



Steeple Notes

July & August, 2025

A Message from Pastor Sara

Every July 4th, James and I will watch our favorite "Schoolhouse Rock" segments from the time of our nation's Bicentennial. Titled "America Rock," these segments covered everything from the American Revolution to the Suffragist movement in the 1800s and 1900s. I am thankful for these videos, as they made it highly likely that many of my generation can recite the Preamble to the Constitution from memory.

I love American History. Our nation is founded on the understanding that all are created equal. That among our rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, as a nation, we have often fallen short of these ideals, with the legality of slavery being the highest deviation.

We often hear about how the revolution was rooted in anger over Great Britain's abuses of the colonial population in America. We remember King George imposing taxes on the colonists without any representation in Parliament. We recognize that colonists were forced to quarter British soldiers in their homes. We know that great minds, such as Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, were forming ideas about the great American experiment. But have you ever heard that King George III considered the American Revolution a Presbyterian conspiracy?

George III wasn't alone in his assessment. The MP, Horace Walpole, lamented in Parliament, "Cousin America has eloped with a Presbyterian parson," referring to Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian pastor and the only clergy who signed the Declaration of Independence. Ten other Presbyterians signed the Declaration as well. When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, all but one of the colonels of the Colonial Army were Presbyterian, and it is estimated that one-half of the Revolutionary soldiers were Presbyterian.

So what is it about the Presbyterian faith and our American Revolution? Our roots in the theology of John Calvin. Calvin taught, "We are subject to the men who rule over us, but subject only to the Lord. If they command anything against him, let us not pay the least regard to it." Resistance to tyranny was and continues to be a hallmark of the Reformed faith. We believe in the sovereignty of God. We believe resistance to that which offends God is our duty as Christians. This revolution was a Christian duty for many Presbyterians in the American Colonies.

Think about this as we celebrate the 4th this year. Enjoy your freedoms, and celebrate our liberation from tyranny almost 250 years ago. And thank God for brave Presbyterians like John Witherspoon, who risked his life and property to stand up against that tyranny.

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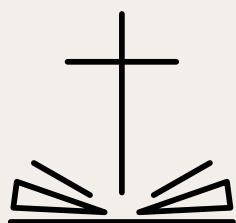


If you are feeling overwhelmed with what is happening in the world, you are not alone. This is the time when it is most important that we don't forget our calling to get into intercession!

All is not well but God is on the throne and He has not lost His way. He is still calling us to ask and stand in the gap for those who do not know what they are doing or saying. So prayer is needed now more than ever for the World, Israel and God's Chosen people.



The prayer group is now part of Sara's Bible study on Tuesdays. Please submit your requests to the office, or Susan Martter. All remain confidential. God will hear us no matter when we pray!



Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., join Pastor Sara for "Lectionary Look-In." Together, we'll study the Scripture passage for the following Sunday and conclude with a ten-minute time of intercessory prayer.

Please Pray for:

The Family of Dorothy Whitehurst, The Family of Ward DeLamatre, Jennifer Kelley (Kerry Glann's Mother-In-Law), Doug Quinn, Pat Koch, The Family of Rev. Mike Leonard, Kathryn Skelley-Watts and her parents Revs. Roger and Joan. Ken Alexander, Rita Phillips, Larry Klaiber, Zac, K.C. Wittmer, The family of Thomas Litz, Carol Mack, Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welser, Dr. Pfahl, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Harry Wright, Eldon Zimmer, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike and Karen Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Carol Kopkas, Denny Velliquette, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Roger & Barbara Gravlin, Patti Smith, and the family and friends of Andrea Kummer.

Remember Our Military

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

Huron Church Prayer Calendar

7/6 - Huron United Methodist Church: Pastor Pamela Sayre
7/13 - Zion Lutheran Church
7/20 - First Presbyterian Church: Pastor Sara Hodsden
7/27 - Salvation Army

August

8/3 - Christ Episcopal Church: Father Michael Floyd
8/10 - St. Peter Catholic Church: Father Doug Garand
8/17 - Huron United Methodist Church: Pastor Pamela Sayre
8/24 - Zion Lutheran Church
8/31 - First Presbyterian Church : Pastor Sara Hodsden

Prayer Page



Ladies Who Lunch

July

Warmed up yet from lunch at the Beach House? Marcie is still marveling at the great attitude of the servers there, especially with 21 separate checks. They were filled with the Holy Spirit for sure!

This month, the Ladies Who Lunch are TENTATIVELY planning on going to the Gideon Owen Winery for lunch on Friday, July 11th at 11:30 a.m. This is located in Port Clinton, / Catawaba. It is a lovely place and Marcie has been there before, but she will do a "test" lunch before we go. If, for some reason, it does not work, Marcie will let you all know. I'm sure it will be much warmer than the last lunch. We will carpool. if you need a ride, please let us know and be at the church by 11:10 a.m. Inform Dawn in the office or Marcie Muntz if you plan to join us. Please

August

In the month of August, the Ladies Who Lunch will gather for lunch on Friday, August 8th at Bar North. Marcie is inviting everyone back to her house for dessert after. She has to-go boxes if you are too full from lunch. Please inform Dawn in the office or Marcie Muntz if you plan to join us.

Any Presbyterian woman or friend of a PW can come! I know "the more the merrier" is somewhere in the Bible. See you soon, Marcie

Upcoming

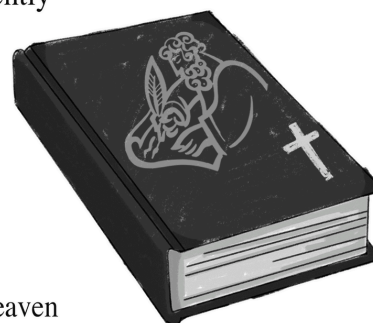


Bible Quiz



In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)

Upcoming



You're invited to:

Christmas
in July

July 20th, 2025
First Presbyterian
Huron
225 Williams St.

We'll sing carols, light candles, and celebrate Christ's birth, but in July!



Christ Community Meal

Every Monday at noon.

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

July 10th & 24th
August 13th & 27th



Celebrate the
TABLE OF ABUNDANCE

A retreat led by:
Rev. Stacey Lauer-Scovanner
St. John's, Milan
Rev. Sara Hodsden
First Presbyterian, Huron

James 1:17: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

November 8th, 12:00 p.m.- November 9th, 11:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio

Join us to celebrate God's gracious abundance with worship, conversation, wine, and food. Your registration includes lunch, a flower arranging seminar, and transportation from the hotel to two wineries and a brewery. Please note that your hotel stay, dinner, and

Upcoming



Sequel to the now-famous
Monster Mulch

Happening on July 19, 2025

Come join us to help finish mulching the path.
For helping you get food, fellowship, and fun!!

Huron Community Prayer Path

930 S. Main St.

7/19/2025 8 a.m.

B.Y.O.R. (bring your own rake)

Contact 419-271-5271



Excitement is building for Riverfest!

For several years, our church has generated funds by "renting" out parking spaces in our lot. We are looking for eight pairs of volunteers to sign up for two-hour shifts. If you're able to assist, please sign up in the narthex, visit this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zv7jt5n>, or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your support!



Family Reunion
September 7
Details Soon!

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

The FPC Growth & Presentation Advisory Board is interested in your opinion about how we spend discretionary funds received from generous benefactors. We know you also have great ideas. Therefore, we are asking for your input via the following survey to do just that. Please go to: <https://forms.gle/XEhGcBX63dgypuxY8>

You can also pick up a copy of the survey in the narthex. Thank you!



VBS was a great time for everyone! Thank you to our church's volunteers: Marcie Muntz, Gail Burke, and Sara Hodsden.

VBS 2025 - DAY 2



HURON COMMUNITY CHURCHES
Hosted at Zion Lutheran Church



Reminder, our
next news letter
will be in
September.



July Schedules



LITURGIST

7/6 - Sarah Blakeman
7/13- Phillip Hopkins
7/20 - Jack Arthur
7/27 - Steve Koenig

USHER

7/6 - Wendy Quinn & Janet Mueller
7/13 - Chuck & Cindy Kaman
7/20 - Jack & Marcia Arhtur

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1- Francesca Lendrum
7/4- Ellen Drumm, Ronald Rubel
7/6- Grace Moser
7/9- Herb Chapin
7/10- Andrew Muntz
7/14- Clair Brewer, Robert Brouse
7/16- Janet Mueller
7/17- Maurine Ruggles
7/21- Dennis Velliquette, Susan Martter
7/22- Mark Koch
7/25- Michael Prout
7/28- John Glann
7/29- Cynthia Brown Mathews

COMMUNION

SET UP:

Gail Burke

SERVERS

Gail Burke
Jack Arthur
Marcia Arthur
Francesca Lendrum

JULY FLOWERS

7/6 - Bob & Marcie Muntz, in honor of Andrew's birthday!


7/13 - Kathy Kirby in celebration of Megan's birthday and all July birthdays!

7/20 - Gail Burke, in celebration of friends, family, and loved ones.

7/27 - Jann Glann in celebration of John's birthday!

JULY COUNTERS

7/6 - Francesca & Ellen
7/13 - Bob & Marcie Muntz
7/20 - Jack & Marcia Arthur
7/27 - Chuck & Cindy Kaman





August Schedules



8/3

LITURGIST

8/3 - Wendy Quinn
8/10 - Amy Nevison
8/17 - Owen Fleming
8/24 - Katy McGraw
8/31 - Marcie Muntz

COMMUNION

SET UP

Janeane Hopkins

SERVERS

Janeane Hopkins, Phillip Hopkins,
Chris Hakeman, John Bickell

USHER

8/3 - Phillip Hopkins & Kitty Cunningham
8/10 - Marcie Muntz & Betty Reed
8/17 - Anne & Don Russell
8/24 - Kathy Kirby & Patti Smith
8/31 - Chuck & Cindy Kaman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

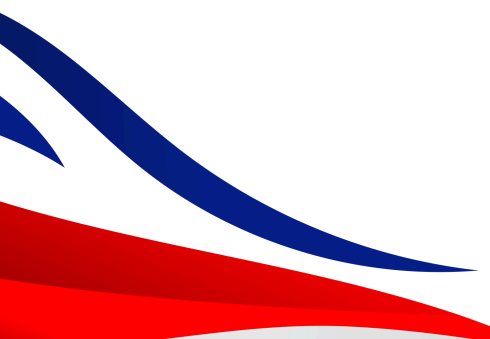
8/12- Margaret Symmonds
8/13 - Richard Haase
8/16- Doug Quinn
8/22 - John Blakeman
8/26 - Vernon Schisler
8/31 - Jeannine Asher, Will Koenig

AUGUST COUNTERS

8/3 - Francesca & Ellen
8/10 - Bob & Marcie
8/17 - Jack & Marcia
8/24 - John & Sarah
8/31 - Chuck & Cindy

AUGUST FLOWERS

8/3 - John Bickell
8/10- Katy McGraw
8/17 - Wendy Quinn
8/31 - Kathy Kirby



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
		1 7 p.m. AA	2	3	4 Fellowship Hall Usage 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	5
6 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship hour	7 12 p.m. Christ Community Meal	8 7 p.m. AA	9 5p.m. Christ Community Meal	10 8 p.m. AA	11 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch	12
13 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship hour	14 12 p.m. Christ Community Meal	15 7 p.m. AA	16 6:30 p.m. Session	17 8 p.m. AA	18	19
20 10 a.m. Worship Christmas In July 11 a.m. Fellowship hour	21 12 p.m. Christ Community Meal	22 7 p.m. AA	23 5p.m. Christ Community Meal	24 8 p.m. AA	25	26
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