



# Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Pastor Joel Stevenor

November 2016



This was given to me by Hugh Hanes, and I just love it. I have been waiting for the right time to share it with all of you. Enjoy. ~ Joel

## When the Frost is on the Punkin

by James Whitcomb Riley

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,  
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,  
And the clackin' of the guineys, and cluckin' of the hens,  
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;  
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,  
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,  
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to fed the stock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmusfere  
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here-  
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,  
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;  
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze  
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days  
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock-  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,  
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
The stubble in the furries-kindo' lonesome-like, but still  
A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;  
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head! -  
O, it sets my hart a clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

Then your apples all is gathered, and the ones a feller keeps  
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yaller heaps;  
And your cider-makin''s over, and your wimmern-folks is through  
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too! ...  
I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be  
As the angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—  
I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

## Greeters, Ushers, and Hospitality

We have changed how we do things. We will no longer have Greeters in the parlor. The Ushers will greet as they hand out bulletins. Hospitality will make the coffee and provide a special treat after the service. There are sign up sheets for Ushers in the Narthex and a sign up sheet for Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall. You can contact Becky in our church office (by phone or email) with your questions or to sign up.



Our Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Party was a huge success. Our church members were joined by EHOVE students and together we collected old jeans and medical supplies. Over 50 pairs of shoes were cut out on the first day. Additional shoe cutting parties were planned for following worship service on Oct 30th, Nov 6th, and at EHOVE on Nov 2nd.



With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate our tithe with gladness.

Sirach 35:11



A girl walks on a street damaged by Hurricane Matthew in western Haiti. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will immediately begin working alongside established partners to respond to this latest crisis. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities. As long-term recovery needs are determined, PDA will support those impacted areas to ensure a comprehensive recovery.

### *Little Wonders' Holiday Bazaar*

November 19th from 9 am—2 pm

Get a head start on your holiday shopping. Craft and direct sales vendors will be set up in Fellowship Hall. Vendors include LuLaRoe, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, DoTerra, Fancy Me Boutique, and much more.



Becky Hoffman has created social media accounts for our church. You can follow us on Instagram or Twitter at **fpchuron**. If you attend any special events, please take photos or videos and send them with a description to Becky ([fpchuron@bex.net](mailto:fpchuron@bex.net)).

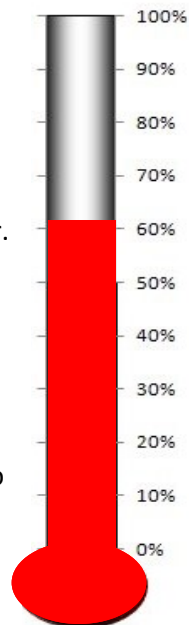
Cindy Kaman has created a new website for our church. Check it out at [firstpresbychurchuron.org](http://firstpresbychurchuron.org)

## 2017 Pledge Drive

To date, we have received 46 pledges totaling \$124,341 towards a goal of \$200,000. This included 3 new pledging units and 15 members who have increased their pledge over last year.

There are still 28 members (families) who pledged last year who have not yet returned a pledge card.

We encourage everyone whom has not yet returned a pledge card to do so in order for us to complete our 2017 budget. If you need a pledge card, please let us know or stop by the office to pick one up.



## Our New Secretary

Becky Hoffman grew up in Oak Harbor, Ohio. She is the daughter of David and Linda Hegemier. She's the granddaughter of Rev. Gene & June Hegemier and Royal & Arlene Wetter. Her grandfather served as pastor at her hometown church for many years. Becky has two siblings Joshua and Rachel Hegemier. In 2012 she married Bradley Hoffman, and together they reside in Castalia, OH. They have a dog named Hunter. Her husband Bradley is a special education aide at Margaretta High School, and he is also the praise and worship leader at Lindsey Trinity United Methodist Church in Lindsey, OH where the couple attend church. Brad also has his own DJ business, and he's a musician so you may see him playing at local venues. Brad and Becky also have their own photography business that they just started and enjoy running together.



Becky attended Heidelberg University for her undergraduate education in Early Childhood Education and Bowling Green State University for her Master's in Education. She has previous experience teaching. During the summer, she works as a guest representative at Camp Sandusky.

Outside of work, Becky enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys any water related activities, crafting, music, and photography.





Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

## Give Thanks

Following our worship service on Sunday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, we will join together for a Thanksgiving meal. Mark your calendar and invite your family & friends. Watch for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Becky in our church office.



"The Future of Poetry-4" is the topic for the next poetry reading hosted by Nurture and Mission Committee as the 7<sup>th</sup> season of our poetry mission continues on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Parlor. As part of Ron Ruble's "Words Walk Initiative," the program will feature youth poets/readers: Matthew Toldy, Annabelle Ryu, Ava Moser, Dan Toldy, Sam Toldy, Daniel Ryu, Eugenie Kim, and Ji Woo Kim. More names could be added.

Huron Poets Laureate Joel Rudinger and Ron Ruble will also read and be joined by Jerry Bauer, Eileen Wikel Darby, and Casey Wittmer. Special music will be provided by Janis Brewer, Kimberly, Annabelle, and Daniel Ryu, and Eugenie Kim. Refreshments will be provided. Come and enjoy the beauty of our fireplace, music, and poetry! Bring a friend!



## Sunday Nov 6th

Bring your pocket change to church on Sunday, Nov 6th. Collection buckets will be

in the parlor and Fellowship Hall. This program supports our local food pantry as well as national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

A BIG thank you to everyone who generously donated their treasures and/or their time to the Fall Rummage Sale. It was a success! It raised \$650 for Presbyterian Women and helped many people.

Thanks again,

Priscilla Auble and  
Cindy Kaman



## Presbyterian Hunger Program



Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Yet,

we know that hunger is an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political and social causes. If our response to hunger doesn't respect the dignity of all people, we are not following what Jesus did.

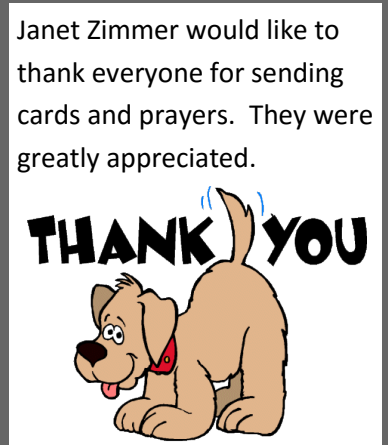
Presbyterian Hunger Program's mission is clear: alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. There is no one size fits all solution. We approach hunger holistically with 5 tools:

- Direct Food Relief combined with Root Cause Work
- Sustainable Development
- Advocacy
- Intentional and Sustainable Living
- Education

Employing these tools alongside congregations, partners and local communities, together we can end hunger.



To all Holiday Bakers. The annual Holiday Bake Sale will be held on Dec 18th immediately following Worship with Music service. Cookies, small breads, candies, and anything that is your favorite item to bake. More in the December newsletter.



Janet Zimmer would like to thank everyone for sending cards and prayers. They were greatly appreciated.



Chuck Kaman



Bob Kaman

## Fun Facts

Do you know which one of these guys is an owner of an NFL team? Who enjoyed white water rafting in West Virginia? This man is from a large family (11 kids). Which guy ran a double marathon (50 miles)? The answers are on page 5.



David Asher



Rich Haase



Special Events are planned for each Sunday of Advent. On **Nov 27th**, we will Deck the Halls from 5-6:30 pm and enjoy a pizza party. On **Dec 4th**, we will do Christmas Trivia Night from 5-6:30 pm with soup

and sandwiches. On **Dec 11th**, we will go Christmas Caroling from 3-5:00 pm. The earlier time will let us visit the nursing home. Following we will dine on hot dogs and chips. On **Dec 18th**, we will gather for Stories and Carols at 5-6:30 pm. Cookies and warm drinks will be served.

## Benevolence Gifts

Nurture and Mission would like to thank everyone who supports our church. Through your gifts of time, talents, and tithes, we are able to support our community in many ways. This year's donations include Boys and Girls Club of Erie County, Cancer Services of Erie County, Care and Share, Crossroads Homeless Shelter, Helping Hands, Kinder Casa, Kinship, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Phil Seeker Fund at EHOVE, Safe Harbor, Salvation Army of Huron, and Victory Kitchen.

## A Special Thank You

Dear Friends,

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who personally expressed condolences on the occasion of my brother's death, and to those who sent sympathy cards.

All were greatly appreciated and testify to the love and concern which the church expresses for those who share in its life and witness.

Sincerely and With Love,  
Clair and Janis Brewer



## Simply Give Fall Campaign

The Helping Hands Food Pantry (in Huron) has been selected by Meijer for their fall benevolence campaign. From now through December 31st, you can pick up a food donation card at Meijer, and they will match your donation. November 11-12th are double match days.



Renee & Justin Sundberg with their children: Ethan, Cassie, Jack, & Autumn

As Presbyterians, we support approximately 140 missionaries in 50 countries, 85 Young Adult Volunteers, and more than 100 global partners. This is a letter from one of our missionary families in Nicaragua.

Greetings friends,

Autumn and I have had the Zika virus recently. The rash covering our bodies was impressive! All four kids missed school over a two-week period. Renee continues to battle a confirmed case of fibromyalgia. Yet we are doing well. And we are happy to share once again with you a recent story of hope. In this case, a couple named Erasmo and Leonor, whose lives are blooming in a parched land.

Until recently their community had little to make life anything but brutally hard. In this barren landscape my friends have a small oasis of nourishing and colorful vegetation. Erasmo explained to me that CEPAD had demonstrated a water harvest system to capture and maintain water. So he built his own. His water source has created beautiful vegetable plants and fruit trees, providing healthy produce for his

family of four. Some of his neighbors have done the same, collectively redeeming the community's name of "The Gardens" (Las Huertas).

Leonor and Erasmo have a great relationship. I've seen it firsthand. Nevertheless, Leonor still assumes the stereotypical "woman's work," preparing food and washing the clothes and dishes. But Erasmo was happy to have Leonor go to CEPAD's headquarters in Managua for a two-day handicraft workshop to learn to make paper flowers. Another woman from her region would also have participated but her husband didn't want her to attend. So she stayed home.

How does CEPAD work to change the patriarchy it confronts? Among other things, it creates programs that serve women and gives them a chance to gather and learn together. By making flowers and other handicrafts, like jewelry and piñatas, women begin to contribute a small income stream to the family. Our handicrafts program also serves to create beauty and merriment for birthdays, holidays and school promotions.

But the best outcome of this female-centered program is about how women are built up. These are extraordinary women. On the morning of the second day of the workshop we reflected on the life of Joshua. Joshua is the biblical character who had the great lifelong challenge of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land and eventually dividing up and parceling out the land. The women in the workshop made lightning-fast connections from this biblical story to their lives. In rapid succession they shared their inspiring reflections: Maria Felix from Bramadero II shared, "**Joshua did not look at obstacles as insuperable. Neither should we!**" Aracely from Jiquelite declared, "**We should be brave and move ahead!**" And Yahaira from Nueva Guinea pulled together all that CEPAD could ever hope that a person might believe: "**God will be with us, but we have to work, we need to be creative.**"

Finally, regarding the full 1.5-day flower-making workshop, Ligia from Las Mercedes exclaimed: "**The learning has been good. It's a labor of patience and love. We have a new understanding. It's another happiness in our life and we will return to share all this with our community.**"



Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support and for your heart for

Nicaragua. Thank you for helping to give birth to the visions and convictions of Zeneida, Maria Felix, Aracely, Magdalena, Marta, Yahaira, Leonor and Ligia. Please continue to pray for us, for the work of CEPAD.

Justin



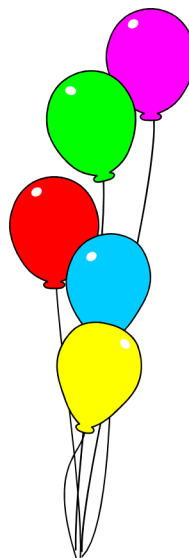
## Fun Facts Answers

Rich Haase is an owner of an NFL team. He owns one share of the Green Bay Packers. Bob Kaman enjoyed white water rafting in West Virginia. Chuck Kaman (Bob's father) is from a large family (11 kids). Chuck is the youngest. David Asher ran a double marathon (50 miles) in 12 hours and 2 minutes with a broken toe.



	Hot Dog Monday is every Monday at noon
Nov 4	Little Wonders Spaghetti Benefit Dinner (5-7 pm)
Nov 8	Circle of Friends (7 pm)
Nov 9	Christ's Community Meal (5 pm)
Nov 9	F&M Meeting (7 pm)
Nov 10	N&M Meeting (7:30 pm)
Nov 13	Poetry Reading in Parlor (3 pm)
Nov 16	Session Meeting (7 pm)
Nov 16	Boys Soccer Banquet in the Fellowship Hall
Nov 19	Little Wonder's Holiday Bazaar (9 am—2 pm)
Nov 20	Turkey Dinner (following church service)
Nov 23	Christ's Community Meal (5 pm)
Nov 24	Steeple Notes deadline
Nov 27	Advent Evening—Deck the Halls (5-7 pm)
Dec 2	Church Women United Christmas Luncheon

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



- 1 Jace McMillion
- 7 Norma Batch
- 10 Katy Brouse
- 19 Deborah Schisler
- 20 Joanna Phillips
- 25 Kerry Glann
- 25 Ava Moser
- 26 Brian McGraw
- 27 Kenneth Zorn
- 29 Parker Muntz

**Becky's Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday  
8-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm  
Thursday-Friday  
8-11:30 am



**Just a Reminder ...**

Pastor Joel will be on vacation for the next two weeks. He will return to the office on Monday, Nov 14th. In emergency situations, you can still contact him. Ann Pullano will be in charge of the message Sunday, Nov 6th. Steve Koenig will deliver the message on Sunday, Nov 13th.



Little Wonders Spaghetti Benefit Dinner at 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$7 each—dine in or carry out options are available.

	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
<b>Nov 6</b>	Edwina Chamberlin	Steve Koenig	Patti Smith	Mark and Pat Koch
<b>Nov 13</b>	Ron Ruble	Karen Brown	Carolyn Culbertson	Ed and Nan Osteen
<b>Nov 20</b>	Harold Behnken 1 volunteer needed	Hugh Hanes	Thanksgiving Dinner	Jann Glann
<b>Nov 27</b>	2 volunteers needed	Terry Burke	Volunteer needed	Muntz Family