



Steeple Notes

May 2023

Worship
Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

You can join us in person, or on Facebook

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A Message from Pastor Sara

I'd like to share with you something written by Heidi Hyland Mann:

Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression — and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1); "Let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5); "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Darkness isn't bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we "live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

I hope your spring is full of light and life!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Coming soon: We will once again have a men's prayer breakfast. No date is yet set, but we are looking to starting it soon. Rev. James Hodsdon will be leading it once a month on a Saturday. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating.



Pastor Sara loves movies. She knows others love movies, too. Wouldn't it be fun to see movies together? Beginning in June, Pastor Sara will be convening the Cinema Society. Once monthly, we will attend a movie together, and have a time of discussion and refreshment after. Stay tuned!



Session & COMMITTEES

Session meetings are always open to the public. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Statements for the first quarter were sent in April. Please contact the church office if you did not receive yours, or if you believe there is an error. Thank you for your generosity!



Building and Grounds



Nurture and Mission has had a busy spring.

- ◆ We delivered St. Patrick's goodies to our homebound.
- ◆ We hosted the Easter breakfast.
- ◆ We assisted Dawn Fleming with an Easter lunch for Little Wonders families, and helped to make Easter baskets for Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- ◆ We provided soup for the Lenten Study.
- ◆ We sponsored the Poetry Reading on April 30th.

We're looking forward to sharing a special treat with mothers for Mother's Day, and with fathers on Father's Day in June. As we head into summer, things wind down a bit, but stay tuned for special events in June, July and August!

We recently added an automatic door opener at our parlor doors to help make us more accessible. Please note that if you use the parlor doors, you must ensure that the accessible door is fully shut to prevent it from opening on its own. We look forward to fixing the glitch with the door, but are thankful that we have made coming into the building easier for many who need that assistance.

What's Happening



It's time for the Spring Rummage Sale! Get your bargains in Fellowship Hall on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Mother's Day is on May 14th. Join us for a special fellowship time after worship.



Memorial Day: May 29th



Introducing "Ladies Who Lunch"

All women are invited to join in "Ladies Who Lunch" on Friday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m. We will meet at Sandusky Bay Pancake Company.

Don't drive? No worries! We can arrange a pick-up. Contact the church office to be one of the "Ladies Who Lunch!"



Girlfriends and God Women's Bible study will meet on May 10th, and May 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room. We will be studying Lisa Harper's book, "Luke: Gut Level Compassion.."

From the publisher: "The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. In fact, this riveting account reveals that Jesus is especially fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean in and linger! Join Lisa Harper in this Bible study of a literary masterpiece that doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts, and overlooked!"



Our Quilters will be starting up again soon on Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. Join us for quilting and a brown bag lunch.



Graduation Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

We will celebrate our graduates and any graduates in our members' families. Contact the church office by May 15th if you have a graduate you'd like recognized.



Men's Prayer Breakfast and Study. See page one for more details.



Sunday School is getting ready for a summer break, but we will have a special Mother's Day edition before that happens. All children are welcome to join us on Sunday, May 14th. We might even make a special surprise for our moms and grandmas! We start in the sanctuary at 10: 00 a.m. and then head out for our lesson after the children's sermon.



Jonah and the Whale visited us on April 23rd!

ADULT Sunday School

Did you know we have an adult Sunday School Sundays after worship? We look at a current event, and then at Scriptural responses. Join us!



August 1-3
9:30-11:30
At Christ Episcopal Church

MAY

Flowers

- 5/7– John Bickell
- 5/14—Jann Glann
- 5/21—Wendy Quinn
- 5/28 — Kathy Kirby

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a Sunday, you can do so in the parlor. Thank you to everyone gives flowers!



- 5/3 Jane LaFace, Margaret Swords
- 5/4 Carolyn Culbertson
- 5/8 Alice Roehrs
- 5/11 Tamara Boos
- 5/12 Becky Koenig
- 5/13 Sharon Carnal
- 5/19 Bob Muntz
- 5/20 Joel Hagy, Stephanie Schippel, Betsey Luipold
- 5/21 Lee Marsh
- 5/22 Ann Pullano
- 5/23 Jeanne Schaffer
- 5/29 Tom Kirby
- 5/30 John Bickell
- 5/31 Gennette Solomon



- 5/7—Karen Brown
- 5/14—Janeane Hopkins
- 5/21—Phillip Hopkins
- 5/28—Betty Reed



- Set-up**
- 5/7– Cynthia Brown Mathews
- Servers**
- 5/7—Patti Smith, Janeane Hopkins, Jack Arthur and Marcia Arthur



May 28th: Wear Red!

Preschool News



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

It's hard to believe, but Little Wonders' last day of school will be Wednesday, May 26th. Before heading home for the summer, they will enjoy a walk to the lake park and return to school for popsicles!

GRADUATION DAY!

We worked hard on painting and cutting symmetrical butterflies this week and even figured out how to make them fly!

Graduation will be held Thursday, May 25th at 10 a.m.

The children enjoyed Mornings With Mom. They had donuts and juice, and shared with their moms all the wonderful things about Little Wonders.





Monthly Prayer Focus

Thankful, Prayerful, and Joyful. Philippians 1:3-6.always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel.... Our prayers tell us a lot about our view of those around us. If we are to grow spiritually, our relationships must be of genuine thankfulness and shouldn't depend on our personal opinions of them. Instead, our imperfections fuel our prayers for each other. Paul didn't pray for just those who were in his inner circle or just those who were doing well. He prayed 'for you all,' for everyone. And we must do the same, especially for those who are often the hardest to pray for. We may find that they have become a good friend and that not only may they have changed through our prayers,

but that we have changed! So, add thankfulness to your prayers, and the joyfulness comes as we partner in prayer with each other. More on this joyfulness next time.... For now, let us practice being thankful in all our prayers. (drawn from Alistair Begg, "Truth for Life")

Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

5/7 Huron United Methodist Church

Pastor Pamela Sayre

5/14 Zion Lutheran Church

5/21 FPC Huron Pastor Sara Hodsden

5/28 Christ Episcopal Church Pastor Michael Floyd

Dominic Parisi

Ben DeLamtre

Dan Work

Emily Stellpflug



Church Family Prayer Requests:

Carol Kopkas, Rachel Leonard, Wilson Pullano, Mary Sue James (Patti Smith's sister), Denny Velliquette, Eldon Zimmer, June Franduto, Rev. Randal Richards, Paul Brown, Michael Jett, Angela Belliveau, Margaret Swords, Brad Mason, Jim, David Wittmer, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pedersen, Nancy McPeak, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Gene Darby, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Samantha Pratt.



An Evening with

CARRIE NEWCOMER WITH GARY WALTERS

Free Concert Saturday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

In Worship, Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m.

at

First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky

265 Jackson St.

419.625.6261

*Carrie is an Emmy winning songwriter, recording artist, performer and educator. She has been described as *one who "asks all the right questions"* **Rolling Stone Magazine**.

"Newcomer isn't preachy or self focused. She is a poet of reality, facing the soaring joy as well as the hard truths of powerful love. Newcomer has a gorgeous voice, used with intelligence and grace. An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." **Wayne Robbins, Billboard** Recent appearances include PBS Religion and Ethics and National Award Winning Krista Tippett's On Being

The concert is made possible by the Doerzbach Fund.

The concert is free but everyone must have a ticket. For tickets go to <https://tinyurl.com/fpcevents>. The tickets will be mailed back to you. Questions.. please email sah0247@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>12 Lunch</i> <i>6 p.m. Scouts</i>	2 <i>Little Wonders Chapel</i> 7 AA	3	4 <i>9 Quilting group</i>	5	6 <i>9-1 Rum-mage Sale</i>
7 10 <i>Worship</i> 11 <i>Fellowship</i>	8 <i>12 Lunch</i> <i>6 p.m. Scouts</i>	9 <i>Little Wonders Chapel</i> 7 AA	10 <i>5 Meal</i> <i>5 Scouts</i> <i>6 Bible Study</i>	11 <i>9 Quilting group</i> 8 AA	12 11 <i>Ladies lunch out at Sandusky Bay Pancake House</i>	13
14 <i>10 Worship</i> 11 <i>Mother's Day Fellowship</i>	15 <i>12 Lunch</i> <i>6 p.m. Scouts</i>	16 <i>Little Wonders Chapel</i> 7 AA	17 <i>7 p.m. Session</i> <i>5 Scouts</i> <i>6 Bible study</i>	18 <i>9 Quilting group</i> 8 AA	19	20
21 10 <i>Worship</i> 11 <i>Fellowship</i>	22 <i>12 Lunch</i> <i>6 p.m. Scouts</i>	23 7 AA	24 <i>Preschool Last full day</i> <i>5 scouts</i>	25 <i>9 Quilting group</i> <i>10 Little Wonders Preschool</i>	26	27
28 10 <i>Worship</i> 11 <i>Fellowship</i>	29 OFFICE CLOSED <i>12 Lunch</i>	30 7 AA	31			