

FPC NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OUTREACH MINISTRY OF FPC

BY PASTOR ANDREW GILMAN

If your summer is anything like mine has been then you'll understand how unbelievable it seems that we are just a couple weeks away from the Great Darke County Fair, and then back to school. My daughter, Sienna, is going into high school this fall. I could say the same about the time that has flown by as she has grown up right in front of my eyes. The comedic high schooler of the late 80s, Ferris Bueller, said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around once in a while you could miss it." This same thought is useful for our church experience together, particularly as it relates to the opportunities that God puts before us to be involved in outreach to our community. We should use our time wisely.

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KEY DATES

AUGUST 6

Communion

AUGUST 12

Final Women's Walk

AUGUST 22

Spiritual Life Center

SEPTEMBER 3

Communion

SEPTEMBER 10

Fall Kickoff @10am

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 56. How is Christ exalted by coming again to judge the world?

A. Coming again to judge the world exalts Christ, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men.¹ His coming again at the last day in great power² will fully reveal his own and his Father's glory, and with all his holy angels,³ accompanied by a shout of command, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God,⁴ he will judge the world in righteousness.⁵

1. Acts 3.14-15.

2. Mt 24.30.

3. Lk 9.26, Mt 25.31.

4. 1 Thes 4.16.

5. Acts 17.31.

Q. 57. What benefits have been gained by Christ's mediation?

A. By his mediation, Christ has gained redemption¹ with all the other benefits of the covenant of grace.²

1. Heb 9.12, 1 Cor 1.30.

2. 2 Cor 1.20, Rom 8.32.



READING PLAN

WEEK 1 | AUGUST 1-4

□ Colossians 1

□ Colossians 2

□ Colossians 3

□ Colossians 4

WEEK 2 | AUGUST 7-11

□ Ephesians 1

□ Ephesians 2

□ Ephesians 3

□ Ephesians 4

□ Ephesians 5

WEEK 3 | AUGUST 14-18

□ Ephesians 6

□ Hebrews 1

□ Hebrews 2

□ Hebrews 3

□ Hebrews 4

WEEK 4 | AUGUST 21-25

□ Hebrews 5

□ Hebrews 6

□ Hebrews 7

□ Hebrews 8

□ Hebrews 9

WEEK 5 | AUGUST 28-31

□ Hebrews 10

□ Hebrews 11

□ Hebrews 12

□ Hebrews 13

YOUR MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

HEBREWS 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Ray Laughlin
08/02 Lisa Headley
08/06 Lauren Henry
08/10 John Greendyke
08/14 Nikki Gilmore
Mark Howell
Augie Roestamadji
08/18 Brandon Ervin
08/20 Phyllis Trittschuh
Ted Finnarn
LaVone Birt
08/26 Kelly Hounshell
08/27 Jacob Hounshell
Josh Moore

ANNIVERSARIES

08/02 Jack & Gloria Horner
08/03 Woody & Lori Conway
08/08 Chris & Molly Mumaw
08/10 Jared & Paige Ervin
08/11 Gary & LaJeanne Rieggle
08/14 Josh & Mary Lee Moore
08/16 Dennis & Shirla Neff
08/19 Chris & Margaret Hayes
08/20 Buzz & Hazel Blanchard

A LOOK AHEAD

RENOVATIONS— The time has come! August will be spent prepping the facility for the project. This means we need to all be more flexible. The narthex will be filled with items that are available for people to take home, the chapel/parlor areas will be filled with furniture we're keeping and be the new office location. If you are willing to help with the move in any way, please let us know or ask us how you can help!

FALL RETREAT— Our annual fall retreat is scheduled for all day Saturday, October 21st at Final Bow. EPC Teaching Elder, Jeff Moore, will be our guest speaker this year.

MIDWEST PRESBYTERY— Renovations come to a close at the beginning of February and we host our first large event a little over a week later which means we need all hands on deck! We will have over 200 people here for the event. More details will be available in the coming months, but please block February 9th and 10th off in your 2024 calendars!



STELLAR THANK YOU

By Paige Ervin

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you...to everyone who spent time preparing and executing Stellar VBS 2023! We were blessed to be able to minister to 32 kids this year through the program. We had over 25 adults serving all week long and 6 of our youth serving too. This was my first year directing VBS and managing the office too. It presented a new level of trickery, but we powered through. Again, I cannot say thank you enough. Thank you for being flexible with the messes around the building. Thank you volunteers for being flexible on night one when you didn't have schedules to follow. And THANK YOU to our kids who knocked our mission project out of the park with just shy of \$200 AND 200 lbs. of food donated to FISH! What a truly 'stellar' week it was, and it took the whole body to do it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL KICKOFF

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 10th at 10:00am so you can join us for this special worship service to kick off the new year of ministry! Please make special note of the new time. We *may* have a carry-in luncheon after. Please keep an eye out for those details in your upcoming bulletins.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking for volunteers for children's church in the fall. Elementary volunteers will only teach during the sermon time. Infant-Pre-K volunteers will serve for the whole worship service. We need to schedule training and set up a volunteer rotation soon. Please sign-up today on the app or see Paige Ervin.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER DONATIONS

The Deacons are managing this event and need your help. Sign-ups will be available soon. Our day to serve is Tuesday, August 22nd from 10am - 3pm. We will be collecting water bottles and school supplies again to pass out. Assorted school supplies will be in a prize basket for kids to choose from—so all items are welcomed! Cases of water & school supplies can be dropped off at the table in the narthex any time.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

When school starts in the fall, LifeWise will be open to all the 3rd and 4th graders at Greenville. LifeWise's specific needs include: help funding the students (\$33 per month per student), volunteers to walk the kids to and from the school, substitute teachers on occasion, and prayer. We would love to be a church who is actively involved in this amazing ministry to the children in our community and ask that each of you pray about how God might have you be a part of it. See Paige in the office with any questions. Sign-up to be a volunteer by visiting lifewise.org/greenvilleoh

GROW OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S ISI BREAKFAST

The men will meet again on Saturday, August 5th at 8:30am at the church, with potential to move locations due to the wedding on site. Please contact Augie Roestamadji (906-523-4459) for more details.

WOMEN'S STUDY

The women's study is on a break for the summer but will continue to meet outdoors once a month. We encourage all the women to come and take part in this ministry. Saturday, August 12th we will meet at the Gazebo in the Fairgrounds. We encourage everyone to come at 8:45am. Those who want to walk will take off around that time and those who are not able to walk can enjoy time together at the gazebo until we return. Jan will bring a cool drink and light trail mix for when we converge at 9:30am for a short devotional. September will kick-off a new study for the women. Study to be announced soon and sign-ups available soon too! Please contact Jan Roestamadji (937-692-6404) for more details.

PASTOR'S STUDY

Every Wednesday at 10:30am, Pastor Andrew will continue his study through II Kings in the narthex. All are welcome to attend.



PRAYER UPDATES

07/26/2023: Thank you for your prayers for Dick Nord. His surgery went well, and he is recovering. Please continue to pray for him and Fran.

07/24/2023: Dick Nord is having a heart implant tomorrow. It is called a "Watchman" and doesn't require opening the chest. The doctor enters through an artery in your groin and inserts it into the appendage in the left atria side of your heart. It normally requires an overnight stay. Barring something unusual, it should be uneventful. Please pray for guidance for the doctor and no unusual complications during the surgery.

07/18/2023: Fran Nord was able to get the surgery she needed on her esophagus today at Reid!

07/18/2023: Please be in prayer for Dalton Dowler, young friend of the Roestamadjis. He was in a serious car accident last week and has undergone three surgeries now, all of which have been successful. He is still in serious condition, but stable.

07/17/2023: Please be in prayer for Justin & Lacey Wehrley, Phyllis Trittschuh's grandkids. Lacey is pregnant and there are complications. (Lacey gave birth to a beautiful baby girl about 3:00pm. Jobie Ann weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz. and was 17 inches long. Phyllis thanks you for all your prayers and concerns.)

07/11/2023: Please pray for Fran Nord. After 4 months of waiting, she was scheduled for a procedure on her esophagus today but was unable to because her blood pressure was too low.

07/10/2023: The Mumaw family would like to thank you all for your prayers for Chris's mom, Patricia Mumaw. She passed away peacefully last night.

07/10/2023: Your prayers are appreciated for Phyllis Trittschuh. She is currently at Rest Haven building strength for a heart valve replacement. Last week she had 5 stints put in and her heart was shocked 5 times. Your prayers are greatly needed!

07/10/2023: Please be in prayer for Didi Howell, as her hip is out again. She has just a little over a month left in this pregnancy and is hopeful this adjustment will hold and be the last!

The Howell's also ask for prayer for their rental property. They are having a new roof put on. The old shingles are made of slate, so it is kind of a dangerous job removing them and they're also having chimneys removed and fixed. It's a big and dangerous job and they would appreciate prayer for protection over the workers and over their tenants who live there.

07/06/2023: Dan had triple bypass heart surgery today and the doctor said it went well. Yesterday they thought he had two bypass problems but found a third one once they got into the heart. They held off on the surgery yesterday and kept Dan in the hospital and started today at 6:30 AM and finished around 1:30 PM. We are so grateful for your prayers and for our Lord for answering those prayers.

07/05/2023: Please be in prayer for Dick and Fran Nord's son, Dan, as he is scheduled for bypass surgery today.

06/28/23: Please pray for Phyllis Trittschuh. She's been in the hospital for a few days with A fib. Doctors are trying to find the right combo of medicine to treat it.

Please continue to pray for the following individuals: Margaret Hayes, Jack & Gloria Horner, Russ & Phyllis Royer, Chris Mumaw, Phyllis Trittschuh, Betty Small and Sandra Brawley.

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GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER

Phyllis Trittschuh has a new great-granddaughter to celebrate! Justin & Lacey Wehrley welcomed a beautiful baby girl on July 17th. Jobie Ann weighed 4lbs. 14oz. and was 17 inches long. Phyllis thanks you for all your prayers and concerns.

LOVE SHOWER

Thank you to everyone who stayed around to help us celebrate Dan & Elaine and the Howell family last month! It was greatly appreciated by them all. Thank you again!



JULY FIRST FRIDAY

Thank you to Jan Roestamadji, Sandy Watern and Ben Clark for setting up and running our First Friday booth in July! It was a beautiful night to have some fun with the community!



First Presbyterian Church of Greenville Ohio
Minutes of the Session of
June 13, 2023

I. Opening

A. Call meeting to order with reading of the Word and prayer

The June 2023 stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was called to order on June 13, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church at 7 PM by Pastor Andrew Gilman. Pastor Gilman opening the meeting with prayer.

Members Present: Jan Roestamadji, Pam Bowman, Craig Leland, Peter Haviza, Helen Miller, Randy Tester, and Wes Jetter (7)

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of Randy giving a report and a time correction. Pete Haviza made the motion seconded by Craig Leland and passing 7-0.

Approval of Minutes Jan Roestamadji motioned to approve the May 2023 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Pete Haviza. The motion passed 7-0.

Meeting Minutes Pam Bowman will serve as Clerk for the meeting in the absence of John Vehre.

II. Agenda Items

Midwest Presbytery Jan gave a detailed report of attending the Presbytery meeting she attended with Paige on May 12 in Michigan. Andrew attended May 12 and 13.

Jan will provide a written report.

The national meeting of the Presbytery is in Colorado the last week of June.

The fall meeting is in Auburn, Indiana

First Presbyterian is hosting in February 2024.

City Sidewalk Repairs Craig gave an update on the front sidewalk project required by the city. Due to an issue of water freezing and thawing from the street in front of the church, he is meeting with Ryan Delk, Safety Service Director, on June 16th to discuss.

Financial Report There is no Financial Report.

Education Committee There is no Education Committee Report.

Parish Life Due to the construction project starting soon, the coffee hour will not be held. There is a card shower for Didi, Danny, and Elaine on the third Sunday in July.

Pastor's Report (Andrew Gilman – written submission) Pastor Gilman submitted a written report of his activities for May and June. After reviewing the Pastor's report, Peter Haviza motioned to accept it, seconded by Wes Jetter. The motion passed 7-0.

Deacon's Meeting There was no Deacon Report. However, they are requesting the Elders determine job duties for the Junior Deacon representative.

Branding Randy provided information concerning branding.

Elder Meetings Andrew wants to start meeting one-on-one with each Elder again.

Nominating Committee Pete announced there will be a need for two Elders and one Deacon for 2024.

III. Closing

Prayer. A closing prayer was made by Pam Bowman.

Adjournment. Pete Haviza motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Helen Miller. The motion passed 7-0.

Pam Bowman

Andrew Gilman

Acting Clerk of Session

Moderator of Session

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH

DEACONS	MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023	7:00PM
SESSION	THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023	7:00PM
WORSHIP	THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023	10:00AM

OUTREACH MINISTRY OF FPC (CONT.)

To use time wisely “because the days are evil” is a curious phrase embedded in the inspired language of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:15-16: “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil” (NASB).

Paul may have exhorted the Christians at Ephesus to make the most of their time because he and/or the Ephesians were experiencing persecution or opposition (such as in Acts 19:23-20:1). In any event, we need to use every moment with wisdom “because the days are evil” still.

Even without the kind of persecution or opposition known by the Christians of Paul’s day, the world we live in is not conducive to using time wisely, especially for purposes of spirituality and Godliness. In fact, our days are days of active evil. There are great thieves of time that are minions of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. They may range in form from high-tech, socially acceptable preoccupations to simple, idle talk or ungoverned thoughts. But the natural course of our minds, our bodies, our world, and our days leads us toward evil, not toward Christlikeness.

One place where you can use your time wisely this summer will be at the Spiritual Life Center at the Great Darke County Fair. Our church hosts a table in the center every summer. Every year we are able to meet a few people who come into the area to cool off, sit down, and get a drink of water. Last year we added to this ministry a school supply basket. We gave away school supplies to families in need.

We want to have people at the Spiritual Life Center to engage in gospel conversations with people who come in to meet us. These appointments are never by accident. God has a plan for every person who comes our way. We simply have to be ready to use those moments wisely and faithfully. We hope you will be a part of this ministry this year.

Perhaps you are asking, what would I contribute to the event? Or how do I engage in a gospel

conversation? That sounds very uncomfortable. These are good questions.

While it may seem to you that your presence is unnecessary, I assure you it is not. It is more than just bodies to carry water. It is about having loving people ready to meet those who God sends our way. And as far as gospel conversations are concerned, we do not need to be trained theologians to share with others how God has loved us personally. We simply listen to the story of others and we empathize with their struggles and praise the Lord with them for their victories.

The details for this upcoming event can be found on page 4 in the announcements section. We hope to see you there!



FPC LIFE (CONT.)

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL

Thank you to everyone who participated in volleyball this summer! It was a lot of fun and we look forward to being back next year. Young adults finished the season with only 2 losses!



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are back this fall! Are you looking to hangout with some friends at home or at the drive-in like these guys?!? Our current groups have openings! See us in the office for details.



STELLAR VBS IN PHOTOS





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