

## The Cornerstone News

### First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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## Thoughts from Ian...

Our delightful pastor, Ian Ferguson, is currently at the General Assembly of our denomination. When you read what is written below you will know why there is no message from him in this current newsletter.

If anyone reading this is looking for a Christian body that truly cares about family, let me tell you what our small church accomplished recently.

Our congregation had two deaths in a very short time, with two large funerals and funeral dinners within a three day period. Praise God we had a day of rest between the dinners. The words "thank you" to those pitching in to help seem inadequate, yet they are said in all sincerity.

Both dinners were planned for over 90 people and that meant we needed lots of help. We got it: 10 people stepped up to prepare and serve the meal (most of them twice), 8 volunteered to clean up (one of the hardest jobs, 'cause by then you are tired), 9 women baked tetrassini (several of them for both dinners), 10 brought desserts (again several for both dinners). We even had two women who attend other churches for worship come to help. Add in the people that jumped in to decorate and set tables (twice), to order special cookies and then see that they were here in time, to make what seemed like hundreds of phone calls, to talk with the family about music (twice), scripture choices

(twice), dinner choices (twice), regulate temperature in the middle of a major heat wave, pick up necessary items for the kitchen: I think by now you are beginning to get the picture. I have not even mentioned to this point that our young pastor did two funerals and one excellent sermon in a three day period.


I want to emphasis to you that on Father's Day we had 64 people in our worship service. The count as best I can get it for those that made the dinners a possibility is at 45 or above. For one long, hot weekend, we blew up the theory that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Not only that, but I am willing to bet that those not mentioned above due to work schedule, age, vacations or other issues were praying for those doing the work involved, as well as praying for those friends and family struggling with the pain of loss.

As I said in the beginning of this wordy entry, if you are looking for a caring church home, visit us. We are First Presbyterian Church, Corner of Caroline and Cherry, Paulding; services for the summer are at 9:15. We love the Lord, we love each other and we would love to meet and greet you.

A huge "Thank You" to every one that did anything and everything to make our ministry to hurting families kinder and more loving. May God bless each of you for being His hands and feet.



# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Communion	2	3	4 	5 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge  Prayer for the community at the Senior Center 7:00	6	7
8	9	10 CL/O—Missions meeting at 6:00  Mix ice cream at 7:00	11 Freeze ice cream 5:00 to 8:00	12 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	13 Drug Court	14  John Paulding Days
15	16	17 Ladies do Lunch at Susan Kayser's in Findlay.  Session 7:00	18	19 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	20	21 4-H meeting 9– noon
22 Ministerial Pastor Swap: Jeremy Thompson here	23	24	25	26 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	27	28
29	30	31 Ladies Do Lunch Noon at Vagabond				

## July Birthdays:

5<sup>th</sup> - Chloe Verfaillie  
7<sup>th</sup> - Kevin St. John  
12<sup>th</sup>—Isaac Nice  
16<sup>th</sup> - Kacie Karlstadt  
16<sup>th</sup> - Rob Henson  
18<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Eschbach  
20<sup>th</sup> – Ethan Hill

25<sup>th</sup> - Ruby Crossland

25<sup>th</sup>– Rachel Razo

28<sup>th</sup> - Becky Hurtig

## Anniversaries:

15<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Gretchen Futey

18<sup>th</sup> – Clete and Audrey

Stechschulte

25<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Jane Nice

30<sup>th</sup> - Dan & Susan Kayser

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

## Session Highlights

Because Pastor Ian is attending General Assembly, there was no Session meeting in June. Therefore no highlights.



### It's Ice Cream Tent Time Again!

We will be servicing ice cream during John Paulding Days, Friday 7/13 and Saturday 7/14. The parade is Friday evening and the fireworks are Saturday evening so there will be a lot of people downtown.

It takes many hands to accomplish this community activity. Mixing will happen Tuesday July 10 at 7:00 pm in the kitchen. Freezing will happen Wednesday July 11 starting at 5:00 pm. Can't be there at 5:00? You are still needed at 5:30, or 6:00 or 6:30. Serving will happen Friday evening, July 13 from 6–10 pm and Saturday evening July 14, 4–10 pm (or whenever the fireworks start.)

People are needed to bake, to pack quarts, to wipe tables, to cashier, to visit with people who come every year to see us and eat our luscious ice cream. If you are willing, there is a job for you. Please contact the church office, or Pastor Ian to add your name to the list, or check the clip board.

John Paulding Days and Presbyterian home made ice cream: another first for Pastor Ian, Alissa and Samuel. Yum!



### Anna is a Blessed Young Woman!

Anna Karlstadt had her picture taken with both set of grandparents at her Graduation Open House: above with Susan Paulus and Dick Paulus, below with Sharon Karlstadt and Ron Karlstadt. Congratulations Anna.



Continue to watch for information on the upcoming program with Brad Hurtig in October!

### Brad Hurtig is Coming!







## Reinecks at Paulding County Fair

Joe and Sydney Reineck are shown with their dairy feeder steers at the fair during the week of June 10th. We are proud of our 4-H youth.

FYI: did you know that 4-H meets in our fellowship hall on Saturday morning once a month for their meeting.



## How Sweet is This?

Anne Marie Pepke, granddaughter of Kim Mileto, wants us to know that she loves Jesus.





## In MSNBC interview, Senators Lankford, Shaheen discuss imprisonment of Andrew Brunson

In an interview on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program on May 24, Senators James Lankford (R-Okla.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) continued their call for punitive action against Turkey due to Andrew Brunson's prolonged imprisonment. The EPC Teaching Elder has been held since October 2016 on charges of espionage and terrorism.

"He is basically being held hostage by (Turkish) President Erdoğan," Shaheen said, "and this is a blatant attempt to blackmail the United States and we are not going to stand for it."

Lankford and Shaheen are pursuing targeted sanctions against Turkish officials, and are working with Senator Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) on a bill to prevent the transfer of American fighter aircraft and technology to Turkey until the relationship between the two countries improves. In the 10-minute interview, they also discussed the future of U.S.-Turkey relations and Erdoğan's oppressive tendencies

You can watch the whole interview on the EPConnection/Andrew Brunson website. You could also look on youtube or go to Susan Paulus's facebook page where it is posted.

You will continue to give receive updates on Pastor Andrew until our prayers are answered and he is home.

### Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

We are still collecting and delivering items to the Food Pantry in honor of and memory of Becky Fishbaugh.

If you want to make a monetary donation through the church, you can do it one of two ways: drop a check in the offering plate or give it to the office. We will write a check to the food pantry for the total. If you make your check out to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, it will be included in our donation envelope.

Thank You!!!



### Ways to Serve in July



We started Children's Church in May. We will need two volunteers each Sunday all summer.

Volunteer in the nursery:

Call Dianna Karlstadt 419-670-2948 We have babies every week now, and adults are needed. The ever-famous clip board will be at the top of the steps, take a look and sign up.

Are you comfortable welcoming people? We could use greeters to say "Welcome" each Sunday Morning. Ushers are also needed.

Sign up to bring flowers for a Sunday service. The Flower Chart is on the wall in the hall outside of the fellowship hall doors.

Many ways to volunteer. See the article/request from the Senior Center for providers of respite care.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive



Workers from the Blood drive on Thursday June 21, both paid Red Cross workers and two of the Paulding County Volunteers Leann Moser and Sandra Manz. Thanks to you Presbys who donated time and food for this cause also.



## Seniors Receive Bibles

Pia Bornholdt and Anna Karlstadt received Bibles from Jane Nice on Graduation Sunday.

Pictured below are the Reineck Family: Joe, Matt, Linda, Megan, Pia Bornholdt and Sydney.



The notion of taking advantage of our prime location during the World's Longest Garage Sale has surfaced several times recently. The dates for the 127 Garage Sale this year are Aug 2-5 this year.

Ideas that I've heard include renting spaces in our parking lot for others to have a garage sale, letting people use our restrooms, selling snacks and/or water, having a cool area for moms/babies to take a break, grilling out, offering sandwiches inside... and surely there are more.

Funds could be dedicated toward a future mission trip or a future Women's Retreat.

Several think we could capitalize on our prime real estate. NO ONE, though, has said, I will head it up if I have helpers.

If you'd care to latch onto this project as 'Head Honcho' (for 2018, or in some future year), please make your interest known in the next week or two to Pastor Ian, or to someone on Session. Those names are in your bulletin every Sunday.



## Update on Baby Lucas.

Phyllis Crossland's great grandson: (he just had his third heart surgery – born with HLHS) Luke's first homecoming was only 4 hours long when he began bleeding. He was transfused locally and life-flighted back to Cinci. The wonderful people there had everything under control in a short time. Here he is walking the halls with his monitors in a shopping cart. (He also had his prayer shawl with him from when he was born). He is now home and doing very well. He turns 3 in just a few weeks.



Thank you all so much for your prayers!! God is so good!!!!  
(Submitted by Great Aunt Susan Crossland)



## Ladies Do Lunch:

In June there will be two lunch events: the first here at the church on Wednesday June 6th a "Special Event" with Chef Jeffery DeBlaere, Jr. making lunch for us at

the church. The menu includes: medium rare chuck roast with au jus, creamed parmesan spinach with pine nuts and raisins, rice pilaf, desserts, and a salad to start. There will be some group participation so that we can "re-make" the lunch on our own. Chef Jeff will provide recipes, and tips and tricks for cooking the menu items. Sounds like a fun and tasty learning adventure! Please RSVP so that he has an idea how much food to plan on using.

Call the office at 419-399-2438 or sign the clip board at the top of the stairs. You may also e-mail Darla Cline at stold69@yahoo.com or Barb Searing at barb@searingfamily.com.

The second event for June is lunch Monday June 18th at Fiesta Habaneros, noon. No reservations required, just come.

The June event with Chef Jeff was well attended and a great learning experience as well as good food with friends. Our lunch at Fiesta Habanero's had fewer there due to heat and a funeral dinner that day. Still enjoyable with friends, air conditioning and great food.

The programs for July are a luncheon/tea at the home of Susan Kayser on Tuesday July 17th. Reservations are **must** for this event and the cost is \$15.00. We will add in another stop or two, watch for details. There is a sign up sheet at the top of the stairs. The second, and local, lunch is Tuesday July 31st at the Vagabond at noon. No reservation required, just meet there and order from the menu. Followed by dessert and office tour at Straley Insurance office in Sherwood.

In August we are again meeting at Fiesta Habanero's Wednesday the 15th at noon, ordering off the menu. And we have planned a brand new event. After an 11:30 lunch in Bryan at Union Street Grille, where we will again order off the menu, we will drive 20 minutes north to Stoney Ridge Winery. The winery does wine tastings (\$4.00 for 5 samples) and they have a cute little wine related shop.



## ***Respite Program Special Opportunity.....***

*The Paulding County Senior Center is working with the Area Office on Aging to recruit and train volunteers in Paulding to provide respite care for Paulding County individuals.*

*The Center often gets calls from caregivers asking if we can provide a person to stay with their loved one while they do grocery shopping, other errands or simply go to an event. It's a needed service and I can't think of anything more rewarding.*

*The volunteer will be part of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) so they do need to be 55 years of age or older. RSVP, in coordination with the Caregiver Support Program, will properly train, match up and place the volunteers in the caregivers' homes.*

*The commitments is for 2 hours per week on a predetermined time and day each week. That way everyone knows the schedule in advance.*

***We will be having a formal meeting to explain the program on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.***

*If you are interested please contact Marsha at 419-399-3650.*

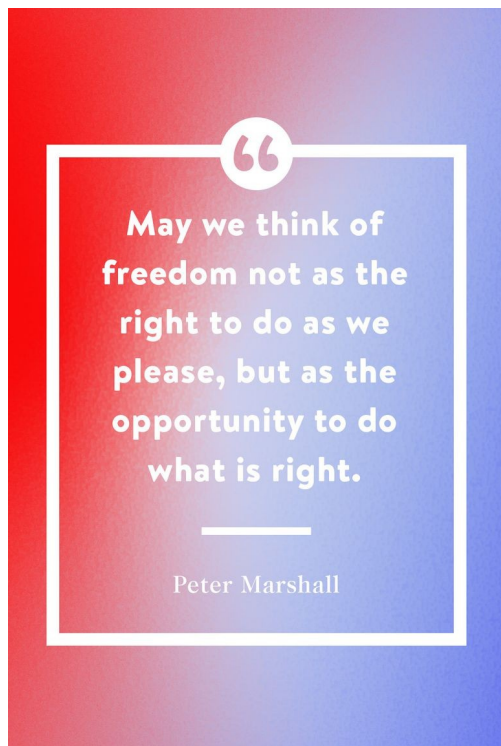


## **A Couple of Our Favorite Little Ones**

On left, Sherie Summers and son, Zane; on right Alissa Ferguson and son Samuel. Zane and Samuel learning to play, not together yet.



**We celebrate July 4th and our freedom. Thank you, Lord,**



### **Findlay Flag City Honor Bus Trip**

Pictured are Martha and Paul PUNCHES in Washington DC at the Air Force Memorial. They took an Honor Bus Trip this spring from Findlay to DC. Thank you for your service.

### **Noteworthy items from May**

In May we:

- Paid Lima Pipe Organ \$385 for an organ repair.
- Paid the balance due of \$450 to Schweller Electric for the parking lot lighting project.
- Reimbursed Jane Nice \$131.15 for bibles given to graduating high school seniors from the Memorial Bible Fund.



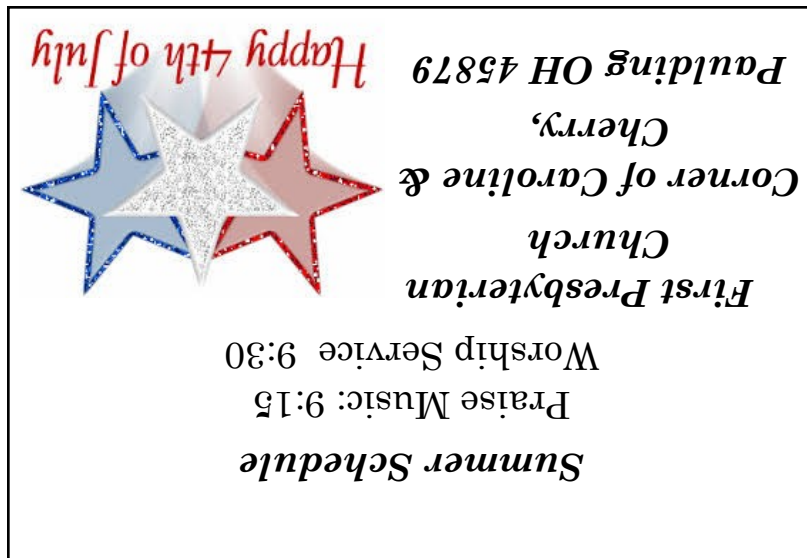
### **Annual Pastor Swap**

On Sunday July 22nd, the churches in the Paulding Ministerial Association will be swapping pastors for the morning. Pastor Jeremy Thompson of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene will be preaching here at First Presbyterian. Pastor Ian Ferguson will be preaching at both St. John and St. Paul Lutheran Churches.

### **Women's Retreat**

**Coming Saturday October 27th**

**Watch for more information**



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