

# STEEPLE NOTES

## *First Presbyterian Church* *October 2023*



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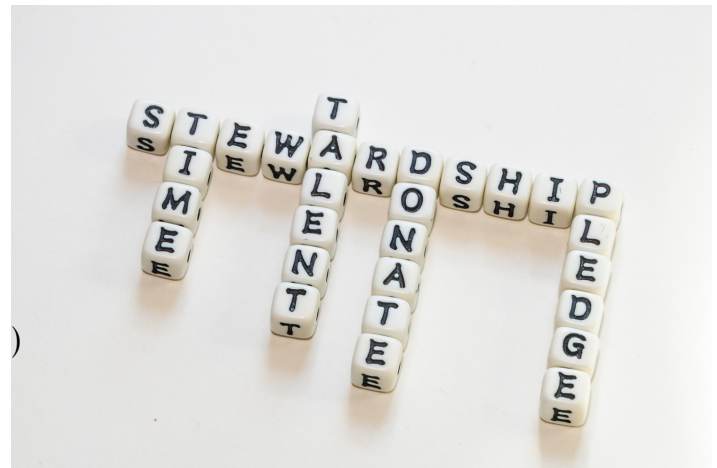
### A Message from Your Pastor

If you didn't know already, our church is in the middle of our fall stewardship campaign, "Dessert First." We started the campaign on September 24th during the worship service and joined together for a meal following worship. Each week, we will hear from a different church member on the impact of the spiritual discipline of stewardship on them.

Although we so often tie stewardship to finances, that's not all stewardship is about. Tithing isn't just about what you put on the offering plate. A holistic view of stewardship is about time, talent, and financial resources.

Do you remember this childhood rhyme? "This is the church, and this is the steeple; open the doors, and there's all the people." Notice it doesn't say: "Open the doors, and there's the minister," or "Open the doors, and there's a session meeting." The church is you; without your time and talents, we could not function.

Think of all the people who contribute time and talent. We have musicians, cooks, organizers, readers, greeters, gardeners, card-writers, craft-makers, Sunday school teachers, people who visit shut-ins, handymen and handywomen, camera operators, computer whizzes, social media posters, small group leaders, creative brainstormers, advice-givers, financial wizards. There isn't enough space in this column to go on. I appreciate each one because I can't possibly do all this myself. Jann couldn't run the music program all by herself. Dawn couldn't do her job by herself, either. We need you!



Have you thought about tithing talents and time? Are you good with numbers? The Finance Committee would love to have you. Do you like visiting people? The Nurture and Mission Committee would welcome you. Do you enjoy working with children? The Christian Education Committee needs you.

Paul teaches us in I Corinthians that "there are different gifts, but the same spirit." All our time and talent is on loan to us from God. Sharing that time and those talents is a grateful response to what God does for us as much as a financial offering.

If you want to give the church more time and talent, talk to me. I can help plug you into a ministry that can uniquely utilize you. It's just one more way of thanking God.

Pastor Sara will be taking some R & R time, from October 2-4 and 7-14, for continuing education and some much-needed vacation. Should any pastoral emergencies arise, please get in touch with the church office at 419-433-5018 or dial up Pastor Sara at 610-955-3075. In case of any further assistance, you can reach out to Rev. James Hodsdon at Norwalk Presbyterian Church on 419-668-1923.



# TRANSFORMING CHURCH INITIATIVE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 17- OCTOBER 24

The fall church rummage sale on October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to donate items, you can drop them off starting on Monday, October 2nd in the afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., during the sale, and after the sale. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Cindy Kaman.

Take Our Survey and Help Shape the Future of FPC Huron! We would love to hear your thoughts as we plan for the future of FPC Huron. It only takes a few minutes to complete our survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFM\\_TCI\\_GospelFellowshipFL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFM_TCI_GospelFellowshipFL). You'll need the password fpchoh to access it. Thank you for your participation!



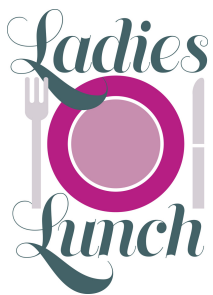
## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 14  
8:00 a.m. at  
Berardi's



## American Red Cross

Join the Red Cross Blood Drive  
When: Tuesday, October 24th  
from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
Registration:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



Friday, October 13  
11:30 a.m. at  
The Huron Yacht Club  
RSVP by noon  
Thursday, October 12th  
419-433-5018

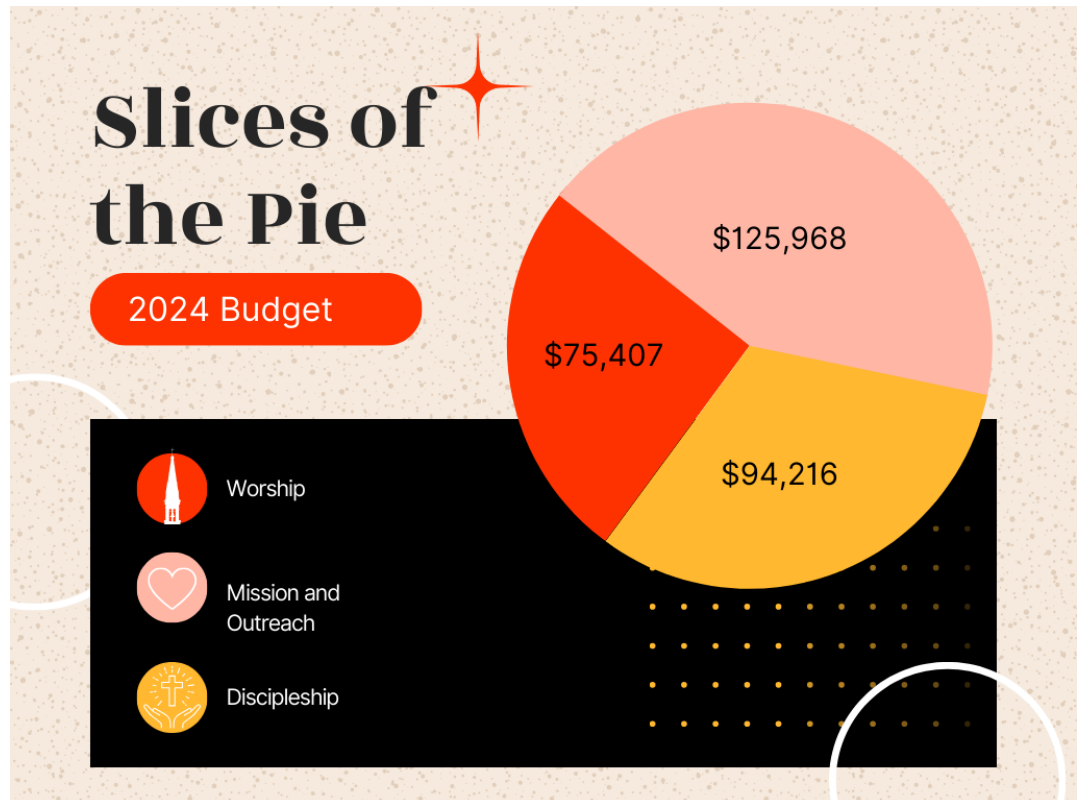


# DESSERT FIRST

Celebrate our stewardship campaign with us on Sunday, October 29th. We will be having a dessert contest after worship. Bring your best dessert!

Don't forget to bring your pledge card in between October 1st and October 29th. Thank you for your generosity.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS



**2024 Pledge Goal: \$175,000**



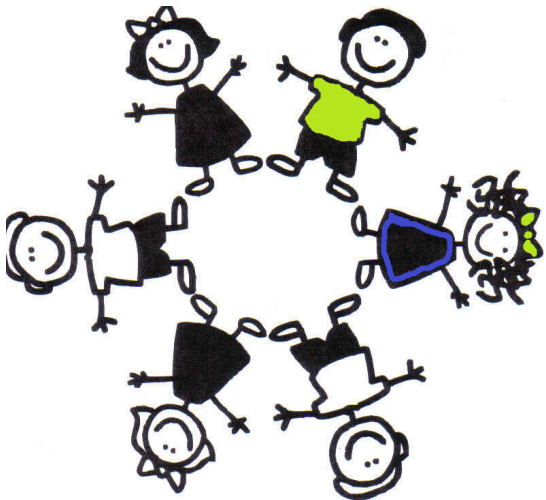
## How tithing came into my faith journey.

In the early years of my faith journey, I struggled with the idea of tithing and giving first to God, not last, as a challenge in scripture in Malachi 3: 8-10. It seemed irrational relative to my budget. Finally, it became a choice between trust and obedience, and I chose to accept the challenge and obey.

Not long after that, my family received an unexpected financial blessing. I do not believe this was coincidental, but rather God's answer to my obedience. God does not promise riches, but does promise peace and comfort in grief and loss of family or friends, and provision of all our needs.

I have never regretted my decision. My relationship with God in Jesus has grown through prayer + Bible study, and as the Lord says in Malachi, "Prove me in this, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven."

Trust and obey! It works!  
Margaret Swords



Little Wonders  
Presbyterian Preschool

Little Wonders annual pizza fundraiser will be on Friday, November 3rd. Tickets will be on sale soon!



## Scout News

Troop 31 would like to thank everyone for their mum purchases.

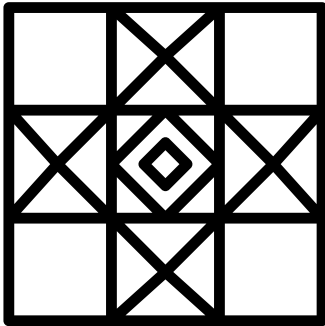
Pack 31 thanks you for your popcorn purchases. Please let Sara know if you'd like a Scout to sell you some popcorn.

Upcoming Pack 31 events include a campout October 6-8, a Pack meeting October 16th, and a sleepover at the Toledo Zoo October 27th.





Christ's Community Meals  
Mondays at 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9/13 and 9/27 at 5:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall



Quilting Group  
Thursdays 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring lunch, hang out, quilt with us, or let us teach you!  
All skill levels welcome.

Exciting announcement:  
Pastor Sara will be leading a  
tour of the Holy Land in  
September 2024. More details  
to follow soon, stay tuned!





## PRAYER PAGE

How often have I said the Lord's Prayer at the close of a service while thinking about what I would put on the table at home for lunch? How often have I done a good deed out of a resentful obligation rather than cheerfully, for the Lord's sake? How often have I told someone, "I'll pray for you!" and then promptly forgotten to do so? How often do I complain about petty annoyances instead of praising God for his myriad blessings?

Lord, open my eyes to what I am doing and thinking and saying that needs to be transformed into the likeness of your Son, Jesus.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

JoAnn West, Tony and Barb Smith, Joel Hagy, Ryan, Brian Grigsby, Cameron James, JoAnna Work, John P. Jones, 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, Billie Urie, Anonymous, Chuck Bontempo, Geoff Stephenson, Ezekiel Young.

**FPC Prayer Group**  
**Monday, September 11**  
**Monday, September 25**  
**1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**

## Huron Churches Prayer Calendar

10/1: Christ Episcopal, Father  
Michael Floyd  
10/8: St. Peter's Catholic Church  
Father Doug Garand  
10/15: Huron United  
Methodist Church  
Pastor Pamela Sayre  
10/22: Zion Lutheran Church  
10:29: FPC Huron  
Rev. Sara Hodsden

# October

## Flowers

15: Wendy Quinn  
29: Kathy Kirby

## Counters

1: Ellen Drumm, Francesca Lendrum  
8: Jack and Marsha Arthur  
15: Bob and Marcie Muntz  
22: John and Sarah Blakeman  
29: Chuck and Cindy Kaman

## Liturgists

1: Janeane Hopkins  
8: Ann Pullano  
15: Phillip Hopkins  
22: Wendy Quinn  
29: John Blakeman



3: Annabelle Ryu  
6: Joanna Oller  
13: Marcie Muntz  
14: Pat Koch  
15: Gail Burke, Ward DeLamatre, Patricia Hand, Wendy Quinn, Steve Koenig  
17: Sara Hodsden  
20: Katy McGraw  
23: Kathy Kirby  
24: Sue Todd  
26: David Fenn  
29: Janeane Hopkins, Thomas Hodsden  
30: Eldon Zimmer



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>World communion Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Stewardship Dessert	<b>2</b> 12:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 31	<b>3</b> 10:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel 2:30 p.m. Preschool Chapel Preschool Big Play Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Rummage Sale
<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Stewardship Dessert	<b>9</b> 12:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal 1:00 p.m. Prayer group 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 31	<b>10</b> 10:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel 2:30 p.m. Preschool Chapel Preschool Big Play Fellowship Hall 7:00p.m. AA	<b>11</b> 5:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:30 Wedding—Sanctuary
<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Stewardship Dessert	<b>16</b> 12:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 31	<b>17</b> 10:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel 2:30 p.m. Preschool Chapel Preschool Big Play Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Session	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Stewardship Dessert	<b>23</b> 12:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 31	<b>24</b> 10:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel 2:30 p.m. Preschool Chapel 12 p.m.—6 p.m. Red Cross 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>25</b> 5:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal	<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship hour	<b>30</b> 12:00 p.m. Christ's Community Meal 7:00p.m. Scout Troop 31	<b>31</b> 10:30am Preschool Chapel 2:30pm Preschool Chapel Preschool Big Play Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. AA				