

# Presby Tidings - October 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In October we have a wonderful series coming up. We will take four Sundays to concentrate on what it means to be an Acts 2 Church and how the Holy Spirit led us to live out our *Core Values*.

We will concern ourselves with what it means to connect to those in and outside the walls of our church. And what it means to connect with others to help them know the Gospel. We will learn how to be the disciples God calls us to be through Jesus' initiative, under the auspice of our new Discipleship Coordinator for Young Life —Jesse Eckert. This sermon will enhance our first Core Value—*Generously giving their lives and their resources*.

Our second Sunday in October we will discuss what it means to grow as a church. While observing the modality Christ exhibited to his disciples when he first called them. Supporting our second Core Value *Fostering healthy relationships*. And, how we will grow as directed by the Spirit, through the small groups, which will be initiated at the Disciple-ship Class. This will be the primary way in which to build solid relationships and then invite others to come and join.

Our third Sunday in October will bring an understanding in ways to follow *Meeting needs beyond our walls*, our third Core Value. This will be done through exemplifying the means to *Offering opportunity for spiritual growth for all ages*—our fourth Core Value. That will be done through the development of Small Groups and Sunday School planned after Jesse's class.

Then on Reformation Sunday we will celebrate our 175th Anniversary with *Providing a peaceful and loving house of worship*—our fifth Core Value. We might even experience, through some leaders of the groups started, brief testimonies or reviews of what the groups have learned in their first weekly meetings. With anticipation and Spirit filled engagement we will culminate worship with a thankful repose of praise for all God is doing for First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert. Excitement for all our Lord is doing should fill the month as we usher in the newness we will be experiencing.

I wish everyone a blessed October as we begin the journey of building one another up so that others can see the love we have to give.

I hope to see all in worship, Godspeed!

In His Loving Embrace, Hal

*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.*

## VANCREST SERVICE

We will NOT be having a service at VanCrest in October. Please join us for the next service on **Sunday, November 4**, and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Pas-tor Hal to share God's Word, love, and compassion with the residents at **VanCrest** at **2:30PM**. This is a great opportunity to share your faith through action, and the residents are so appreciative!

## OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

**6 & 7**—TAG Retreat #3

**7** - Communion, Special music - Chancel Choir

**14** - Pastor Appreciation Day,

David Van Tilburg will be playing the organ

**21** - Stewardship Pledge Day, Chancel Choir, Purple Door Event

**28** - Reformation Sunday-Core Value, Chancel Choir & Bell Choir,

and the 175 years of FPC luncheon

**Discipleship Classes will meet each Sunday Evening at 6pm**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**This Do In Remembrance of Me . . . Luke 22:19**

### **Communion Sunday October 7, 2018**

**Join us for Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. Holy Communion will be served during our 10:00 am Morning Worship Service.**

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Deacons - Thursday, October 11 at 7pm**

**Memorial - Wednesday, October 10 at 12 pm**

**Missions - Tuesday, October 9 at 5pm**

**Session - Tuesday, October 23 at 7pm**

**Trustees - Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30pm**

**Worship - Wednesday, October 3 at 6pm**

## **DISCIPLESHIP NEWS**

**In this month of October, let us welcome the wonderful sights and sounds that accompany the fall season in Ohio. Like the ever-changing seasons, the spiritual life**

of a disciple will never stay stagnant. Christ calls each one of us to a unique spiritual walk that, while it may have twists, turns, and uncertainties, is always centered around His ultimacy in our lives.

Let us also reflect on the joys of living out our Christian lives this fall in relative peace and harmony. The early disciples were tormented and driven underground, and disciples around the world today in hostile countries are forced to a similar fate. In our small town, we have the benefit of following Christ with minimal fear of death or discrimination, giving us ample opportunity to reflect on the Lord's blessings and His comfort. I pray that we continue to spiritually develop as we walk with the Lord.

Jesse Eckert

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## PERSONNEL NEWS

The church has two positions open now and needs your help in fill-ing them. We are looking for a Chancel Choir Director and a part-time Nursery Coordinator. If you know of someone who may be inter-ested in either position, please have them submit a resume to the church office. The positions are posted on the church's facebook page, [vanwertworks.com](http://vanwertworks.com) and [OhioMeansjobs.com](http://OhioMeansjobs.com).

We appreciate your help in growing our church.

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## MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

September 12, 2018, Van Wert Salvation Army Wed Noon Meal

The Van Wert Salvation Army Mission, 120 N. Cherry St, free Wednesday noon community meal was on September 12th. Thirty-seven meals were served.

The meal menu was: Goulash, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Bread & Butter, cake, cupcakes, Beverage.

Volunteer servers from the First Presbyterian Church were Earl Green, Louis Crow, Early Green, Mary Kay Purmort, John Purmort, Fred Early.

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

Our next serving day is Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

The signup sheet for October servers is located on our Missions bulletin board in the church south hallway.

Submitted by Fred Early

Missions Committee

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

Wednesday, August 28, Van Wert First Presbyterian Church Missions Committee members presented a mission support donation of \$1,000.00 to Trinity Friends Church Food Pantry, Doug Roop. The Food Pantry located at the Church, 605 N Franklin St., Van Wert is open Tuesday's 10:00AM - Noon and Thursday's 4:00PM - 5:30PM and serves over 300 families per month from the four counties around Van Wert.

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## LIMA SOUP KITCHEN

Our September 2018 serving day was Wednesday, September 26.

Meals were served to 180 people. Six Volunteers from Van Wert who served were: Earl Green, Louie Crow, Lois Harrow, Joyce Harrow, Dianna Early and Fred Early.

The short Scripture lesson was given before the prayer of thanks and the delicious noon meal. The menu included Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Corn, Jello Fruit Salad, Breakfast Rolls, Apple, Beverage.

The noon meal is served from 10:30AM until 12:00 Noon.

Bible study is offered at 1:00PM every Wednesday.

The Soup Kitchen is in need of Sugar and Ketchup. They average using 50 lbs of sugar per week. We will put a donation box in the south hallway of the church and take the donations of sugar and ketchup to the Soup Kitchen as it fills.

After serving, the volunteers enjoyed fellowship and lunch at The Kewpee.

Our next serving day is Wednesday, October 24. The signup sheet for October is posted in the church south hallway.

Submitted by Fred Early

Missions Committee

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

### NEWS FROM THE GARDEN - A MISSION COMMITTEE PROJECT:

The church garden is winding down for the season. There are beautiful flowers still blooming. Plenty of tomatoes on the vine, which would make great sauce. And brussel sprouts can be picked. All vegetables are being taken to the Salvation Army for distribution.

The herbs planted and ready for harvest include rosemary, basil and pineapple sage (it is blooming with a beautiful red flower now).

If you would like to pick any of the herbs, vegetables or flowers, please help yourself. You as a congregation have donated toward this project.

**Be the hands and feet of Jesus within our community, see you at the garden.**

Dianna Early

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

~ Sean Brennan

~ Cheri Exline

~ Ethel Johnson

~ Susan McNeill



~ Chuck Sheets

~ Tammie Weigle

~ Steve White

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

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY**

☐ Captain Cassandra Bullock, US Army, San Antonio, TX (daughter of Tom & Leslie Wilkin)

☐ SPC Spencer Creekmore, US Army Reserves (son of Chris & Diana Creekmore)

☐ Lt. Colonel Eric Doctor, Air Force, Harrogate, England (son-in-law of Louie & Diana Crow)

☐ Airman Jarrett Krick, Air Force, stationed in Korea (son of Brett & Annette Krick)

☐ 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 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.*

## THE READ & REVIEW BOOK CLUB

Join us on Thursday, October 4, at noon in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The group will participate in a book discussion about *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, led by Judy Sampson. Drinks and deserts will be provided by Dianna Early. A \$2.50 offering shall be collected for the group's mission projects. All are welcome to bring a sack lunch and participate in this book review.

## BABY SHOWER

All are invited to join us

for a baby shower honoring

**Kate Newland**

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 2pm

First Presbyterian Church

RSVP Tici or Rev Hal at 419-232-2366

Registered at Target and Amazon

## OUR CORE VALUES

The people of First Presbyterian Church share Christ by:

- Offering opportunity for spiritual growth for all ages.
- Fostering healthy relationships.
- Generously giving their lives and their resources.
- Meeting needs beyond our walls.
- Providing a peaceful and loving house of worship.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

**01 Nancy Soldner**

2204 Pelton Park Lane

Sandusky OH 44870

**05 David Blair**

14230 Flager Road

Ohio City, OH 45874

**Chris Heizman**

650 S. Washington St., VWO

**06 Cherrie Evans**

9924 US 224, VWO

**07 Tyler Munroe**

303 Linda St., VWO

**10 Kim Doidge**

10575 Upp Rd., VWO

**11 Spencer Creekmore**

7131 Vega Way, #253

Indianapolis, IN 46241

**12 Jennifer Dietsch**

**Don Hangartner**

1062 Merry Lane, VWO

**21 Alison Thomas Vibbert**

8368 Richey Rd., VWO

**22 Adrienne Boling Schafer**

7505 Thompson Rd

Hoagland IN 46745-9537

**24 Sally Hangartner**

1062 Merry Lane, VWO

**25 Hal Shafer**

127 Boyd Ave., VWO

**30 Allison Purmort**

**31 Fred Early**

134 Boyd Avenue, VWO

**Hunter Munroe**

303 Linda St., VWO

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY LIST

**Matt & Kristina Ward**

993 Fetter Rd.

Lima 45801

**12 Chad & Angela Crosby**

1472 State Route 114

Payne 45880

**15 Jim & Rhonda Mohr**

10963 US Route 127 S., VWO

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

### WHY SHOULD WE HONOR PASTORS?

Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition and affirmation to our clergy and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of any other job or profession?

### SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments—the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes weary, the very souls of his or her church community are endangered.

### EXPECTATIONS

Numerous surveys have found that a very high percentage of pastors feel pressure to be the ideal role model of a Christian family—which is impossible, of course. As a result, four out of five pastors feel their families are negatively impacted by unrealistic expectations—whether self-imposed or congregation-imposed—and that ministry is an outright hazard to the health of their families. Indeed, the "pedestal" is not all it's cracked up to be. As pastors and their families try to please the God who called them to ministry while also trying to meet the expectations of their congregations, one result is dangerous stress. In fact, 75 percent

of those surveyed reported experiencing a significant stress related crisis at least once in their ministry.

## FINANCES

Pastors typically make substantially less each year than their own board members and deacons. Nearly 70 percent of pastoral spouses work outside the home, most often due to financial need.

Taken from: [http://media.focusonthefamily.com/fotf/pdf/channels/faith/cam-pdf-2017.pdf#\\_ga=2.139768372.641738852.1537974234-1946085557.1537974234](http://media.focusonthefamily.com/fotf/pdf/channels/faith/cam-pdf-2017.pdf#_ga=2.139768372.641738852.1537974234-1946085557.1537974234)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm AA 8pm	2 Boy Scouts 7p	3 Worship 6p Bells 6:45p Choir 7:30p	4 Read & Review Book Club 12p AA & AI-Anon 8p	5	6 TAG Retreat 9a-3p AA 8pm	
7 Communion Chancel Choir TAG 12-3p No VanCrest Bible Study 6p	8 Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm AA 8pm	9 Missions 5p Boy Scouts 7p	10 Salvation Army 10am Memorial 12p Trustees 5:30p Bells 6:45p Choir 7:30p	11 Deacons 7pm AA & AI- Anon 8p	12 Girl Scouts 6p	13 Kate Newland Baby Shower 2p AA 8pm
14 David VanTilburg on organ Pastor Appreciation day Girl Scouts 3-5p Bible Study 6p	15 Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm AA 8pm	16 Boy Scouts 7p	17 Bells 6:45p Choir 7:30p	18 Marsh Cooking Class 4-7p AA & AI- Anon 8p	19	20 AA 8pm
21 Stewardship Pledge Day Purple Door Event Chancel Choir Bible Study 6p 28 Core Value Reformation Sunday Luncheon Bible Study 6p	22 Cub Scouts 6:30-8pm AA 8pm	23 Boy Scouts 7p Session 7pm	24 Lima Soup Kitchen 9am Bells 6:45p Choir 7:30p	25 AA & AI- Anon 8p	26 Girl Scouts 6p	27 AA 8pm
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