

# PresbyTidings

August 2018

*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,

Our second retreat with TAG was wonderful. I've heard positive and exciting responses from those who participated. Many have said they are still thinking about what was discussed and how it still is inspiring them.

Let me unfold the avenues we traversed that enabled us to feel this excitement.

At our first retreat, through all the discussion of the groups—every group came back with very similar responses to the questions they were proposed. The discussion evolved into what First Presbyterian Church has been over the years as a church.

Kevin Graham Ford explained after we read Acts 2:43-47 that this was the first time in his career he'd ever labeled a church with this wonderful portion of scripture. He said all that the groups came up with together pointed him to this passage. It reads: <sup>43</sup>*Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.* <sup>44</sup>*All who believed were together and had all things in common;* <sup>45</sup>*they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.* <sup>46</sup>*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,* <sup>47</sup>*praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

From this scripture our Core Values grew and were wordsmithed into the theme of Acts 2:

They are:

The people of First Presbyterian Church share Christ by:

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

From these specific Core Values set by the groups at our TAG Retreat, the values became our True North—that from which we will work, and diligently make decisions from, never departing. The Core Values depict who we are and how we act as God's own.

One can see as the scripture passage is read and compared to the Core Values—they all run in tandem to Acts 2. This was a true epiphany when the group was told at the end of the first retreat. From all of this the words that connected the Values to the Scripture were, Serving, Relationships, Outreach, Spiritual Growth, and Safe.

Thus, this begins the transformational process we will undertake together. To everyone, the template we have begins a true movement from which we will certainly grow. Godspeed!

In His Embracing Love,

Hal

Please enjoy the devotional that was shared with Session at the June meeting.

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## **JULY MEDITATION 2018**

### MAKE CONFLICT YOUR ALLY:

Be Intentional about learning from each conflict opportunity. Conflict teaches us about our Critical Outcome, triggers our Driving Passion, surfaces our Assimilated Experience, utilizes our Cumulative Knowledge at times propels our Emergent Skill and is informed by our prevailing Talent. Perform a Monday-morning quarterback routine. After the energy around the conflict has subsided, do a post-conflict read on the situation. Ask others how they experienced you. Reframe, though your Intentional Difference, how you could have navigated that situation differently.

What is your ID?

Why would we intentionally navigate again through the conflict?

Have we ever learned from conflict, remember a time.

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**Deacons** -  
Thursday,  
August 9 at  
7pm

## **AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Missions** -  
Tuesday, August 14 at 5pm

**Session** - No meeting in August

**Trustees** - Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30pm

**Worship** - Wednesday, August 1 at 6pm

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

## Communion Sunday August 5, 2018

Holy Communion will be served during our Worship Service

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Join us this **Sunday, August 5** 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 Pastor 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!

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### Just some of the **Special Events** coming up in August:

**5 – Special music – Dewaine Johnson**

**12 – Seth Baker will be playing the organ**

**Special Music – Scott Turner & David Van Tilburg - piano duet**

**Mary Ann Allen-Falk & Sheila Chilcote-Collins – soprano duets**

**19 – Special Music – Men's group**

**26 – Special Music – VBS Children's program**

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## Missions Committee Fall Fund Raiser Dinner before home football games.

Friday evening family meals will be served before Van Wert High School 2018 home football games starting August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Van Wert First Presbyterian Church located on the corner of South Washington St and W. Crawford St., one block from Eggers Stadium. Serving time is 5:00PM – 6:30PM.

The meal price is \$5.00 per person and a "free will" donation for children age 10 and under. The home game meals are a Missions Fund Raiser. All funds raised will be spent supporting local missions.

We ask the congregation for donations of food, and supply items. Lists of menu and items needed for each meal will be posted on the Missions Bulletin Board in the south hallway. We also ask for volunteers to join in the fun fellowship preparing the meals late Friday afternoon in the kitchen.

Thank you for generous support in the past and for support of this missions project.

Fred Early, Missions Committee

The Friday home game dinners are scheduled for:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent Team</u>
August 24	Bryan
September 7	St. Marys
September 21	Shawnee
October 5	Elida

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS**

## July 11, 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 July 11th. Sixty-four meals were served. The meal menu was: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Brownies, and Beverage.

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

We presented a First Presbyterian Church missions support check for \$1,000 to Director Lt. Joshua Brookman and Lt. Joseph Cantrell. The Van Wert Salvation Army is one of the local missions in our 2018 Missions Budget.

We were pleased to meet and welcome Lt. Joseph Cantrell to Van Wert and the Van Wert Salvation Army. The Wednesday free community noon meal program is one of Lt. Cantrell's responsibilities. We look forward to serving with him.

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

Our next serving day is Wednesday, August 8, 2018. The signup sheet for August servers is located on our Missions bulletin board in the church south hallway.

Submitted by Fred Early  
Missions Committee

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## Our July 2018 support of The Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

The Van Wert First Presbyterian Church is one of the area churches that help support “The Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen” on Central Avenue in Lima. The Soup Kitchen feeds both body and spirit of people in our area with food for the hungry, clothing for the needy, a place of rest and comfort for the weary, and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. Free noon meals are served Monday – Friday, 10:30AM – 12:00PM. Over 40,000 meals were served during 2017. The Soup Kitchen Mission is supported by over 50 churches in the area, private individuals, and business's with donations of funds, food, supplies, personal hygiene items and volunteer workers. In order to freely maintain serving the community in a caring Christian atmosphere the Soup Kitchen



accepts no financial support or food from any government agencies or programs.

Presenting a mission support check to Soup Kitchen Director Randy Kimpel before serving the July 25<sup>th</sup> noon meal are pictured left to right: Van Wert Presbyterian Church members: Earl Green, Leslie Wilkin, Louis Crow Soup Kitchen Director Randy Kimpel, Barb Everidge and Fred Early.

**PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE  
HIGHLIGHTS**

The Personnel Committee would like to introduce you to Jesse Eckert, Coordinator for Young Life Discipleship. Jesse came to First Presbyterian Church the first week of July. Please introduce yourself to Jesse.

The following are some fun questions that Jesse has answered.

1. *What's the farthest you've ever been from home?*

**Sao Paulo, Brazil, while studying abroad for a semester in college**

2. *What songs have you completely memorized?*

**Chopin's 1<sup>st</sup> Ballade, Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Minor**

3. *What's your favorite genre of book or movie?*

**Movie: Drama**

**Book: theology and classic novels**

4. *Tell something that people don't know about you?*

**When I am finished with graduate school I would like to start writing books in my spare time. I also love jazz music and prefer old, classic films over new movies.**

5. *Do you like cats or dogs?*

**Even though I've had both dogs and cats in the past, I have to say I'm a dog person. Sorry, cat people!**

6. *What would be your dream vacation?*

**Touring the great cathedrals of eastern Europe!**

7. *What is your favorite restaurant and why?*

**Ted's Bulletin in Washington D.C. They have the perfect trifecta of food, service, and atmosphere.**

On another note please know that the Personnel Committee is looking for a Choir Director to fill that position by this fall. If you know of a person that would be interested in directing our choir, please contact one of the committee members: Rev. Shafer, John Purmort, Pam Purmort, Becky Runser, Harriet Schaadt or Dianna Early. We are a church family and appreciate your help.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

~ Cheri Exline

- ~ Ethel Johnson
- ~ Addie Loeloff – great niece of Conovers, born 2 months premature
- ~ Susan McNeill
- ~ Pastor Hal Shafer – recovery from shoulder surgery.

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

- ★ Captain Cassandra Bullock, US Army, San Antonio, TX (daughter of Tom & Leslie Wilkin)
- ★ SPC Spencer Creekmore, US Army Reserves (son of Chirs & 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)
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## Serving in our Military

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

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

The church garden is growing in leaps and bounds. Each Thursday morning a group of the YWCA Summer Food Program participants comes to the garden. I have shared herbs: basil, rosemary and pineapple sage with them; vegetables: kale, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, green beans, radishes, and green peppers; and they have tried tasting nasturtiums. The children and their leaders really enjoy picking the produce. Currently there are three “Sugar Baby Watermelons” ripening! With more to come I am sure.

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.

The children’s last visit will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. From that time forward, the harvest will be taken to the Salvation Army, just as in years past.

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

Dianna Early

## August Birthdays!

5711 Daisy Lane

**02 Michelle McCarty  
Sheets**

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.

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## August 2018

Wayne, IN 46835

- 03 Helen Jewett**  
1021 Prospect Ave, VWO
- 05 Tim Purmort**  
12039 Greenville Road, VWO
- 06 Shirley Soldner**  
1015 Elm St., VWO
- 07 Jessica Kelly**  
PO Box 307  
Convoy 45832-0307
- 08 Elizabeth Evans**  
10922 Liberty Union Rd VWO
- 10 Linda Stutz**  
831 Woodland Ave., VWO
- 11 Sue Gates**  
Tellica Village  
316 Ligitsi Way  
Loudon, TN 37774
- 12 Tracy Baer**  
415 S Chestnut St., VWO
- Ella Crosby**  
1472 St Rt 114, Payne OH 45880
- 13 Robert Gates**  
Tellica Village  
316 Ligitsi Way  
Loudon, TN 37774

- 13 Brad Nicolai**  
9760 US 224, VWO
- 14 Dave Ringwald**
- 16 Shirley Soldner**  
1015 Elm St, VWO
- 17 Pam Purmort**  
661 S Washington St.,  
VWO
- 19 Linna Nicole Kelly**  
PO Box 307  
Convoy OH 45832
- 21 Rex Fortney**  
915 Elm St., VWO
- Rhonda Mohr**  
10963 US 127 S., VWO
- 21 Cheryl Exline**  
1131 Rosalie Dr., VWO
- 22 Sandy Adams**  
10715 Liberty Union Rd., VWO
- 23 Ellie Mooney**  
909 Elm St., VWO
- 24 David Everidge**
- 29 Emily Adams**  
10715 Liberty Union Rd., VWO
- 30 Gordon Stemen**  
9834 Van Wert Willshire Rd, VWO
- 31 Margaret Baker**  
11706 Kingfisher Lane  
St Marys OH 45885

## Celebrating August Anniversaries!

- 08 Mr & Mrs Mike Ragan**  
7975 Kreischer Rd.  
Ohio City 45874
- 09 Mr & Mrs Chris Heizman**  
650 S. Washington St., VWO
- 09 Mr & Mrs Rob Welch**  
809 S. Washington St., VWO
- 17 Mr & Mrs Terry Dietsch**  
10409D McConahay Rd., VWO

***Please contact the church office (419-238-3670) if there are any changes to be made on the birthday list, have a change of address, etc.***

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Liturgists –</b> <b>Aug 5 – Pam Purmort</b> <b>Aug 12 – Billy Knoll</b> <b>Aug 19 – Billy Knoll</b> <b>Aug 26 – Christine Heizman</b>			<b>1</b>  Worship Mtg 6  Music Rehearsal 7pm	<b>2</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><b>Route 127 Yard Sale Event</b></div> AA & AIAnon 8p	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Special music</b>  Communion  <b>Van Crest 2:30</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Salvation Army</b> <b>10:45-12:30</b>  <b>Trustee Mtg 5:30</b> Music Rehearsal 7pm	<b>9</b>  <b>Deacon Mtg 7p</b>  AA & AIAnon 8p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>
<b>12</b> Organ:Seth Baker  <b>Special Music -</b> <b>Piano Duet &amp;</b> <b>Soprano Duets</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Missions Mtg 5p</b>	<b>15</b>  Music Rehearsal 7pm	<b>16</b>  AA & AIAnon 8p	<b>17</b>  Girl Scouts 6	<b>18</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>
<b>19</b> Gideon Speaker  <b>Special Music -</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Chorus</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  AA & AIAnon 8p	<b>24</b>  <b>Community</b> <b>Meal 5pm</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>Special Music –</b> <b>Will Hawkins</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>AA 8pm</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>No Session Mtg</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Soup Kitchen</b> <b>Serving Day</b> <b>9am (Lima)</b>	<b>30</b>  AA & AIAnon 8p	<b>31</b>	