

The Cornerstone News

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Thoughts from Ian... phrase 'sea of forgetfulness'.

This August, my family really enjoyed discovering Door County, WI, a gem of a place we can

highly recommend. Door County is a long peninsula which juts out into Lake Michigan. It was a "first" for our family and Samuel's first time to see such a large body of water. During our time there, he found his own new favorite thing.

Like most young boys, Samuel really likes rocks. He loves to explore nature and brings us every new rock he finds in our yard. Many of the shorelines in Door County have a lot of rocks, so that was a big hit with Samuel. His 'new favorite thing' was to get rocks and throw them into the water at the end of a pier where you would hear a *kerplunk*, see the splash, and watch the rock sink through the clear water.

Everyone on the trip had their time with Samuel, helping him pick out rocks, throwing them in, and making sure he stayed safe along the water. When my dad and I were discussing this, my dad was reminded of the

phrase from the Bible but has been used to express a Biblical principle.

The Old Testament prophet Micah warned God's people of their sin and called them to repent. In Micah 6-7, God says that even though His people had abandoned His ways, God will be their Savior. (7:7) There is hope because, "He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities (sins). You will cast all our sins in to the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). As we know from the book of Hebrews, this forgiveness includes not remembering our sins any more. (Hebrews 8:12) As God's people, our only hope is that God would forgive our sins and remember them no more- that he would throw our sins into the 'sea of forgetfulness' as we confess our sins and turn to him in faith.

How many boys have stood at the shoreline on Lake Michigan, tossing rocks into the water to hear the *kerplunk* and watch them sink down through the clear water and yet, the Lake doesn't appear to be filling in at all. And the thought came to mind how this is like the vastness of God's grace, able to take in all the sins of God's people and not fill up.

We really enjoyed the gem that is Door county. It should not be missed! But be sure never to miss this treasure- the chance to confess to God and have your sins cast into the 'depths of the sea' of God's forgiveness. As Audio Adrenaline's song *Ocean Floor* captures this truth: "They are behind you, they'll never find you there on the ocean floor.

Your sins are forgotten, there on the bottom of the ocean floor. Your sins are erased, they are no more there out on the ocean floor."



October 2018

October is Pastor Appreciation month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 First Wednesday meal 5:30 and service 6:15 Choir 7:00	4 Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship hall N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge Prayer at the Senior Center 7:00	5	6
7 Communion	8	9 Women's Board	10 Choir 7:00	11 Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship hall 7:00 N.A. meeting at 7:00 in the Youth Lounge 7:30	12 Drug Court 5th Quarter Party	13
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28 Brad Hurtig speaking	29	30	31			

October Birthdays

1st - Marlene Buehler
1st - Chantz Verfaillie
4th - Terry Buehler
10th - Adam Leever
11th - Haley Via
12th - Tim Cline
12th - Don Crossland

21st - Jennifer (Mayer) Thompson

23rd - Justine Holtsberry
24th - Bill Hurtig
26th - Marcia Wiebe
29th - TJ Wiebe
30th - Jeremy Fife

Oct. Anniversary

12th - Jason and Andrea (Smalley) Retz
30th - Harry and Marcia Wiebe

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 September 18th Session meeting, elders:

*heard Pastor Ian's monthly report, including his involvement with the Ministerial Association, the community, and the denomination, as well as our own church. One thing Ian would especially like to explore is our high school youth participating in the Summer Mission Jam next summer. He is 'on the list' to get information as it becomes available.

*approved use of the Fellowship Hall by Kadesch's on Sat., Nov. 3

*heard a brief report about the Midwest Presbytery meeting in Warsaw IN the previous week-end. Pastor Ian and Paul Punches attended.

*learned that Pastor Ian is working on goals related to his job description with the Personnel committee.

*heard the Nominating committee is still working on the slate of elders and deacons for 2019

*learned that Clerk Barb Searing submitted a year's Session minutes for Presbytery review, as required.

*agreed to lend 2 risers to the John Paulding Historical Society for 3 weeks.

*heard from the Congregational Life committee that 5th Quarter went well, with about 150 kids attending. An insurance claim was filed by our agent, Dan Straley, after a volunteer from Bible Fellowship Church was injured in a fall that evening. Also, the committee is still soliciting donations toward the Brad Hurtig event that is the 'grand finale' of this season's 5th Quarter. (See separate article)

Submitted by Barb Searing, Clerk of Session



Wednesday October 3rd at 6:15

We are invited by the Lord to spend some time with Him in worship, praise and prayer following our meal. A meditation on the Essentials of Our Faith will be presented by Pastor Ian.

Brad Hurtig Concert

The Congregational Life/Outreach committee has secured Brad Hurtig to be the 'grand finale' of the 5th Quarter series this year. A young man who lost both forearms in a tragic industrial accident during his high school years, Brad now travels the country as a motivational speaker, and has written a book, Find A Way. He is a nephew of our own Bill and Becky Hurtig. Read more about Brad at www.bradhurtig.com.

Brad will be sharing his story twice on Friday, October 26th. First, he will give his motivational talk at Paulding Schools during the school day. Then, he and the band he travels with will present a Christian concert Friday night after the home football game at the high school auditoria.

At that concert, the teens (and their families) will be invited to hear Brad speak at our church during worship on Sunday morning, Oct. 28th.

Donations are still being sought towards Brad's \$850 fee for the weekend. If you wish to help, make your check out to the church, with "Brad" in the memo line.

**Brad Hurtig is
Coming!**





5th Quarter

The sixth season of 5th Quarter parties is upon us.

The dates for 5th Quarter events in our parking lot this fall are Friday, September 7; Friday, October 12; and Friday, October 19 in our parking lot. There is also a home game on Friday, Sept. 21, but this is Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival weekend, and there is no 5th Quarter this week.

We have four partner churches for these three dates in our parking lot: First Christian Church, Branch Christian Fellowship, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Bible Fellowship Church. These partner churches will be funding all the pop and pizza this year, and bringing a significant part of the adult supervision. A uniformed reserve officer is also being hired to be present each evening.

The 'grand finale' for this year's 5th Quarter events will be on Friday, October 26.

Brad Hurtig is a young motivational speaker (and Bill and Becky's nephew) who, as a high school student, lost both hands in a devastating accident. Brad will give a motivational talk during the school day at Paulding Schools. Then, after the football game, Brad and his backup band will present a Christian concert in the high school auditoria, which will be the 5th Quarter event for this night.

We are so thankful for the enthusiastic response of Paulding Schools to our request for them to welcome Brad's presentation team to the school. At the end of the concert, students will be encouraged to attend their home church, if they have one, on Sunday, October 28, or to come to our church where Brad will be speaking during worship. If you are interested to learn more about Brad, check his website, bradhurtig.com.

The Congregational Life/Outreach committee is requesting your support in several ways. Please indicate your willingness on the clipboard.

Needs from our congregation are:

- *cash donations toward the Brad Hurtig concert fee (\$850)
- *several Presbyterian adults to be at church while youth are here (9-11 pm) to support the partner church for that night
- *someone to hang out in the Fellowship Hall to be 'a presence' as kids come and go to the restrooms
- *a night owl to help put things back away at 11 pm
- *someone to put up and take down the banners advertising these events
- *firewood, if you have plenty
- *someone to come Saturday morning and move the fire pits and sweep up straw



These photos were taken at the 1st 2018 5th Quarter Party



Flat Rock Creek Festival

Pictured are Rosalie Todd (behind the post) and Tutti Johnson selling chili at the Thank you so much to the following people who worked at the chili booth at the Flatrock Creek Fall Festival. Beautiful weather increased sales tremendously this year, and we appreciate all who stayed to work longer shifts or came back to help out. All proceeds go to church missions.

Terry and Marlene Buehler
 Darla Cline
 Ruby Crossland
 Ian and Alissa Ferguson
 Brent Fishbaugh
 Tutti Johnson
 Kim Mileto
 Sue Paulus
 Kenny Robinson
 Barb Searing
 Audrey and Clete Stechschulte
 Jill Straley
 Rosalie Todd
 Harry and Marcia Wiebe

Editorial comment: I see no mention here of Jane Nice and her able assistant, Dave. This event would not have happened without them. A huge thank you to the Nice's.



Don't miss the fun, a new sign up sheet is at the top of the stairs for October and November.



Wednesday October 3rd

Meal provided by Ian and Alissa Ferguson. Invite friends and family to join us at 5:30 pm.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

The needs as we "go to press" seem to be canned vegetables and instant potatoes, also canned fruits and vegetables. As always, cleaning supplies and hygiene items are needed. Thanks!



At our Church Anniversary celebration we recognized the following people: Russ McMaster, Mary McMaster, Becky Mayer, Kenneth Robinson, Paul Panches, Don Crossland and Susan Crossland, all 50 year members. In the front row are Phyllis Crossland, Judy Robinson, both 60 year members, Betty St. John a 70 year member and Terry Buehler, another 60 year member. Not pictured are 50 year members David Beatty, Cara Lou Strahley, Maggie Sunday and Becky Hurtig.

We praise God when we think about what these members have contributed to this ministry in time and talent over the years.

Anniversary Sunday...



Phyllis Crossland at her 90th birthday party with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Happy birthday Phyllis!



Adult Sunday School Class



Lucas-fka Baby Lucas

An extremely healthy looking Lucas Gutman is pictured helping wash his daddy's fire truck at the station. We love to see our miracle child being a normal three year old boy.



The last Ladies Do Lunch of the summer was lunch at the Union Street Grille in Bryan, followed by a wine tasting at Stoney Ridge Winery north of there. Pictured outside the tasting room (from left to right) are Paul PUNCHES, Martha PUNCHES, Don Wilson, Sue Paulus, Betty St. John, Barb Searing, Sue Crossland, Jill Straley and Phyllis Crossland.

The 125 year old farm house at Lake Weiss in Alabama is where Dick and Sue Paulus, along with daughter Pam and grandson Adam Leever spent Labor Day weekend in the heat with extended family from Georgia and Tennessee. Pictured below are Adam Leever and his cousin from Atlanta Jackson Gillett. The two had a great time getting acquainted and finding ways to get into mischief. They are pictured at the swimming/fishing hole near the house.



Paulus Mini Vacation





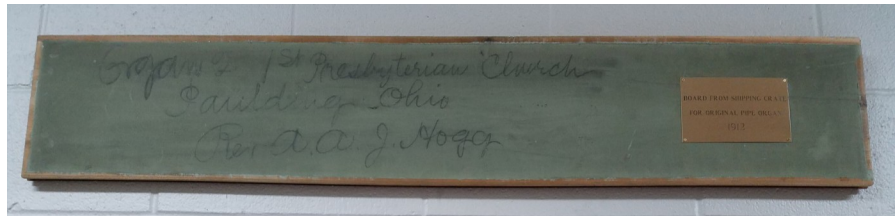
The Hanging of the Antiques

Pictured are Art Razo and Kenny Robinson who worked together to hang the rebuilt stained glass window (Shown at the top of photo above) and the packing board (pictured and described in photo below) The men did their work under the direction of Carol Razo and Jane Nice. Thanks to all of you.



Phyllis Crossland and her daughter, Susan Crossland, found the stained glass window in the attic at the cottage when they were cleaning in preparation for Ferguson's arrival. The above picture gives you some idea of the condition the of old window. It was in several pieces. The window was originally in the sanctuary—as were the ones used in the fellowship hall—and moved when the new hall was built. Thank you Phyllis and Susan for finding and rescuing this treasure.

Take the time to check out the window and the old board in the hallway.



While almost impossible to read in the photo, the writing on the above board says: Organ 2, 1st Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio, Rev. A. A. J. Hogg.

The plate on the right reads: Board from shipping crate
For original Pipe Organ
1912

This 106 year old board is now hung on the wall outside the fellowship hall door after being discovered inside the organ when it was being rebuilt in 2016.



This photo gives you an idea where the window would have originally been in the church as the windows were pretty much balanced on each side of the circle in the bricks.

**Our History
Preserved for
Our Future**

Sharon Tubbs comes to our retreat through a sequence of God incidents. Our own Ruth Eschbach heard Sharon speak at her daughter's church in Florida. Ruth mention how much she had enjoyed Sharon's presentation to Becky Fishbaugh, who wasn't able to advance the idea of inviting Sharon due to her illness. Before her death in June, Becky shared Sharon's information with the Women's Fellowship Board here, who contacted Sharon, who said "Yes!" With God's handwriting all over this retreat speaker, we are surely in store for something special. (Submitted by Barb Searing)



Do you struggle with insecurity, doubt or shame from your past? Do you wonder why God allows certain circumstances in your life? Do you question your purpose? This year's retreat will help you discover answers to these and other questions, while ushering you closer to understanding God's will for your life. Sharon Tubbs on "Big Mama's Quilt: Finding Beauty in the Patchwork of Your Life"

First Presbyterian Women Host their 37th Annual Retreat

Session 1: The Scraps

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 NLT

Session 2: The Covering

"At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves."

Genesis 3:7 NLT

Session 3: The Filling

"For we are Gods masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Saturday October 27th, 2018, 9:00 to 2:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio
"Big Mama's Quilt: Finding Beauty in the Patchwork of Your Life"
By Sharon Tubbs



Please continue in prayer for Pastor Andrew Brunson. God is working by getting him into house arrest and out of prison. He is also using Andrew's faith to speak to the world.

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

Good news for Pastor Andrew Brunson, who's two weeks away from another trial in Turkey that could decide his fate. No one has been a bigger advocate of his release than Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, [who told reporters](#) in New York yesterday that the drumbeat for his freedom goes on. "He could be released this month," he explained. "He should have been released last month. And he should be released today, in fact. We have talked to the Turks. They know the expectations."

Pastor Brunson's daughter, Jacqueline Furnari, can only hope the nation holding her father captive is finally listening. At this weekend's Values Voter Summit, she talked about what a strain the ordeal has been on her dad -- and the entire family.

"It's a sham trial and my dad is being used as a bargaining chip and suffering for Jesus Christ... Throughout this entire time, my dad has been unable to be with his family," she said. "It's what has hurt him the most, is having that time stolen from him -- watching his children grow up, helping my brothers make their decisions as they go on in life. It's been a painful time and we're just ready for it all to be over."

Through it all, though, she couldn't be more inspired by his courage. "It is an incredible testimony and I cannot be more grateful for his example," she said to overwhelming applause. "And at this point, all that we can do is just continue praying. I ask that all of you pray for my dad's release and pray for others who are persecuted for their faith."

Minutes before, Pompeo had waited through deafening applause when he said the greatest highlight of his job so far was "bringing home three Americans from captivity in North Korea." "On the day Pastor Brunson returns, just like the men I spoke of..." he promised, "they also will be able to say that the Lord has done great things for us, and again, our hearts will be filled with joy."

Taken from a report in Family Research Council which was forwarded to the church by a friend., dated in mid-August

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Keep Praying

With a world filled with turmoil, trouble and strife
is it any wonder people are concerned for all life?
What has become of being content with our lot?
Why can't we be fulfilled with all that we've got?

I don't have any answers to the questions I pose
We need to keep praying—praise our Lord who arose!
The future is uncertain, as we all can well see
I'm thankful to have been raised in God's sanctity.

Cara Lou Strahley July 2018

Noteworthy actions taken in August include:

August was a quiet month with nothing noteworthy to report.

Submitted by Carol Razo, Treasurer





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Fall Schedule begins September 9th
Sunday School begins the 9th at 9:00 am
Praise Music: 10:15
Worship Service 10:30

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

