



Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Rev. Sara Hodsden

January 2020

WARM WELCOME TO REV. SARA HODSDEN!

Sara Hodsden was born in Berea, Ohio, the daughter of Deanna and Charles Bontempo. She is the middle child between Lora (deceased) and Charles, Jr. She was raised at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Olmsted Township, where her parents served as both Elders and Deacons. Sara's parents were both teachers in the Berea City and Parma School Districts.

After Sara was graduated from Berea High School, she continued her studies at Ashland University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Radio and Television and Religion. She moved to Loudonville, Ohio, where she became a deejay, voice-over announcer, copywriter, ad salesperson, and accounts receivable clerk for WBZW.



While in Loudonville, she became involved at the First Presbyterian Church in Loudonville. Her pastor suggested that she discern her call to ministry. Soon she enrolled at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, finally graduating in 1998 with her Master's of Divinity.

Sara first dipped her toe into ministry while in college, serving as part of the ministry team at Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park through A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. While serving as a night auditor for the lodge, she helped to lead Bible studies and worship services for employees and tourists. Sara continued in ministry prior to ordination at Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center as a chaplain, and as a student pastor at Lexington Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Indiana.

Sara met her husband, James, while in seminary. When James entered Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Sara was ordained to pastor at New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, Ohio. Sara and James served together at First Presbyterian in Vernon, Texas, and followed that up by serving two separate congregations in the Philadelphia area.

Sara and James have one son, Thomas, who is a junior at Ashland University studying Political Science and History, with an eye to entering the Foreign Service. They also have one dog, Maggie, and two cats, Edmund and Dante. When Sara isn't working, she enjoys traveling, reading, watching movies, and quilting.

Looking Ahead....

REV. SARA HODSDEN'S FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday, January 5th

Our new pastor, Rev. Sara Hodsden's, first Sunday will be on January 5th. A reception in her honor will be hosted by N&M following the worship service. Please plan to attend, and help give her a warm welcome to FPC Huron!



MARIAN HOWLAND'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 11th

You are invited to join in the celebration of Marian Howland's 100th Birthday! The party will be held in the Fellowship Hall here at FPC @ noon on Saturday, January 11th. Church family and friends are invited to share in this joyous occasion.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 19th

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th, immediately following our worship service. A luncheon will precede the yearly reports. **Committee Year End Reports are due to the office by Friday, January 10th.**



2020 FLOWER CHART

The 2020 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 5th and 26th. Thank you for your help in beautifying the sanctuary each Sunday!

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Howland family cordially invites you to attend a celebration in honor of Marian Howland's 100th birthday on Saturday, January 11th which will be held from noon until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall here at FPC Huron. Join us to celebrate this sweet lady, and the oldest member of our congregation. Snacks, cake and refreshments will be provided. Let's shower her with cards, please consider bringing a card with a special message and/or memory to share with her. If you cannot attend the celebration but would like to send well wishes, Marian's address is 6010 West Lake Road, Room #105, Vermilion, OH 44089.

SPECIAL THANKS

- ◆ A huge thanks to Janeane Hopkins for filling in during our time of transition! You were truly a blessing and appreciated more than you know!
- ◆ A heartfelt thank you to Bob Muntz for his time as treasurer. We thank you for sharing your time and talents with the congregation! You will be greatly missed in this capacity.
- ◆ A special thanks to Ann Pullano for her time as our clerk of session! Thank you for sharing your gifts with the congregation! We truly appreciate all that you've done.



QUICK REMINDERS:

- ◆ If your contact information has changed, please be sure to notify the office so we can update our database and have correct information for the next directory.
- ◆ We could use some more volunteers for our hospitality and usher rotation lists. If you are interested, please contact Becky in the church office at 419-433-5018.



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE CHURCHES OF HURON

January 5, 2020

Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

January 12, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church
Pastor Kristine Schroeder

January 19, 2020

First Presbyterian Church
Reverend Sara Hodsden

January 26, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church
Reverend Michael Floyd

SESSION MEMBERS

John Blakeman— F&M

Gail Burke— Stewardship

Carolyn Culbertson— Christian Education

June Hanes— Worship

Phillip Hopkins— F&M Chair

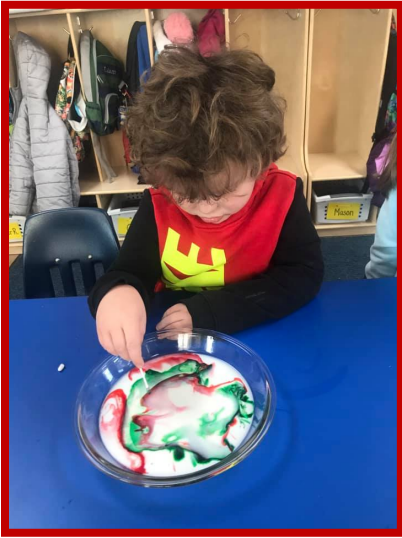
Cindy Kaman— Worship Chair

Katy McGraw— Christian Education Chair

Janet Mueller— N&M Chair

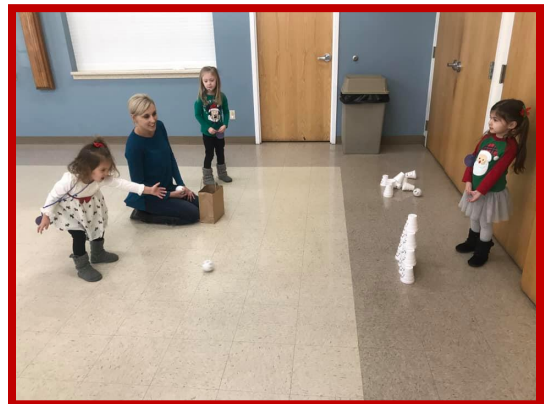
Ann Pullano— Clerk of Session

Patti Smith— N&M



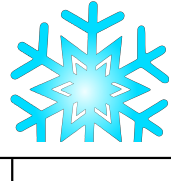
LITTLE WONDERS

The Little Wonders had a busy month of December filled with lots of fun holiday themed lessons and activities. They performed experiments with milk, picked up tinsel using static electricity, created reindeer snacks and much more. Their parents planned wonderful Christmas celebrations for each class, and the kids had a blast.





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 30 Emma Corwin



January 1 Happy New Year! The office will be closed.
 January 5 Rev. Sara Hodsden's First Sunday
 January 6 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 January 7 PW Circle @ 3 pm
 January 8 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 January 8 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 January 11 Marian Howland's 100th Birthday
 January 15 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 January 19 Annual Congregational Meeting @ 11 am
 January 20 Steeple Notes Deadline
 January 20 Office Closed
 January 20 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 January 22 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 January 22 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm



**The church office will be closed on
 Wednesday, January 1st and
 Monday, January 20th.**

| | Ushers | Liturgist | Hospitality | Flowers |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Jan. 5 | June Hanes & Rachel Pratt | Steve Koenig | N&M | |
| Communion Servers: Cynthia Brown Mathews, Carolyn Culbertson, Cindy Kaman, and Karen Brown Communion Set-up: Steve Koenig | | | | |
| Jan. 12 | Patti Smith & Kathy Kirby | Carolyn Culbertson | Cynthia Brown Mathews | Koch Family |
| Jan. 19 | Clark & Carolyn Culbertson | Cynthia Brown Mathews | N&M | Katy McGraw |
| Jan. 26 | Jack & Marcia Arthur | John Blakeman | Bob & Marcie Muntz | |



JANUARY 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Office Closed | 2 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Rev. Sara Hodsdon's First Sunday Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am (Communion/2-Cents-A- Meal) | 6 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm | 7 PW Circle @ 3 pm | 8 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm | 9 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 10 Committee Year End Reports Due | 11 Marian Howland's 100th Birthday Party @ noon-3pm |
| 12 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am | 13 Hot Dog Monday @ noon | 14 | 15 Session @ 7 pm | 16 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am Annual Congregational Meeting/Luncheon @ 11:00 am | 20 Office Closed Steeple Notes Deadline Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm | 21 | 22 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm | 23 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @ 10:00am | 27 Hot Dog Monday @ noon | 28 | 29 | 30 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm | 31 | |