



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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# February 2022

## **Church Staff**

*Pastor Sara Hodsden Administrative Assistant Dawn Fleming*

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*Church Custodian: Judy Andrews*



## **Session Members (Next meeting Wednesday February 9th @ 7 p.m.)**

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

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

*Sarah Blakeman—N&M, nominating Chair ...Ellen Drumm —N&M .....Marcie Muntz—PW, Christian Education.*



# A Message From Your Pastor:

## It's Never Too Late

By: Rev. Sara Hodsdon, Pastor, FPC Huron

You are receiving this newsletter after the first of February, and it's all my fault. February wore soft shoes, and it snuck up behind me. It didn't just tap me on my shoulder. Instead, it grabbed me and shook me! And now, the newsletter is late.

As I was brainstorming topics for this column, I kept thinking about the concept of "being late." I thought of the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland. I thought about how being late to school would often bring detention. I thought about how sometimes if I am engrossed in a good book or movie, I will stay up late to read or watch.

Have you ever been told you are "too late" for something? Maybe an opportunity passed you by because you were too late in responding. For example, if I don't go to the shoe store early in the season, I am too late to find anything to fit my colossal size eleven feet.

Sometimes it becomes "too late" when we are dealing with people. For example, if someone continuously hurts you and refuses to change, it becomes "too late" to say "I'm sorry."

In John 11, Jesus is summoned to Bethany, where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived. It was an urgent summons, for Lazarus was dying, and quickly. Instead of leaving quickly, Jesus lingered where he was for two more days. Only then did he get to Bethany, where the profoundly grieving sisters greeted him. Unfortunately, he had been too late.

Or had he? You are probably familiar with the story. Jesus had the people open the tomb, and

then he shouted, "Lazarus, come forth!" Lazarus walked away from the grave alive once again. Jesus is not like us. Jesus is always on time, even when we think he isn't.

Paul describes Jesus as coming at the "fullness of time." Jesus came not one second too late, nor one second too soon. His timing was perfect, even as God is perfect. When we look at time from a more fantastic, cosmic perspective, we understand that God is never "too late."

On the other side of the coin, is it ever too late for us when we fail to put our faith and hearts in our Lord? Is there ever a time when the Lord throws His hands up in the air and says, "Enough of Sara! My patience has run out with her. It's too late."

Psalm 86 says, "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you." Later, the same Psalm reminds us that God is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

In other words, God is patient with us. More patient with us than we are with others. More patient with us than our mothers and grandmothers. More patient with us than we can even imagine.

If you think you've messed up too much, that there is something that God could never forgive you for doing, that it is too late for you, know that it is not. He will never leave us or forsake us (Deut. 31:8). It is never too late for us in God's eyes.



# Whats Happening



American  
Red Cross

**Red Cross  
Blood Drive**

**Tuesday**

**February 1, 2022**

**1 p.m.-6 p.m.**

Quilters  
Every Thursday  
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

**Join a group, It's never  
too late!**

Christian Education  
Tuesday February 15,  
2022

Prayer group  
February 7th & 21st  
1 p.m.

**Christ Community Meals**  
Lunch Every Monday 12 p.m.  
Dinner is held @ 5 p.m. the 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday of the month  
(Feb. 9th & 23rd)

**Bell Choir**  
Every Thurs-  
day at 2 p.m.

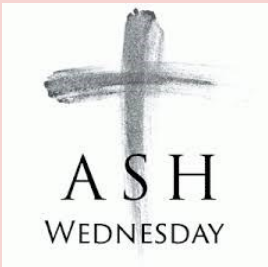
# Looking Ahead



*BGSU*

*Men's Chorus Concert*

*March 20th at 3 p.m.*



*Ash Wednesday*

*Wednesday March 2nd*

*Stay Tuned.....*



*Annual Poetry Reading*

*Sunday April 24th*

*3 p.m.—5 p.m.*



Consider the nature of prayer. When we pray, we express our complete dependence on God. Prayer acknowledges what Jesus said in John 15:5: “You can do nothing without me”. When we pray and ask God for help, we are admitting that we are not “competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God” (2 Cor. 3:5). Prayer testifies that we are “poor in spirit” (Matt. 5:3), that we are not strong but weak, and that, as the hymn says, we “need thee every hour.” One of the most humble prayers in the world is “Help me, Lord.” When we pray, we are saying that God is merciful and mighty, that He is wise and sovereign, and that He knows far better than we do what is best for us.

The Prayer Group is scheduled to meet February 7th and 21st, weather permitting. If we cannot meet, we will pray individually on those days at or near 1:00. Send your prayer requests to [susanmarc@yahoo.com](mailto:susanmarc@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

**Information Corner:**

Enrollment for current students will be active on February 26th . March 5th will be open house, at that point they open up enrollment to the general public that afternoon.

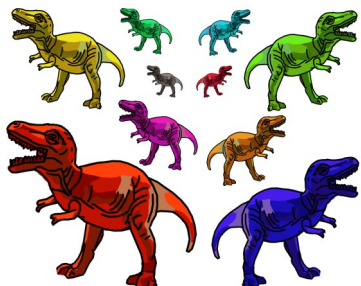
# Little Wonders

*Always into something!*



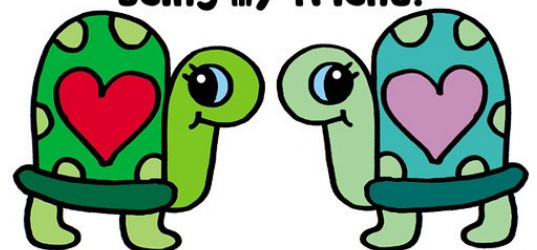
*Story time with the letters  
E & F*

*This month they will be learning  
all about Dinosaurs*



*They will be learning all about friendships  
and how to be a good friend.*

**Thank you for  
being my friend!**



# Happy Birthday

*2/3— Dan Robertson*

*2/10—Thomas Work*

*2/14—Doug Brown*

*2/17—Martha Eileen Stewart*

*2/18—John Arthur*

*2/22—Patti Smith*

*2/25—Debbie Shippel, Wittmer J. Symmonds, Ann Wright*

*2/26—Jenny Hagy*



## *Staff Birthday's*

*2/22—Dawn Fleming*

*2/26—Phillip Hopkins*

# Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

*2/6 – Zion Lutheran Church – Pastor Kristine Schroeder*

*2/13 – First Presbyterian Church – Pastor Sara Hodson*

*2/20 – Christ Episcopal Church – Pastor Michael Floyd*

*2/26 – Salvation Army*

## Liturgist Schedule

*2/6 – Chuck Kaman*

*2/13 – Rachel Pratt*

*2/20 – John Blakeman*

*2/26 – Tammy Boos*

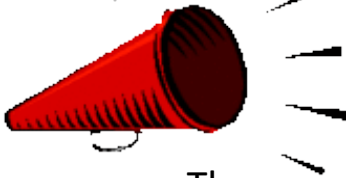
## Flower Schedule

*2/13- The Muntz family in honor of their daughter-in-law Allie's birthday!*

*2/20 – Janeane and Philip Hopkins in celebration of their 44th anniversary!*



# Announcements



## Per Capita: What is it?

There are 10,000 Presbyterian Church USA congregations in the United States, and we are all connected to one another through our Presbytery, Synods, and General Assembly. For over 150 years, the Presbyterian Church has used the Per Capita funding system to pay for the operating costs of the wider church. When we pay Per Capita, we are paying for all of the administrative and ecclesiastical systems in our denomination. Per Capita enables churches to call pastors; supports those pastors in their ministries; provides for guidance in troubled times; encourages those called to church leadership; and enables us to gather as the body of Christ.

This year's Per Capita is \$37.23 per member. \$8.98 goes to the Office of the General Assembly. \$3.25 goes to the Synod of the Covenant. \$25.00 goes to the Maumee Valley Presbytery.

Our congregation is bound to pay \$37.23 per member of our church. Although Per Capita is included as a line item in the budget, you can help offset the costs of Per Capita. Please consider contributing \$37.20. In doing so, you are helping our denomination continue its important ministries.

***Church  
Directory***

If you have recently moved or updated your phone number, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

**Annual Congregational  
Meeting and Luncheon  
Sunday, February 27th  
After Sunday Worship**

# 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

*Ward & Fern DeLamatre*

LOVE is patient  
is kind.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
Love never fails  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8



# February 2022

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		1 Kids Chapel Blood Drive 1-6 Scouts AA	2	3 9—quilters 2- Bells AA	4	5
6 10 Worship	7 12 Monday Lunch Scouts	8 Kids Chapel Scouts AA	9 Community Dinner 5p	10 9—quilters 2- Bells AA	11	12
13 10 Worship Communion	14 12 Monday Lunch Scouts	15 Kids Chapel Scouts AA 6p Christian Education	16	17 9—quilters 2- Bells AA	18	19
20 10 Worship	21 12 Monday Lunch Scouts	22 Kids Chapel Scouts AA	23 Community Dinner 5p	24 9—quilters 2- Bells AA	25	26
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