shalom and love,

Dave + Patty

More of our Beautiful Babies!



Little Sloan was born with hip dysplasia caused by not being in the correct position prior to birth. The photo on the left is six month old Sloan the morning of her first surgery. The photo on the right is following her surgery in her cast. As you can see, this will be an adjustment to Mom and Dad as well as Sloan. Her second surgery is scheduled for March 1st, the doctors will then re-cast and she will be in a cast for several months. An address to send words of encouragement is: Ryan St. John/Lauren Prytle/Sloan, 4155 Palmer Pk. Circle Way, Suite 308, New Albany OH 43054.

Bargain Bin

Our own Rhonda Smalley at the Ribbon Cutting and special opening of the new Bargain Bin. Note the tissues in front of her. These were needed at times during her grand opening comments, as there were many tears shed.



Since some of you had contributed through the church to the building project, our treasurer had sent a check in February in the amount of \$1,000.00. The following comments are from a thank you note from the Area Foundation who handled the

donations: *First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for the special offering to the Bargain Bin Building Project. The \$1,000.00 offering helps bring the project to completion. May God continue to bless you all. Lisa McClure*

Warm Hearts/Warm Homes

Help our less fortunate Paulding neighbors afford their utilities this winter.

Contributions will be rolled into one check by the church, and forwarded to the Paulding Co. office of Northwest Ohio Community Action which will administer the funds to

Checks should be made out to the church, please put Warm Hearts /Warm Homes in the memo line. 100% of these funds will be used in Paulding County.

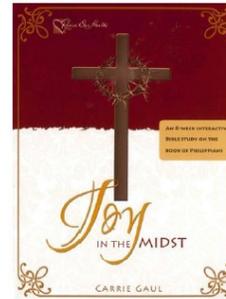
This has been a project of Women's Fellowship since 2005.



Continuing in March...

Joy in the Midst Bible Study

This Bible study has brought joy to many as they meet on either Tuesday or Thursday to study. Blessings to you all as you gather to fellowship around God's Word.



CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

Bless others within our community this month by donating...

HYGIENE ITEMS: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, skin creams and lotions, body washes and toilet paper.

Spring brings the need for **CLEANING SUPPLIES:** dish soap, laundry soap, bathroom cleaners, floor cleans (Spic and Span)

Thanks for caring and sharing, *Becky Fishbaugh*



Women's Circle

Tuesday March 7th, 7:00 pm,
Fellowship Hall

We will continue our book study,

Lesson two

Jesus Calling-Experiencing God's Presence
by Sarah Young.

Everyone is welcome to come for a time of prayer,
looking into God's Word and for fellowship.

Cindy Koenig



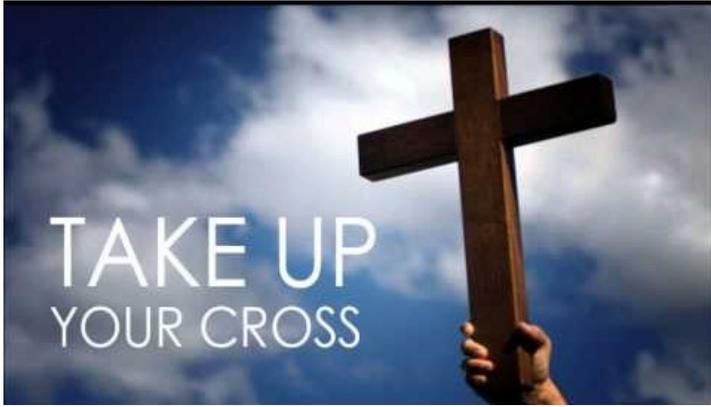
Uniting in Prayer: with Anticipation for the Spiritual Future of Paulding County

You are invited to pray
with others for the planning of the upcoming
evangelistic revival: **Thursday March 2nd at
7:00 at Paulding County Senior Center.**



Bill and Bill Night: First Wednesday Meal

Bill Ackerman and Bill Denwood shared photos
and stories about their mission trip to Kenya.
Pictured are Bill and Bill with Don Crossland
(left) and Barb and Stan Searing (right).



Lent 2017

Lunches:

- March 1 - First Presbyterian - speaker is Vinny Kroterfield
- March 8 - Divine Mercy - speaker is Dwayne Richardson
- March 15 - United Methodist - speaker is Roger Emerson
- March 22 - St. Paul Lutheran - speaker is Karen Stetins
- March 29 - First Christian - speaker tbd
- April 5 - Church of the Nazarene - speaker Jeremy Thompson

Evening Meals:

- March 1- the Women's Group, Ash Wednesday speaker is Becky Fishbaugh. Communion is part of the service
- March 8 - Deacons
- March 15 - Choir
- March 22 - Session
- March 29 - Sunday School
- April 5- Pot Pouri (we don't have it worked out yet)

Scheduled Sunday Speakers during Lent:

- Sunday March 5 - Scott Long, Administrative Pastor at Gateway Church in Findlay, from Pandora
- Sunday March 12 - Dan Young, retired pastor from Findlay
- Sunday March 19 - Wayne Karges, retired pastor from Convoy

Financial Tidbits:

In January we:
 Transferred \$100.00 to the Historical Fund,
 \$200.00 to the Library Fund and
 \$6,120.00 to the Permanent Missions Fund.
 We paid 1/2 of the annual taxes, \$1,018.23
 We sent \$675.00 to EPC for flooding aid in Louisiana
 We sent \$1,075.00 to NOCAC for Warm Hearts/
 Warm Homes
 Carol Razo, Treasurer

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- Sunday March 26 - Pastor Dwayne Richardson
- Sunday April 2 -
- Sunday April 9 - Palm Sunday
- Sunday April 19 - Easter, Dan Young

Special Days and Times:

- Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil 7:00 to 5:30
- Tuesday April 4 - Christ in the Passover (here)
- Thursday April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service (here)
- Friday April 14 - Good Friday Service noon at the Nazarene Church with Pastor Karen Stetins delivering the message
- Sunday April 16 - Easter Sunrise 7:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Jeremy Thompson delivering the message
- Sunday April 16 - our Easter Celebration here at 10:30, Praise singing starting at 10:15





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Christ in the Passover

First Presbyterian Church

114 W. Caroline Street, Paulding OH 45879

Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm



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to epc.org; select EPConnections from the options list.

If you would like the information that appears there to be delivered to your email, scroll to the very bottom and find the "FOLLOW" button in the bottom righthand corner.

ELDERS

Needing or wanting a home visit? Want to meet at church to discuss something? The elders are available for either of those things! Please feel free to reach out to any of them to make a request. Ruling Elders are: Barb Searing, Phyllis Lutz, Dave Nice, Ed Cline, Rhonda Smalley, Matt Reineck.



Recycling...we are grateful to Becky and Rick Craft for stepping forward to be responsible for recycling. They will keep an eye on the kitchen tubs and the paper box in the secretary's office and act accordingly. THANK YOU, CRAFTS!



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Corner of Caroline & Cherry,
First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:00
Praise Music: 10:15
Worship Service 10:30

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.
In All Things, Charity.

