



News

First Presbyterian Church
225 Williams St.
Huron, Ohio 44839
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Family & Friends All Welcome

Join Us In-Person or Livestream
for Service at
First Presbyterian Church
starting at 10:00 a.m..



Blood Drive

Rummage Sale

Upcoming events

All about me by
Margaret Swords



My story by Margaret Swords

The words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33 “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” a constant reminder to me of God's grace and promises. Being a Christian in today's world , but not of the world, we have a tendency to think material things first and then grow into the knowledge of spiritual things. Not so in God's kingdom. It's spiritual things first and then material.

I was born in Lima. Oh, baptized and confirmed in a small presbyterian Church that my parents were married in. After WWII in 1946, my marriage to Lloyd Swords was blessed by 7 children. Sometime between the 6th and 7th pregnancy. My God call came. My pastor wife's class posed the question “who is Jesus and what is he to you?” That was the turning point in my faith journey. Balancing faith, marriage, and motherhood was a struggle and something was missing. By surrendering my life to him, knowing about him was not like knowing him personally.

After our 7th child, was born, my husband made a career change and accepted a job in Huron at Thunderbird Golf Club. This meant a huge change in our family life, leaving comfort zone, no home to move to , not knowing anyone in a strange new place. In September 1964, Lloyd and son Michael moved to Huron where Michael started his senior year in Huron high school. Six weeks later, not able to find place to rent, Lloyd's employer gave us the permission to move into the 5 room apartment above the golf shop. The rest of the family moved and experienced unbelievable situations for almost a year, but we survived. The first Sunday after moving, the children and I attended First Presbyterian Church and Sunday school. Edwin Coughlan, church secretary at that time, greeted us and showed us to classed. Over 50 years this church has been rock of comfort, joy, and discipleship.

In reflection, that 1st visit to church was seeking Gods kingdom first, and all things were added. We built a home and occupied it over 45 years. The challenges were great, but with no big difference– God was in charge– not me.

Blessings,

Margaret Swords

Message From Our Pastor

By Rev. Sara Hodsden

“Ch-ch-ch-changes, turn and face the strange ch-ch-changes.” --David Bowie

“Changes” is a favorite song of mine by David Bowie. The song is a manifesto of sorts. David Bowie was an artist who frequently changed musically and in appearance. He had many “personas” during his career. He was known as “Ziggy Stardust,” “The Thin White Duke,” “Major Tom,” and “Aladdin Sane.” Rock critics called him “the Chameleon.”

The song was in my mind last week as I drove my son, Thomas, to Miami for his new life. So much of my identity is about being his mother; now, he is all grown up. James will tell you that for the last few weeks, I was prone to bursting into tears, thinking about my little boy who no longer sits in my lap, makes macaroni necklaces for me, and allows me to read stories to him.

Thomas has changed from child to adult. I’ve changed, too--from child to adult, to wife, to pastor. From Buckeye to Kentuckian to Hoosier to Texan to Philadelphian and back to Buckeye again. Some changes are fun; some are not.

When changes become overwhelming, when we are forced to “turn and face the strange changes,” it is comforting to know that there are constants in life. Thomas moving away doesn’t stop me from being his mother--I’m just a different kind of mother. Ziggy Stardust becomes The Thin White Duke, but underneath is David Bowie.

In our spiritual life, two essential things are unchangeable--God’s love for us and our identity as children of God. The Old Testament bears witness to these truths in the life of Israel. Psalm 100 is one of the many Psalms that reflect both realities:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

***Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.***

Know that the Lord is God.

***It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.***

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.



I want you to think about something. King David was no saint. In fact, after his affair with Bathsheba and the subsequent murder of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, King David was even rebuked by God through the prophet Nathan. And even though there were earthly consequences for King David's unfaithfulness, God did not turn his back on King David. God didn't seek to banish King David; God sought to reconcile with King David. He called him to repentance and new life.

I suspect every Christian goes through a season (or seasons) of an identity crisis, even pastors! Doubts creep into your mind about your standing with God. “Yeah, I know Jesus died for me, but there was this thing I did...God could never love anyone who did that.” *You might question your identity as a child of God or the identity of God as someone who loves you deeply enough to forgive.*

The official theological term for the unchanging identity of God is “immutability.” This does not mean that God never changes how He deals with situations. Two notable examples are the sparing of Israel after the Golden Calf incident in the wilderness (Exodus 32) and the sparing of the people of Ninevah after their repentance (Jonah 3). Instead, immutability means that His character, will, and promises remain the same.

God's character is steadfast love. God's will is redemption. God promises that you eternally belong to Him. These things never, ever change--not even when you stumble. In a world of constant change, this brings me great comfort. Thanks be to our God.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission



The Peacemaking Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 2nd. Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Because this a shared Offering, we can help those whose challenges are very present to us. Twenty-five percent of the Offering will stay with our own congregation to pursue peacemaking and reconciliation ministries; 25% stays with our mid council for similar work in our region. And 50% will be used at the national level for ministries of peacemaking and global witness. Remember — peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting. Some projects funded include:

- Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- Indy Ten Point Ministry, which reaches inner-city residents with opportunities for education and job training.
- Mental health resources for isolated Fijians, who have no local hospitals to care for their needs.

Fall Rummage Sale



RUMMAGE SALE

Our fall rummage sale will be held Saturday, October 22nd from 9 am to 1 pm.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall starting Monday, October 17th after 2 pm and throughout the week during office hours.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, October 21st from 9 am to noon, during the sale, and cleanup after the sale. Thank you!!!



Rally day was a huge success!

Everyone had a great time, and the food was delicious!

Special Thanks to all who helped make it a success, especially Bob and Marcie Muntz and Sarah Blakeman!



Community help

Bell Ringers

Yes, it is almost that time of year again!

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers, to ring bells at Cornell's.

If you have 1-2 hours and would like to help please contact the church office, we will get you signed up.

The following dates are available

Nov. 21, 22 & 23

Dec. 3 ,4 & 5

Dec. 8, 9, & 10

Dec. 15, 16, & 17

Dec. 22, 23, & 24

Help Wanted

One of our Little Wonders Preschool families is in need of childcare starting January 3rd, 2023 this will be for their baby girl who will be 5 months old. They are looking for someone to preferably come to their home Monday and Wednesday Morning
7:30 a.m..—11:15 a.m.

If you are interested or know someone who may be please contact Ashely at
419-656-7607

Serving our seniors is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to doctors appointments at least once a month.

If you feel the call to help out with this program, please contact 419-624-1856 or website at www.servingourseniors.org

OR if you know anyone who could your this service, have them contact the number listed above.

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>



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 Hodsden as our "livestreamer", but now he has moved. 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.

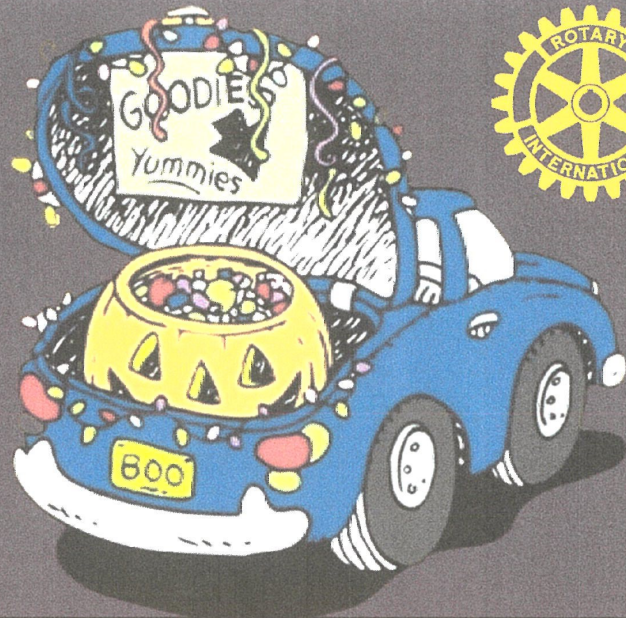
During Covid, we dropped some aspects of worship. One role we dropped was the role of the usher.

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.

Is God calling you to this ministry? Please sign up in the narthex, or contact Dawn Fleming at 419-433-5018 to sign up. Thank you!



Huron Rotary
PRESENTS
**TRUNK
-OR-
TREAT**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

@ Fabens Park, Huron
5:00 - 6:30PM

**Huron Rotary invites your business,
organization, or just you to set
up a space at this year's
TRUNK-or-TREAT!**

*Bring your company vehicles, decorate your car...
just bring treats for our ghost, goblins, witches, clowns,
and join this great community event.*

In addition to all the trunks filled with goodies,
we will have music, a parade of costumes, and
much more fun!

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW
email: amy.rolدان@simplybetterrealty.com



Join us for prayer group Monday, October 10th & 24th

At 1 p.m. in the parlor

“And when they prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31). Now our prayer group had never experienced our place ‘shaken’, though we believe the Holy Spirit is with us. But if we did, we hope we would have the courage to continue to ‘speak the word of God with boldness’. Our culture today is determined to shake our foundations and oppose our beliefs and the scriptures, just as those early apostles were opposed. But they did not pray for God to remove threats or stifle the opposition (see Acts 4:29), they prayed that they would declare the gospel ‘with all boldness’. So, as we pray our prayers of intercession for all the requests on our lists, we also need to remember to pray that we boldly preach the gospel and share it with others, no matter the cost.

What's Happening



Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, October 6th,
12 p.m.—6 p.m.

Quilters group every
Thursday @ 9 a.m.



Bell Choir every Thursday morning
10 a.m.—11 a.m.



Community Meal

Lunch Every Monday at 12 p.m.

Evening meals held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every
month. At 5 p.m.



LITTLE WONDERS

The children are enjoying their time back in class. The classes are a little bigger this year, but, the students have adjusted well and our teachers are absolutely amazing!



They Started off the first two weeks of learning their colors, every day they all wore the color of the day.

They have had visits from our Librarian Ms. Melissa.

They have also had fun with our Erie Metro Parks friend, coming in for a visit!

Chapel time is back, they all enjoyed singing with Pastor Sara, Pat, and Susan!



They are off to an amazing start, keep them all in your prayers for a safe and healthy year!

Happy Birthday

10/1—Al Terenzi

10/3—Molly Emerson David Prout,

Annabelle Ryu

10/6—Joanna Oller

10/7 Matthew Asher

10/8—Maggie Prout

10/13—Marcie Muntz

10/14—Edie Emerson, Pat Koch

10/ 15—Gail Burke, Ward DeLamatre,

Patricia Hand, Steve Koenig,

Wendy Quinn

10/20—Katy McGraw

10/23—Kathy Kirby

10/24—Sue Todd

10/26—David Fenn

10/29—Jeaneane Hopkins

10/30—Tom, Kirby Jr. , Ellen Prout,

Eldon Zimmer

Prayer Calendar — Churches of Huron

10/2— St. Peter Catholic Church

Father Doug Garand

10/9—United Methodist Church

Pastor Pamela Sayre

10/16—Zion Lutheran Church

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

10/23—First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Sara Hodsdon

Flowers

10/2 — Patti Smith— In honor of our children

10/9—Bob Muntz and family, in honor of
Marcie's Birthday.

10/16— Wendy and Doug Quinn, celebrating
the October birthdays in our family,

10/30—Kathy Kirby in celebration of all
October birthdays.



Thank you

Thanks to all who purchased mums from Troop 31. Over 500 mums were sold in another successful sale.



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

Pastor Sara Hodsden

Marcia Arthur—Clerk of Session

Doug Quinn—Building & Ground MaintenanceChuck Kaman— Christian Education,

Francesca Lendrum—Stewardship, G&PSusan Martter Finance Co-Chair,

Jack Arthur Finance Co-Chair.....Cynthia Brown Mathews—G&P, Worship

Sarah Blakeman—N&M, nominating Chair ...Ellen Drumm —N&M

Marcie Muntz—PW, Christian Education.

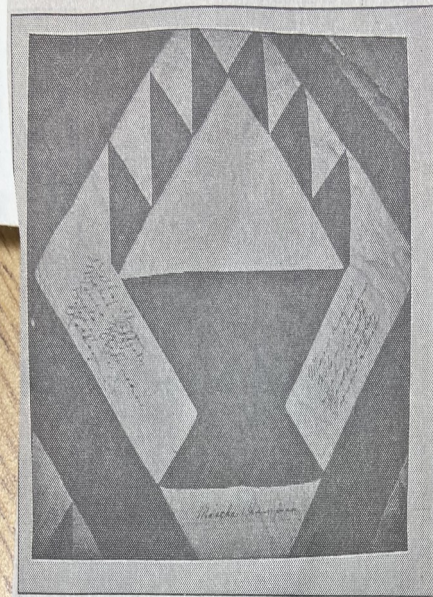
A little bit of History

Friendship Quilt

Surprising our Quilting ladies with an 1854 handmade and signed quilt , that was quilted by the ladies from our very own First Presbyterian Church Huron, in 1854.



Antiques & Collectibles



Friendship quilts signed and handmade during the first quarter of the 20th century presently sell for \$70 to \$475.

Old friendship quilts are desirable pieces of folk art

By AYLCE HAND BENHAM
For The Press

Question: The quilted coverlet in my photo has names written on some of its blocks. I think it may have been made for a Dorchester fundraiser. Information about signed quilts is appreciated. — FS, Marmora

Answer: Known as friendship, signature or autograph quilts, covers such as yours are considered esteemed examples of women's folk art. Made by female friends and family members who met to sew and

Chaplin, George Gershwin, Clarence Darrow, Wallis Simpson, Shirley Temple, Joe Louis, Eleanor Roosevelt and 30 other notable figures of the day has sold for \$1,900.

Question: My friend and I want to have our old dolls appraised and need help finding an appraiser. — J.Z., Cape May Court House

Answer: Appraisers will be present at the Delaware Valley Doll Club of N.J. "Christmas in July Doll and Bear Show" to be held July 15 in Ewing Township, Mercer County.