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Thoughts from Ian...

I spent most of the week of June 18th in Memphis where I attended the annual national meeting of our church family's denomination, the

Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It was a good meeting, as far as meetings go. Some business was done. Great speakers encouraged and inspired us. I was able to meet some pastors who I have done ministry with and new pastors I hope to do ministry with in the future. Multiple occasions had everyone at the meeting on their feet cheering. One of these times was especially memorable.

On Thursday evening, we held a commissioning service for people in our denomination going into the mission field throughout the world. This is a very moving time as the EPC does a lot of mission work with unreached people groups and there is some very real danger in some of the places they go. One question those being commissioned are asked is, "Will you accept the potential dangers associated with this ministry that may include suffering and martyrdom?"

Among the group being commissioned that evening was a couple who are in their 80s. In 1958, they began ministering among the Malay people in the area of Indonesia. After 40 years of ministry, they retired back to the United States.

A couple of years ago an alert went out as there was an unmet need for mission workers to the Malay people. This couple added that need to their prayer list. After a while, they began to ask the question, "Why not us?" This has now led them to sensing God's call to return to the mission

field, a leading confirmed through the various discernment processes we have in place. So now, they are going back to this specific mission field which is almost 100% Muslim and where Christians are ostracized for their faith.

Why not me? That is a good question for us all to ask when we hear of a need to put on our prayer list. Sometimes, not always and maybe not often but sometimes, we are the answer to the needs around us even when we might consider ourselves an unlikely answer, like this couple who are in their 80s.

As I reflected on their story, I remembered something my dad told me:

Once upon a time, there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

When you pray for a need be sure to ask the question, "Why not me?" Again, you aren't always or even often going to be the answer God is going to work through to accomplish His will in that area but sometimes you will be the 'anybody' who is to meet that need. When you do, you may not see everyone on their feet cheering, but this does not mean that no one is. After all, Hebrews 12 reminds us that we are surrounded by a great crowd of witness in heaven. Also, we know that God knows all and sees all. So, next time you hear of a need and pray ask yourself "Why not me?" and you may find yourself being used by God in great ways.



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1		2 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge Prayer for the community at the Senior Center 7:00	3	4
Paulding Pool open to the public free of charge during August						
5 Dave McMaster preaching	6	7	8	9 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	10 Drug Court	11
12 Andy Gilman preaching	13	14 Session 7:00	15 Ladies Do Lunch Noon- Fiesta Habaneros	16 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	17	18 4-H meeting 9- noon
19 Communion	20	21 First day of school in Paulding	22	23 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	24	25
26 Meeting about Children's Church following the service	27	28	29 Ladies Do Lunch Bryan, leave at 11:30	30 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge	31	

August Birthdays:

3rd - Stan Searing
 3rd - Sherie Summers
 6th - Jillene McMichael
 11th - David Beatty
 12th - Jeff Clark
 13th - Jacob Fife
 17th - Jaden Verfaillie

17th - Alex Straley

26th - Barb Searing
 29th - Jamie A. Smith (Jim & Doris Smith son)

August Anniversaries:

5th - Carol and Art Razo
 7th - Don and Ruby Crossland
 14th - Scott and Danielle Haas
 20th - Joel and Joy Coughlin
 28th - Dan and Dianna Karlstadt

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 July 17 Session meeting, elders:

*heard Pastor Ian's impressions from attending the EPC General Assembly meeting in Memphis in June. Two ideas he carried home from the meeting that he hopes to explore further are an EPC-wide youth mission trip being planned for the summer of 2019, and an EPC Lay Renewal weekend program.

*approved two weeks of vacation for Pastor Ian. He will be out of the office Aug. 5-18, which encompasses two Sundays, Aug. 5 and 12. This will be his 2nd and 3rd weeks of vacation time. Guest speaker Aug. 5 will be Andy Gilman, an EPC pastor from Beaver Creek, OH. Aug. 12 is not confirmed yet.

*moved August communion to Aug. 19th, since we will have a guest preacher on the first Sunday, Aug. 5.

*were updated on the Paulding Pastor Swap. Jeremy Thompson, Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the message at our church that morning (Ian will lead the rest of the service); Ian will preach at the House of Love in the afternoon.

*learned that the Property committee is now comprised of Bud Koenig, Dan Karlstadt, Terry Buehler, and Marcia Wiebe. Thank you to those who stepped forward to help. If this is still on your heart to do, Bud would not turn you away!

*heard an update from Bud on the upcoming boiler replacement. Two quotes are in, with a third pending. Various options for thermostats/controls are being explored. A decision will be made at the August Session meeting, and installation will occur in the fall so that we will be nice and toasty this winter. Additional giving will be sought for this major and important project, which is in the \$20-30,000 range.

*ate up the ice cream tent report: the tent grossed ~\$1300; all the ice cream was sold; use of our new pavilion worked very well.

*thanked Rhonda for serving a meal (and ice cream!) to the John Paulding Days parade grand marshalls, the Korean War veterans.

*approved a shift of committee responsibilities between the Congregational Life/Outreach committee and the Mission committee. Over the coming months, these two groups will transition some duties. Missions will continue to oversee missionaries around the country and the world, and will also focus on activities and projects that meet needs in the local Paulding community. The Congregational Life committee will focus on projects that promote our church outside our four walls, as well as those that bring our congregation together as a church family.

*learned that four youth attended Kirkmont Camp in July. In the process, the Weaver Camp Fund was totally depleted and then some. Elders voted to use proceeds remaining from last year's ice cream tent, as well as some of this year's profits, to cover this expense. The funding of camp going forward will be discussed.

Submitted by Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

On Friday October 26th, Brad will be bringing a message of encouragement to a Paulding High School assembly. That evening his band will present a Christian rock concert at the school following the home football game. This is our 5th Quarter party for that week.

At the concert all in attendance are invited to attend a worship service on Sunday. If they have a home church, the teens and their families are encouraged to attend there. If they have no home church, they will be invited to attend here.

Please pray for Brad, his team and our responsibilities during this full weekend.

**Brad Hurtig is
Coming!**



Children's Church

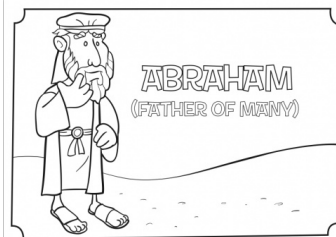
During the month of July, we started studying the life of Abraham for children's church. Some of the main ideas of our stories have been: God promised to bless Abraham or Abraham trusted God. The kids have had fun making old man masks to look like Abraham and watching short videos that tell the story of Abraham. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with children's church.

We will be taking the month of August off from children's church. We will have a meeting towards the end of the month for parents and potential teachers and helpers.

Children's church will resume during September.

Details on upcoming meeting:

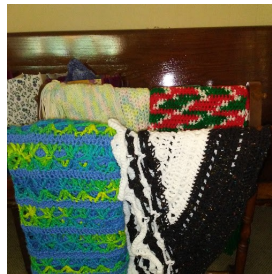
A meeting is planned for Sunday August 26th following worship to discuss Children's Church. If you have the slightest inclination to teach, assist, or bring your children and want to know more, this is for you. Attending does not mean that you are committing, only that you want to hear more.



Ruth Eschback celebrated her 80th birthday at Susie's Bakery with her friends. Happy birthday, Ruth.

Hands of Love Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Hands of Love prayer shawl ministry has been an active part of our church for many years. Members began with Dorothy Hooker, Sherie Summers, Becky Fishbaugh, Christine Fife, Mary Van Atta and Cindy Koenig, as well as myself. Over the years, we have been blessed to make and give out countless shawls and expanded to Pocket Shawls, washcloths for the children at the Paulding Elementary school, and Baby Sets for the many newborns in our church and church's extended families. Even with the heartfelt loss of our beloved Becky and Dorothy, we have continued to make and give out these handmade, tangible gifts of the great Love our Heavenly Father has for those in need.



Right now, we have spare shawls, along with matching pocket prayer shawls, available in the church's narthex, near Pastor Ian's office. If you know of anyone who is in need of one, please take one and let either Cindy Koenig or Martha Punches know. This ministry will continue as long as there is a need and willing hands to knit or crochet and donate to this worthwhile cause.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers for those who need the love of God to wrap His Mighty Arms of Love around these hurting souls.

Martha Punches

Two of Our Kids



Logan Crossland, grandson of Don and Ruby Crossland, and Samuel Ferguson, son of Ian and Alissa, enjoy cooking some food in the nursery.



American Pastor Andrew Brunson has been moved out of prison and put under house arrest in Turkey. It's the first sign of hope for the pastor who had been imprisoned by the Turkish regime for nearly two years.

(CBNNews)

One step closer to his freedom, thank you Jesus. We will keep praying: asking for his full freedom, his return to complete health and for the family to be together. Love to all of the Brunson Family from all of his Christian, praying family.

The U.S. pastor Andrew Brunson, currently under detention and facing terrorism charges in Turkey, has been moved to house arrest due to "health issues" under a ruling by a Turkish court in western Izmir, where Brunson is detained.

Izmir 2nd Heavy Penal Court ruled that Brunson, who is being tried on terrorism and spying charges, is prohibited from leaving his house, under the supervision of the court. The court also forbid Brunson from traveling outside Turkey.

Last week at his third hearing, the Izmir court ordered Brunson to remain in detention, rejecting his lawyer's plea for release.

The statement Wednesday by the court said that the jurors had reconsidered the decision based on the plea by Brunson and his lawyer over his health and had come to the conclusion that his detention could be maintained effectively through house arrest given the circumstances.

Upon the ruling, the Turkish lira strengthened to 4.8340 against the dollar from 4.8599 before the report.

Terror-linked US pastor Andrew Brunson moved to house arrest over 'health issues'

Daily Sabah

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

We are still collecting and delivering items to the Food Pantry .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. Thank You!!!



Searing Visitors

Stan and Barb Searing had a wonderful visitor recently from Paul and Kari Searing, plus daughters, now WI residents. Pictured are Kaitlyn with Grandma Barb and Abigail with Grandpa Stan. What fun!



Grand Marshalls of the JPD Parade

DEAR LAM,

I WANT TO THANK THE AMAZING PEOPLE
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FOR TREATING
OUR VETERANS LIKE THE HEROES THAT
THEY ARE. I AM SO PROUD OF THE
MEAL AND FIRST-CLASS TREATMENT
THEY RECEIVED FROM ALL YOU.

GREAT JOB!
Blessings
Shaun

Pastor Shaun M Matakou

We thank you, our wonderful
veterans, for your service!

The Congregation of the First
Presbyterian Church

Veterans of the Korean War were the Grand Marshalls of the 2018 John Paulding Days Parade. Following the parade they were treated to a home cooked meal by Rhonda Smalley here in the church fellowship hall. Several from the congregation stepped up to assist Rhonda for the serving of the meal, visiting with the veterans and cleaning up afterwards.



The Weaver Camp Fund has been a blessing to our congregation for quite a few years now. Long-time members Charles “Doc” and Martha Weaver generously established this fund, and members of the congregation have graciously replenished it year after year. Many of our youth, along with some of their friends, have attended Kirkmont Camp near Bellefontaine OH, with their fees paid in part or in full (depending on how much money was available) from this fund. Martha PUNCHES and Terry BUEHLER have both been counselors more than a few times, too! Everyone who has gone to camp, child or adult, has had a rich spiritual experience, not to mention lots of fun, and people go back year after year.

This year, the moment arrived when paying the camp bill totally depleted the camp fund, and then some. Session voted at the July meeting to pay the balance of the 2018 camp fees with a portion of the 2017 and 2018 ice cream tent proceeds, so things are

covered at this moment.

Going forward into 2019 and beyond, camp funding and guidelines will be freshly reviewed. If you care to support the Camp Fund, it is open to receive donations. And if you have input or ideas about the whole topic of ‘camp’, please submit it to an elder or Pastor Ian.



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: me-

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



Pictured above are Susan Kaysor, Betty St. John, Alissa Ferguson, Martha PUNCHES, Sue Paulus, Rosalie Todd, and Shaaron Whitman. Not pictured is Barb Searing.

are ~~not~~ **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

A huge “thank you” to the church from Anna Karlstadt, Erin Karlstadt, Kristen Razo and Adam Leever for their time spent at Camp Rejoice this year. And a huge “thank you” from the church to Terry Buehler for chaperoning, you are a huge encouragement and help to our kids.



Thank You, Barbara and Welcome, Khrista

Project Mercy would like to thank Barbara Slauter for her thirty-one years of sharing their story. In February of this year, she retired from fulltime ministry with them where she served in the Communication and Volunteer Coordinator roles. She has graciously agreed to continue part-time as the Volunteer Coordinator.

On May 16, Khrista Boster started as the new Communications and Appeals Manager for the ministry. They are delighted to have Khrista as a member of the team and ask that we all welcome her to Project Mercy.

First Presbyterian Church of Paulding has been a financial supporter of Project Mercy since shortly after their beginning in 1977. Marta and Deme (who died within the past couple of years) have spoken here several times over the years, telling the story of their escape from Ethiopia with their children. They still support their home nation, building schools, teaching farming techniques plus much more with the goal being to share the love of Jesus to others.



Go Alissa! Alissa Ferguson is pictured running past the Searing home on June 9th as she participates in the Fire Fighters 5K run.



Fergusons Compete

Go Ian! Ian participates in the hotdog eating contest sponsored by Paulding Ministerial Association to raise money for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. He competes against Andy McMaster.



The Fort Wayne Club Volleyball team that Kristen Razo played on came home from Nationals (held in Orlando FL) with gold medals in the Garnet Division. Good job, ladies!

Garnet Division Gold Medals



Annual Pastor Swap

On Sunday July 22nd, the churches in the Paulding Ministerial Association swapped pastors for the morning. Pastor Jeremy Thompson of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene preached here at First Presbyterian. Pastor Ian Ferguson spoke at the House of Love at 3:00.

Women's Retreat
Coming Saturday October 27th
Watch for more information

Noteworthy items from June

In June :

- We paid \$787.89 to the Paulding County Treasurer for our 2nd half real estate taxes and curbing assessments.
- We paid Leon Goyings \$1,020 for seeding, fertilizing, and placing straw on the north lot.
- We paid Schlatters \$395 for preventative maintenance on our air conditioning units and \$300 to service our plumbing.
- We purchased two dehumidifiers at a cost of \$295.98.
- Paid DDC Rehab Inc. for gutter and roof repairs to the cottage.

Also, I noticed the Weaver Camp Fund has a balance \$474.06. Camp Rejoice starts on Sunday 7/8 and I know of at least 4 kids who have registered and are planning to attend. The camp fee is around \$400 (I don't remember the exact cost this year) which means we are short by at least \$1,200 to cover the cost of camp.



Looks as though Carter Crossland, son of Jace and grandson of Don and Ruby Crossland, is judging Aunt Sue Crossland's ability to hit the right notes



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