



# Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Pastor Joel Stevenor

July 2016



Thanks to everyone for their expressions of care and concern. Jane is recovering nicely. This has been a busy time

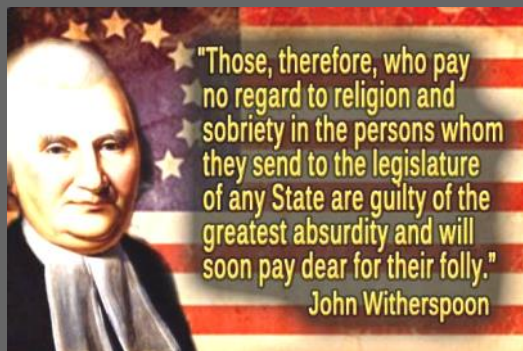


for us and your prayers (and meals) have helped. Hoping everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July. ~Pastor Joel

Summer Hours: The office hours are 9-noon Mon-Fri. Joel's hours are M-W-Th 9-noon, Tues 2:30-5 pm, and any time by appointment. Joel's cell is 419-239-7502.

## The Presbyterian Rebellion

Did you know that 11 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians?



Only the Presbyterian Church lined up solidly behind the colonists, and without them independence would not have been possible.

When America declared independence and the war began, England referred to it as the "Presbyterian Rebellion." A Hessian captain (one of 30,000 German mercenaries used by England to fight the war) wrote in 1778, "Call this war by whatever name you may, only call it not an American rebellion; it is nothing more or less than a Scots-Irish Presbyterian rebellion."

Prime Minister Horace Walpole rose in Parliament to say, "There is no use crying about it. Cousin America has eloped with a Presbyterian parson." He was referring to John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister and president of the Presbyterian college—Princeton University. John Witherspoon was the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was not only one of the founding fathers, he was the instructor of the founding fathers. One-sixth of the delegates at the Constitutional Convention had been his students.

Historian J.R. Sizoo wrote, "When Cornwallis was driven back to ultimate retreat and surrender at Yorktown, all of the colonels of the Colonial Army but one were Presbyterian elders. More than one-half of all the soldiers and officers of the American Army during the Revolution were Presbyterians."

Dr. W.H. Roberts acknowledges, "From 1706 to the opening of the revolutionary struggle, the only body in existence which stood for our present national political organization [republicanism] was the General Synod of the American Presbyterian Church.



## Our Condolences



Charles T. O'Hara, age 93, of Huron, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the Commons of Providence, Sandusky. He was born June 30, 1922, in Arcadia, Pa., and was a decorated World War II Army veteran. He was a beloved member of our church. Services were held on Tuesday, May 24, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Joel officiating.



Nancy J. Ramsey, 71, passed away at hospice in Pueblo, Colo., on June 27, 2016. Nancy was born Aug. 15, 1944, in Indianapolis, Ind. Nancy and Richard were married 50 years ago on Aug. 27, 1966. She was a nurse and loved helping others. She volunteered for hospice and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon/elder and sang in the choir. A memorial service will be held on July 9th at the First Presbyterian Church in Pueblo, Co.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.



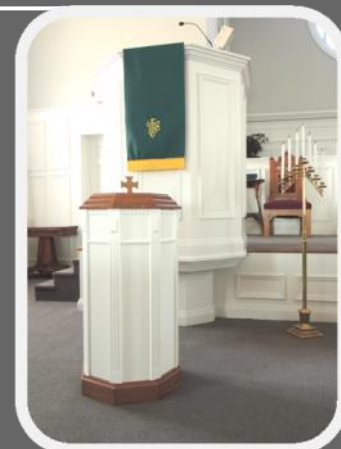
*Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.*  
—Song of Songs 8:7

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds in West Virginia

Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to the people of West Virginia in the wake of catastrophic flooding and loss of life. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed its National Response Team members at the invitation of the presbytery, and they will be working with Presbyterian communities and other response organizations in the affected area to support emergency response, assessment, spiritual care, and short and long term recovery.

## Our New Baptismal Font

Next time you are in the sanctuary, take a look at our new baptismal font. If you are wondering why baptismal fonts commonly have eight sides, it is because the number 8 in the Bible represents a new beginning. If you are wondering why the change, it is because the previous baptismal font was three pieces of marble. The internal support system that kept it together was failing and could not be repaired.



# Fun Facts

You see them every Sunday, but how well do you know these ladies? Match the person to the fun fact.

- A) ate a whole watermelon (on a dare)
- B) took a helicopter ride over the Hilo Volcano
- C) rode an elephant in Thailand.



Margaret Swords



Ann Pullano



Jeanne Schafer

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## Prayer Path & Labyrinth

**Work Day** Saturday, July 16 from 9 - noon  
Light work indoors or big work outdoors

**Labyrinth Training** Wed, Aug 10 at 6:30  
Led by Sister Breta Gorman of Our Lady of the Pines, Fremont. Learn about the history of labyrinths and walk with a group.

The Prayer Path and Labyrinth are behind Zion Lutheran Church in Huron at 930 South Main St.



There is always something happening at our church. The quilters are working on several projects. Anges is preparing driftwood for Kids Café.



### Jamming for Jesus

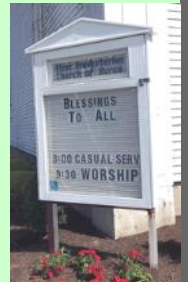
A musical gathering for all who play an instrument, sing, or enjoy listening to music. Bring your instrument and voice and have a great time. Monday, July 18, from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Prayer Path and Labyrinth in Huron.

### Time to Spruce Up!

We will be putting a much needed coat of fresh paint on the Fellowship Hall!. We need to firm up the schedule, but it is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 19. The work will be done by Linkenbach Painting who has worked for us before. Cost is about \$2,500.

Our thanks to Sarah Blakeman and Cindy Kaman for scraping and painting the church sign.

from F&M Committee



Thank you to everyone that helped out this year with the Church Adopt a School program, our main school being Shawnee. Some of you helped with 'Breakfast Buddies', Grandparents Day, Tutoring and praying for the teachers and classrooms. Whatever you did, it was certainly appreciated by the staff, administration and most of all the students!

Help will again be needed in all areas next year and if you feel you would like to participate, please think it over, and if you contact me at sharonv48@aol.com I can try to help explain the program. Beth Fisher, Program Coordinator, will be contacting Joel to speak again at one of the summer services.

Sincerely, Sharon Velliquette



Every three years, a group of Presbyterian Women travels to another part of the world to listen to the pain and the joy that their sisters experience and to share their faith stories and ministries with each other. Upon their return, Global Exchange participants share their experiences with PW groups around the country. It is an exchange because, the following year, women from the visited area are invited to itinerate in synods, participate in the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women and tell their stories to their North American sisters. The next Global Exchange, "Building Bridges of Understanding," will visit Indonesia, September 12–29, 2017. Guided by Romans 1:12 ("... so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine") participants will learn how to live respectfully in a multifaith culture and encourage and accompany one another as together they seek a more peaceful and just world. For additional information, contact PW's associate for mission at 502-569-5402.



## Our New Landscaping

As you pass by the church, take look at the new landscaping. Beautiful.



## Spirituality of Wine Retreat

You are invited to participate in a retreat on the Spirituality of Wine to be held from 9:30 to 2:30 on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Chateau Tebeau Winery, 525 State Route 635, Helena Ohio. We will gather, and begin the day with a meditation on the Biblical passages involving wine.

Bob Butcher and the members of the Spiritual Formation Team will be leading. There will be time to wander the outdoor spaces and stroll through the vineyard and koi pond. For those who desire, there will be a wine tasting prior to lunch. The wine tasting itself costs \$5.00 per person. Those who do not wish to imbibe do not have to pay the \$5.00 but will be invited to listen and observe.

Lunch is available for your purchase. We will need pre-reservations. Registrations may be made by emailing [bking@maumeevp.org](mailto:bking@maumeevp.org) before July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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WOW, THIS CHURCH IS REALLY OLD SCHOOL

# A letter from Kay Day serving in Rwanda

*“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”*

Luke 18:16



For nearly 180 years, our missionaries have planted churches, built hospitals and started schools on nearly every continent. Today, more than 94 million Christians worldwide, belong to churches that were founded or co-founded by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission workers. This year our Presbyterian World Mission family consists of about 140 missionaries in 50 countries, 85 Young Adult Volunteers, and more than 100 global partners.

## Answers to the Fun Facts

Margaret Swords enjoyed her tour of the Hilo Volcano in a helicopter. Jeanne Schafer rode an elephant in Thailand, a camel in Egypt, and a zip line in Costa Rica. Ann Pullano took the dare and ate the whole watermelon. One has to ask “How big was that watermelon?” Guinness Book of World Records registers the largest watermelon at 268.8 pounds.

Dear Family and Friends,

We have watched this verse of scripture come alive in the English Chapel in Butare in the last month and a half as we have begun a Sunday school for our children and are seeing it grow. Little has thrilled my heart more in these months as the pastor of the chapel. This has been an international effort involving partners in the U.S. and the Netherlands. I began praying about a Sunday school several months ago as I watched our four children, the sons and daughters of students, struggling to stay attentive or even stay awake in the worship service. I kept thinking of this verse of scripture and feeling accountable. One of the struggles we have is lack of resources. The other is lack of training. When I mentioned this to a friend in a Skype conversation, she went into action and, with the joyful cooperation of the head of her church’s children’s ministry, sent me wonderful electronic materials and a great children’s Bible. My elders were excited about this, since it would impact their children. The next step was to recruit and train teachers. I began to plan. When I mentioned that we were planning a Sunday school teacher’s training at our chapel, a colleague of mine told me that there were two trained Christian educators coming from the Netherlands who had been doing that very kind of training for several of the Presbyterian churches here for about three years and would be coming to Butare the beginning of January. On January 17 we inaugurated Sunday school with 4 students. We have watched each Sunday as the numbers have grown, as our children have invited their friends. We now have 12 who are attending from the neighborhood. One of our Sunday School teachers has begun a choir with them, and they sang with joy for the congregation for the first time last week. My heart overflows with thanksgiving as I see this ministry reach out into the community and children delight in learning God’s word. This is a training ground for all who are involved—the result of international cooperation. Praise God!

# July 2016

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- 1 Bryce Haase
- 4 Ellen Drumm
- 4 Ron Ruble
- 5 Robert Lippus
- 5 Bill Stann
- 6 Grace Moser
- 7 Twila Rowe
- 9 Herb Chapin
- 10 Andrew Muntz
- 11 Julie Koenig
- 12 Megan Kirby
- 14 Clair Brewer
- 14 Bob Brouse
- 15 John Drumm
- 16 Janet Mueller
- 21 Susan Martter
- 21 Dennis Velliquette
- 22 Mark Koch
- 24 Terry Burke
- 25 Michael Prout
- 27 Lydia Mischler
- 28 John Glann
- 29 Cynthia Brown
- 30 Jane Williamson

## SUMMER EVENTS



- July 2 Car Wash from 9 to noon
- July 4 Hot Dog Monday
- July 5-7 Kids Art Café
- July 7 Spirituality of Wine Retreat (pg 4)
- July 11 Hot Dog Monday
- July 13 Christ Meal
- July 16 Labyrinth Work Day (pg 3)
- July 18 Hot Dog Monday
- July 18 Jamming for Jesus (pg 3)
- July 25 Hot Dog Monday
- July 27 Christ Meal

There is always a need for volunteers at Hot Dog Monday and Christ Meal (serving food, writing notes, making calls, and other behind the scenes jobs). Please contact Chris Hakeman at 419-433-4903 to learn more.

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
July 3	Ann & Wilson Pullano	Clark & Carolyn Culbertson	Terry Burke
July 10	Marc & Susan Martter	Ed & Nan Osteen	Janis Brewer
July 17	Tom Mueller & Harold Behnken	Ron Ruble & Steve Koenig	Tammy Boos
July 24	Margaret Swords & Janet Gottwald	Hugh & June Hanes	Cynthia Brown
July 31	Gail & Terry Burke	Tammy Boos & Dan Robertson	Jane Stevenor

If you would like to be an greeter or usher, please contact Clark Culbertson at cculbert540@yahoo.com.

If your schedule changes and you are unable to greet or usher, please find your replacement and contact the office so the bulletin can be updated.