



First Presbyterian Church

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Church Custodian: Judy Andrews

Session Members (Next meeting Wednesday January 12th @ 7 p.m.)

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

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A Message From Your Pastor:

Fake News, Good News

By: Rev. Sara Hodsdon, Pastor, FPC Huron

We have all become acquainted with the phrase “fake news” over the past few years. When someone uses that phrase, they mean that what you’ve read in the newspaper, have seen on cable news, or a news website is untrue or inaccurate. Although “fake news” is current terminology, incorrect or erroneous news has been around for ages. Remember the supermarket tabloid “Weekly World News” and their “Batboy” updates?

The fact is that the world has been dishing out fake news for thousands of years:

- In the 13th Century BC, the Egyptian Pharaoh Rameses the Great publicized that he had defeated the Hittites at the Battle of Kadesh, even implying that he killed several in the battle. The truth? The battle was a stalemate.
- In AD 1475, on Easter Sunday in Trento, Italy, a child went missing. A rumor started that the Jews in the village had kidnapped the child, drinking his blood to celebrate Passover. 15 Jews were burned at the stake as a result of this rumor. This story, and ones similar to it, became foundations of European antisemitism.
- In 1844, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a newspaper reported that drunk Irishmen were stealing Bibles out of public schools, which led to riots and vandalism of Irish-American churches.

Christians were early victims of “fake news.” Some of the rumors floating around the early church were awful. Christians were portrayed as engaging in cannibalism and incest, and other sorts of immorality.

On top of these rumors, there wasn’t much writing about the life of Jesus. Stories about him that were inaccurate or incomplete began to spread throughout the Roman Empire. Luke, who was likely the co-worker Paul mentions in some of his epistles, wanted a first-person narrative of the life of Jesus Christ to pass down through generations. Luke wrote his Gospel approximately 30 years after Jesus’s ministry. First-hand witnesses were aging; Luke needed to collect these testimonies.

Luke’s Gospel is the focus of the Year C lectionary cycle, and so we will be hearing a lot of stories from Luke this year. Luke’s Gospel is the longest of the four, and it even has a sequel: Acts. His gospel contains many themes:

- Jesus is the promised Messiah.
- God’s kingdom is upside-down; those at the top will soon be at the bottom. Justice and true righteousness are the marks of the Kingdom of God.
- Salvation is for both Jew and Gentile. The circle of salvation extends to all people, even those considered as outcast (Luke himself was a Gentile).
- Jesus will be rejected by his people.

Luke’s Gospel has a way of bringing you great joy (Jesus’s birth story, the prodigal son). It has a way of making you feel significant discomfort (the rich man and Lazarus, the parable of the shrewd manager). The real news is that we need both in our lives of discipleship. We need to be comforted, and we need to be challenged. Luke does a great job doing both.

I hope you join me in the journey through Luke this year. We will travel with Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. Along the way, we will learn new ways of being Christ’s disciples in hearing this old, old story. That’s not fake news. That’s Good News.

Little Wonders

Their Christmas Party was a big success. They all did an amazing job!



The giving tree, the kids collected hats and gloves to the children in need.



They LOVED seeing Santa Claus at their Christmas Party!



Thank you



December 17, 2021

To Pastor Sara and the First Presbyterian Church Committee,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the holiday season! We are thrilled to share with you that our Little Wonders Take-and-Bake Pizza Dinner and Raffle, held on November 5, exceeded our fundraising goals this year raising over \$5,000 for our preschool program! This would not have been possible without your generous support. On behalf of our teachers, Mrs. Hartnett and Mrs. Rager, I would like to personally thank you for donating to our fundraiser and supporting our efforts to provide funding for program scholarships and giving our teachers the opportunity to purchase educational activities and equipment that will enhance the ways our Little Wonders learn and engage in the classroom. As this is our only fundraiser for the school, we are incredibly grateful for the generosity that was shown to us year, especially from all of you.

Should you have any questions or if you would like to request a letter for tax purposes, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-623-9239 or by email at brittan.priestas@gmail.com.

Our students, teachers, staff, and families of Little Wonders, wish you a very happy holiday season and all the best to you in the New Year!

Thank you so much.

With Gratitude,

Brittan Priestas

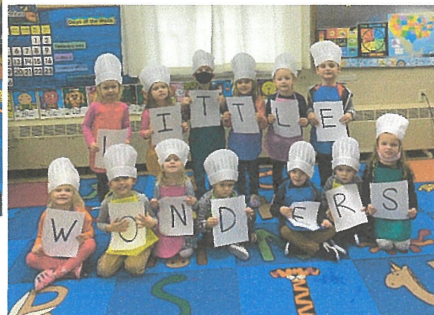
Little Wonders Parent Fundraising Committee

Thank you so much for the donation for tuition - such a wonderful encouragement for our families! And for all of the support through pizza + raffle purchases! And big thanks to Pastor Sara for the Facebook Live!! 😊

A BIG thanks to you!



From all of us at Little Wonders!



Merry Christmas!

JAMES AND DORETTA ENSIGN

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MEMO-LETTER

TO First Presbyterian Church
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DATE

SUBJECT

I found this plate tucked away on a shelf and since I will be 90 in January thought it best to send it to the church to use as it wishes.

My father was the pastor in the '30s & '40s. The plate has had a long life and I hope some one will enjoy the plate in the future.

James Ensign



Upcoming

Home Blessings

January 5th & 6th please sign up at the link below or Call the Church Office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AEA72AABF58-epiphany>



What's Happening

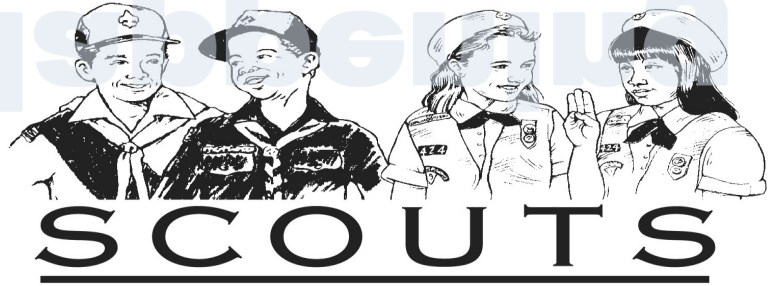


Lunch Every Monday at 12 p.m.

Evening Dinner the 2nd & 4th

Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

ALL are welcome!



Cub Scouts held every Monday at 6 p.m.

Boy Scouts held Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Little Wonders Kids Chapel ,
lead by Pastor Sara
every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.



Christian Education January 12th @ 6 p.m.



Prayer puts you on the front lines in a spiritual battle. Even if it seems overwhelming, be not afraid, but be encouraged, for God is with you always. He has never stopped working in your life and for all who love Him. And He doesn't expect you to do it alone.

**Prayer Group held January
10th & 24th at 1 p.m.**



**Girlfriend's & Bible Wednesday
January 5th & 19th at 6 p.m.**



Join the quilters group, Don't know how to quilt? They would love to teach you!
Every Thursday at 9 a.m.

NEWS MEMS

Annual Congregational Meeting

In light of the spread of Covid, the annual congregational meeting has been postponed until February. All church members will be notified of the new date. Session members, please submit your 2021 annual report by January 31st.





Worship SCHEDULE

Worship Service Starts at 10 a.m.

1/2 ** Communion

** 2—cents —meal

1/9....1/16...1/23...1/30

Liturgy Schedule

1/2 — Casey Wittmer

1/9 — Phillip Hopkins

1/16 —Carolyn Culbertson

1/23 —Rachel Pratt

1/30 —John Blakeman



Usher Schedule

**** Ushers Needed****

We are in need of Ushers for January.
Contact the Church office if you would
like to help out.



Every Sunday after Worship.

**If you would like to volunteer to
serve OR bring in snacks, contact
the Church Office**



**In person at 10 OR live
on our Facebook page**

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WORSHIP WITH US



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

1/3 — William Roose

1/4 — Janet Zimmer

1/10 — Tim Drumm

1/11—Pete Guerrera

1/12 — Rita Phillips

1/15—- Meghan Johnson, Chris Mischler

1/16 — Emma Horan

1/17—- Barbara Gettman

1/20 — Scott Ransom

1/23 — Bethany Schippel

1/24 — Ron Cook

1/26 — Sheri Ransom

1/29 — Rachel Pratt



Staff Birthday

Judy Andrews — 1/17

Staff Anniversary

Pastor Sara—1/1

Donna Myers — 1/14



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year! 
2 10 worship Communion 11 coffee hour	3 12—Christ meal Scouts	4 Scouts 7 p.m. AA	5 Epiphany Home Blessings 6 p.m. GF & Bible	6 Epiphany Home Blessings 9 a.m. Quilters 2 p.m. Bells 8 p.m. AA	7	8
9 10 worship 11 coffee hour	10 12—Christ meal Scouts	11 Scouts 7 p.m. AA	12  5 p.m. Community Meal 6 p.m. Christian Edu- cation 7 p.m. Session	13 9 a.m. Quilters 2 p.m. Bells 8 p.m. AA	14	15
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