

Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Rev. Deborah Elaine Hess Bowsher

January 2018

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Since coming here to become Pastor of this wonderful congregation I've been living out of a suitcase and driving back and forth between Huron and my current residence in Mt. Gilead. I am extremely grateful for your hospitality.

On my very first night here I was invited to share in a Christmas celebration with the women of PW at a local restaurant. We had a lot of fun chatting and getting to know one another over heaping plates of steaming pasta (and maybe a little wine!).

I've also had a great time meeting our neighbors who visit us on Hot Dog Monday's, Christ's Meal and Scouts. What terrific ministry and hospitality this church offers in Christ's name- especially when we do so with folks we don't even know!

In addition, I got to share the excitement of Christmas with the Little Wonders – both at their annual program and the Christmas parties complete with Santa! Seeing the season through a child's eyes is a gift I am always grateful to receive. It's also been exciting to be invited to sit in on committee meetings. The members of Nominating, Worship, F&M and G&P all work together in a very family-like way but still attend to their tasks thoughtfully and prayerfully. I am so grateful for all their gifts that they use on behalf of this congregation.

By the way, this living out of a suitcase thing is challenging - and I am very thankful that it's going to be over SOON! I was able to close on a nice house in Fairview Lanes and plan to move in January 9 ("The Lord willing and the crick don't rise" – or the snow fall - as they say!!) It will be nice to settle in and be fully present here to you – my new flock- over the coming years.

But even though suitcase living is not how I choose to live while serving with you long term, there's a good lesson in the experience. It really doesn't matter where you are as long as it's with good people who are graciously serving God through hospitable mission and ministry to their friends, families and neighbors. And I believe I've found that kind of service-to-God kind of life right here with you!

May your New Year be blessed and full of wonderful new ways praise God and enjoy him forever!

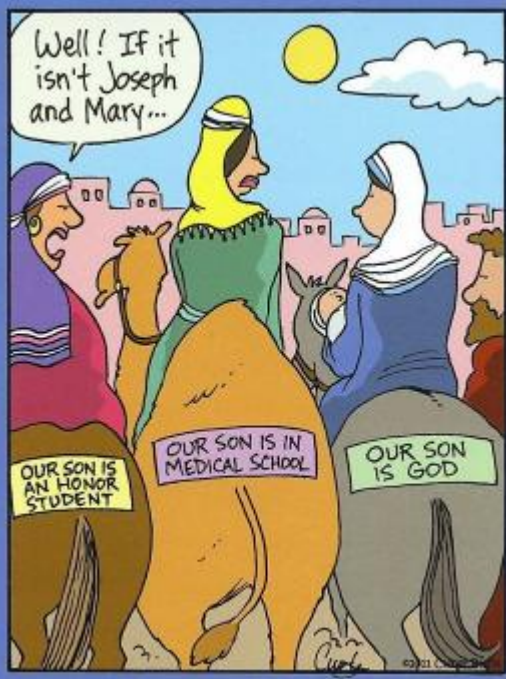
In Peace,

Pastor Deb

P.S. In the coming year I hope to get to know each one of you not just as partners in Christ's mission but as people. So, I'm inviting you to sign up for a time when we can sit down over a cuppa' or dessert or what have you and just talk! To make this easy I'm posting a chart on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. I'd be grateful if you'd take time to sign up while visiting with your friends over after worship coffee. I'd also welcome your call to set up a time to meet up!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018, immediately following our worship service. A luncheon will precede the yearly reports. Committee Year End Reports are due to the office by Friday, January 12th.



SPECIAL THANKS...

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
We are truly blessed by your generosity and compassion toward those who need help in our community! God Bless!

We Greatly Appreciate Your Gift,
The
Pantry

Food
Staff



PRISCILLA SHIRER

The *Armor of God*



Evil always fails miserably when it meets a woman dressed for the occasion. Based on the book of Ephesians, the Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure your freedom in Christ.

Priscilla Shirer: The Armor of God – Bible Study

Mondays 10-12 noon, starting January 8th

OR

Wednesdays 6-8pm, starting January 10th

First Presbyterian Church

225 Williams Street, Huron 44839

To order a study guide or for more information, please call 419-433-5018 or text Agnes at 419-656-1651.

Did You Know?

You can reach Pastor Deb anytime - even if she isn't at her desk! Just call or text her cell number: 614-309-0417. She even keeps the phone by her bed so you can call if you're facing a late night pastoral emergency.

HANDMADE FROM THE HEART

We had a blast at our *Handmade from the Heart* events in December! Children and their families made homemade gifts to give to loved ones for Christmas.



CHRISTMAS AT FPC HURON



Little, Wonderful Handmade Christmas Trees!



O Holy Night!



Every child shared secrets with Santa.



Even Pastor Deb enjoyed the party's face painting!



43 folks came through the Christ's Meal Christmas Day Brunch Line!



These are the ladies who brunch!



**The Little Wonders enjoyed their-
Christmas parties before break.
The kids were so excited that
Santa stopped by too!**



THANKSGIVINGS...

Victory Temple Soup Kitchen

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your generous Thanksgiving/Christmas donation as we enter what is called "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour.

The people coming in are so thankful to have a warm place to come in and have a warm breakfast, lunch and/or shower. We may not know everyone's circumstances when they enter, but we have no doubt when they leave after a satisfying warm meal &/or shower, they can face life with a more hopeful look.

Again, thank you so much for your generous support at this "most wonderful time of the year." God bless you according to His Word.

In The Love of Christ,
Rev. David L. Waters (Victory Temple Soup Kitchen)

Boys & Girls Club of Erie County

Dear Community Supporters,
On behalf of the Board, I would like to THANK YOU for your generosity. Your donation has come at a critical time and will go toward providing a positive place for our youth to gather after school. Our Clubs offer a fun and safe environment where our members will get help with homework, participate in activities to develop social skills, and enjoy a nutritious meal with their friends. Our board, staff, and most importantly, our youth, thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

We would like to invite you to see, firsthand, the difference your gift is making by touring our facilities. Please contact our Administrative Office at 419-624-9250 to schedule your tour.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boys and Girls Club of Erie County. You are the reason we can continue to help young people in Erie County to achieve great futures!

Sincerely,
David Rengel
2017 Board President

Care and Share, Inc.

Dear Congregation:

The clients, board, and volunteers at Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County thank you so much for your generous donation.

As you may already know, needy families in our community go without proper good, clothing, and shelter every day due to a wide variety of factors including low wages, seasonal employment, job loss, and illness.

With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of those in need with supplemental food from our pantry. Our pantry stocks food from Second Harvest as well as from donations. In addition, the SNAP benefit does not permit the purchase of paper products and personal hygiene items, so the gift of these items is greatly appreciated by the clients.

Thank you again on behalf of Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County and the many clients who will receive services as a result of your generosity.

With sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Linda Miller-Moore, Executive Director

Crossroads

Dear Friends,

At a Crossroads. These words have never rung so true. In Erie County, some people find themselves at a tough crossroads in their lives, they have become homeless. For different reasons they are standing in the middle of a personal crisis. These individuals, families, and veterans need to figure out which way to turn, how to go forward, and what they can do so this never happens again.

Volunteers of America's Crossroads Shelter is where they can find answers to end their personal crisis, enhance their well-being, and begin the path to reaching their full potential. It is here that we support human dignity and provide the necessary tools to help each person achieve their full potential. But we can't do it alone. And we can't do any of this in a failing physical structure.

Today, you have recognized the need and urgency to improve the Crossroads Shelter. And I am so pleased to have your help.

Sincerely,

Becky Carlino-Madigan (Development Director)



- January 2 Mary Christine-Metzger
- January 3 William Roose
- January 4 Janet Zimmer
- January 11 Marian Howland
- January 12 Rita Philips
- January 15 Chris Mischler
- January 16 Emma Horan
- January 17 Barbara Gettman
- January 20 Scott Ransom
- January 23 Bethany Schippel
- January 24 Ron Cook
- January 26 Sheri Ransom
- January 29 Rachel Pratt
- January 30 Emma Corwin



- January 1 Office Closed
- January 10 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm
- January 10 Worship and F&M Meetings @ 7 pm
- January 11 N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- January 12 Annual Reports Due
- January 15 Office Closed
- January 17 Session @ 7 pm
- January 21 Annual Congregational Meeting
- January 22 February Steeple Notes Deadline
- January 24 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm



The office will be closed on
Monday, January 1st and
Monday, January 15th due
to holidays.



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
Jan. 7	<i>2 volunteers needed</i>	Karen Brown	<i>volunteer needed</i>	Mark & Pat Koch
	Communion Servers: Bill Roose, Jeanne Schafer, Marcie and Bob Muntz Set-up: Carolyn Culbertson			
Jan. 14	<i>2 volunteers needed</i>	Janeane Hopkins	<i>volunteer needed</i>	Casey Wittmer
Jan. 21	<i>2 volunteers needed</i>	Carolyn Culbertson	Special Luncheon	
Jan. 28	<i>2 volunteers needed</i>	Cynthia Brown Mathews	<i>volunteer needed</i>	



JANUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed Hot Dog Monday @ noon	2	3 Women's Bible Study @ 6 pm	4 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	5	6
7 Worship @10:45am (2-Cents-A-Meal/ Communion)	8 Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am Hot Dog Monday @ noon	9	10 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Women's Bible Study @ 6 pm F&M & Worship Meet- ings@ 7 pm	11 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm	12 Annual Reports are Due	13
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