

MITCH MILLER ORGAN CONCERT ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH @ 3 PM



Mitchell Tait Miller, former organist here at First Presbyterian Church, will present a concert on the Sanctuary's Baroque organ honoring the memory of two church members, Janis Brewer and Hugh Hanes, who sang in the Chancel Choir during his tenure with the church. The concert will feature music by several composers, including J. S. Bach. A brief intermission will be included in the 2 hour program. The concert is free to all. A good-will offering will be accepted to help with travel expenses.

Mitchell was a 5-year student at Oberlin Conservatory, majoring in organ performance and German. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to study organ in Germany and is in his second year there. A Cincinnati native, he is performing the concert during his brief time state-side!

A reception will follow the concert. Community members and friends are cordially invited and welcomed to hear the musical gifts of this personable and very talented young man!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Written by Eileen Wikel

The angel ornament is drooping,
Tarnished tinsel falling out of place.
The laughing Santa barely whimpers,
The outdoor caroler wears a dirty face.

Soon the tree will be forgotten,
Twinkling lights laying in a box,
Soon the prettiest Christmas Gifts
Will look as worn as Santa's socks.

I truly do begin to wonder
Where the cheerful spirit went,
What became of the candle glow
That ushered in December advent?

It's in these moments I remember
Wise men traveled in search of the King,
Shepherds followed a twinkling star,
Mary pondered this miraculous thing.

Should not we, as we turn the calendar
Seeking for answers clear,
Find wisdom and joy in the Word
To make a bright and Happy New Year?

Looking Ahead....

MITCH MILLER ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, January 6th

Mitch Miller will be back on Sunday, January 6th to play an organ concert in memory of Janis Brewer and Hugh Hanes. The concert will be two 45 minute segments with a brief intermission. A light-refreshment reception will follow the concert.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 20th

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th, immediately following our worship service. A luncheon will precede the yearly reports. **Committee Year End Reports are due to the office by Friday, January 11th.**

KINGSTON: MEMORY CARE TALK

Sunday, January 27th

Kingston will be here on Sunday, January 27th to provide a free outreach program for church members and friends. The topic this visit will be "Memory Care Talk." It will begin immediately in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.


KINGSTON



Thank you to all those who beautified our church for Advent and Christmas!



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE CHURCHES OF HURON

January 6, 2019

Grace Fellowship Church
Reverend Larry Oldaker

January 13, 2019

Christ Episcopal Church
Reverend Michael Floyd

January 20, 2019

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church
Pastor Tom Holzaepfel

January 27, 2019

St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Jeff McBeth

FLOWER CHART

The 2019 Flower Chart is up and ready to go. Please take a moment to reserve a date to honor special occasions and loved ones. There are still two dates in January available: January 6th and 27th. Thank you for your help in beautifying the sanctuary each Sunday!

PER CAPITA

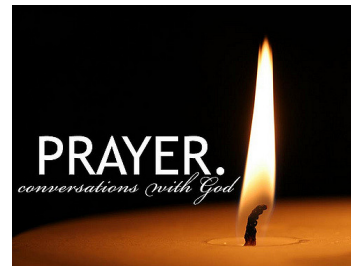
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\$8.95 goes to the General Assembly
\$3.25 goes to the Synod of the Covenant
\$21.00 goes to the Maumee Valley Presbytery

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PRAYER GROUP



"When we approach God in prayer, we are approaching One who is our friend but also our Lord and

Master. He is friendly and kind toward us, but we take our commands from Him, not He from us. When we go before God in prayer, let us remember that He is our King and that we owe Him all that we are."

LITURGISTS

We are in need of more volunteers for our Liturgist rotation. If you are interested in assisting during worship, please contact Karen Brown or the office to let us know. Thank you so much!

December 27, 2018

Dear Church,

Some of the most exciting symphonies are those which begin in one key, then changes to another, then modulates yet again (and sometimes yet again) to another.

It feels as though God has composed the life of the First Presbyterian Church of Huron as such an ever modulating piece.

This last year alone has been filled with the joyous sounds of receiving new members and baptizing grandchildren as well as the minor key notes of saying good bye to those who've returned home to God. Our music of 2018 moved through the decision making process of when to worship. It modulated on to a happy cacophony overheard as we pulled together to host the presbytery for worship, business and fellowship.

Most recently though, we have felt the disharmonic noise of confusion as the session and I agreed we could no longer be pastor and people together.

So, as composers often do, God has written into the score of your lives together a pause, a rest. It's a time to breathe before beginning the next movement of this congregation's symphony.

I pray that you will be able to continue to pray and worship as one orchestra. And I hope that you will seek ways to minister not just to one another, but to sing God's chorale of hope to people in need everywhere.

As we flow into 2019 on the music God has written for our separate faith journeys, I ask that we all take to heart Paul's words to the church as Colossae:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – Colossians 3:12-17.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,

Pastor Deb



THANKSGIVINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION

◆ From Back to the Wild:

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thanks so much for your wonderful support of our work with wildlife and public education! We hope you have a joyful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Heather

As we enter this season of hope and joy and sharing with others in our community, Care and Share volunteers, clients and board



members extend their appreciation for your kind donation to our ministry to help feed those who are struggling in Erie County. As the gap between the rich and the poor grows, helping those in need is more important than ever. Merry Christmas and blessings for a peaceful New Year!

Thanks,
Linda Miller-Moore

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Cancer Services and staff, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$275.00 to Cancer Services.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated and plays a fundamental part in the resources we are able to supply for our clients. For almost sixty years Cancer Services has provided assistance to many families in our community. Your gift is a wonderful way to raise awareness of the fact that much support and assistance is still needed to aid cancer patients in our area.

Thank you again for supporting Cancer Services.

Sincerely,
Peggy L. Miller



◆ From Little Wonders Preschool:

Thanks to members of the congregation for providing cookies for our Christmas Program on December 2nd. Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee for serving the cookies and punch. The parents and families really enjoyed the reception after the program.

With Thanks,
Little Wonders

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you, so much, for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Presbyterian Mission. Gifts from congregations, like yours, make a difference in the lives of people around the corner and around the world. As 2018 rushes past, we are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus Christ.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On October 11, 2018 we received \$24.97 for Cents-Ability.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner.

Yours in Christ,
Chris Roseland

◆ From Christian Education:

Special thanks to the congregation members who donated cookies for the Little Wonders Christmas Program in December. The families truly appreciated the goodies and refreshments.

With Thanks,
Christian Education Committee

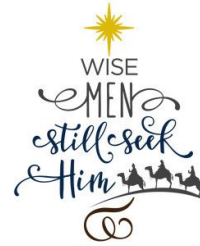




Little Wonders
Presbyterian Preschool

The Little Wonders enjoyed their Christmas parties before break. The parents came up with adorable crafts and activities for the children. Santa even came to visit each class and every child received a book from him!





January 2 Mary Christine-Metzger
 January 3 Bill Roose
 January 4 Janet Zimmer
 January 10 Tim Drumm
 January 11 Pete Guerrera
 January 11 Marian Howland
 January 12 Rita Phillips
 January 15 Meghan Johnson
 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 1 Office Closed/No School– Little Wonders
 January 6 Mitch Miller Organ Concert @ 3 pm
 January 8 PW Circle @ 1 pm
 January 9 Christ’s Meal @ 5 pm
 January 9 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 January 11 Annual Reports Due
 January 20 Annual Congregational Meeting
 January 21 Office Closed/No School-Little Wonders
 January 21 Steeple Notes Deadline
 January 23 Christ’s Meal @ 5 pm
 January 23 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 January 27 Kingston’s Memory Care Talk @ 11 am
 January 28 Church Women United



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
Jan. 6	Bob & Marcie Muntz	Karen Brown	Sarah Blakeman	
Communion Servers: Sarah Blakeman, Marcie & Bob Muntz, and Bill Roose			Communion Set-up: Janeane Hopkins	
Jan. 13	June Hanes & Patti Smith	Carolyn Culbertson	Ellen Drumm & Katy McGraw	Mark & Pat Koch
Jan. 20	Clark & Carolyn Culbertson	Cynthia Brown Mathews	Special Luncheon	Ward & Fern DeLamatre
Jan. 27	Jack & Marcia Arthur	Jann Glann	Kathy Kirby	



JANUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am (2-Cents-A-Meal/Communion) Mitch Miller Organ Concert @ 3pm		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed No School/Little Wonders	2	3 Handbell Practice@ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	4 Organ Tuning @ 10 am	5
7 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Mitch Miller Organ Concert @ 3pm		8 PW Circle @ 1 pm	9 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm	10 Handbell Practice@ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	11 Annual Reports Due	12
13 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am	14 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	15	16 Session @ 7 pm	17 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @7:30 pm	18	19 Baby Shower @12-6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
20 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am Annual Congregational Meeting/Luncheon	21 Office Closed No School-LW Hot Dog Monday @ noon	22	23 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm	24 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	25	26
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