



Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

October 2019

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORGANIST, MATTHEW DION!

First Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome Matthew Dion as our new regular organist/accompanist! Although he's been seen and heard 'in action' during worship services since September 8th, we of the music program thought it would be interesting to provide a bit of information to help us learn more about Matthew as a person. So, with some informal and 'natural' conversations and through a very *fun* interview time with choir members at the end of a rehearsal, a few details emerged which will be highlighted herein. (All should feel free, of course, to chat with him at opportune moments to get to know him even better! He is a very 'personable' young man!) Matthew's formal resume provides some of the 'professional' details, so feel free to check out his interesting and full-of-information website for more details: www.mdionorganist.com.



First, you may refer to him as 'Matt' or as 'Matthew.' Most people call him 'Matt' but he doesn't mind either. He hails from Somerset, MA, and is entering his junior year at the Oberlin Conservatory, majoring in organ performance. His immediate family consists of parents Heidi (a professional Soprano) and Michael (an accountant, among other things!) and sister Holly, a senior in high school, a trumpeter, and who shares a one-day-apart *birth-date* with Matthew! In his high school days, among other activities, he served as choirs' accompanist, and President of the Drama Club (having major singing roles in musicals all four years)!

Matthew began playing organ at the age of nine, has had wonderful teachers AND performance opportunities, as well as previous positions as church organist. He was introduced to Oberlin and its program by one of his former teachers who was on the Oberlin Conservatory organ faculty and had previously taught Matthew in the Boston area. As a side note, he visited Oberlin when he was a junior in high school, and was in a workshop at Oberlin that Mitch Miller (our former organist) taught!

Some 'fun' facts: Matthew's hobbies include cooking (especially grilling), traveling (wants to do much more), and web design. He enjoys seafood (obviously ...coming from New England), yellow or white cake with LOTS of vanilla frosting, black raspberry, vanilla, and or/strawberry ice cream, (anxious to try our 'church' homemade hot fudge sauce), chocolate chip cookies, Hershey chocolate bars, red Starbursts, IBC Root Beer, Lemonade, Tea, Coffee...and might sip Bourbon or a Light beer upon occasion! (Having just turned 21 in September, he's 'legal!'). Upon his first trip to Huron, he expressed his delight in the 'New England' look of the place. AND, finally, NO....he is NOT related to Canadian singer, Celine Dion!

SESSION MEMBERS

John Blakeman— *F&M*

Gail Burke— *Stewardship*

Carolyn Culbertson— *Christian Education*

June Hanes— *Worship*

Phillip Hopkins— *F&M Chair*

Cindy Kaman— *Worship Chair*

Katy McGraw— *Christian Education Chair*

Janet Mueller— *N&M Chair*

Ann Pullano— *Clerk of Session*

Patti Smith— *N&M*



WELCOME AUTUMN

Looking Ahead....

RUMMAGE SALE

The Fall Rummage Sale is **October 5th** from **9 am to 1 pm**.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, September 30th after 2 pm**.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, October 4th from 9 am to noon, during the sale, and cleanup after the sale.



"MUSIC UNDER THE STEEPLE" CONCERT

Sunday, October 6th @ 3 pm

Diego De La Fuente Duran, an Oberlin Conservatory of Music student and organist, will be kicking off our "Music Under the Steeple" Concert Series on Sunday, October 6th @ 3 pm. The program will run approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. A free will offering will be taken up at the concert. Light refreshments will be served in the parlor after the program. For more information, contact Matthew Dion, director at mdion@oberlin.edu or visit <https://www.mdionorganist.com/>

POETRY READING

Sunday, October 20th

On Sunday, October 20th, at 3:00 p.m., in the church parlor, the Nurture and Mission Committee will begin the 10th season of our poetry mission series and host a poetry reading on the topic of "Voices in Poetry." Each poem carries the voice of the poet, or the voice of the featured person, place, or thing (object) the poem is about. Featured readers will be Mary Ann Bencivengo, Rob Smith, Nancy Smith, K.C. Wittmer, Eileen Wikel Darby, Mila Kette, Jerry Bauer, Bob Reynolds, Gary Harmon, and Ron Ruble. Music and refreshments will also be provided. Come and bring a friend. We'd love to have you join us.



PRAYER GROUP 5-WEEK STUDY

For five Tuesday evenings in October we are having a Prayer Study, that will begin at 6:30 pm with a soup supper, followed at 7:00 by a short lesson, conversation and prayer. The lessons will be emailed to the congregation and also be printed along with Sunday bulletins each week.



The topics will be:

- ◆ October 1: What is Prayer? Why Should I Pray?
- ◆ October 8: Does Prayer Change Things?
- ◆ October 15: Is It Necessary to End Every Prayer with "in Jesus Name"? What Does "Amen" Mean?
- ◆ October 22: Where and When Should I Pray? How Long Should I Pray?
- ◆ October 29: Do I Need to Follow a Pattern While Praying? The Prayer of the Lord

All are welcome. Sign up so we know how much soup to prepare. Our hope is that the Holy Spirit is nudging you towards a prayer life that will benefit you, empower our church, protect our community and ultimately, glorify our Sovereign Lord.

Our Prayer Group meets on Monday, October 7, and October 21. Join us and/or submit your prayer requests.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS ...

to those who 'served the church' by providing *special music* during the eleven summer weeks (2019) when Chancel Choir took their "break!" Several of our wonderful musicians graced us with their talents on more than one occasion, as noted below! We were easily able to 'fill all the spots' with varied and inspirational music throughout the summer. Through the offering of their musical gifts, our services were indeed blessed and enriched.....

*Thank
you*

thus, we extend MUCH APPRECIATION to the following who shared their talents with us:

****ANNABELLE RYU, DANIEL RYU, RYAN JUNG (violins),
RANDY JUNG (cello), and CAROL MASON (piano)
instrumental quintet**

****KIMBERLY RYU (cello) and CAROL MASON (piano), instrumental duet**

****SUMMER BELLES, (members of Handbell Choir, led by Janeane Hopkins)**

****JOHN BLAKEMAN, trumpet solo**

****ANN PULLANO and CAROL MASON, vocal duet, CAROL accompanying**

****CAROL MASON and JANE LAFACE, piano and organ duet**

****JOHN BLAKEMAN and JANE LAFACE, trumpet and organ duet**

****MARILYN FORESTER and CHARLENE PESTOVIC, vocal duet, CAROL accompanying**

****JUDI PERRY, vocal solo, CAROL accompanying**

****CAROL MASON and JANE LAFACE, four-hands piano duet**

****GEOFF STEPHENSON, vocal solo, KERRY accompanying**

****JANE LAFACE, served as 'substitute organist' for two full services**

****KERRY GLANN, 'guest organist' for Labor Day Sunday**

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE CHURCHES OF HURON

October 6, 2019

United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

October 13, 2019

Zion Lutheran Church
Pastor Kristine Schroeder

October 20, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2019

Grace Fellowship Church
Reverend Larry Oldaker

I will **give thanks** to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will **sing the praises** of the name of the **Lord Most High**.
Psalm 7:17



STEWARDSHIP FISH DINNER

Our Stewardship Fish Dinner will be held after worship on Sunday, October 27th. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please sign up at the office or the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers for the following tasks: setting up on Saturday morning, preparing fish, serving and clean-up. Can you bring a dessert? There is a sign up on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions please call Gail Burke at 419-366-7009.

Thank You



Thank you for participating in Boost the building fund. So far we have collected \$4,717.80. We have just about reached our goal of \$5,000! Our church is looking good and getting secured! Thanks for your help in making that possible!

It's Coming!!!!

"MUSIC UNDER THE STEEPLE" 2019-2020 CONCERT SERIES

New to FPC this year will be a concert series, planned and organized by our new Oberlin-student organist, Matthew Dion, assisted by the Music Program of the church. These concerts will be held on various Sunday afternoons during the 'school' year, beginning at 3:00 pm and lasting from 45 minutes to an hour in length. In most cases, the guest concert performers will be students from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The concerts will be free of charge, and a free-will offering will be accepted as a 'thank you' to the students. A reception and light refreshments will follow each concert.

The first of these concerts will occur on *Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 pm*, featuring organist *Diego De La Fuente Duran*, currently studying at the Conservatory. Our goal for this year is to include 5 or 6 events during this inaugural season of concerts. This series will not only provide our congregation and community the opportunity to enjoy outstanding music, but will also provide the students an opportunity to share their gifts with new audiences, and the church the opportunity to support these students during their musical education process.

We are very excited to add this series as another outreach of FPC. We encourage your participation AND your willingness to "spread the word" and to bring your friends!!!

Questions and/or suggestions may be directed directly to Matthew, or to Jann as representative of Music Program.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: HURRICANE RESPONSE

At the beginning of the month, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Bahamas with deadly force and left widespread devastation in its wake. Then it made landfall in North Carolina, causing flooding and knocking out power.

Now, Tropical Depression Imelda has brought torrential rain and flooding to parts of Texas that were ravaged by Hurricane Harvey.

The Church World Service is responding in the Bahamas as part of an ACT Alliance Rapid Support Team. Alongside their ACT and other partners, they will focus particularly on long-term recovery.

In the United States, they are shipping CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets, Blankets, Hygiene Kits and School Kits to both Texas and North Carolina and will continue to respond to requests for supplies as part of immediate relief efforts. They are engaging with partners on the ground to help ensure that their most vulnerable neighbors have the care and support they will need to recover over the longer term.

Help ensure that CWS can get families the supplies they need.

If you'd like to help CWS in their mission, send a check, please write "2019 Hurricane Response" in the memo section and send it to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. You may also donate by phone at 1.800.297.1516. If you have any other questions, please contact us at info@cwsqlobal.org.





IN THE COMMUNITY



MVP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING

Saturday, November 2nd from 9am until 2 pm



Save the Date! The 2019 Fall Gathering of Maumee Valley Presbyterian PW on Saturday, November 2nd from 9 am until 2 pm. The event will be held at the Findlay First Presbyterian Church (located at 2330 S. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840). The program will be a presentation on the USA Mission Exchange to the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. Stay tuned for further details. If interested in attending, contact Gail Burke at 419-366-7009.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th

The St. Stephen United Church of Christ in Sandusky will be hosting a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th (Bag Sale) from 8:30 am until 2 pm. They'll be accepting donations for the sale, but please no televisions, car seats, or mattresses. St. Stephen UCC is located at 905 E. Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870.



ERIE COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES— CHRISTMAS DRIVE

It is that time again! Erie County Children Services is working hard to gather Christmas presents for their kids! They have individuals who are willing to shop for kids if a monetary donation is given (checks can be made out to: Erie County Children Services) *OR* You can call and get the name, age, and wish list of a child and shop for them yourself! They would love to help as many children as they can during the holiday season and throughout the whole year with your generous donations. Please call Kristen Lindsey, if you are interested in shopping for a child or have questions. Call 419-627-5306 or email Kristin.M.Lindsey@jfs.ohio.gov. If you would like to give a monetary donation that is tax deductible, please put in attention to AJ Hill, Erie County Children Services, 221 W. Parish Street, Sandusky, OH 44870.



October 1 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30 pm
 October 1 PW Circle @ 3 pm
 October 4 Rummage Sale Set-up @ 9 am-noon
 October 5 Rummage Sale @ 9 am—1 pm
 October 6 "Music Under the Steeple" Concert @ 3 pm
 October 7 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 October 8 Worship Committee Meeting @ 9 am
 October 8 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30 pm
 October 9 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 October 9 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 October 11 Retired Teachers Luncheon @ noon
 October 15 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30 pm
 October 16 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 October 20 Poetry Reading @ 3 pm
 October 21 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 October 22 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30 pm
 October 23 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 October 23 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 October 27 Stewardship Fish Dinner (following worship)
 October 29 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30 pm



October 3 Priscilla Auble
 October 3 Molly Emerson
 October 3 Annabelle Ryu
 October 6 Joanna Oller
 October 9 June Taylor
 October 13 Marcie Muntz
 October 14 Edie Emerson
 October 14 Pat Koch
 October 15 Gail Burke
 October 15 Ward DeLamatre
 October 15 Patricia Hand
 October 15 Steve Koenig
 October 15 Wendy Quinn
 October 19 Gloria Lyons
 October 20 Katy McGraw
 October 23 Kathleen Kirby
 October 24 Sue Todd
 October 26 David Fenn
 October 29 Janeane Hopkins
 October 30 Tom Kirby Jr.
 October 30 Eldon Zimmer



| | Ushers | Liturgist | Hospitality | Flowers |
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| Oct. 6 | Wendy & Doug Quinn | Carolyn Culbertson | Cynthia Brown Mathews | Bob Muntz |
| Communion Servers: Jack & Marcia Arthur, Sarah Blakeman, and Clark Culbertson Communion Set-up: Tammy Boos | | | | |
| Oct. 13 | Jack & Marcia Arthur | Cynthia Brown Mathews | Bob & Marcie Muntz | Mark Koch |
| Oct. 20 | Chuck & Bob Kaman | Tammy Boos | Sarah Blakeman | |
| Oct. 27 | Kathy Kirby & Ron Ruble | Steve Koenig | Kathy Kirby | Tom & Kathy Kirby |



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am (Communion/2-Cents-A-Meal) Music Under the Steeple Concert @ 3 pm | 7 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm | 1 PW Circle @ 3 pm Prayer Group Study @ 6:30pm | 2 | 3 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 4 Rummage Sale Set-up @ 9 am-noon | 5 Rummage Sale @ 9 am-1pm |
| 13 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am | 14 Hot Dog Monday @ noon | 8 Worship Committee Meeting @ 9 am LW Picture Day (FH) Prayer Group Study @ 6:30pm | 9 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm | 10 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 11 Retired Teachers Luncheon @ noon LW:No School | 12 |
| 20 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am Poetry Reading @ 3 pm | 21 Steeple Notes Deadline Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm | 15 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30pm | 16 Session @ 7 pm | 17 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 18 | 19 |
| 27 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am Stewardship Fish Dinner (following worship) | 28 Hot Dog Monday @ noon | 22 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30pm | 23 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm | 24 American Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1-6 pm Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 25 | 26 |
| | | 29 Prayer Group Study @ 6:30pm | 30 Little Wonders Harvest Parry (FH) | 31 | | |