

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Steeplenotes

June 2026

A Message From Pastor Sara

✦ Pentecost has come and gone. The sanctuary colors change. The great celebrations of Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost fade into the background. And now the church enters what the liturgical calendar calls "Ordinary Time".

But in the Church's life, Ordinary Time is not ordinary at all.

The word "ordinary" comes from the idea of counting or ordering time. We count the numbered weeks that cover most of our year. Yet, spiritually speaking, Ordinary Time may be where most of the real work of discipleship happens.

✦ After all, not every morning is like Christmas or Easter morning. Every evening is not like New Year's Eve. Most of our days are filled with trips to the grocery store and gas station, doctors' appointments, work, family dinners, and volunteer work.

Sometimes we think our faith has to be dramatic. We think about a powerful altar call at a Billy Graham Crusade, or a mission trip, or a supernatural healing. We praise God for those moments. But Scripture reminds us that God shapes us over time in daily practices of prayer, trust, and obedience.

✦ The disciples experienced Pentecost in a rush of wind and flame. But after Pentecost came the harder—and perhaps holier—work: learning how to be the Church day after day. They prayed. They

shared meals. They cared for one another. They welcomed strangers. They served their neighbors. Perhaps that is our calling as well. As summer unfolds, routines change. Some of us travel. Some of us slow down. Some of us find ourselves busier than ever. Yet Ordinary Time invites us to consider: How might God be at work in these ordinary days?

✦ How might we tend to our hearts and souls—and to the hearts and souls of our neighbors—in the small moments that make up our lives?

Maybe holiness looks less like extraordinary achievement and more like faithful presence. A prayer before bed. A phone call to someone who is lonely. Worship even when we're distracted or tired. Gratitude for a sunset over the lake. An act of kindness no one notices. Trusting God in the middle of an ordinary week.

These things may not seem dramatic. But they are not insignificant.

Ordinary Time is not a pause between important seasons. It is the place where faith takes root, grows quietly, and bears fruit.

And thanks be to God, that ordinary grace is enough. ✦

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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Summer Office Hours
- VBS ✦
- That's a wrap - Little Wonders Preschool
- Community Happenings
- Scouts News ✦
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Prayer Page



Even as the disciples knew, we need Jesus to teach us to pray (Luke 11:1). Prayer is so simple that the smallest child can pray, but it is so great that the mightiest man of God cannot be said to truly have mastered prayer. And know that prayer is the only action that is always available. No matter how big or distant the concern is, prayer is appropriate, powerful, and effective. It shouldn't be all we do, but it should always be part of what we do.

Please pray for.....

Geoff Stephenson, Judy Hartley, Wendy Quinn, Rob Vantatsky, The Family and Friends of David Fenn, Kim Medina (Sister of Dawn Fleming), Martha & Ray Casten, Eldon Zimmer, Owen Fleming, Jennifer Kelley, Angie Kwok, David Andrews (Gail Burke's Son-in-Law), 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.



Churches of Huron...

6/7	Huron United Methodist Church Pastor Pamela Sayre
6/14	Zion Lutheran Church
6/21	FPC Pastor Sara Hodsdon
6/28	Salvation Army

Pray for our Military...



Ben DeLamatre, and Emily Stellpflug

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

VBS NEWS

Huron Community Churches present:

Brick by Brick

A Lego VBS

June 16-18

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

225 Williams St,

Huron, Ohio 44839

419-433-5018

Pre K through 4th grade



QR code to sign up

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The Church office will start summer hours starting June 1st. The office hours will be:

Monday - Wednesday - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Friday - closed

SCOUTS NEWS

Pack 31 has finished its school year activities and is eagerly anticipating summer camp. To raise funds, the parents will be using our parking lot for the Lakefront Market on Saturday, June 6th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

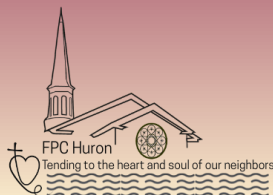
LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Friday, June 12th at 11:30 a.m.

at Manny's Restaurant. 6201 Milan Rd. Sandusky.

R.S.V.P. to Marcie Muntz or Dawn in the church office.

A MESSAGE FROM BUILDING, GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE



** Addressing concerns by members of our congregation and Little Wonders Preschool. About 2 years ago, the gas company was called here to inspect a gas odor, by the Little Wonders green door. From a gas pressure relief valve located at our main boiler, there is a small vent pipe that exists on the building by the green door. Venting will occur at times with the concentration well below levels of concern. This vent pipe has been there since the boiler was installed. The venting process has become noticeable due to the location and use of the green door. Thanks to all who have noticed and expressed concerns to past and present building and maintenance chairs.

** Friendly reminder to all. When leaving the church after hours, please check that the door closes and locks. One early evening during the week of May 17th, a member found the exterior door to the fellowship hall was ajar. Thanks for your help in making sure that the church building is left secure.

Respectfully,

John A. Bickell Chr. building & Grounds



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Huron Salvation Army

Back to School

Distribution

Collecting New Backpacks
For our Huron Students

930 Main St

The Huron Salvation Army

419-366-1721

We are asking for collections of
new backpacks to be collected
by end of June



Bring your backpack donations to church by Sunday, June 28th!

Per Capita: More Than a Budget Line

Each year, our congregation is asked to contribute something Presbyterians call per capita. If you have ever wondered what that is, you are not alone.

The simplest explanation is this: per capita is how Presbyterian churches share the cost of being Presbyterian.

Presbyterians are a connectional church. We believe congregations are not meant to stand alone, but to belong to one another in Christ. We worship locally, but we also discern, ordain leaders, resolve questions, and make important decisions together through our presbytery and General Assembly.

Per capita helps support that shared work. It funds many of the behind-the-scenes functions of church life: pastoral oversight, ordination processes, constitutional interpretation, assemblies, records, and the systems that help our churches remain accountable and connected.

For 2026, the Presbyterian Church's per capita apportionment in Maumee Valley Presbytery is \$40.71 per member, supporting the shared work of our presbytery, the Synod of the Covenant, and the wider PC(USA). If you are able, you can help stretch our church budget by contributing that amount. Simply write "Per Capita" on your check or envelope. Thank you!



Huron River Fest is coming up on July 10–11, and First Presbyterian Church will once again offer donation parking. We need volunteers to help greet drivers, direct parking, and collect donations.

Shifts are just two hours long, and each time slot needs two people.

This is a simple, fun way to welcome our community and support our church's ministry. Please consider signing up for a shift – or invite a friend to serve with you! Sign up in the narthex, or contact the church office. Thank you!

Seeing Scripture Through Art: Summer Bible Study & Prayer Group

Join us this summer for a special Bible Study and Prayer Group exploring the intersection of Scripture, art, and prayer.

Together, we will study a work of art and reflect on the Scripture that inspired it—or on a biblical passage that connects thematically with the piece. Each gathering will conclude with a time of prayer.

We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor on the following Mondays: June 8, June 22, July 6, and July 20.

Whether you love art, Bible study, prayer, or simply meaningful conversation, you are warmly invited. All are welcome!



Sunday, June 21st
We will welcome
Campbell Hagy
and
Jack McGraw
as they confirm their faith!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE !!!

SEQUEL TO THE NOW FAMOUS MONSTER MULCH

HAPPENING ON JUNE 13, 2026

COME JOIN US TO HELP FINISH MULCHING THE PATH.
FOR HELPING YOU GET FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN !!

**** HURON COMMUNITY PRAYER PATH**

930 S. MAIN STREET

DATE: JUNE 13, 2026 *****

TIME: 8:00 AM -????

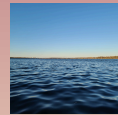
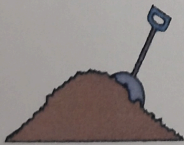
B.Y.O.R. (bring your own rake)

CONTACT 419-271-5271

WE NEED YOU !!



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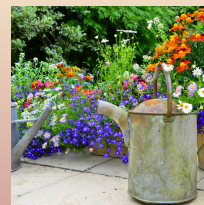
Huron Lake Front Market

Saturday, June 6th, 2026

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Activities, food trucks, craft vendors
and much more!



Annual Summertime Garden!

Fun event hosted by Colonial Garden and
Corso's Flower Shop..

3506 Hull Rd. Huron, Ohio

Saturday, June 13th 9 am - 5 pm

Event includes, garden market, workshops,
vendors and much more!

72nd Strawberry Festival

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

St. Stephen UCC

905 E. Perkins Ave.

Sandusky, Ohio



** Choice of Sandwich: Shredded Chicken, Sloppy Joe, Hot dog/chili dog. Includes a drink and
chips - \$6.00

Strawberry shortcake and ice cream - \$6.00

Eat in or carry out.

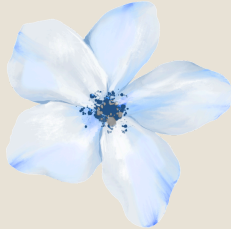
SCHEDULES



	LITURGISTS	USHERS	COUNTERS
June 7	Francesca Lendrum	Jack & Marcia Arthur	Francesca Lendrum & Ellen Drumm
June 14	Ann Pullano	Marcie Muntz & Betty Reed	Jack & Marcia Arthur
June 21	Katy McGraw	Chuck & Cindy Kaman	Bob & Marcie Muntz
June 28	Betty Reed	Phillip Hopkins & Kitty Cunningham	John & Sarah Blakeman

Communion Preparation and Servers

June 7	Communion Prep: Cynthia Brown Mathews Communion Servers: Cynthia Brown Mathews, Janeane Hopkins, Gail Burke, and John Bickell
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Flowers

There is still time to sign up for June Sanctuary Flowers, Contact Pat Koch or the Church office.



LITTLE WONDERS PRESCHOOL

May Happenings

The Children end the last month of school, learning all about the life cycle of chicks, they watch from start to finish. They were so excited to watch them hatch!



A special morning of coffee and donuts with mom!



Many lasts moments before summer break....

The children enjoyed climbing in the big whale as they wrapped up their last chapel time with Pastor Sara for the 2025/2026 school year!

The children enjoyed one last big play in the fellowship hall as they enjoyed popsicles and said their goodbyes for the summer.

And just like that, the 2025/2026 school year has come to an end!

Congratulations to all of our Little Wonders Graduates. Continue to pray for them as they enjoy summer break and head into Kindergarten in the fall. We continue to pray for our teachers Kim & Amber, for a safe and healthy summer break!



Mark YOUR Calendar

6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28	10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship Hour
6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29	12 p.m. Christ Community Meal
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30	7 p.m AA
6/16, 6/17, 6/18	VBS
6/10, 6/24	5 p.m. Christ Community Meal
6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25	8 p.m. AA

