

JULY 2023



STEEPLE NOTES

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A Message from Pastor Sara

This past Wednesday morning, when I took our dog Maggie for a walk, I went outside and thought, "Gee, I need to clean my glasses." Everything looked hazy, and I cooked on the grill the night before. But then I noticed that the air smelled like a campfire. It wasn't long before I learned that the Canadian wildfires were back.

I had an experience like this before. In 1988 I was working at Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park. Over in Yellowstone, which is only 30 miles or so away, fires were raging. It was a dry summer. There were 250 fires in Yellowstone and the surrounding forests, but only seven were responsible for most of the damage. During one lull in fire activity, a friend and I took a quick trip to Yellowstone to see some of the damage. It was so sad to see the charred ground where once proud lodgepole pines had stood. I wondered whether Yellowstone would ever be beautiful again.

However, nature did its thing. Lodgepole pines need fire to open their pinecones, setting their seed free. Vegetation started regrowing within days of the fire passing through. Aspen trees, which were disappearing from the park, began to spread further than ecologists ever dreamed they would.

I'm not advocating for forest fires. But it does remind me of what Paul wrote: And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



There are times when I feel like the world is burning around me. The smoke from the fire burns my eyes and makes it difficult to see my way through. During those times, I need to remember the One walking through the fire with me. As long as I know He is with me, I don't need to see. I can trust that although the fire will burn, it will not consume me. And in the aftermath, new and beneficial vegetation will grow. God works it together for good. Amen.



Reminder: The church office will be closed July 3rd and 4th. Thank you!



Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.
In person, or at
facebook.com/fpchuron

Liturgists

Communion Servers

Ushers

July 2: Jack Arthur
July 9: Karen Brown
July 16: Wendy Quinn
July 23: Phillip Hopkins
July 30: Ann Pullano

Set Up: Gail Burke
Servers: Bob Muntz,
Marcie Muntz, Gail Burke,
Phillip Hopkins

July 2: Doug and Wendy Quinn
July 9: Open
July 16: Jack and Marcia Arthur
July 23: Rachel Pratt
July 30: Janet Mueller

Counters

Flowers

July 2: Ellen Drumm, Francesca Lendrum
July 9: Bob and Marcie Muntz
July 16: Jack and Marcia Arthur
July 23: Chuck and Cindy Kaman
July 30: John and Sarah Blakeman

July 9: Ellen Drumm
July 16: Kathy Kirby
July 23: Jann Glann
July 30: Gail Burke



Sunday, July 30th
10:00 a.m.

Huron Community Churches The Great Treasure Hunt

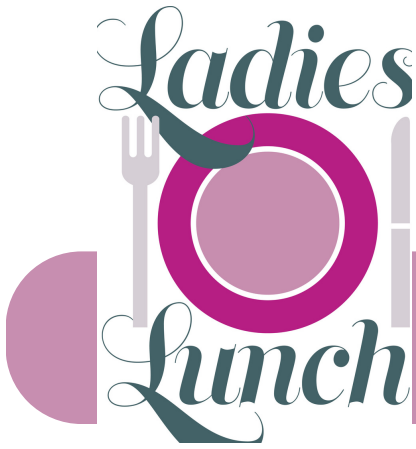
August 1-3
9:30-11:30 a.m.

@ Christ
Episcopal
Church



Bring a friend to
Christmas in July on
Sunday, July 23rd at
10:00 a.m.

Volunteers and participants
can sign up at
<https://www.myvbs.org/huronvbs/>

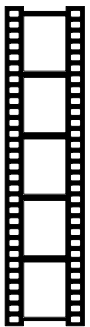


Our next Ladies Who Lunch will be July 14th at 11:30 at Bar North followed by dessert at the Muntz's. Please RSVP to Dawn in the church office by Monday, July 12th. Save the date: August 11th at Freight House in Norwalk.

MEN'S PRAYER

Saturday, July 15th at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Don't miss out on this great study about Christian men throughout history!

BREAKFAST



Next Showings for
Cinema Society
Tuesday, July 18th, late afternoon
Film: TBA
Saturday, August 5th
"The Hiding Place" @ Crocker Park



Julie Koenig Trio At Lakeside

Treat yourself to a night out at Lakeside! We're going to carpool to hear the Julie Koenig Trio at the Steele Memorial Bandstand on Sunday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP with Dawn in the church office.



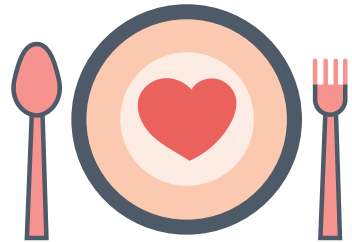
Riverfest is coming up July 7-8, and we need many volunteers to help us raise funds from parking. Shifts are two hours, and are between 6-10 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please sign up in the narthex, or by calling our church office this Wednesday or Thursday. Thank you!

Christ's Community Meals

Lunch: Every Monday at noon.

Dinner: July 12th and 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy free food and fellowship, no one is turned away. Please see Chris Hakeman if you'd like to volunteer.



No Session meeting in July.



Quarterly Giving Statements

We will soon be printing our quarterly giving statements, but you can always check online at <https://fpchuron.churchtrac.com/connect>

Huron's mobile home residents need your help!



Huron's mobile home residents are **losing their homes** and facing financial hardship in finding affordable housing.

The Erie County Community Foundation is accepting donations to assist them.

Donate online at Eriefoundation.org

click Oster/Rye Beach Assistance Fund

Or donations can be dropped off or mailed to:

Erie County Community Foundation

135 E. Washington Row

Sandusky, OH 44870

All funds donated go directly to benefit the residents.

Prayer Page

Keep on Praying

Almost every Christian finds prayer hard at some time (or most of the time). Why is that? One of the reasons why we're tempted to give up on prayer is that we don't always receive an immediate response from God. In a world that so highly exalts instant gratification, this is a real difficulty. It's the same issue as in trying to maintain a proper exercise regimen or diet: we want to see results now, today. If our new approach does not quickly show its benefits, most of us are unlikely to persevere. Our tendency to lack endurance is one reason that Jesus told the parable about the persistent widow, who was relentless in seeking out justice from the judge. Luke makes the editorial comment that Jesus was encouraging his listeners to understand that they "ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). In other words, Jesus wants us to pray—and then to keep on praying. Alistar Begg, Truth for Life, June 7, 2023

PRAYER list

Kimberly Ryu's Aunt Euisun, JoAnna Work, John P. Jones, the friends and family of R.D. Mathey, Family of Richard Mathews, Rebecka Dean, 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.

Prayer Group
July 17th
July 31st
1:00 p.m.
Church Parlor

Huron Churches Prayer Calendar

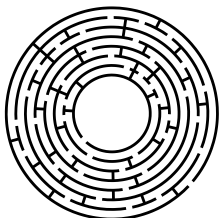
July 2: Journey Church,
Pastor Parish Purnell Jr..

July 9: Christ Episcopal Church,
Father Mike Floyd

July 16th: St Peter's Catholic Church,
Father Doug Garand

July 23rd: First United Methodist Church,
Pastor Pamela Sayre

July 30th: Zion Lutheran Church



Thanks to all who helped with Monster Mulch at the prayer path!

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00am Worship	26 12:00pm Christ's Community Meal 7:00pm Scout Troop 31	27 7:00pm AA	28 5:00pm Christ's Community Meal	29 10:00am Bell Choir 7:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	30	1
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