

November 2017

## The Cornerstone News

### First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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## Heading Back to the Philippines - Thanks for Your Prayer

from Ron and Donna Schumacher

The suitcases are mostly packed, including a few last-minute items from today's shopping, and we're due to leave for the airport at 6:45 in the morning (Eastern Daylight Time, USA). Thank you for your prayers during our time in the US. We've had wonderful times with family and friends, and now it's time to get back in the saddle and hit the road—well, the air! I am reminded of the verse the Lord gave me several years ago just before returning to the Philippines from a furlough:



If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139: 9-10)

The Philippines is definitely on the "far side of the sea," and we are comforted by this reminder that the Lord is going before us and with us as we begin another term of serving Him there. Daunting tasks face us, and we know we can't do them on our own. We are also comforted by the knowledge that you are praying for us. We also want to pray for you, so please let us know how we can do that.

#### **A special prayer request for our travel on Wednesday the 25th):**

**We have just ONE HOUR to connect to our international flight in Detroit (around noon). Please pray that both we and our suitcases will make it!** (This part is over, but thanks for praying for them. We really have no idea what their life, travel and work is actually like, do we?)

Yours and His,

Ron and Donna Schumacher

Now when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies, the promise of the rising sun and the moon when day is done,

I thank you, Lord,

I thank you, Lord.

And when I look into the eyes of those I love, or when I gaze upon the starry night above, my heart is filled with joyful praise and I bless your holy name. I thank you, Lord.

I thank you, Lord.

From *I Thank You, Lord* by  
Joseph Martin

# November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 1st Wednesday meal (5:30) and service (6:15) Choir Practice 7:00	<b>2</b> N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the basement	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Pastor Dwayne Richardson Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ecumenical planning com- mittee 10:00 in fellowship hall Choir Practice 7:00	<b>9</b> N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the basement	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Sojourner Quartet accompanied by Susan Kayser 7:00/Findlay
<b>12</b> A Night of Music Nazarene Church	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Choir Practice 7:00	<b>16</b> Drug court using kitchen all day to bake N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the basement	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Congregational Meeting to vote on Officers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Session 7:00	<b>22</b>	 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the basement	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas 9:00 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the basement		

Happy Birthday!

7<sup>th</sup> - Audrey Stechschulte

8<sup>th</sup> - Art Razo

15<sup>th</sup> - Megan Reineck

17<sup>th</sup> - Imogene Kochenour

17<sup>th</sup> - Jessica St. John

21<sup>st</sup> - Linda Reineck

27<sup>th</sup> - Judy Robinson

28<sup>th</sup> - Brent Fishbaugh

28<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Summers

29<sup>th</sup> - Jane Nice

November Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> - Bryce and Nikki Verfaillie

8<sup>th</sup> - Dick and Sue Paulus

8<sup>th</sup> - Darwin and Darla Cline

13<sup>th</sup> - Paul and Kari Searing

16<sup>th</sup> - Doug and Rhonda Smalley

19<sup>th</sup> - Jerry and Brenda DeLong

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 October 17th Session meeting, elders:

-received, with great thankfulness for their outstanding and faithful service, a letter of resignation from Property co-chairs Dan Straley and Alex Straley, effective in December.

-remain concerned about the level of giving as we prepare to welcome our new pastor.

-thanked Alex Straley for donating his time to work with the electricians as the LED lighting project was completed.

-learned that the cottage contents have been removed and stored in preparation of the arrival of Fergusons' belongings, and thanked Sue Crossland for spearheading this effort. Many of the large items are presently filling the new garage, but probably should not stay there indefinitely. If people have comments or ideas as to the 'final' storage of cottage contents, please speak to an elder.

-received the report of \$337.68 net profit from the chili booth. The funds have been given to the Mission committee for hurricane relief or a project of the Missions committee's choosing.

-heard that Dangers should be completing the earthmoving/grading/clean-up by the new garage this week. Grass seeding may or may not happen this fall.

-approved a request from the Drug Court participants to use the church kitchen during the day Nov. 15 or 16 to make baked goods for a benefit for Tripp Foor, a child battling osteosarcoma. The Drug Court people are planning and executing this baking day, with Dave and Jane Nice being the church contacts.

-set a Congregational meeting for Sunday, Nov. 19 after worship for the purpose of electing officers for 2018. (see separate article).

-learned that pulpit supply in November will be: 5th and 12th Brad Hurtig or Pastor Dan Young (still being determined which is which); 19th Pastor Dwayne; 26th Pastor Dan Young.

-encouraged the Worship committee to have the sound system 'trainees' start sitting with soundmaster Joe Reineck now to begin learning the basics.

-received a thoughtful letter from a church youth regarding music during worship.

-voted, in preparation for submitting the EPC pension adoption document reflecting what is included in our pastor's compensation package, to include term life insurance and long-term care insurance in Ian's compensation packet. Cost at Ian's age is minimal.

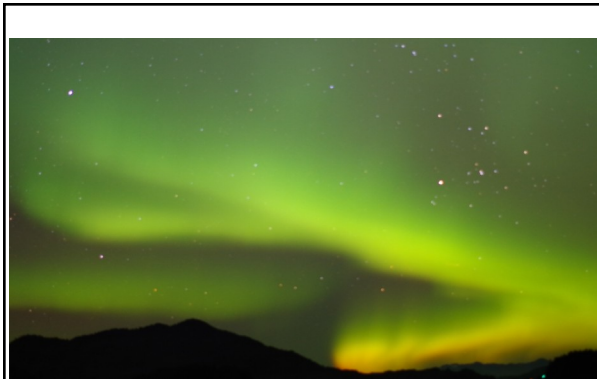
-agreed to lend our platforms, once again, to the JP Historical Society for use during the Festival of Trees.

As always, questions or comments on these or other matters can be directed to any elder, listed each week in your bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Searing, clerk

Comment from worship committee: Brad Hurtig is not available at all during November. He is interested in coming to us, we had an extended conversation as to why it can't be right after Pastor Ian arrives, but we will work it out in the fairly near future.



### Northern Lights

The Northern Lights viewed from Chenega Bay Alaska in Prince William Sound. Photo sent by Tiffany Razo who has some beautiful scenery to enjoy as works there.



## Anna at Vantage Career Center

Anna Karlstadt would like to invite the members of the congregation to visit the salon at Vantage as she and the rest of her class work with clients to earn their points for graduation. Appointments can be made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 or 9:30 for all salon services which are discounted because they are students.. To make an appointment call 419-238-5411, extension 2003.

## What a Beauty!



Sayla Grace Gerber born to Kristen and Jeff Gerber on September 23rd. Granddaughter of Bud and Cindy Koenig. Last month's photo was a newborn hospital shot and we couldn't really see her.

## Caring & Sharing

### Food Pantry

Suggestions for November donations are:  
Right now the greatest need is for:

100% fruit juices, family size

100% fruit juices, single serving

Other fruit drinks will certainly be accepted. Right now those shelves are completely empty.

(Always and ever needed are Hygiene Items ).



## Financial Update

In September we made the following payments for the garage project:

- Dangler Excavating \$5,618.73 for excavation and stone work
- Nofziger Door Sales \$2,600 for overhead doors
- Habegg's Ace Lumber \$2,852.60 for materials
- Tony Wobler Electric \$2,682.00 for electrical work.

We also reimbursed Ian Ferguson \$1,487.68 to cover travel expenses for his recent visit.



Carol Razo, Treasurer





## Homecoming Attendant and Escort

**Kristen Razo is the Junior Class Homecoming attendant for 2017. Her escort for the evening is Weston Philipot, Junior football player #17.**

**Congratulations to the whole court!**

## Decorate for Advent

Decorating will begin at 9:00 on Tuesday November 28th. Our fearless leader is Jill Straley who always has the plan in her mind and ready to go when we arrive. A lot of work, a lot of laughter and a beautiful result.

**Come celebrate Jesus!**

## First Wednesday Meal

November 1 at 5:30 will be our First Wednesday Meal with the meal prepared and hosted by Dave and Jane Nice December 6th the volunteers are Ken and Janet Wagner. Thanks to each of you.

## First Wednesday Service

This month, Pastor Dwayne will speak on his book with a book signing following.

### Ways to Serve in November and December



Volunteer in the nursery:

Call Dianna Karlstadt 419-670-2948

Willing to clean up after the First Wednesday Meals? Drop a note in the collection plate so that we know.

Love to decorate for Christmas? Help decorate the sanctuary: Tuesday November 28, 9:00 am

Invite a friend to the ecumenical dinner and pick her up: Thursday December 7th at 6:00 pm at our church

Suggest a favorite hymn or carol for Advent: call Sue Paulus 419-399-5533 or Sue Crossland 419-399-5943 or put a note in the collection



**JOHN 10:10 THRIVE**

*What a wonderful day!*

### Congregational Meeting Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 immediately after worship for the purpose of electing officers for 2018.

The slate being presented by the Nominating committee is:

Elders: Barb Searing (second 3-year term) Class of 2020

Bud Koenig (first 3-year term) Class of 2020

Darwin Cline (1-year to complete Ed Cline's term) Class of 2018

Deacons: Jane Nice (second 3-year term) Class of 2020

Darla Cline (first 3-year term) Class of 2020

Nominations are accepted from the floor for such elections, provided the person being nominated from the floor is aware and agreeable.

Saturday October 28, 2017



## They Are Closer!

The moving van with Ferguson's belongings arrived Monday the 23rd. That means they can't be too far behind, doesn't it?

A huge thank you to Susan Crossland who spent most of her day waiting for and meeting the van, then tracking and documenting the arrival of each box as it came off the truck.

A look at the lower picture tells us that Ian and Alissa have there work cut out for them when they arrive in Paulding.



**Maddy Taylor:** 5 year old Maddy, whose mother is a close friend of Darla Cline, is pictured with her prayer shawl, which was made by Hands of Love. She suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and is scheduled for brain surgery as soon as the doctors can control her seizures. The stroke cause bleeding in her brain which clotted, causing an issue with walking, talking, eating and using her right side. You may send cards and notes of encouragement to: Maddy

## 5th Quarter

The fifth year of 5th Quarter parties for teens after home football games is in the books!

Many thanks for those who supported the effort. Donations and dollars, presence and prayers, shopping and sweeping up.....it all matters, and it all helps!

At the risk of missing a name, these folks deserve kudos for another successful year:

Jill Straley, Barb Searing, Jeremy Fife, Terry Buehler, Don Crossland, Dave Nice, Jane Nice, Brent Fishbaugh, Ruby Crossland, Carol Razo, Christine Fife, and Dianna Karlstadt.



Additional thanks to our partner churches, First Christian, St. Paul Lutheran, Church of the Nazarene, and Branch Christian Fellowship, as well as the Paulding Village Police and Utilities departments for services, and the VFW for a financial donation





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### **Next Presbytery meeting**

The next meeting of the Presbytery of the Midwest will be Feb. 16-17, 2018 in Greenville, Ohio. The meeting begins at 1:00 Friday and continues Saturday morning until noon. This should be the meeting at which Ian Ferguson is examined on the floor of Presbytery as part of the process of coming to serve our congregation, and it would be wonderful to have a nice contingent from Paulding there to support him. You are encouraged to look ahead and save the date if you are interested in being there.

### **THANK YOU!!**

Session received, with both regret and thankfulness, a letter of resignation from Dan and Alex Straley as Property committee chairs, effective this December.

There aren't enough words to express our thanks to Dan and Alex for their dedication and faithfulness in keeping our church property in excellent condition. They have repaired old things and supervised new things for quite a number of years, and we are grateful. Think 'boiler', think 'yardwork', think 'carpet', think 'new garage', think 'LED lighting'. If they had a nickel for each time they have been up to the church to deal with issues or meet up with contractors, they would be rich men indeed!

Enjoy your 'retirement' from Property, Dan and Alex. We thank God for your willingness and your expertise.



### **Sojourner Quartet**

And Susan Kayser, pianist

Saturday November 11th 7:00 PM

Marathon Center for the Performing Arts

200 W. Main Cross, Findlay OH 45840

Order tickets by phone 419-423-2787 or on line:  
[marathoncenterarts.org/events](http://marathoncenterarts.org/events)



### **Speakers for November**

Guest speakers scheduled for the month of November are: Pastor Dwayne November 5th, Pastor Dan Young on the 12th, 19th, 26th. Pastor Dan is here unless Ian and Alissa Ferguson arrive.



## Candidate Breakfast



In October our Women's Group served breakfast for the Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidate Breakfast. There was a nice attendance and a lot of information shared with the group.



### A Night of Music

Sunday Evening November 12

Paulding Church of the Nazarene

Music from many of the Paulding churches as we join together in praise through music.

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## Women's Ecumenical Christmas Banquet and Program



This year our Women's Group will be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner for the women of the community. This is its 39th anniversary so we are gearing up for a large celebration in 2018.

We need help spreading the word, so talk to your friends from other churches. Pray that we have a celebration worthy of our Lord.

A meeting is scheduled for November 8th at 10:00 to finalize how to promote, with invitations to give to all the churches. You are invited to attend.



## Lighthouse Library

Fellow Readers; we have new non-fiction books by many good authors

1) A Life Beyond Amazing by Dr. David Jeremiah 2) Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado 3) Fearless also by Max Lucado 4) Martin Luther, The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World By Eric Metaxas

Also a reminder of recent new books by Nabeel Quresh 1) Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, No One but One and 2) Answering Jihad. Also, there are two new fiction books:

1) Where We Belong by Lynn Austin

2) To Be Where You Are by Jan Karon – another in the Mitford series.

Also, two of our members who deal with unwanted pain are reading *Lord, Get Your Needle– I'm Falling Apart at the Seams* the Emotional Strain of Chronic Pain by Barbara E. Haley. Their comments are "I started crying at the Proclamation of Hope," "God is showing me that I just have to keep going, I can't quit even when the pain makes me want to." This book has been donated and will be available in the library within the next few weeks.

Keep reading!





It was a year on October 7 that Andrew Brunson was taken prisoner in Turkey. Session approved a day of prayer by our church for him and Norine on that Saturday. The church was open twelve hours for prayer, which fell into agreement with our denomination as the whole weekend was dedicated to prayer and fasting for Andrew and Norine Brunson.

Below are guidelines from Jeff Jeremiah, Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, as we continue in earnest prayer for the Brunsons:

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them.” Hebrews 13:3

1. Remember Andrew Brunson
2. “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17
3. Turn up the visibility in churches

We are a connectional church of “one anothers”. “When one member suffers all suffer.”

1 Corinthians 12:26

“Not

by might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord.” Zechariah 4:6

Don’t grow weary in well doing, God will bring Andrew home.

Update: this past summer a new decree in Turkey, #694, gave President Erdogan authority to return prisoners to their home country. On October 9, 2017 the article below appeared in the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette:

www.journalgazette.net

## US, Turkey tensions escalating

### Visitor visas are being canceled by the 2 nations

**WASHINGTON POST**

ISTANBUL — The increasingly strained alliance between Turkey and the United States took a sharp downward turn on Sunday when both governments abruptly announced they were canceling most visitor visas between the two countries, sowing confusion among travelers and exposing a widening rift between the NATO partners.

The crisis began when the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, the Turkish capital, announced it was immediately suspending all non-immigrant visa services at diplomatic facilities across Turkey. The move appeared to be retaliatory, coming days after the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan arrested an employee of the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul.

An embassy statement said it was limiting visitors to U.S. missions while it “reassesses” Turkey’s commitment to the security of American personnel — an extraordinary rebuke that underscored a rapidly deteriorating relationship between the longtime allies. Within hours, the Turkish embassy in Washington released a nearly identical statement announcing its own suspension of non-immigrant visas for Americans.

The tit-for-tat moves illustrated how the critical alliance between Turkey and the United States, anchored in military, intelligence and commercial ties, has been battered in recent months by a series of deep disagreements over the war in Syria as well the fate of a Turkish cleric, Fethullah Gulen, who is wanted by the Turkish authorities and living in exile in Pennsylvania.

The strains have undermined vows by President Donald Trump to repair American ties to Turkey after they became frayed during the administration of President Barack Obama. The escalating tensions also came despite what are said to be warm, personal relations between Erdogan and Trump that stretch back several years.

Turkey, which once enthusiastically pursued membership in the European Union, has also become estranged from European countries, particularly Germany.

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***Fall and Winter Schedule***  
Sunday School 9:00  
Praise Music 10:15  
Worship Service 10:30

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.  
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