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OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER: Dealing With Aging and Retirement

Guest writer: Dan Young

Scripture: *John 19:26-28* “When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold your son!’ Then he turned to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother!’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”

Jesus is coming to the end of his life and knows that he will not be present, as the oldest son, to take care of his mother because he is sacrificing his life for us. Therefore, he comforts her by giving her care to another, the disciple John. Even in the latter part of the last quarter of his life, he is still serving. Keep in mind that Jesus was very young at the time of his death.

Being in the last quarter of your life is different from what it was for Christ, but I believe the principle of serving is still very much a part of being content. As we age and retire, it can be quite an adjustment. We may even experience a feeling of uselessness. What can we do to overcome these feelings? We often find we are unable to do the physical things that we used to do. After all, we still have the will to do it but our body and mind do not always cooperate.

Paul puts this in perspective in his Philippian letter (1:21) when he says: “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Later in this letter

(Chapter 4, verse 11(b)), although he was in prison, he declares: “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Enjoy your aging; don’t let Satan rob you of your joy.

There is no need to run off and pay for counseling because “an ounce of service has more healing than a ton of counseling.” This is not a statement against good counsel, but unless we are comatose, we can all be a blessing to someone else by using our spiritual gifts. We are called to build up and strengthen the body of Christ, the church. Every believer has at least one gift to be used for Christ. This gift may change throughout your life and the gift you now have is the one that is needed most in your circumstances. Do what you can to “gift back” to God by submitting to his Will what you still have (Romans 12:1-2).

In my ministry, I have seen many retired or aging people find a new ministry in which they excel. If you are unable to get out, do a phone ministry by making calls to visitors or those in the church who may be going through a difficult time - encourage them. You can also write letters to visitors thanking

them for coming to the service and inviting them to come back. You might also have a card ministry - sending cards for birthdays, anniversaries, or perhaps just a “thinking of you” card. Put these people on your prayer list and pray regularly for them. If you are more active, invite people to come to your home to watch a video or just to visit and get better acquainted. There’s nothing better than hearing them “tell their story”. Make it a time of fun and fellowship. A potluck works well and does not put all the responsibility on you to provide for everyone. The best words I can give to encourage you are: “Never quit. Never quit. Never quit!”


Take it from me, I feel better about life when I am following the model of Christ, who did not quit ministering even when on the cross. When He was on the Cross, YOU were on His mind.



Herb Monroe, shortly before his death. He is a perfect example of those who “gift back” to God.

July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Dan Young, retired Pastor from Findlay Communion	3 Prayer Vigil for <i>Is This the Time?</i>	4 	5 Prayer for our church at 9:00 am in Annex	6 Prayer <i>Is This The Time?</i> and all of Paulding County at the Senior Center 7:00 pm Mix Ice Cream 6:30	7	8 Freeze Ice Cream 8:30
9 Steve Heilshorn	10 Prayer Vigil for <i>Is This the Time?</i>	11	12 Prayer for our church at 9:00 am in Annex	13	14 Ice Cream Tent 4:00 to 9:30	15 Ice Cream Tent Noon until Fire Works
16 Pastor Dwayne	17	18	19 Prayer for our church at 9:00 am in Annex	20	21	22
<i>Is This the Time?</i> at Wayne Trace High School. Sunday through Wednesday at 7:00 pm						
23 Ministerial Assn. Pastor Swap: Merlyn Winter	24	25	26 Prayer for our church at 9:00 am in Annex	27	28	29
30 Pastor Dan Young						

July Birthdays:
 3rd - Becky Fishbaugh
 5th - Chloe Verfaillie
 7th - Kevin St. John
 12th—Isaac Nice
 16th - Kacie Karlstadt
 16th - Rob Henson

18th - Ruth Eschbach
 20th – Ethan Hill
 25th - Ruby Crossland
 25th - Jack Meriwether
 25th– Rachel Razo

27th – Lucy Joann Brown
 28th - Becky Hurtig
 29th - Jerry DeLong
 Anniversaries:
 15th - Chris & Gretchen Futey

18th – Clete and Audrey Stechschulte
 24th - David and Carrie Bussing
 25th - Dave & Jane Nice
 25th - Dave & Patty Meriwether
 30th - Dan & Susan Kayser
 31st - Nick and Ashley Fidler

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please get the correct information to the office ASAP. Thanks!

Session Highlights

At the June 20th meeting, elders:

*heard from the busy busy Property committee that the cottage bath/laundry area is progressing, with flooring from Don and Perry's being laid this week; that the exterior colors for the new garage have been selected and ordered, and that the contractors are expected on or near July 3rd; that renewal of the mulch will be done by Bostelman's before John Paulding Days as part of their outside maintenance agreement; and that the security system by the double glass doors is installed, with training still needed.

*thanked the Mission committee for donating \$1000 toward Is This the Time?

*were informed by Worship of the speakers for July (7/2 Dan Young, 7/9 Steve Heilshorn, 7/16 Pastor Dwayne, 7/23 Pastor Swap with 1st Christian Pastor Merlyn Winters, 7/30 Dan Young). Elders were asked to continue praying for Is This the Time? July 16-19 at WT High School as many volunteers are still being sought.

*learned that 5-6 church youth (plus a friend!) will be attending Camp Rejoice this July, and agreed to request additional donations to the Weaver Camp Fund to be able to fully pay camp fees for the church youth. (see bulletin).

*confirmed ice cream plans for John Paulding Days: Women's Board will get all supplies and ingredients, and mix; Punches' will lead freezing but are especially in need of able-bodied helpers; and that property will handle the tents, tables, electricity, etc. Please sign up at church to help in one or several ways!

*applauded the Christian Ed's exciting nursery plans for September. The plan is for a teen (to play, read, do the trips to the bathroom, the boosting onto the diaper changing area, the pick-up of all the toys, etc.) plus a mom/grandma (to rock and read and cuddle and color and lavish attention) to be in the nursery each Sunday from 10 am - noon, starting Sept. 10. The teens have already enthusiastically signed on to serve in a rotation. Stay tuned for the adult rotation sign-up soon! This will be a trial through December.

*heard from treasurer Carol Razo about noteworthy items, and about 2 uncashed checks from January/February that she is researching and dealing with. Elders thanked her (again!) for her steadfast and excellent service.

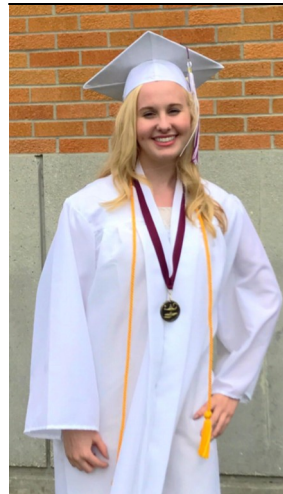
*dealt with business items: moved the July Session meeting from Tues., 7/18 to Wed., 7/26 to avoid conflict with Is This the Time?; and replaced Nominating Committee elder Ed Cline with elder Matt Reineck. Thanks to Matt for volunteering! Also, Sue Paulus will be on vacation July 7 and July 27 & 28. Barb Searing will be in the office those dates.

Submitted by clerk Barb Searing

EPC Response to Feedback

The EPC Leadership Team has announced that, in response to feedback from churches, it has decided to NOT change the 'per member asking' to a percentage of the church budget and an 'expectation', as previously reported in Session highlights in our newsletter. An example of our denomination's responsiveness to feedback.

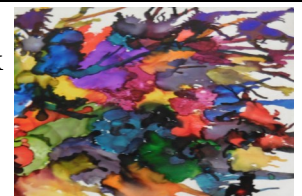
This is a change from Session Highlights in a previous newsletter.



Congratulations Lauren Hill!

Your extended family at
First Presbyterian share
your joy and your
excitement.

Samples of the art work



From 1st Ladies Do
Lunch



The PNC has received 2 new applications. We have already interviewed by skype with one applicant and are planning a second interview. The other applicant we will be contacting for an interview as well. Please continue to ask for God's guidance in this and direct us to the one He has chosen. We also ask you to pray for discernment as we contemplate where to go from here. Thanks for your continued prayers!

From Paulding County Carnegie Library facebook page: A big "thank you" to local author and historian, Mark Holtsberry, for sharing his new book, "Paulding County in the Great War" ! Thanks for all of your hard work in putting this book together! Your contribution to our local history is greatly appreciated!

Featured in the photo on the right is Mark Holtsberry, author; grandson Jacob Whitman; wife Lisa Holtsberry; our own Justine Holtsberry, Mark's mother; and Mark and Lisa's daughter Chelsea Whitman.



Author Donates Book to Paulding County Carnegie Library

Presbyterian Youth at Paulding County Fair: photo on top right is Lauren Hill competing with her rabbit at the Senior Showman Event.

Below on right is Joe Reineck and Sydney Reineck with their Dairy Beef Feeder projects.

Lower left is Sydney with her trophy: First in Weight Class.

Great job to all three of you!



Is This the Time?

Outreach Event - A Beautiful Feet Celebration
Sunday July 16 through Wednesday July 19 at 7:00 pm
Wayne Trace High School Gymnasium

Sunday: **Bring a Friend Pizza Blast:** 5:30 in the WTHS cafeteria

A music event with our own DJ

Free Pizza, free prizes, free Ice Cream

Sign up deadline July 12th, call 419-587-3660 or 419-594-3656

For grade 7 through graduated seniors, parents and adult drivers

7 PM Outreach Event: music by a chorus from combined local churches and the Beautiful Feet Worship Team
Guest Speaker: Youth Pastor Todd Heimkamp who was delivered from poor choices, failed relationships and a struggle with alcohol

Featured Speaker:

Missionary and Evangelist Chet Swearingen

Monday: Music by The Tacketts and the Beautiful Feet Worship Team. The Tacketts have been nominated in the top five for Christian Country Group of the Year for the Christian Country Diamond Awards!

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Tuesday: Music by the Beautiful Feet Worship Team

Guest Speaker: Pastor Mark Yurich, US Army Veteran who help numerous military positions before becoming a youth pastor, lead pastor and church planter.

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Wednesday: Music by the Beautiful Feet Worship Team

Guest Speaker: Andy Foster, transformed in prison to share the good news with others, those often considered the least, the last and the lost.

Featured Speaker:

Missionary and Evangelist Chet Swearingen

Let's Make a Memory for Future Generations:

Christians from over 35 churches are working together to lift high the name of Jesus. Jesus will be exalted through this county wide effort, and as this takes place, He promises He Will "draw all people to myself." The evangelistic and disciple-making emphasis of this Beautiful Feet Celebration is something our congregation has been praying for.

Is This The Time?

July 16-19, 2017 @ 7pm

Wayne Trace
High School Gym

Paulding County Ohio's
Beautiful Feet Celebration



We had Bats in the Belfry!



Sue Crossland and Sue Paulus were in the sanctuary working on music when they were greeted by a flying friend. He flew out once the corner doors were opened, we think he was trying to escape the vibration of the blaring music.

Paulding High School HOBY Representative



HOBY is the Hugh Obrien Youth leadership program. Each spring, 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminars to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community.

This years representative from Paulding High School was Kristen Razo, pictured above with her small group. The four day seminar was held at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Each year the Paulding Kiwanis sponsors the local representative. This means that Kristen will be speaking at a Kiwanis meeting in the near future.



Ladies Do Lunch Program for this summer:



Pictured above: Cindy Koenig, Barb Searing, Marcia Wiebe, Ila Steele, Rhonda Smalley, Jane Nice, Darla Cline, Christine Fife and Deb Ripinski.

Thursday July 20th at 11:00 am:

We will be going to the Wassenberg in Van Wert. We will need to bring an empty wine bottle and Matt (Rhonda's son in law) will have corks with batteries for the string of lights to put in the bottles. We could eat lunch at the new Bistro and maybe even browse the antique store. What fun! Minimal cost involved for the lighting fixtures.

Thursday August 10 at noon:

We will be doing a potluck luncheon at church. Let's all bring the recipes so we can share. Following lunch (1:00) I have invited Geniece Shuff Schaber from Funky Junk in the Country to teach us how to milk paint. She will be supplying all supplies and the vintage inspired tool box for us to paint on for the minimal fee of \$15. She will teach us the difference between glazing and waxing. She has seven spaces at Maumee Antique Mall and one space at LouisiAvenue in Perrysburg where she sells her refurbished pieces of furniture and objects that she lends her talents to. She also teaches milk painting classes at Mon-clova Community Center.

(Thanks to Darla Cline for putting these programs together)



Sprucing up the Neighborhood!

Actually, there was work being completed on the bathroom on the south end of the cottage and in the demolition and rebuilding, the toilet got left in the back yard by the door. Too funny to ignore, so here is the photo. Month two...

Property Committee Seeking Funds

It was decided at the congregational meeting in May to continue to seek funds for the new garage. This will keep the church from having to use a lot of money from the Nicelly Fund.

Donations may be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church (PO Box 366, Paulding OH 45879) with garage fund written in the memo line.

Do You Have a Favorite Verse of Scripture?

The Worship Committee has decided that for this summer, people from the congregation are invited to share their favorite scripture with just a short explanation of why that verse or those verses are your favorite. Are you willing to do that? If so speak to a Worship Committee member:
Sue Crossland,
Rhonda Smalley
or Sue Paulus





We're Having a
COCKOUT!

No: We Had a Cookout!



About 30 of us enjoyed the food, the fellowship and a great day getting better acquainted with Pastor Dan and Marilyn at the Paulus home.



For the second year, the Paulding Ministerial Association is planning a Pastor Swap where each pastor will preach at a church other than their own. This year's event will be on Sunday July 23, and each pastor will be preaching on Ephesians 4: 1-16, the heading in NIV is "Unity in the Body of Christ"

Our guest pastor this summer will be Merlyn Winters of the First Christian Church, who requested us specifically as she is our neighbor on the opposite corner of Cherry and Caroline.

Let's take a Van Load!

Several of our Youth will be returning from church camp the day before the Pizza Blast. Many of them are saying that they still want to attend. The words free pizza are a drawing card. Our van will be ready to take anyone wanting to go, please let Sue know in the office as reservations are needed by the 12th.

The Pizza Blast!

Sunday, July 15 at 5:30 PM—7:00 PM

Wayne Trace High School Cafeteria

RSVP 419-587-3660 or 419-594-3656 By July 12th!



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Summer Schedule
Praise Music 9:15
Worship Service 9:30

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

