



# News

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# Message from our Pastor

By Rev. Sara Hodsden

According to my phone, from July 24-August 14, I walked 102.35 miles. I flew 4,167 miles. I took 215 miles worth of trains and subways. It was quite a pilgrimage! Thank you all for the time off for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

I have enough material to fill several newsletters and sermons, so you will surely hear much about the journey. In addition, I plan on putting together a presentation to share some of my adventures with you.

Our pilgrimage crew included four Americans and eight British; four Presbyterians and eight Church of England clergy and laity. It was refreshing to hear a British perspective on the United States, even as our views on the United Kingdom refreshed them. (What do they think of that rascal, Prince Harry, anyway?)

For me, the trip's highlight was the three days we spent on Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Arran Islands. I'll share much more about this spiritual place, but for now, I want to share a situation that swelled my heart with joy.

We were staying in a small hotel on this island. James and I heard some locals playing music in the hotel pub, so we went down. We met our fellow pilgrim, Eunice, who also wanted to hear music. Four musicians were playing--one fiddler, one harpist, one flutist, and one guitarist, who also was the singer. They all looked to be in their 20s or 30s. Soon, a more seasoned man, probably in his 70s, strolled up and began singing lead on several songs.

After a few songs, he looked at our table and approached us. "Have you been singing with the group long?" I asked. "Oh, no, I just got here tonight. I don't know these people, but I know the

music." I wasn't surprised. I've been to a few pubs with Irish traditional music, and it is normal for anyone who wants to participate to join in, whether with their instruments or their voices. Some even join in by dancing.

I looked at the joy in the eyes of all the people gathered and soaked in the joy and merriment, and it made me think about the worldwide Christian community. We have a common song--the song of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can all sing about how he has touched, guided, comforted, and empowered us. It doesn't matter how old or how young you are. It doesn't matter if you're from County Clare or County Kerry. The verses vary, but the song is the same. I Corinthians 12 teaches us that though there are many gifts, the same Spirit is behind them all.

We share a common song as disciples of Christ, not only with one another but with Christians everywhere. Wherever and whenever the joyful strains of the Gospel are rightfully proclaimed, in word or deed, may we join in the song with as much vigor as one finds at a pub late at night in Ireland.



## Building and Grounds Update

July and August have been very busy months for the Building and Grounds Committee.

- In July, we made over \$1000 in parking fees from Riverfest. Thanks to all who served as cashiers and traffic coordinators!
- In August, we needed to replace the roof over the sanctuary. We discovered water spots on the ceiling and learned that our roof had some holes in it. There was also rotted wood beams which needed replacement. Because this was a pressing matter, Session approved a bid from Horvath Roofing for \$26,000 to replace the wood and the roof. We were happy to use a local company, and very pleased with the quick turnaround on the work.
- We needed to replace a part on one of our boilers, but they do seem to be in working order and are ready for the cooler temperatures which are on the way.

If you notice any maintenance issues, please let Doug Quinn know.

## Audio/Visual Ministry

Each week we livestream our worship service to those who are unable to come to worship in person. We've been blessed to have Thomas Hodsdon as our "livestreamer", but that is coming to an end as he moves for work before the end of September. We are in dire need for someone to step forward and volunteer to be our audio/visual ministry assistant. Please contact Pastor Sara, Jann Glann, or Cynthia Brown Mathews if you feel God tugging at your heart.



We will remember our sister, June Hanes, on Saturday September 17th at 11:00 a.m.

## HELP WANTED: PRESCHOOL CHAPEL

Little Wonders Chapel program is every Tuesday. The morning class chapel is at 10:30, and the afternoon class chapel is at 2:30. Chapel volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the session. Sessions last approximately 20-30 minutes. You can read the Bible, tell stories, or share music with the children. The chapel sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 27th. You may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AEA72AABF58-little>



Would you be interested in going to Belize for a mission trip? Stay after worship on September 4th, and Rev. James Hodsdon will fill you in on a trip taking place in February. If you are unable to be present, contact Pastor Sara, and she will get information to you.

# Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14. *'If my people, who are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'* This scripture gives us, as Christians, ownership of this land and the ability to call upon God to heal our land.

During WWII, there was an adviser to Churchill, who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute, to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect, as bombing stopped.

We have lots of time to pray. Our prayers can make a difference.

We can pray for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, for peace in the world, the upcoming elections. We can pray that the Bible will remain the basis for the laws governing our land, and that Christianity will grow in the U.S. Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.



***Join us for prayer Monday September 12th and 26th at 1 p.m.***

# Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian women is a group for ALL women in the church. We have activities that include everyone in the church and sometimes just the women. It is a fun group that supports many needs and happenings in the church. Please watch for news of meetings and activities.

The board of the Presbyterian Women met recently and here are activities that are planned for the near future:

- ◆ Lunch after worship service on September 11—Rally Day! Bring your favorite picnic side dish!
- ◆ Stewardship dinner on September 22—many hands make light work and the kitchen crew always has fun so sign up to help.
- ◆ Project 5000
- ◆ Rummage Sale—October 22, another fun fundraiser. Be sure you are saving treasures to donate!

We are always looking for ways we can help out our local community and the one beyond our immediate borders. Please let us know if you know of needs that we can fill.



# Women's Bible Study

Yes, there will be a bible study for women beginning this fall! Ann and Marcie are still deciding on what the study will be . We don't want anything too intense, not too light but just right. The group will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the youth room. The presentation and discussion usually last between an hour to an hour and a quarter. Non of us are biblical scholars but we all love finding out any thing we can about the Bible and the people in it that can help is in our daily lives. As soon as we decide on the book we will make arrangements to order them for anyone interested. Come pray, discuss, laugh , and maybe shed a tear or two and have an enjoyable evening with your sisters in Christ!





**Sunday, September 11th**

**Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

**Cookout lunch to follow.**

**Come celebrate the fall  
kick-off with us!**

**\*\* Bring a side dish to share!**

# Flowers

September 4th - Ron Ruble to the glory of God and in honor of all Sept. birthdays

September 11th - Jann Glann celebrating rally day and remembering 9/11/01

September 18th - Patti Smith in memory of Betsy and her parents

## Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

September 4th - Zion Lutheran Church

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

September 11th—First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Sara Hodsdon

September 18th—Christ Episcopal Church

Pastor Michael Floyd

September 25th—Salvation Army

HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

September 1st—Sam Nikolajevs

September 3rd—David Asher

September 6th—Fritz Mueller

September 7th—Eileen Darby, W.  
Gene Darby, Lesa Guerrero

September 9th— S. Baird Pfahl

September 10th—Sandi Kingseed,  
Daniel Ryu

September 12th—Charlene Schuman

September 14th—Campbell Hagy

September 17—Daniel Jett

September 19th—Virginia Parisi

September 22nd—Sarah Blakeman

September 23rd—Dennis Horan

September 26—Jim Berry,  
Cynthia Zorn

### Session meeting

Wednesday , September 14th , at 7 p.m.

### Liturgist

September 4th—Rachel Pratt

September 11th—Ann Pullano

September 18th—Casey Wittmer

September 25th—Carolyn Culbertson



# Project 5000

The Presbyterian Women are launching a food drive for the Huron Helping Hands Food Pantry. Project 5000 comes from the Bible story in which Jesus feeds the crowd of people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. We are called to help those in need. The food pantry is always grateful to receive donations. Let's fill the pantry shelves and bring smiles to those in need!

The food collection will run from 9/11 to 10/2. Please use reusable shopping bags or boxes, bring them to the church and place them on the bench in the parlor, or in the church treasurer's office. Any financial donations collected or checks mailed in, marked Helping Hands mission, will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

Here are two lists of foods that will work well to shop from. If every family donated the food from one list that would be great. Recently the items from list one were purchased from Aldi's and the cost was \$25.24

## List One

2 cans tuna fish  
1 jar peanut butter  
4 cans soup  
4 cans vegetables  
1 large jar of spaghetti sauce  
1 1lb box spaghetti  
1 package of juice boxes  
2 cans of beef stew or chilli  
1 brownie mix  
1 bottle cooking oil

## List Two

2 boxes pasta  
1 large can beans  
1 large box cereal  
1 large plastic bottle of apple juice  
4 cans fruit  
2 cans ravioli  
2 cans of beef stew or chilli  
2 cans hash  
1 brownie mix  
1 bottle cooking oil

Thank you for your contribution to this mission, helping to feed people as Jesus did so often throughout his ministry.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

# Stewardship News

*How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment; we can start now, start slowly changing the world! — Anne Frank*

## **A Lifetime of Giving, Gives Back**

As a regular contributor to church and charities, you already know how much good your funds do in the way of helping those in need, fixing physical structures, and supporting organization initiatives.

Join us at First Presbyterian Church on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8pm, for dinner and discussion about how a lifetime of planned giving can not only give back but benefit you and your family throughout your lives.

Stephen Keizer, Vice President, Ministry Relations at the Presbytery Foundation, and Katy McGraw, APRN, MSN, NPC, RN with Firelands Physician Group, will hold a discussion on living wills, financial planning for late life care, and processes for how to make arrangements for the long term.

Contact 419-433-5018 or email us at [fpchuron@bex.net](mailto:fpchuron@bex.net) to reserve a place for you and family members to hear how to provide peace of mind in our later years!



# About me

Rev. David Aber, a long time minister here, used to say to me “ you’re a Born Presbyterian.” I think he was right, but it took me until I was in my teens to realize it.

As a child I had attended a Baptist church. The people were very nice. But by the time I was 8 years old I knew I was going to go to hell –not just me, but my brothers and sisters (there were 11 of us). My sisters used lipstick—and nail polish! My brothers smoked! And they all danced—and went to movies! There was just no hope for any of them , and I assumed I’d be going with them because I could hardly wait to do all these things (except smoking). I was pretty sure there was no hope, and I just felt scared an sick much of the time.

But God had a different plan. When I was in my teens a teacher invited me to the Presbyterian church in Lorain. I went several times before I realized that God was actually a LOVING GOD!!! He really wanted us to find joy in our lives, and he was just waiting for me to realize he just loved me to pieces and wanted me to love him back. WOW!!! Because of that, as many of you know, I joined the Huron Presbyterian Church over 50 years ago...It’s home.

I’ve done a variety of jobs here. I typed George Bell’s sermons (mostly to correct his spelling). These were the days of carbon copies and a mimeograph machine. We thought we were pretty fine when we had a “machine” to fold them.

The church had the standard 3 board system of government. I started as a lowly deacon, and sat through one whole meeting discussing the terrible problem of someone not putting the sugar away properly.

When I became an elder I discovered a whole new world. Lots of dedicated, talented, faithful people. But that wasn't all I found. There was confusion as to which board was responsible for what areas, which meant there was some overlapping and treading on toes. And then there were gaps where one group assumed it was somebody else’s duty. And when it came to budget—Which board? Which committee? Who knew?

At that time I was pretty shy (I really was!), but the confusion made me crazy. So I started on a campaign to organize it. George Bell wasn't too happy with me, but all of a sudden learned that I really was kind of a “pushy broad” . Well, Session got behind the idea, and with the vote of the congregation we created the unicameral system we have today.

For some years after that, after my husband died, I felt it necessary to get a real job. First I became director of Downtown Waterfront Development as we worked with a number of faithful Sandusky merchants and citizens along with the city to begin with the early steps of what has become the revitalization of Sandusky’s downtown.

In the process we interested a small group of people—including our own Bill and Sharon Roose—to buy Sandusky’s beautiful old Post Office building and create the Merry-Go-Round Museum. I agreed to be the director for some years until my retirement. It’s wonderful to see it still bringing in joy to people over thirty years after it opened.

After that I worked with a builder to build homes. Then worked with Shawnee Indians. I thank God every day for giving me the opportunity to have some many diverse and exciting jobs, and providing everything I needed to do them,

Now I am truly retired—And loving it!

Rachel Pratt

# Pack 31 Update

Cub Scout Pack 31 is getting ready for a new year of programming. We kicked off the year with a portable wall-climbing event in the church parking lot. This fall we will have a campout and an overnight in the Toledo Zoo, in addition to our pack and den meetings. We are always looking for adult leadership, so if you'd like to help us either as a committee member or a den leader, or if you'd like to help out with the kids program that takes place during parents meetings, please contact Pastor Sara or Chuck Kaman.



## Troop 31 Mum Sale

Enhance your fall landscaping with a beautiful mum or two from Troop 31. It's only **\$15 for a 10-inch pot, two for \$25**. These mums really are the prettiest around! The deadline for ordering is **September 6th**, and they will be delivered to your home on September 18th. Contact any Troop 31 Scout, or Renee Dennis at 419-357-7049 to order yours.





### September Liturgists

September 4th: Rachel Pratt

September 11th: Anne Pullano

September 18th: Phillip Hopkins

September 25th: Carolyn Culbertson

### September Communion Volunteers

Preparation: Chuck Kaman

Servers: Bob and Marcie Muntz, Carol Mack, and Katy McGraw

### September Coffee Hour Hosts

September 4th : Chuck and Cindy Kaman

September 11th: Rally Day

September 18th: Patti Smith and Kathy Kirby

September 25th: Ellen Drumm and Katy McGraw

### Ushering Ministry Helpers Needed

During Covid, we dropped some aspects of worship. One role we dropped was the role of the usher.

Ushers are important in creating a hospitable atmosphere for visitors to our worship service. They play an important role in making sure people have bulletins, can find a seat, and are able to find their way to fellowship hall or the restroom facilities if needed. They lock and unlock the doors, and adjust the heat and lighting. They also collect the offering and present it during the worship service.

We are going to be reinstating the usher as part of the service on September 11th. The problem is that we don't have many volunteering to handle ushering duties. Please sign up in the narthex, or contact Dawn Fleming at 419-533-5018 to sign up. Thank you!

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10 Worship Communion 11 coffee hour	5 OFFICE CLOSED 12 Meal 6 Scouts	6 LW Back 7 AA 7 scouts	7	8 8 AA	9	10
11 10 Worship 11 Rally Day	12 12 Meal 6 Scouts	13 5 Meal 7 AA 7 scouts	14 5 Meal 7 Session	15 8 AA	16	17 11 June Hanes Memorial
18 10 Worship 11 coffee hour	19 12 Meal 6 Scouts	20 7 scouts 7 AA	21	22 6 Stewardship Panel 8 AA	23	24
25 10 Worship 11 coffee hour	26 12 Meal 6 Scouts	27 7 scouts 7 AA	28 5 Meal	29 8 AA	30	