



Steeple Notes



DECEMBER 2025

A Message from Pastor Sara

What do you do to get ready for Christmas? For many of us, the list is long—decorating, shopping, baking, wrapping, cleaning, traveling, gathering. The calendar fills up fast.

In all that activity, even Christians sometimes lose sight of what we're actually celebrating: that God took on flesh, grew in Mary's womb, and entered our world in a messy stable. Even pastors can forget, as the wonder of the Incarnation gets buried under the weight of preparation.

One thing that clears the fog for me is a piece of music many of you know: Handel's Messiah. Not just the "Hallelujah Chorus," but the first section, rooted in Isaiah's promises—especially the movement "For Unto Us a Child Is Born." For a few beautiful minutes, the music presses the truth of Isaiah 9:6 into my heart: "For unto us a child is born... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Each title speaks a word we need:

Wonderful Counselor — guiding us with wisdom.

Mighty God — strong enough to carry our burdens.

Everlasting Father — loving us with a steady, enduring love.

Prince of Peace — offering deep peace in a turbulent world.

At Christmas, we remember more than just the birth of a boy in Bethlehem. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise: a Savior known by many names, each one reflecting His enduring love and presence. May the comfort, strength, and peace found in those names be yours this season.

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



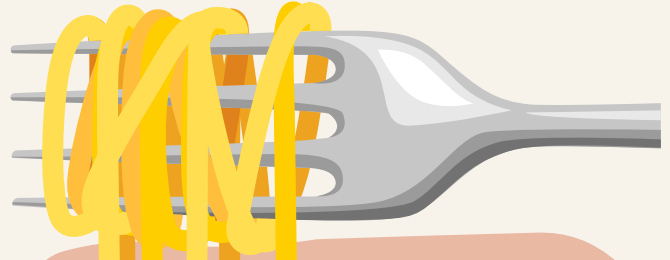


CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MEALS

Our church hosts the Christ's Community Meals ministry every Monday at noon, and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Anyone who wants a meal, or just wants companionship for a meal, is welcome!

SESSION NEWS

FPC Huron's Session met on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We welcomed our 2028 Elder class, including John Bickell, Katy McGraw, and Steve Koenig. Doug Quinn provided Session with an update on our sidewalk replacement, and alerted the Session to some leaking issues involving the steeple area of our roof. We may also have some damage on other portions of the roof, and those are being investigated. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday, December 17th.



Scout Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, Dec. 5th
5-7 p.m.
\$12 Adults/\$8 Kids
Carryout Available




CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering benefits both retired clergy and seminary students. We will take up this special offering on Sunday, December 21st. Thank you for your generosity!



The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your generosity. Our pledge total so far is: \$164,048.00. There is still time to pledge if you haven't!



We aimed for 190 items to celebrate 190 years.

We received

392

items to give to Huron Helping Hands!

Thank you for your generosity!



2026 Epiphany Home Blessing Sign Ups are Live! Sign up for your slot for January 5-7, 2026, in 3 simple steps. First, use the QR code below to connect to the calendar. Then, use the arrows to advance the calendar to January 5-7. Next, elect a time and provide your information. Not tech savvy? Schedule by calling the church at 419-433-5018.



Evening Bell Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, December 11

and

Thursday, December 18

at 6:30 p.m.

New 50-Year Members

At our special 190th Anniversary service, we recognized two new 50-year members:

Jann Glann

Katy McGraw

Thank you both for serving, praying, and worshipping with us for all these years!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving meal--especially our kitchen crew, our history buffs, and our decorators!





WHAT'S HAPPENING

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch will dine at the Huron Yacht Club for our December luncheon. Our reservations are set for **December 12th at 11:30 a.m.** Following lunch, Kathy Kirby will host a delightful dessert gathering at Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join in on this enjoyable annual event!

ANGEL TAGS

The Salvation Army has dropped off their annual angel tags, which are hanging above the fireplace in the parlor. Please have all items to the church office by December 10th.

REMEMBRANCE TREE

During the Advent season in 2015, FPC Worship Committee began the "Tree of Remembrance" activity and 'Service of Remembrance,' for which a tree is placed in the parlor (below steps leading into sanctuary) each Advent, and ornaments in remembrance of deceased church members, relatives, special friends, special co-workers, etc. are placed on the tree and then saved for the 'Tree of Remembrance' in following years. (The ornament need not represent a death that occurred during the past year.) We encourage anyone who would like to add an ornament/s to bring the ornament and place it on tree at any time, drop off the ornament in Office or Choir Room, OR contact office or Jann (440-452-6115) to make arrangements to place the ornament/s for or with you.

Please write the name of the person "remembered" on the ornament itself, or attach a small tag with the name. Consider an ornament that reminds you of, or is 'characteristic' of the person/s if you so choose. (The tree now holds ornaments as varied as...angels, fishing tackles, footballs, bells, chalk boards, tea cups, birds, sewing materials, clocks, lighthouses and the like!). During the morning Worship Service on December 21st, Pastor Sara will include a brief 'Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance' time. Each year the ornaments are packed away in a safe spot so they can be returned to the tree the following Advent. (Feel free to contact Jann Glann at the above number if you have questions.)



Annual Worship Through Music: December 21

Please be part of our gathering on Sunday, December 21, at 10:00 a.m. as the Chancel Choir and Friends, along with Guest Soloists, Handbell Choir, Strings, Brass, and Winds Instrumentalists, Pianist, Organist, and Scripture Readers, unite once again to create a service of worship, celebration, and reflection during this Advent Season.

- ****Congregational participation**** will be welcomed and encouraged through the singing of several beloved Christmas carols!
- As we pause from our hectic schedules to celebrate the Christmas Miracle through music and the Word, we sincerely hope you will join us on this Fourth Sunday of Advent.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS*... There's plenty of room in our 'Inn!



We warmly invite you to attend our beloved traditional 11 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Reflection and Meditation, Lessons, and Carols. The evening will feature:

- Special music from the Chancel Choir, Friends, and soloists
- Congregational singing of cherished Carols
- Readings of the Lessons from Scripture as we recount the "Christmas Story"

Experience the traditional lighting of the ****Christ Candle**** and the Passing of the Light through the congregation's candles, culminating in the heartfelt singing of the beloved hymn "Silent Night," celebrating its ****2007th Anniversary**** this Christmas season!

As you depart the sanctuary, remember...

- ***IT WILL BE CHRISTMAS DAY!!!****
"JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME!!!"

PEACE ON EARTH TO ALL!!!*





LITURGISTS

12/7 Chuck Kaman
12/14 Francesca Lendrum
12/21 Music Sunday
12/28 Marcie Muntz

COMMUNION

12/7
Gail Burke, Janeane Hopkins,
Phil Hopkins, Sarah Blakeman

USHERS

12/7 Kathy Kirby
12/14 Janet Mueller & Francesca Lendrum
12/21 Chuck & Cindy Kaman
12/28 Rick & Cynthia Mathews

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/2 Chris Hakeman
12/7 Karen Brown
12/16 Jeanne Smith
12/20 Betty Reed
12/22 Marty Ryu
12/24 Edwina Chamberling
12/25 Carol Johnson, Katy Mischler
12/29 Sharon Velliquette
12/31 Kitty Cunningham

COUNTERS

12/7 Ellen Drumm & Francesca Lendrum
12/14 Bob & Marcie Muntz
12/21 Chuck & Cindy Kaman
12/28 Jack & Marcia Arthur



LITTLE WONDERS PRESCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024

What We Learned

CRAFTS- TURKEYS

LIBRARY-- STORIES AND
SONGS WITH MS. MELISSA
FROM HURON LIBRARY

LETTER P---"P IS FOR
POPCORN" ---WRITING THE
LETTER P

Upcoming

POLAR EXPRESS DAY

The children and teachers will wear their Christmas PJs on Wednesday, December 10th, while reading The Polar Express and enjoying hot chocolate!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Little Wonders families and friends are invited to attend our annual Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the church sanctuary. The morning and afternoon classes will be performing together. The Doors will open at 5:20 p.m.

November Recap

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Big play
- Chapel time with Pastor Sara
- Christmas program practicing songs for the program.
- Raised over \$800 from the flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's.

They will also host a couple of dine-to donate events through local pizza shops. Save the dates: dine at Jim's Pizza Box Huron on Tuesday, January 13 and Huron Pizza House on Monday, February 9 .



Contact Info

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PRAYER PAGE



PLEASE PRAY FOR

David Andrews (Gail Burke's Son-in-Law),
Angie Kwok (the mother of John Glann's
girlfriend Cecilia), Jennifer Kelley (Kerry
Glann's Mother-In-Law), Jon Nikols, Fr.
Steve Taylor, Steve Kuhl, John Van Meter,
Brian Goff, Bob Ashcraft, The Family of
Rev. Mike Leonard, Rita Phillips, Larry
Klaiber, Zac, The family of Thomas Litz,
Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welser, Pam
Heschel, Paul Brown, Harry Wright, Eldon
Zimmer, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger,
Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Carol Kopkas,
Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David
Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer,
Roberta Leimbach, and Billie Urie.

Every day, we express our gratitude to
God for the food we receive. However,
let's reflect honestly: do we truly believe
that without God's provision, we would
have nothing to eat? When was the last
time you sincerely prayed, "Lord, have
mercy on me and my family, and ensure
we do not go hungry today"?

Consider the last time you approached
God with this genuine urgency for your
family's needs. Remember, it is His desire
for you to acknowledge your reliance on
Him each day, and in prayer, earnestly
call out, "Our Father in heaven... give us
this day our daily bread."

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ben DeLamatre, and Emily Stellpflug

HURON CHURCHES' PRAYER CALENDAR

12/7 Christ Episcopal Church Father Michael Floyd
12/14 St. Peter Catholic Church Father Doug Garrand
12/21 Huron United Methodist Church Pastor Pamela Sayre
12/28 Zion Lutheran Church

