

STEEPLENOTES



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Worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Livestream on Facebook



Look for "fpchuron" on social media platforms.

Upcoming Events

Christ Community Meals

Every Monday @ Noon
2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Christ Community Meals is an ecumenical ministry whose mission is to serve anyone, no questions asked. If you, or someone you know, needs a meal, or just companionship, let them know to drop in and enjoy food and fellowship.

Christmas In July

7/24/2022
10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

It may be too hot for your Christmas sweater, and we probably won't have to worry about plowing the parking lot, but we will be in the Christmas spirit on Sunday, July 24th. Join us for worship as we sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and celebrate the incarnation at 10:00 a.m. Joy to the world!

July 4th Ice Cream

Social
7/3/2022
After Worship
Fellowship Hall

Celebrate our nation's Independence with your church family on July 3rd following worship. Ice cream will be served, and fellowship will be shared.

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Message From Our Pastor



By Rev. Sara Hodsden

Every July 4th, James and I will watch our favorite "Schoolhouse Rock" segments from the time of our nation's Bicentennial. Titled "America Rock,"

these segments covered everything from the American Revolution to the Suffragist movement in the 1800s and 1900s. I am thankful for these videos, as they made it highly likely that many of my generation can recite the Preamble to the Constitution from memory.

I love American History. Our nation is founded on the understanding that all are created equal. That among our rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, as a nation, we have often fallen short of these ideals, with the legality of slavery being the highest deviation.

We often hear about how the revolution was rooted in anger over Great Britain's abuses of the colonial population in America. We remember King George imposing taxes on the colonists without any representation in Parliament. We recognize that colonists were forced to quarter British soldiers in their homes. We know that great minds, such as Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, were forming ideas about the great American experiment. But have you ever heard that King George III considered the American Revolution a Presbyterian conspiracy?

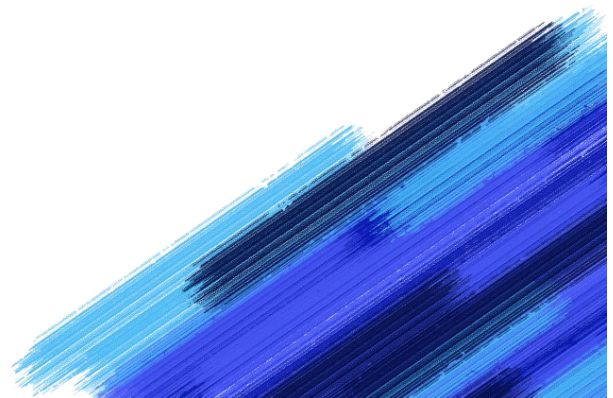
George III wasn't alone in his assessment. The MP, Horace Walpole, lamented in Parliament, "Cousin America has eloped with a Presbyterian parson," referring to Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian

pastor and the only clergy who signed the Declaration of Independence. Ten other Presbyterians signed the Declaration as well. When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, all but one of the colonels of the Colonial Army were Presbyterian, and it is estimated that one-half of the Revolutionary soldiers were Presbyterian.

So what is it about the Presbyterian faith and our American Revolution? Our roots in the theology of John Calvin. Calvin taught, "We are subject to the men who rule over us, but subject only to the Lord. If they command anything against him, let us not pay the least regard to it." Resistance to tyranny was and continues to be a hallmark of the Reformed faith. We believe in the sovereignty of God. We believe resistance to that which offends God is our duty as Christians. This revolution was a Christian duty for many Presbyterians in the American Colonies.

Think about this as we celebrate the 4th this year. Enjoy your freedoms, and celebrate our liberation from tyranny almost 250 years ago. And thank God for brave Presbyterians like John Witherspoon, who risked his life and property to stand up against that tyranny.

This is a reprint of the pastor's message from July, 2020.



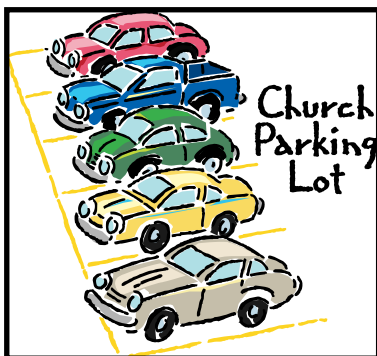
A Message from Jann



For the summer months, we would like to include various types of “special music” while the choir is on summer break.

We’re looking for solos, duets, small ensembles, vocal and/or instrumental music! Therefore, if you’d like to volunteer, or have a friend or family member you’d like to contact to provide special music in the summer, please let Jann or Pastor Sara know.

Another idea for summer is to periodically include a favorite hymn(s) of worshippers. Perhaps you have a special story or memory related to a hymn, and you’d like to share it. Let us know, and we will include it in the church bulletin in some fashion. There is no limit to the number of hymns you can submit. Contact Jann in person, via phone, or email with your favorites. Thanks! And as a favorite anthem text concludes, “Let Music Live!”



Some may have noticed the “No Parking” signs recently added to our parking lot. The Session had noticed an increasing number of vehicles not associated with the church or

church business in the lot. Last summer, there were RVs, boats, and jet skis parked in our lot. There were occasions when trash and dead fish were left in our lot near where vehicles had parked. When there is a snowstorm, several vehicles remained in our lot, making it difficult for our plow to remove the snow.

Liability is an issue. If there is vehicle damage in our lot, we may be held responsible.

In addition, it is difficult to find vehicle owners if we needed available spaces for church events, or events of community groups that use the church building.

Pastor Sara and Cindy Kaman attempted to visit our neighbors to let them know that we cannot allow permanent parking in our lot. If an individual needs to use our lot on a temporary basis, we ask they contact the church and speak to someone prior to parking their vehicle. Following an attempt to speak directly to

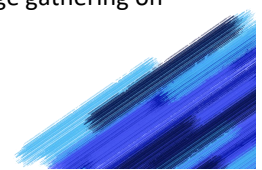
neighbors, the following notice was left on the vehicles:

“Dear Neighbor,

We have recently noticed that many unauthorized vehicles have been parking in our lot without permission, located behind the church property at 225 Williams St. While you may not have been aware before this letter, the lot is a private parking lot for use of the church, its members, and those engaging in activities authorized by the church.

We want to be amicable neighbors, but parking lot liability is an issue. We don’t mind the occasional use of our lot but request that you speak with our Office Administrator Dawn, or our Pastor, Sara, before you park your vehicle in our lot. The office number is 419-433-5018. We would like to know who is using our property, and we need the means to contact those parking in our lot.

As of Sunday, May 15th, at 9 a.m., we request that you remove your vehicle from our lot. Again, if you need to use the space on a short-term basis, let us know. But we can not allow permanent parking because of liability concerns. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed starting Monday, May 16th. We have a large gathering on Tuesday and will need the lot cleared. “





The book of Psalms is the prayer book of the Bible. It contains prayers written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which means that the Psalms teach us how to pray in accordance with God's Word. Therefore, one of the ways that we can grow stronger in prayer is to pray the Psalms as our own personal prayers. The Psalms make clear that the life of the true believer is inevitably full of conflict, adversity, trouble, danger, and sorrow. The Psalms show us that, for the true believer, life is difficult, indeed, life is a fight. There are external enemies in this fallen world who hate God and His people; our own sinful natures that still reside in us, inclining us to disbelieve and disobey God's Word; and Satan and his demonic minions who tempt us to sin, pester us with worldly distractions, accuse our consciences,

and mock us for our feeble faith. Read the Psalms, and you will see that not all of them are beautiful words of comfort such as Psalm 23 or songs of praise such as Psalm 100. There are many psalms that are expressions of agony, doubt, and fear in the face of spiritual warfare.

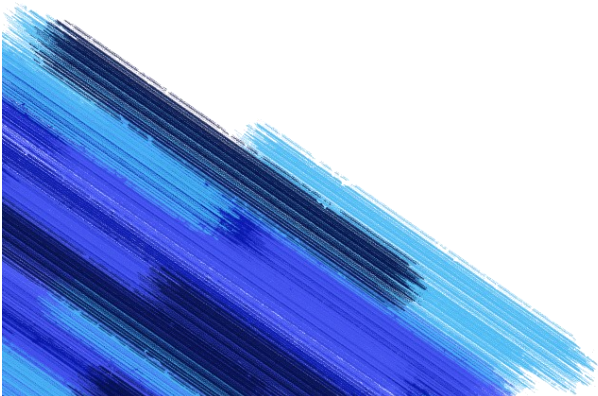
Are you a prayer warrior? Our prayer group will next meet on July 11th, and July 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Admiral's Pointe. Join us!

August 20th, 2022: Priscilla Auble Memorial Service

August 29th, 2022: Cub Scout Climbing Wall

September 11th, 2022: Rally Day

September 14th, 2022: Living Wills and Planned Giving Dinner





July Featured Member:

Kitty Cunningham

My name is Kitty Rochelle Cunningham. My father named me after a WWI song, "Kitty Blue Eyes."

I come from Plymouth, Ohio, where I lived in the same house for 65 years. My mother died at 54 years of age from cancer. I have two sisters and a brother.

I have been a Presbyterian all my life. I am an ordained deacon. I now live at 806 Martha Drive with my sister Janeane and brother-in-law Phillip Hopkins.

Earlier in life, my family and I went to Scotland, England, and Wales, and also traveled to many different places in the United States.

I like to read books and spend time at the Huron

Library. I enjoy spending time with my family and helping with the bell choir.

I had a dream in which I saw God. I was standing in a pit and I couldn't get out. He kept waving his hands to show how to get out, and I finally made it.

The funniest thing I ever saw was a play at my old church at a mother-daughter banquet. The men of the church dressed up in women's clothing and did a mock wedding. There was a man dressed in a beautiful tutu and threw flower petals. Phillip was the singer dressed in a long, lovely dress, singing off-key, which my father was the bride and the minister was the groom. The groom picked up the bride and carried him off at the end.



You can be our next featured member! Help us to get to know you, just as you just got to know Kitty! Write-ups can be submitted to the church office at fpchuron@bex.net, or just drop it off at the church.

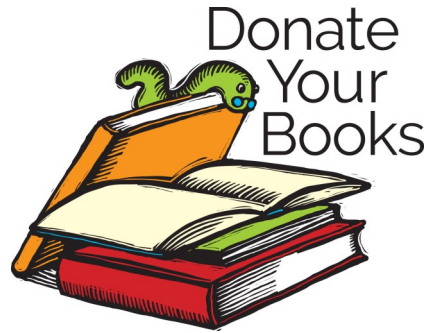
Ministry Opportunities for You!



When: Friday, July 8th from 4-10 p.m., and Saturday, July 9th from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Where: Church Parking Lot

The Riverfest fundraiser returns! Help us raise church funds by taking a 2-hour parking attendant slot. We need two for each slot. Sign up at worship this weekend, or call Dawn at 419-433-5018. Thank you!



Gail Burke is collecting books to give to a mission in Michigan. She needs them by July 18th. Swing by the church to drop them off. Thank you!

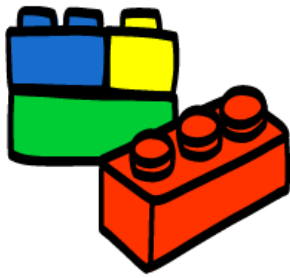


From our friends at the First Presbyterian Church in Norwalk:

Norwalk Presbyterian Church is returning to Central America on February 18-26, 2023, and we would love to partner with our friends in Huron. We are taking a group to build an elder care facility in the Valley of Peace in Belize. We will also have another group of skilled medical personnel who will be providing care in the area. We have limited space. Please let us know your interest by August 15, 2022.



Our next Cents-Ability offering will be taken on July 3rd. All proceeds benefit local and regional hunger ministries.



Brick by Brick A Success!

For VBS this year, we teamed up with Huron United Methodist and Zion Lutheran. "Brick by Brick" took place in our building, and what a wonderful experience it was! 60 children between the ages of 4-10 registered. Each session was filled with Bible teaching and fun activities. Thank you to all our great volunteers, and to all who supported with time, talent, treasure, and Legos!



July 2022

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Happy Birthday

- 7/1 Bryce Haase, Francesca Lendrum
- 7/4 Ellen Drumm, Ron Ruble
- 7/6 Grace Moser
- 7/9 Herb Chapin
- 7/10 Andrew Muntz
- 7/14 Rev. Clair Brewer, Robert Brouse
- 7/15 John Drumm
- 7/16 Janet Mueller
- 7/21 Susan Martter, Dennis Velliquette
- 7/22 Mark Koch
- 7/24 Gwen Aber
- 7/25 Michael Prout
- 7/28 John Glann
- 7/29 Cynthia Brown Mathews
- 7/30 Jane Williamson

July Flowers

- 7/3 Kathy Kirby- in celebration of Megan's birthday and freedom .
- 7/10 The Muntz family in celebration of Andrew's birthday.
- 7/17 Jann, Kerry, and John Glann in memory of Frank Glann .
- 7/24 Gail Burke in memory of Terry's birthday .
- 7/31 Kerry and Jann Glann in

July Church Prayer Calendar

- 7/3 Salvation Army
- 7/10 St. Peter Catholic Church
- 7/17 Huron United Methodist Church Pastor Pamela Sayre
- 7/24 Zion Lutheran Church
Pastor Kristine Schroeder
- 7/31 First Presbyterian Church
Pastor Sara Hodsden