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The Cornerstone News

First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER . .

I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 3:8)
Not knowing when the dawn will come I open every door. (Emily Dickenson)
Quote from final "Out of the Saltshaker"



Last Session Meeting, January 24th



Dave's final Christmas Eve Service with us.

**YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES!
TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR
MOUNTAIN IS WAITING.
SO GET ON YOUR WAY!**
Dr. Suess



Final Communion here on New Year's Day



This photo was titled "Feeling Nostalgic".

Meriwether's new address: 350 Arcadia Court, Fort Wayne IN 46807

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer for the Church at 8:00 1st Wed. Meal and Service Choir	2 Bargain Bin Grand Opening 11am-1 pm Prayer, Paulding County Senior Center 7:00	3 5th Quarter Party at the school following the basketball game	4
5 Pastor Dwayne Richardson preaching Communion	6	7 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30 Circle 7:00	8 Prayer at 8:00 am Choir 7:00 PM	9 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	10	11
12 Dave McMaster preaching	13	14 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	15 Prayer at 8:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	16 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	17	18
19 Pastor Dwayne Richardson preaching	20	21 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	22 Prayer at 8:00 am No Choir	23 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30	24	25
26 Dave McMaster preaching Gideon Rally here, Gideon Speaker during service	27	28 "Joy in the Midst" 1:30				

Feb. 1- Sydney Reineck
 Feb. 2 - Mattea St. John
 Feb. 10 – Dan Karlstadt
 Feb. 11- Charles Strahley
 Feb. 12- Susan Paulus
 Feb. 14- Phyllis Lutz

Feb. 15- Marty Crossland
 Feb. 15- Maely Crossland Alexander
 Feb. 15 – Jim Smith Jr.
 Feb. 15 – Arlene Cline
 Feb. 18- Wanda Gross

Anniversaries:
 Feb. 16—Ken and Judy Robinson

Session Highlights

At the January 17th meeting, elders:

*surprised Pastor Dave by moving the meeting to Fiesta Habaneros Mexican Grill, buying his dinner and presenting him with a wind chime to remember us by. The elders officially extended their appreciation for Dave's 25 years of ministry to First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

*took organizational steps for 2017. Barb Searing was re-appointed as clerk, and Carol Razo as Treasurer. The following elders will serve on these committees:

Property: Dave Nice

Congregational Life/Outreach: Barb Searing

Worship: Rhonda Smalley

Christian Education: Rhonda Smalley

Finance: Matt Reineck

Missions: Phyllis Lutz

Nominating: Ed Cline & Dave Nice

Please note that the elder is not necessarily the chair of the committee, but is the messenger between the committee and Session.

*noted that the officers for the Class of 2020 were installed during worship on Jan. 15th

*decided to fill the pulpit with Stated Supply pastors (who come on Sunday) rather than seeking an Interim pastor (who would be employed for a period of months) during our Pastor Search. Area EPC churches and the Midwest Presbytery may be able to help us with this matter. For February, elder Bud Koenig will be serving communion, elder Barb Searing will be preparing the Session agenda, and elder Dave Nice will be moderating the Session meeting. (see next point)

*elected elders Dave, Barb, and Rhonda to attend the upcoming Presbytery meeting, Fri. and Sat., Feb. 17 & 18 in Beaver Creek OH. This is an opportunity to network with other EPC churches about our need for a Session moderator and pulpit supply as Dave steps out of our pulpit. We can take any number of people. If you might want to attend, contact Dave N or Barb about rides, meals, overnight, etc. before Feb. 8th. (see last point)

*were encouraged to visit our website www.firstpresbyterianpaulding.com. Sherie Summers is donating her time and talent to update this, as the website will be the first place any candidates for our pastor position will look. It is still in progress, and looking good! She will also be updating the church's Facebook 'group' to a 'page'. Session appointed Barb, as clerk, to be the 'funnel' for relaying website information to Sherie.

*discussed a long list of needs and things that might slip through the cracks as Dave departs:

+ Paulding Ministerial Association: Sue Paulus will represent First Presbyterian at these meetings

+Visitation: Deacons will be asked to develop a plan for visitation requests and emergency calls that come into the church office

+Recycling: the congregation will be asked if someone is willing/able to take on our church recycling, which Pastor Dave has done as 'Dave', rather than as 'Pastor'. If YOU are the person, please notify the office before Feb. 1st. If no one steps forward, recycling will be suspended for the time being.

+Security: there are concerns about the secretary being in the church alone. This issue was referred to the property committee for consideration.

+The Gardens: They have been notified that Pastor Dave will no longer be available to conduct worship on the 5th Sundays.

+Praise singing & preparation of screens: The Worship committee has the responsibility to address this

+Pastor's Emergency Fund checkbook: Finance committee decided to leave this account in place but dormant until our new pastor comes.

+Those who came to Pastor Dave for financial assistance: this function of the Ministerial Association has been assumed by Pastor Karen Stetins at St Paul's Lutheran Church. A sign with that information is on our Caroline Street doors.

*learned that Jane Nice will complete the last 2 lessons of Pastor Dave's adult Sunday School class.

*supported the participation of our church in IGNITE II in Paulding County, and suggested that Sue Paulus reach out to the congregation for a partner to attend the planning meetings with her.

*approved use of the Fellowship Hall by the Gideons for Rally Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 am. Area Gideons meet to pray before going out to speak at various churches around Paulding County.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Searing, clerk of Session



More of our Beautiful Babies!



Marvin Martin, 2 months, son of Caitlyn Pennington and Bryan Martin. Grandson of Mike Pennington and Brenda Hill.



Rylan James Baker, 3 weeks old, son of Mattea and Nathan Baker, grandson of Steven and Melinda St. John, great grandson of Betty St. John.



Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services Spaghetti Supper Benefit

Thursday March 23

Tickets are all presale and need to be bought by March 19.

Supper will be served from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Price- \$10 adults, \$7 kids 3-12,
2 and under are FREE.

We will have a special musical performance at 7:30.

An alms basket will be passed around.

Money can be sent to Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services (1030 W Wayne St Suite A Paulding) along with a note requesting your meal tickets.

Thanks and God Bless Your Work,
Melinda Stoller, RN, Executive Director

December Concert By Susan Crossland



Photos of some of those in attendance, after the music enjoying fellowship and food together.





Mission presentation: The 1st Wednesday meal on Wed., February 1st will feature a mission presentation about Teule school/orphanage in Kenya! The meal will be at 5:30, as usual; there will be a photo show and presentation following in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15 - 7:00.

Our mission committee donated funds to support several projects to be tackled at the Teule (tay-ooo-lay) school/orphanage in Kenya, including farm improvements, fencing, bicycle repairs, swing set relocation, and purchasing a new milking cow. Barb Searing's brother, Bill Ackerman, and his friends, Bill and Jayne Denwood, paid their own travel expenses to visit Teule this past August. Bill and Jayne are members of Teule's USA board of directors, and Barb's brother, Bill, used his professional photographic skills to update Teule's outreach materials.

Bill A and Bill and Jayne D will be coming from suburban Chicago to Paulding to share with us in word and pictures some the work that was done. They are excited for the opportunity to explain what they did on this mission trip, and so very thankful for our financial support.

Plan now to come to this meal on Wednesday, Feb. 1st and hear what some of our mission dollars did in the world.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to diligently work on the Church Information Form which is approximately 10 pages all about us! The form includes a study of our strengths, weaknesses, goals, statistics, history, leadership expectations, and building and financial information. We thank so many of you who have helped by contributing your thoughts on these various subjects

as well as the many prayers for this work. What a masterpiece this will be describing our church!

The committee has set goals for completion by the January session meeting with plans to submit to be posted by the EPC on February 1, 2016. At this time we will hopefully begin receiving resumes for our pastor position.

We ask for your continued support and prayers.



February 1, 2017

1st Wednesday meal and worship on the 2nd. Supper at 5:30, Worship at 6:15

Hosted by the Mission Committee and Friends.

Speaker will be Bill Ackerman, Bill and Jane Denwood, presentation from Kenya mission work



Submitted by Susan Crossland

School
SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

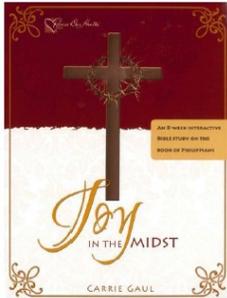


This year we took a large shopping bag of items to four schools: Antwerp, Grover Hill, Oakwood and Paulding. They were thrilled to receive the sox, undies, scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and long pants that you provided for them.



Beginning in February...

Joy in the Midst Bible Study



It is with great joy that we are privileged to sponsor this study as a response to the October 2016 Presbyterian Women's Revive Our Hearts Retreat, featuring Carrie Gaul. This eight week class takes a fresh look at the humanity of Jesus through the eyes of the Apostle Paul

in the Letter to the Philippians. The response to the offer of this Bible study has been both surprising and exciting. Most often given for intent was the desire to experience the joy of the Lord through deeper intimacy with Christ and submission (obedience) to the Holy Spirit.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

February meeting time are twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursdays at 1:30 P.M. On Tuesday, February 7, class will take place in the Fellowship Hall and on Thursday, February 9, class will be held at the Cornerstone Cottage located next to the church. The study wraps up the last week of March.

NOTE: the study book is currently out of print (waiting for a new cover design). Consequently, only those ladies who preregistered by January 10th and paid the \$10.00 fee are assured of a copy of "Joy in the Midst" to participate in the class.

Blessings to you all as we gather to fellowship around God's Word.
Becky

5TH QUARTER

The final 5th Quarter party for this school year will be Friday February 3rd. There are now six local churches involved in these programs for the students. Teens, tell your friends, invite them all to come for the free food, games in the Middle School gym and auditoria. It seems that the students and the adult chaperones all have a great time. Thanks to the Outreach Committee for all the work that gets done for these events.

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

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

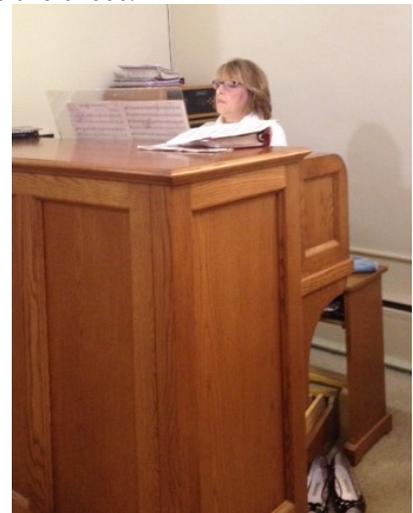
FRESH FRUIT: apples, oranges, tangerines, pears

CANNED FRUIT of any kind is always needed as well

HYGEINE ITEMS: for men, women, teens and children: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, skin creams and lotions, body washes and toilet paper.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: dish soap, laundry soap, bathroom cleaners, floor cleans (Spic and Span)

Susan Kayser, guest organist on January 8 and 15, as well as returning February 19th and 26th. This photo is perfect for cropping, but then you would lose the shoes!





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 February 1st at 7:00 at Paulding County Senior Center.

Financial Tidbits:

In December we:

1. Paid Jay Dangler Excavating \$8,800.00 for the demolition of the house and garage.
2. Paid Dilly Door the remaining amount due of \$2,4332.50 for repairs to the alley door
3. Received offerings and made payment of \$2,175 .00 to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry
4. Received offerings and made payment to NOCAC in the amount of \$1,875.00 for Warm Hearts Warm Homes
5. Paid Tony Wobler Electric \$1,744.00 for an LED lighting project
6. Received donations of \$1,050.00 for the Altar Ministry Fund
7. Received donations of \$1,875.00 for the Garage Replacement Fund
8. Received a donation of \$500.00 for organ repair
9. Paid \$456.00 to Compassion International out of the Permanent Mission Fund. Missions agreed to take over the sponsorship since the youth group is no longer active.
10. Received a donation of \$700.00 for missions.

Carol Razo, Treasurer

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Women's Circle

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

We will begin a new book study
Jesus Calling-Experiencing God's Presence
by Sarah Young.

Last fall Barb Searing led the group and looked at the introduction to this book. We will look at that first chapter again since it has been some time since we met.

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

Some ladies have a book already, we have three extra available if anyone needs one. We look forward to seeing you! *Cindy Koenig*

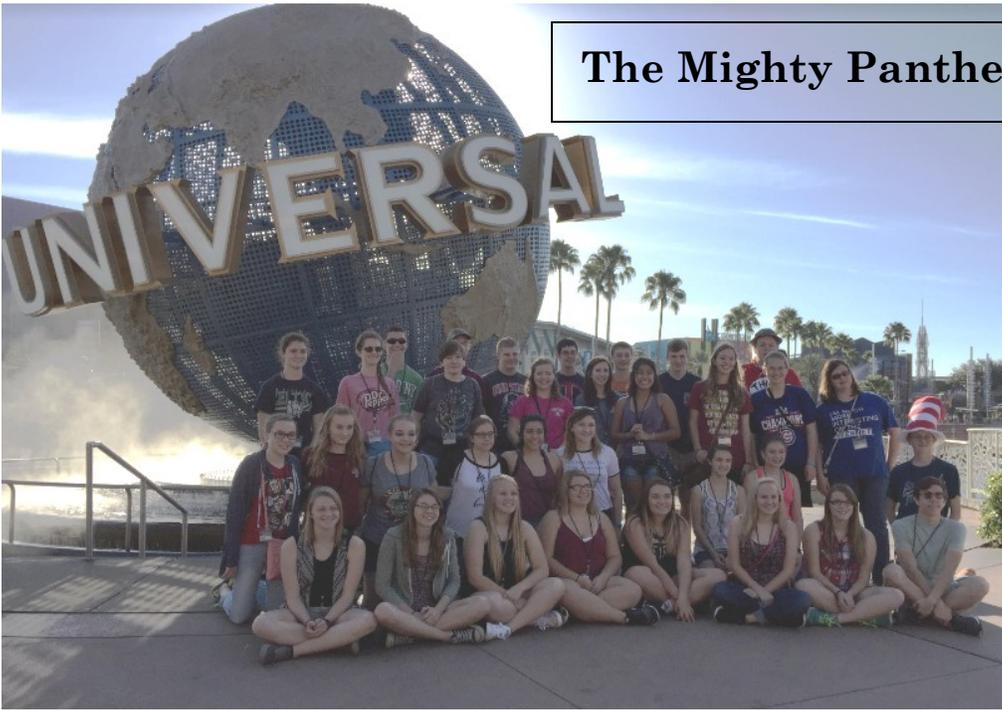
Head's Up for Lent

Because Ash Wednesday is on March 1st, here is a little advance information:

The noon Lenten Lunch is hosted by First Presbyterian Women with Pastor Vinnie Kroterfield scheduled to speak.

The Evening meal will be served by the Presbyterian Women at 5:30, followed by an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:15.

The rest of the schedule will be included in March's newsletter. Keep watching.



The Mighty Panther Marching Band

The Paulding High School Band spent a week in FL, marching in a bowl game half time show with 16 other high school bands. They also visited Disney's Universal Studios and Magic Kingdom.

Our own young people involved are Lauren Hill, Kristen Razo and Joe Reineck. Parents Jeff and Sherie Summers, Art and Carol Razo chaperoned and were joined at times by Matt and Linda Reineck.

The Bargain Bin
Of Paulding County, Inc.
 121 S. Cherry Street, Paulding OH
 419-399-5053

*You are cordially invited to attend
 a very special
 Grand Opening Celebration
 at the*

Bargain Bin
of Paulding County, Inc.

Thursday February 2, 2017
From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

*Please join us for the ribbon cutting
 ceremony, followed by refreshments.*

Private note written on the invitation:
 thank you for letting us use your beautiful Fellowship Hall for our baked potato bar dinners, for your financial donations and especially for your support and encouragement!
 Rhonda Smalley

Congratulations to Candi and Matt Keener

Married on November 4, 2016
 at Christ Church, Rittman OH

Candi's dad, Bud Koenig, and son Jace (pictured) walked her down the aisle to give her away.

Sweet, Happy Day!



Thank You Notes from Drug Court

Thank you for being our "Christmas Angels"
 Judge Tiffany Beckman

Followed by "Dear Presbyterian Church, and two "thank you"s, plus a "thank you very much" signed by five families

The second note said "To the whole Presbyterian, thank you for the wonderful things you guys have done for Drug Court. We sure do appreciate it. May God bless you and you have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. Lots of love" signed by a family.



JUBILATE DEO

Dan Forrest's Jubilate Deo brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. The result is a stunning global celebration of joy, as all the earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!"

Sunday, Feb. 19 at 4:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding

FEATURING:
DEFIANCE COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS
DEFIANCE COLLEGE CHORAL UNION

Directed by Jim Watson | Accompanied by Hannah Watson
 with chamber musicians



Progressive Dinner

On Friday January 5th, Pastor Dave's Sunday School class treated themselves to a Progressive Dinner. Pictured are (from back to front, left to right) Pastor Dave, Sue Paulus, Sherie Summers, Dave Nice, Stan Searing, Dianna Karlstadt, Linda Reineck, Matt Reineck, Phyllis Lutz, Jeff Summers, Jane Nice, Barb Searing, Chuck Lutz, Dan Karlstadt and Dick Paulus.

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 Paulding families for utilities, rent or emergency services.

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.



Paulding OH 45879
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.

