



First Presbyterian Church

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Steeple Notes

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Church Staff

Pastor Sara Hodsden Administrative Assistant Dawn Fleming

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Little Wonders Preschool Teachers :

Director Kim Hartnett, Lead Teacher Amber Rager

Session Members (Next meeting Wednesday September 8th @ 7 p.m.)

Pastor Sara Hodsden...Marcia Arthur—Clerk of Session....Phillip Hopkins—F& M Chair....Doug Quinn—F&M...

Chuck Kaman— Christian Education, Chair.....Francesca Lendrum—Stewardship, F&M.....Cynthia Brown Mathews—G&P, Worship

Sarah Blkeman.—N&M, nominating Chair ...Ellen Drumm —N&MCarolyn Culbertson—Nominating Chair...

Marcie Muntz—PW, Christian Education.

Pastor's Message

The church office has been very busy this week, as we are getting ready for another year of preschool. As I type this message, my office door is closed to shield my ears from the sound of the carpet being deep cleaned. As September approaches, more and more parents are popping in to drop off their medical paperwork and pay tuition. Often, they have in tow one or two children clutching stuffed animals. Soon, Dawn and I will hear once again the sound of feet stomping to a song, or running excitedly from one learning station to another. It is funny how we appreciate the quiet for a couple months, but grow to miss it just in time for the school year to begin.

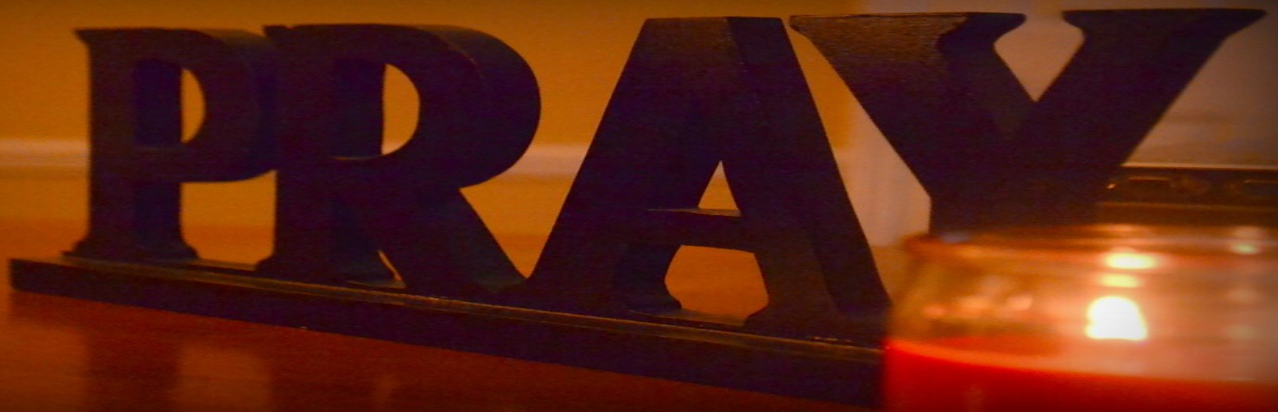
I wanted to share all these thoughts about the preschool because it is one of the most important ministries of our church. For many years, our church has had the honor and privilege of overseeing this outreach ministry. Parents trust our church, and Little Wonders, to provide their children with a solid pre-kindergarten education. It provides a wonderful transition from the nursery to “big kids” school by helping kids to learn some basics, and by assisting them with developing social skills required for their educational journey. Kim Hartnett and Amber Rager do a fantastic job planning and executing the curriculum, and you can tell how beloved they are by both parents and students.

Little Wonders is one of the most important ministries of the church, and one of our most well-regarded ministries. This year, we will be instituting a weekly chapel service in our sanctuary. Each week, we will look at a different Bible story. There will also be take-home sheets for the children to reinforce the Bible story through prayer and activities.

I'll be leading the chapel worship service, but I need help doing so. Do you like to read aloud? Do you like to lead children in singing? Would you like to be a puppeteer? Or maybe you want to just hold props! You are needed! You can sign up via Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AEA72AABF58-preschool>

All volunteers must pass a background check due to state and church child protection laws.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our Little Wonders Preschool, and thank you for helping with this vital ministry.



www.terilynneunderwood.com

Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Satan knows that when we pray we become empowered by the Holy Spirit to have supernatural things happen. Therefore, he is only afraid when we get serious about prayer. He is not too concerned if we worship or fellowship, or witness, if it is not covered with prayer. Thus, we must take seriously this matter of prayer. And we pray in the name of Jesus because we trust in him and His saving work as the

**Prayer Group will meet Monday
September 20th at 1 p.m.**

Whats Happening

Communion Sunday September 5th



Coffee Hour
Every Sunday
after Worship



Quilters Group every Thursday at 9 a.m.
They would love for you to join
them ...Don't know how to quilt??
They would love to teach you!



Bell Choir

Every Thursday @ 2 p.m.



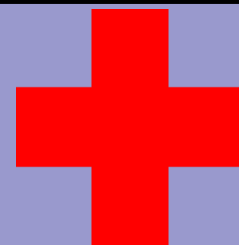
Presbyterian Women's

Continental Brunch

Saturday September 11th 9:00 a.m.



Red Cross Cancelled September's Blood Drive,
their next drive will be October 12th.



Little Wonders Preschool

First Day Tuesday September 7th

Welcome Back
To School



Looking Ahead



Church office will be closed
Monday September 6th
in observance of Labor Day.

New office hours starting September 6th...

Monday—Thursday. Closed Friday-Sunday

8:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m-3:15 p.m.

Little Wonders
first day of school.
Tuesday September 7th.

Christ Community Lunch
every Monday at noon
Community super
2nd and 4th Wednesday of
the Month .
September 8th & 22nd at 5

Women's Bible Study

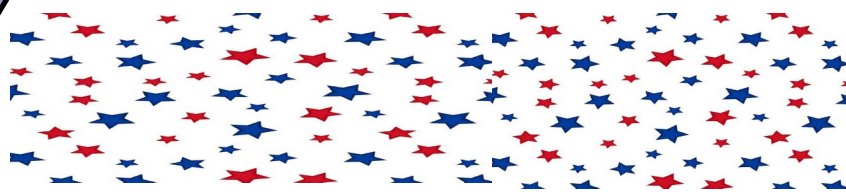
**Really Bad Girls of the
Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs**

**First meeting
September 15th , 6 p.m.
in the youth room.**

**We welcome all girls, good
or bad!**

**If you need a ride,
let us know!**

See you then!



RUMMAGE

SALE

Save the date

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**Friday and Saturday
October 8th & 9th.**

**Donations will soon be accepted,
stay tuned for more details....**

**Help support our Presbyterian Women by
stopping by.**



Pack 31's Cub Scout year will kick off with our recruitment event on Monday, September 13th with the portable climbing wall! Join us between 6-9 to give it a try, or to sign up for Scouts.

For more information, please contact Pastor Sara at 419-433-5018.

**Join
Cub
Scouts!**



Everyone knows that the best mums in Huron are the Scout mums! How will you use yours? In your garden? On your front porch? As a surprise gift for a friend?

You can't beat the price--only \$10 for a 10 inch pot. Choose from red, white, yellow, purple, or orange.

The order deadline is **September 6th**, with delivery on **September 17th**. See a Scout to order, or contact Mark Koch at 419-656-3318.

Worship News

Rally Day News

Back in *May*, when Covid looked to be more under control, Worship Committee had penciled in a "Rally Day" to take place on Sunday, September 12th. Unfortunately, due to the recent uptick in Covid cases due to the Delta variant, the committee decided to postpone this event until this wave subsides. We strongly encourage everyone to consider their mask use and social distancing while engaged in church events, including worship. Please be mindful of those who are children and Immunocompromised.

Thank you!

First Presbyterian is Blessed

For most of its history, our Church has been blessed with a kind, joyful and very generous congregation. We have had many stewards within our Church congregation who have maintained, not just the physical structure, but the resources within and that of the congregation itself to provide for the community at large, on God's behalf. Many took it upon themselves as part of their commitment to God and Church and others were given the task to rally the whole to action.

Good Stewardship

Stewardship is "an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources". When stewardship first appeared in English during the Middle Ages, it functioned as a job description, denoting the office of a steward, or manager of a large household. (I think of medieval times and the hard-nosed kitchen manager telling the cook the fowl better be tender and not wasted - or it's off with his head!) Over the centuries, its range of reference spread to the oversight of law courts, employee unions, college dining halls, Masonic lodges, etc., and can be applied to the environment and nature, economics, health, property, information, theology, cultural resources and beyond.

"So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had." (Gen. 39:4)

In recent years, the long-established "management" sense of stewardship has evolved a positive meaning, "careful and responsible management". This sense is commonly found in contexts such as "stewardship of the environment, the family business," etc. It also is used as an adjective in phrases such as "stewardship fundraising". But not just in the financial sense. It is meant as fundraising aimed at building good relationships with donors in order to keep them loyal, and is generally recognized as "the acceptance or assignment of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others". Sustainability is another offshoot of stewardship and is the capacity to endure in a relatively ongoing way across various domains of life.

In biblical terms, stewardship is stated as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given. The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God but also the spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit. God wants human beings to be His stewards in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification."

Importance of Stewardship

According to scripture, God created Earth for mankind and we are now stewards of His creation. We have a responsibility to look after and take care of this world He has given us – whether in our own worlds/lives, or assisting others in theirs. Our stewardship of creation involves the caretaking of the environment and animals as well as our families and communities. Being a good steward in this world is one way of expressing our love for God and our gratitude to Him.

So what does that mean to First Presbyterian?

As this year's Stewardship Chairman, I want work with you all on the Stewardship campaign launching in September toward making it a sustainable program. One of building strong relationships, finding financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual ways of developing our Stewardship program that will last all year, each year, and be sustainable as we shepherd and safeguard the valuable resources of our Church and those provided by our congregation in God's name. And with the partnership of Session, its committees, and yourselves, work together to funnel those resources into the areas of most need within our church community, and our community at-large.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)

That includes a program to grow our membership through that same relationship building, that each and every one of our members can assist with by talking about what we are doing in our Church now, and have done, in the many years of its existence.

We have such a rich story history at First Presbyterian. Leading with the almost 30 years of continuous community meal service with Christ's community meal program. That is a huge feat within itself and, just as the City has recognized the program, so should we recognize that it's sustainability has been due to leadership of our congregation members. Leadership goes hand-in-hand with stewardship and those that have been involved have provided that. It speaks to our ongoing pre-school program, a well-attended vacation bible school, and a generous congregation that has provided us funds for maintaining and managing so many of our much-needed projects on the physical church.

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Sustainability is what we have in these programs, and what we aim for in both developing the membership as well as in our Stewardship program. Ensuring continuity as leadership and generations pass down the honor of this service to others within our midst - going hand in hand as life-affirming stewardship of God's gifts to us that we are charged with maintaining. We need that generational continuity to sustain these programs into the future. As witnessed since I started attending First Pres, I hope this most supportive of congregations, will join me in working toward an ongoing program that assist God's work in providing for us into our promising future.

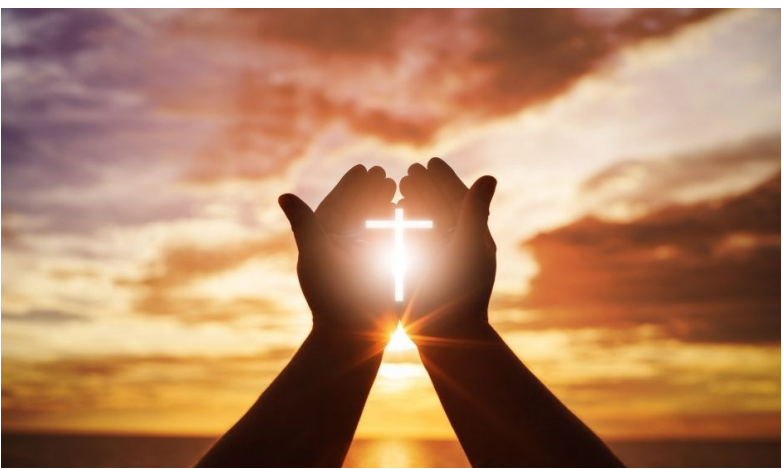
“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (Corinthians 9:6-7)

Footnotes:

1, 2 Miriam Webster Dictionary

3 Charles Bugg, Holman Bible Dictionary, Christianity.com

4 Christianity.com collection



September Birthday's

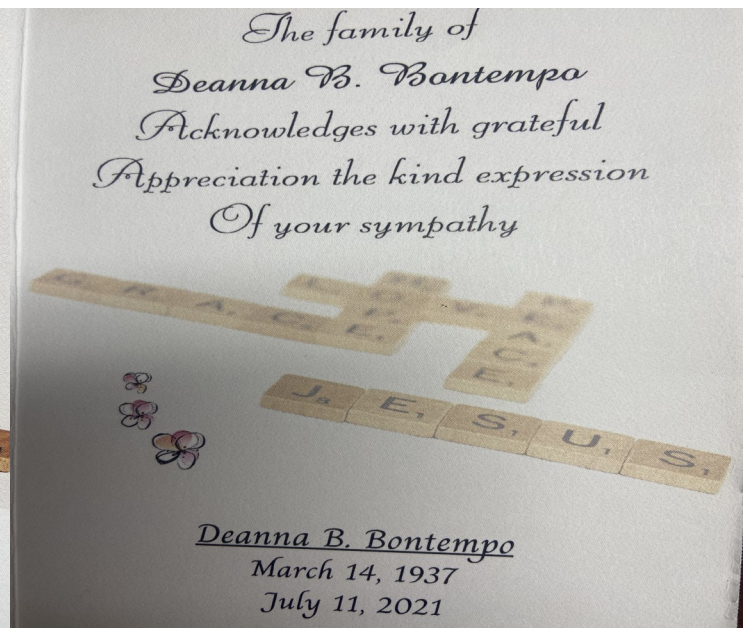
- 9/1— Sam Nickolajevs
- 9/3— David Asher
- 9/6 — Fritz Mueller
- 9/7 — Eileen Darby, W. Gene Darby, Lesa Guerrero
- 9/9 — S.Baird Pfahl
- 9/10 —Sandi Kingseed, Daniel Ryu
- 9/12 — Charlene Schuman
- 9/14—Cambell Hagy
- 9/17 — Daniel Jett
- 9/19—Virginia Parisi
- 9/22—Sarah Blakeman
- 9/23 — Dennis Horan
- 9/26 — Jim Berry, Cynthia Zorn
- 9/28 — Patricia Williamson
- 9/30 — Andrew Bickell

Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

- 9/5— Christ Episcopal Church
Pastor Michael Floyd
- 9/12—Salvation Army
- 9/19— St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Jeff McBeth
- 9/26—Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

Liturgist	Communion Set up	Flowers
9/12: Janeane Hopkins	9/5— Jann Glann	9/12— Jann, Kerry, & John Glann
9/19: Tamara Boos		9/19— Kitty Cunningham
9/26: Chuck Kaman		

Thank you



Dear Friends,

I thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for Mom's funeral. Knowing that my church family was thinking of me was a great blessing & comfort.

In Christ,
Pastor Sara

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World Day of Prayer 	2 9 a.m. Quilting group 2 p.m Bell Choir	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship— communion Coffee Hour after worship	6  Labor Day Office closed 12 p.m. Christ Community Lunch	7 Little Wonders First Day of Preschool 	8 5 p.m. Christ Community meal 7p.m. Session	9 9 a.m. Quilting group 2 p.m Bell Choir	10	11 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women Continental Breakfast 
12 10 a.m. Worship Coffee Hour after worship	13 12 p.m. Christ Community Lunch Scouts wall climb 6p.m.-9p.m.	14 Christian Education 	15 Women's Bible Study 6p.m.	16 9 a.m. Quilting group 2 p.m Bell Choir	17	18
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