

# STEEPLE NOTES

JANUARY  
2025

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## From Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

As 2025 begins, I remain grateful to serve you as Pastor. It is hard to believe that I've been with you now for five years! Time does, indeed, fly.

Isaiah 43:19 says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" Our God is always refreshing our lives with new paths, new visions, new ways of serving Him in Christ.

For the past year and some change, we've been working through a Transforming Church Initiative process with Leighton Ford Ministries. Last November, the Session approved a new vision statement and some core values through which we will guide the ministries of our church. In the coming weeks, you will learn more and more about these things. I am so excited to share them with you at the congregational meeting on January 19th.

Also beginning on the 19th, I will begin a sermon series called "Five Smooth Stones," which will explore our core values, or what makes our church able to serve Christ in a particularly unique way--a way unlike any other congregation in Erie County can serve Him. When you share about FPC Huron with friends and family, you will be able to articulate the "whats and whys" of our ministry.

I look forward to our fifth year together in Christ.

Blessings,

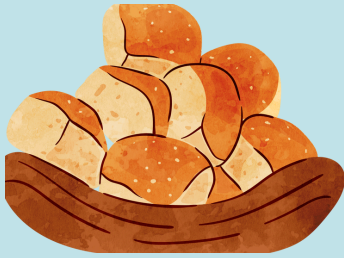
Pastor Sara





Join us for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 19th, following worship. We will have brunch immediately after the service, followed by our annual business meeting. Annual reports will be available during the meeting.

The Annual Report Deadline  
Monday, January 13th.



## Ladies Who Lunch

The Ladies Who Lunch group will gather on January 10th at 11:30 AM at Olive Garden on Route 250 in Sandusky. Please reach out to Marcie or Dawn to confirm your attendance.

## Ordination Sunday

Chris Hakeman will be ordained as an elder during worship. on Sunday, January 19th. Welcome to the ministry, Chris!



## FPC Huron's Inclement Weather Policy:

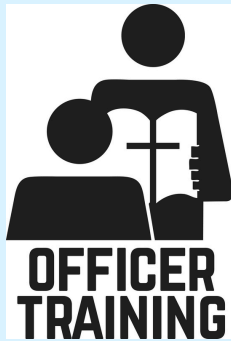
To help keep everyone safe and warm, the FPC Huron Session follows the guidance of the Erie County Sheriff's Department, and bases cancellations and postponements on the snow emergency level as follows:

- Level One: All church activities are as scheduled.
- Level Two: Worship will be as scheduled; all other activities are cancelled or postponed.
- Level Three: All activities are cancelled or postponed.

## Winter Bible Study

Beginning on Tuesday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor, join us as we explore a small portion of Genesis, focusing on the narrative of Abraham and Sarah. We will start with the promise given in Haran and journey with them through the conclusion of their story.

The study will continue until the end of February.



This year we are teaming up with the Norwalk Presbyterian Church for our Elder training. All current Elders are invited to attend. You'll learn the ins-and-outs of your duties as an elder, and enjoy a time of worship. Lunch will be served.

*Thank  
you!*

On December 22nd, Janeane Hopkins conducted the Bell Choir for the final time. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Janeane for her love and dedication as the director. She consistently challenged us and helped us deliver wonderful performances. With her good sense of humor, she guided us to ring to the best of our abilities.

Thank you, Janeane! We love you!

## Home Communion Team

Are you an ordained elder or deacon?

You can help us minister to our homebound by serving on our communion team. Two by two we visit and distribute communion on communion Sundays, typically the first Sunday of the month. Training is provided.

Let Pastor Sara know if you are interested.

## Sanctuary Guild

How do the candles get filled with oil?

Who puts the envelopes in the pews?

What about the paraments and banners?

It is the work of our newly formed Sanctuary Guild, under the guidance of the Worship Committee. The time commitment isn't huge, but the work is an important part of keeping our sanctuary ready for worship. We're always looking for new members. Let Pastor Sara or Cynthia Brown Mathews know if you are available to serve.

## January Session Notes

During our December Session meeting, we reviewed the annual calendar for 2025, where committees selected their meeting dates and marked important events.

This year, the Session will complete a study of the book "Attentive Church Leadership" by Jim Singleton and Kevin Ford. We expressed our gratitude to Marcie Muntz for her service as an elder and welcomed Chris Hakeman into our group. We will assign committees during the January Session meeting.

Visit our website at:

[www.firstpresbychurchuron.org](http://www.firstpresbychurchuron.org)

The Christian Education Committee sponsored a Christmas enrichment event for our Little Wonders kids. During the event, participants made ornaments, baked Christmas cookies, and learned about St. Nicholas and the legend of the candy cane.

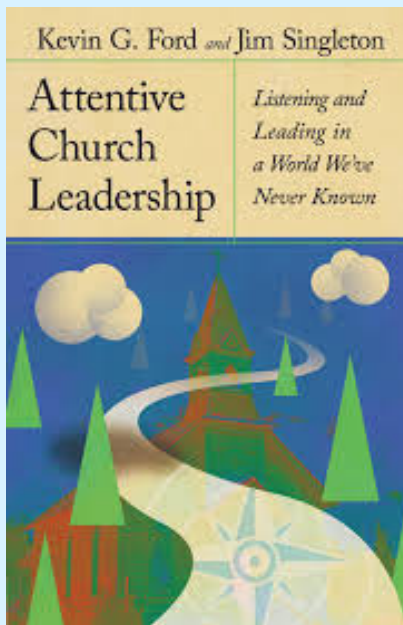
A special thank you goes to Marcie Muntz, Gail Burke, Sara Hodsden, James Hodsden, Cindy Kaman, Ellen Drumm, and Dawn Fleming for their assistance in organizing, registering, and running the event. Our next enrichment event is scheduled for February.



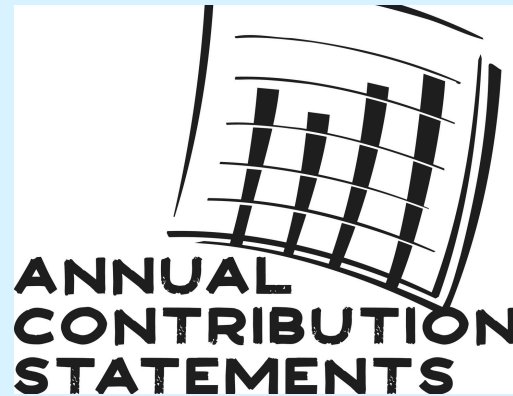
## “J” is for Jesus

## Presbytery Leadership Event at FPC Huron

In preparation for a Presbytery gathering in March, FPC Huron invites all elders and pastors in the western area of Maumee Valley Presbytery to a book discussion on Wednesday, January 29th at noon in Fellowship Hall. A soup lunch will be served. To RSVP, contact Pastor Sara, or sign up on Church Trac. Donations for lunch will be accepted, and any excess donations will be given to Christ's Community Meals.



Are you gathering your paperwork for your 2024 taxes? For your convenience, there are three ways to receive your annual giving statement. You can log into [www.churchtrac.com](http://www.churchtrac.com), you can call the church office to request an email copy, or you can call the office to receive a copy in the mail.





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**C. S. LEWIS**

### Our Military

Dominic Parisi, Ben DeLamatre, Dan Work, and Emily Stellpflug

### Please Pray For

Carol Mack, Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welsler, Dr. Pfahl, Ward DeLamatre, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Mark Crumrine, Harry and Ann Wright, John Nichols Jr., Eldon Zimmer, Delores Hodsden, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike and Karen Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Cameron James, Carol Kopkas, Denny Velliquette, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Brad Mason, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Roger and Barbara Gravlin, the family and friends of William Roose.

### Our Local Churches

- 1/5: Christ Episcopal Church  
Father Michael Floyd
- 1/12: St. Peter Catholic Church  
Father Doug Garand
- 1/19: Huron United Methodist Church  
Pastor Pamela Sayre
- 1/26: Zion Lutheran Church  
Rev. Katie Sugget



Have a Prayer Request?

Send them to [pastorfpchuron@bex.net](mailto:pastorfpchuron@bex.net)



## Liturgists & Communion

1/5 Betty Reed

Communion Set up - Sarah Blakeman

Servers - Sarah Blakeman, Phillip Hopkins, Marcie Muntz, Bob Muntz

1/12 Owen Fleming

1/19 Janeane Hopkins

1/26 Marcie Muntz

## Ushers

1/5 Janet Mueller & Francesca Lendrum

1/12 Cindy & Chuck Kaman

1/19 Rick & Cynthia Brown Mathews

1/26 Jack & Marcia Arthur



## Flowers

1/5 Mark and Pat Koch for the birthday celebration of Meghan and Andrew Johnson.

## Sunday Count

1/5 Francesca Lendrum & Ellen Drumm

1/12 Bob & Marcie Muntz

1/19 Jack & Marcia Arthur

1/26 John & Sarah Blakeman



## Home Communion

Francesca Lendrum and Katy McGraw

## Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at 12 p.m.

The second and fourth Wednesday evenings of the month at 5 p.m.

Join us for free food and fellowship!



1/4 Janet Zimmer

1/10 Tim Drumm

1/11 Pete Guerrera

1/12 Rita Phillips

1/15 Meghan Johnson, Chris Mischler

1/16 Emma Horan

1/17 Barbara Gettman

1/20 Scott Ransom

1/23 Bethany Schippel

1/26 Sheri Ransom

1/29 Rachel Pratt

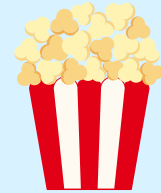


The children always look forward to their monthly visit from Ms. Melissa from the Huron Library.



PAJAMA DAY

Pajama Day included Polar Express and popcorn!



Christmas crafts:

The children and teachers crafted cute snowmen as a surprise present for their parents for Christmas.



CLOSED

Little Wonders Preschool will be closed Monday, January 20th. in observation of MLK Day.

Christmas Party:

There was lots of Christmas cheer at the children's Christmas party, with crafts, games, snacks, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Claus.



February:

- Valentines Day Party
- Birthday Parties
- Big Play
- Chapel time with Pastor Sara
- Closed: 2/17/24 in observation of Presidents day!

# DID YOU KNOW?


More fun facts from our family reunion:  
Jenny Hagy's family has 2 dogs, 1 bird,  
1 bearded dragon, 2 bunnies, and a goldfish pond!

Sarah Prout grew up on a farm in Indiana. She still has the original land grant from John Quincy Adams!  
There are two family farms, one from her mother and one from her father, that have been in her family for 200 years, and are still active farms today!

**Bible Quiz**

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46.)



In February:

- New Members Class
- Scout Sunday
- Souperbowl Sunday
- Little Wonders Enrichment

In March:

- Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Soup and Study