

Presby Tidings

JUNE 2017

*Our mission is to be an extension of God's hands, helping and nurturing all of God's people.
We worship together as brothers and sisters of the First Presbyterian Church,
joined by the word of Jesus and the limitless love of God.*

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Pentecost is upon us soon and so is Summer. The Holy Spirit is something that goes together with our venture in this world like the devotion I read a while back I'd like to share.

2 Samuel 23:2 says, *The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and his word was on my tongue.* "There are always some things that go together: a person and her shadow, two sides of a coin, the blades of scissors—and the Spirit of God and the Word of God. It is the Word of God that establishes God's will in the earth, and it is the Spirit of God that enables, illumines, and empowers that Word.

For instance, when God spoke the world into existence, the Spirit was there (Genesis 1:2b). When early Christians were "filled with the Holy Spirit . . . they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). And the "sword of the Spirit is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). When the Bible exhorts Christians to "be transformed by the renewing of [their] mind" (Romans 12:2), it means learning to think God's way instead of the world's way. It means to replace lies with truth. We do that by reading God's Word, which means the Spirit that gives the transformation. It is the Spirit that gives understanding that leads to changed lives.

Don't neglect the daily reading and study of God's Word. A day missed is transformation delayed.

The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and will always be with us no matter where we are in life. Jesus promised us this in his Word. Reading the scripture, even if it is just one small passage a day, is what we must do. It enlightens our walk and our boldness for the Gospel of Christ. If not, we neglect the transformation that God has planned for us. By neglecting to read His Word each day, we neglect the Lord's transformative measures that day helping us to mold our journey and our boldness to represent Him.

No matter how one might look at their walk with God, the Father wishes that all have the gifts the Holy Spirit endows for our daily walk. Pentecost is a special and profound celebration of God's promises fulfilled. May the Lord find you always with his Word on your tongue and His Spirit in your heart.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and be gracious unto you. May he lift up his countenance and give you His peace—in the name of the One yet to come again—Jesus. Amen.

Godspeed and may your Summer be filled with joy and happiness.

In Christ's Loving Service, Rev. Hal

Please enjoy the following devotion that was shared in Session's meeting in May:

Congratulations Class of 2017

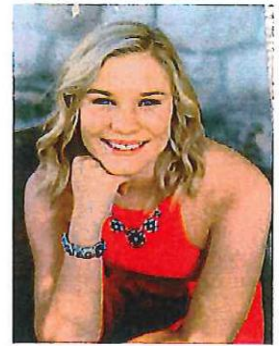


Gabe Evans

Gabe is a 2017 Graduate from Lincolnview and Vantage Career Center. While at Vantage he studied Ag & Industrial Power Technology. He plan to continue working on the family farm and furthering his education at UNOH to study Industrial Agricultural Technology. He will also be going to Apollo to get his Certification to be a Fire Fighter.

Aimee Nicolai

Aimee is graduating from VanWert High School. Throughout high school Aimee was involved in band, National Honor society, soccer, basketball, and the buddies program through BBBS her. She also worked at Sycamore and Vancrest. Aimee will continue to work at Vancrest this summer before pursuing a BSN degree from the University of St Francis in the fall.



Samantha Yaney

Sam is a 2017 graduate from VanWert High School. During high school she served as a library helper, participated in the church choir and youth group, and served as the Music leader for vacation bible school and JAM. Sam plans to attend Wright State University-Lake Campus majoring in Graphic Design.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ **Worship Committee**
- ✓ **CCE**
- ✓ **Missions**
- ✓ **Trustees**
- ✓ **Sessions**

Wednesday, June 7th @ 6PM
Thursday, June 8th @ 6PM
Tuesday, June 13th @ 5PM
Wednesday, June 14th @ 5:30PM
Tuesday, June 20th @ 7PM

Pentecost Special Offering will be received on Sunday, June 4th. The Pentecost offering is devoted to nurturing and guiding young people as they lay the foundation for their futures—providing opportunities to deepen their faith, find the joy in serving others, and seek God’s will for their lives.

...This Do In Remembrance of Me...

Luke 22:19

Holy Communion will be served in our
Worship Service on Sunday, June 4th

Join us this Sunday, June 4th, and the first Sunday of each month, in bringing the love of Jesus to those who cannot come to our services. A small team from First Presbyterian Church goes with Pastor Hal to share God’s Word, love, and compassion with the residents at **VanCrest** @ 2:30PM. This is a great opportunity to share your faith through action, and they are so appreciative of our efforts!

June 14th Flag Day
Celebrating the adoption in 1777 of the official U.S. flag!

JUNE 18th
HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

Our Daily Bread devotional booklets for June-July-August are located at our three entrances. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend.



Christ's Ministry – 13R

When Jesus appeared to the disciples after he had risen. Jesus invited the disciples to touch him and then opened their minds to understanding the scriptures regarding the Messiah, repentance, and forgiveness of sin.

Jesus said, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

Based on Luke 24:36-52

Audio not working?:

<http://vwpresby.org/tour/north/8leftaudio.htm>

Apple download:

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

We have on our church website both a web and printable version of our church history.

Web version:

<http://vwpresby.org/tour/history.htm>

Print version:

<http://vwpresby.org/tour/history.pdf>

Be sure to check out our website:

church@vwpresby.org

Have a Facebook account? Be sure to “Like” **First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert, Ohio** on Facebook!

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

May 10, 2017 Van Wert Salvation Army Wed Noon Meal Mission

The Van Wert Salvation Army Mission, 120 N. Cherry St., Wednesday noon free meal on May 10th served about 40 people. The menu was chicken sandwiches, cooked carrots, cherry crisp, cookies, pie, and drink.

Volunteer servers from the First Presbyterian Church were: Fred Early, Dan & Barb Everidge, Shirley Hillier, Mary Kay Purmort, Pam Purmort, and Dottie Zabicki.

We enjoyed fellowship with the clients and each other while serving and helping in the kitchen.

We have committed to help serve the Wednesday noon meal on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 4 volunteer servers from the First Presbyterian Church are needed to serve 10:30AM – 12:30 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to enjoy Christian fellowship and share Christian love with our hands. Our next serving day is Wednesday, June 14. The signup sheet for June servers is located on our Missions bulletin board in the church south hallway.

Submitted by Fred Early
Missions Committee

Van Wert Salvation Army Food Pantry

One of the many ways the Van Wert Salvation Army helps people in the area by maintaining a well-organized food pantry. Families and individuals in need of groceries assistance are served with Christian blessings and bags of food containing balanced meal supplies.

We are told that a couple items most popular and needed are boxes of breakfast cereal and packages of Ramen Noodles.

Our Missions Committee has determined during the months of May, June, July, and August to ask for contributions of boxes of breakfast cereal and packages of Ramen Noodles for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. A donation container and sign are in the south hallway.

Thank you for helping with this Van Wert mission.

-Missions Committee



The Mission Committee will again accept donated items for the Route 127 Yard Sale, August 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We will begin collecting items in the house behind the church **starting Monday, June 12th**. You may bring your donations on Mondays or Wednesdays from 5PM to 7PM and Saturdays 9AM to 11 AM. Please contact the church office if it is necessary to put items in the house during weekday morning's office hours (8AM – 12 noon). **The last day to donate will be Saturday, July 29th. Please do not leave any items outside the house, the house front porch or the church. Please do not donate clothing.** If you have large items or furniture to donate, we ask that you make arrangements to have it delivered to the church on Wednesday, August 2nd. We simply do not have the room or resources to handle them.

Report of our May 2017 support of the *Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen*

Our May serving day was Wednesday the 24th. Meals were served to 143 people. Donated were 3 bags of T-shirts.

People serving and donating were: Diana Crow, Fred Early, Joyce Harrow, Lois Harrow, Leslie Wilkin, Dottie Zabicki

Volunteer recognition, scripture lesson, and prayer preceded the serving of the meal.

After serving at the soup kitchen, before returning to Van Wert, all enjoyed fellowship and lunch at Rigali's Restaurant.

Our next serving day is Wednesday, June 28th. The signup sheet for June is posted in the church south hallway.

Submitted by Fred Early
Missions Committee

Church Donates to PLC

First Presbyterian Church Mission Committee member Dianna Early presents a donation of \$300 to PLC Health Clinic. Accepting the donation is Trina Langdon, executive director of PLC Health Clinic.

PLC Health Clinic is a pro-life Christian ministry, providing free services and support to families.

**The Times Bulletin
Thursday, May 18, 2017**

First Presbyterian Church Mission Committee

is sponsoring a day at Camp Clay on

Wednesday ~ June 21st

And it's the

1st day of Summer!

New Troop 35 Eagle Scout

We are proud of Taylor Braun, our newest Troop 35 Eagle Scout. Taylor was awarded the coveted Eagle Scout Badge Tuesday evening, May 23, in an outdoor Court of Honor at Heistans Woods, Van Wert. Taylor is a 2017 graduate of Lincolnview High School. We have seen in Taylor that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law to the best of his ability. As he worked his way up through the ranks of the scout program, he performed well in each of the responsible leadership positions and roles he held. He is a young man of sound character and abilities, which demonstrate the qualities we value. We congratulate Taylor and his parents. Well done!

**Troop 35 Eagle Scout Ronnie Kimmey was awarded the
National Medal of Honor for Saving Life at Risk of His Own Life**

**Please enjoy the following
More True Stories of Scouts in Action
appearing in
*BOYS' LIFE * MAY 2017:***

June Birthdays!

- 01 Steve Harter**
PO Box 444, VWO
- 02 Ann Ayres**
1106 S. Walnut St., VWO
- 03 Richard E. Evans**
10922 Liberty Union Rd., VWO
- Nick Ragan**
7975 Kreisler Rd., Ohio City, OH 45874
- 06 Barbara Everidge**
14769 Clayton Rd., Ohio City, OH 45874
- 08 Felicia Quaintance**
5660 Mercer Rd., Mendon, OH 45862
- 09 Susan Ringwald**
608 S. Washington St., VWO
- 10 Elizabeth Purmort Saldutti**
- 13 Christine Heizman**
650 S. Washington St., VWO
- 14 Leslie Wilkin**
1121 S. Walnut St., VWO
- 16 Randy Baer**
415 S Chestnut St., VWO
- Matthew Heizman**
650 S. Washington St., VWO
- 20 Mary Dietsch**
10409D McConahay Rd., VWO
- Shane Early**
- Kendra Parrish**
636 S. Washington St., VWO
- Kyra Welch**
809 S. Washington St., VWO
- 21 Ashley & Jordan Mohr**
10963 US Rt.127 South, VWO
- 22 Nathan Adams**
5549 Convoy Rd., Convoy, OH 45832
- 23 Louis Allen Crow III**
12664 Middle Point Wetzel Rd., Delphos, OH 45833
- Nina Ragan**
1009 Indian Hill Dr., VWO
- 26 Chris Sheehan**
825 State Street, VWO
- 27 Ben Harris**
214 Wassenberg Dr., VWO
- Stanley Sheehan**
825 State Street, VWO

- 28 Nathan Conrad**
1317 Kathy St., VWO
Allan Runser
1009 S Walnut St., VWO
- 29 Kaden Baer**
c/o Stacey Baer
Shultz Huber Assoc.
595 Fox Rd., VWO
Jade Ellen Osenbaugh
845 Allingham St., VWO

June Anniversaries!

- 08 Tim & Sandy Adams**
10715 Liberty Union Rd., VWO
- 13 Ken & Marilyn Merkle**
8322 Richey Rd., VWO
- 23 Seth & Anna Baker**
401 S. Washington, VWO

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ~ Ed Conover
- ~ Jane Eachus and family in the passing of her beloved husband, Joe Eachus, on May 12th
- ~ Dewaine Johnson
- ~ The Shoftstall family, as Melissa Shoftstall, sister-in-law of Gary & Tina March, passed
- ~ Al Vandersommen
- ~ Lyn Warren and family in the passing of her beloved husband, Wayne Warren, on May 14th

To keep our list current, names will be listed for six weeks unless notified. Please call or email the church office.

Serving in our Military:

- ~ **Captain Cassandra Bullock**, US Army, San Antonio, TX (daughter of Tom & Leslie Wilkin)
- ~ **SPC Spencer Creekmere**, US Army Reserves (son of Chirs & Diana Creekmere)
- ~ **1st Lieutenant Ashley Mohr**, US Army, stationed in Germany (daughter of Jim & Rhonda Mohr)
- ~ **Lucas Myers**, United States Navy, stationed in Bahrain (grandson of Larry & Linda Stutz)
- ~ **Chaplain Matthew Purmort**, United States Navy (nephew of Wally & Laurie Purmort)
- ~ **Philip Schwartz** (nephew of Jean Ringwald)
- ~ **Lieutenant Colonel Jason Toole**, US Army, Anchorage, Alaska (husband of Heather Wilkin-Toole and son-in-law of Tom & Leslie Wilkin)

If you have a family member serving in the military, please submit their names to the church office.