

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

The Demands of Discipleship

Sometimes Scripture can be a bit perplexing for us human beings with our limited understanding. Luke 16: 1-13 is one such passage. We are taught as Christians to be kind and loving. We learn from a young age to be nice to others and tell the truth. However, in this passage the dishonest manager is being praised for his behavior. What??? Is Jesus telling us to go and do likewise? Does Jesus really look up to those who get away with what they can, have power over others, and help others do the same thing?

In *The Message*, Eugene Peterson states, ““The master praised the crooked manager...Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. [Jesus is telling his disciples] that I want you to be smart in the same way...using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on bare essentials, so you’ll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior” (Luke 16: 8-9; pg. 1696).

What is Jesus really saying here? Jesus is telling his disciples to be alert and take an initiative. Disciples are not to just wait and let the world pass by. Disciples are to know their talents and their weak points and engage in the world, really live. Not just wait, complacently, letting the world go by. Go out into the world!

St. Augustine saw in the manager “foresight for the future.” Bonhoffer suggests that this passage reflects how disciples often prefer their own goodness rather than actually having to commit themselves to God’s will. Discipleship involves going out into the world and getting our hands dirty. It means moments of being unsure of what to do. It involves successes and failures. It involves patience and having an attitude of “try, try, try again.”

As Sister Angelo Collins, O.P. writes about this passage, “one possible lesson [Luke 16] is that bad behavior is not acceptable, good behavior is not enough, the response to the Word of God is creative attention to bare essentials.” The essentials are loving God and living out our baptismal vows, our call to discipleship. How is God calling you to further live out your discipleship?

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Special points of interest:

- ◇ Worship 10 am
- ◇ Christ University 9 am
- ◇ Session Summary
- ◇ Announcements

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Beginning with the second Sunday of October at 9:00 a.m. Coffee with Calvin will resume exploring topics related to being a Matthew 25 disciple in the world today. Topics will be posted in the bulletin in advance and you are welcome to come to one or all of the discussions. I would like to offer this same study during the week, too. If you would be interested in a bible study and discussion group on the topic of discipleship during the week, please let me know of your interest and preferred days/times.

Pastor Julie



PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER OPTION

Thank you for all of the responses following the September newsletter! The office still needs more responses, so if you have not already done so, please fill out the form on the right to let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter! Please mail it back to the First Presbyterian Church at 120 S. Park Ave, Fremont, OH 43420. Or you can let us know your preference at office@fremontfpc.org, or call the church office at 419-334-7171.

There is a new option this month to pick up your newsletter at church, so please read carefully. If you have already responded, you do not need to fill out a new form. Thank you!

****Please note:** Any changes made to your mailing may take several months to take effect. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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RAINBOW STATION NEWS



Welcome
to fall!
We have
enjoyed
our summer
weather
and look
forward
to the

changing season and all that it brings. We will be collecting leaves, looking at fall items and trying to avoid the big orb spiders that are in the play yard. They are fun to watch, but creepy if your hand gets too close.

God has blessed us with many new friends and we are building friendships every day. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful year. Our Toddler Room is full until the end of November and the Preschool Room has 3 openings.

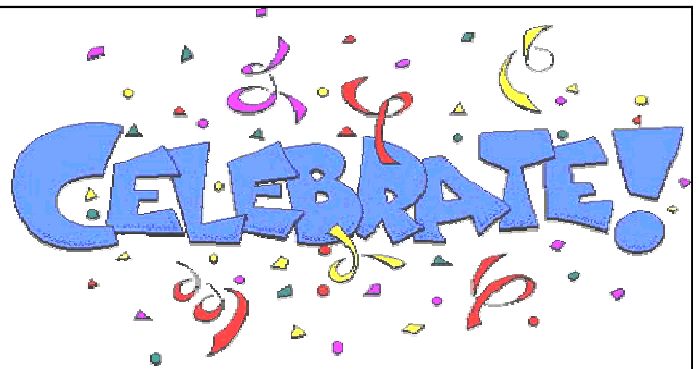
Thank you for your prayers and support. We enjoy visitors, so if you are in the area, please feel free to stop in and say hello to the children.

Sincerely,

Rainbow Station Staff

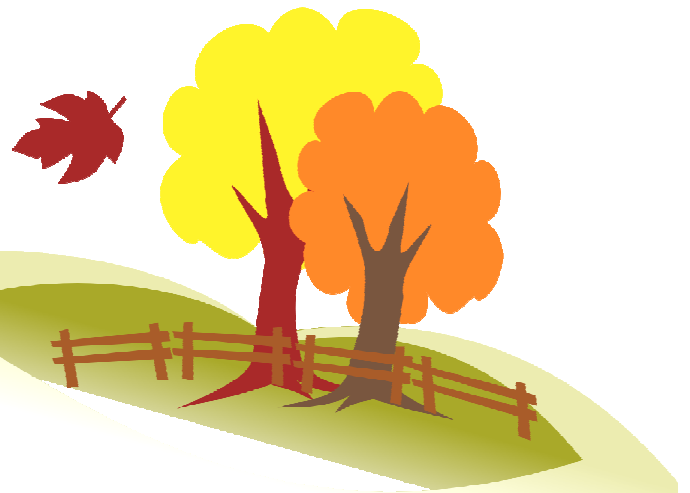
OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Don't forget to join us on Sunday, October 6 for the luncheon hosted by Rainbow Station Preschool and Day Care. The luncheon will follow the 10:00 am service, so come for worship and then stay to visit with our Rainbow Station staff and members of the First Presbyterian Church. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

19	Miss Kathy
25	Scarlet Barbier
27	Tessa Burris



OCTOBER

		1	2 6:00p - Choir 6:00p - WOLT 6:30p - Admin & Finance 7:15p - Session	3 6:00p - Girl Scouts 6:30p - Vida Bible Study	4 12:00p-8:00p - Sanctuary & Social Room reserved	5 12:00p-5:00p - Sanctuary & Fireside Room reserved
6 9:00a - Christ University 10:00a Worship - Luncheon hosted by Rainbow Station 5:00p - VIDA Church	7 10:00a - PW Mtg 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	8	9 11:30a - Satellites 6:00p - Choir	10 6:30p - Vida Bible Study	11	12
13 9:00a - Christ University 9:00a - Coffee w/ Calvin 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church	14 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	15 7:00p - Rachel Circle	16 6:00p - Choir 6:30p - Deacons	17 6:00p - Girl Scouts 6:30p - Vida Bible Study	18	19
20 9:00a - Christ University 9:00a - Coffee w/ Calvin 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	22	23 6:00p - Choir	24 6:30p - Vida Bible Study	25	26
27 9:00a - Christ University 9:00a - Coffee w/ Calvin 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church	28 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	29	30 6:00p - Choir	31 5:30p - Habitat 6:00p - Girl Scouts 6:30p - Vida Bible Study (in library)		

Birthdays

1 John Roush
1 Paul Stout
3 Diane Bascone
4 Miranda Otermat
5 Carolyn Taylor
7 Alyssa Huffman

7 Royce Kohman
13 Elliot Herman
17 Philip Miarer
17 Don Steen
18 Marian Binder
19 Kathleen Daley

19 Lucy Hull
26 Caleb Adams
26 Willow Schultz
27 Lois Livingston
30 Paul Deffenbaugh

Anniversaries

3 Mike & Amy Oprie
4 Bill & Stacey McConnell
12 Jon & Melissa Detwiler
20 Royce & Betsy Kohman
21 Steve & Lori Damschroder
27 Michael & Pam Clark

NEW SIDEWALK!

Have you noticed that there is now a sidewalk addition that connects the parking lot to the sidewalk in front of the church? This is a great addition to the grounds and very helpful to those who like to enter by the beautiful front doors. Thank you to Jody Amor for heading up this project. Thank you to the work crew of Jody's father, William Schling; husband, Kyle Amor; and son, Kole Amor. Thank you for donating your time and material and for doing such a terrific job! We thank you very much and pray that you will be blessed in return!

ORGANIST NEEDED

The First Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time Organist for Sunday morning services and special services as needed. Responsibilities of the part time organist would include the following:

- To coordinate the organ music for weekly Sunday morning services with the part time Chancel Choir Director and Pianist/ Accompanist and/or the Pastor and special services as needed.
- To substitute for the part time Chancel Choir Director and Pianist/Accompanist when available to do so.
- To act as an ex-officio member of the Worship, Music and Sacraments Leadership Team.
- To provide music and accompaniment for funeral and memorial services of church members when available to do so.

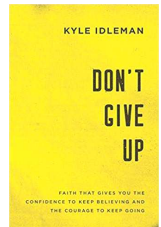
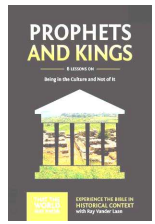
The part-time Organist should have training in music education and performance, and should be an accomplished organist, capable of accompanying the congregation. He/she should possess good interpersonal and leadership skills and be familiar with religious music, its history, and performance. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this position, please contact the church office at 419-334-7171. You can also see the full job description if you go to Indeed.com and search for First Presbyterian Church in Fremont, OH.

Christ University

Join us on Sunday mornings as we still have a few more weeks of **Prophets and Kings**. We meet at 9:00 a.m. to watch a DVR in the library by Ray Vander Laan, followed by a short discussion. Join us for the rest of this study, now through October 20.

Then join us for **Don't Give Up** by Kyle Idleman from October 27 through November 10.

If you have any questions, please see Donna Cominsky.



Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 pm in the Library. We will watch a video and then have a short discussion on the Book: Becoming a Woman of Extraordinary Faith. This month Nikki will lead us on chapter two: "Extraordinary Beauty: Radiance from an Authentic Heart." Join us if you can!

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SATELLITES

In Oct., we'll be meeting on Wed., Oct. 9th at 11:30 at the Cracker Barrel, at 4216 Milan Rd., in Sandusky, OH Hope to see everyone there. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please call your reservation to Audine (419-334-3494) by Mon., Oct. 6th. If you need a ride tell Audine.



Neighbors' News



In Matthew 25:35 & 40 Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for

one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who have put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

Dish Soap (optional)

Liquid Laundry Detergent (optional)

October

6 - Mandarin Oranges

13 - Potato Flakes

20 - Peas

27 - Oatmeal

October Assisting In Worship

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION PREP, SERVING & CLEAN-UP	LOCK DOORS
October 6	Team 1 Dannita Cowdrey - Captain Bob Cowdrey Rod Combs		Bob Gamble
October 13	Team 2 Bill Taylor - Captain Carolyn Taylor Janice Zimmerman	No Communion	Bob Gamble
October 20	Team 3 Mike Opre - Captain Bob & Lisa Zimmerman		Bob Gamble
October 27	Team 4 Susan Myers - Captain Larry & Barb Stout	No Communion	Bob Gamble

SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETING

The following elders were present at the regular September Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, September 4 in the Church Library: Jody Amor, Linda Hamilton, Bob Humberger, John Roush, Don Steen, Larry Stout, Bill Taylor, Nicole Whetstone, and Rev. Dr. Julie Kling, moderator.

During a time of planning and prayer Pastor Kling read John 8:12, Matthew 25:34 + 35, and Isaiah 43:10-21. She led a discussion of the latter passage and asked the elders to complete the statement, "What defines a vital congregation is:" She then discussed the first of seven marks of a vital congregation, "Lifelong Discipleship Formation." She then asked 10 reflection questions concerning that congregational mark such as "Does Christian formation in your church lead people to change the way they live." She then concluded the discussion in prayer.

Upcoming events were noted as:

September 8 – First worship service upstairs and Welcome Back to Sunday School

September 15 – National Back to Church Day, invite a guest!

September 17 – Presbytery meeting

September 28 – Fall Church Grounds Cleanup 9 am to Noon

October 6 – World Communion Sunday, Rainbow Station hosts fellowship luncheon, and Stewardship Emphasis Season Kick-off

November 3 – Stewardship Commitment Sunday and Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

November 20 – Joint Thanksgiving Service and refreshments with East Side Church

December 6 – Church Christmas Decoration and Hanging of the Green Service 4:30 –

There were not actions or motions.

Under Old Business Pastor Kling announced plans to join East Side Presbyterian Church for Thanksgiving and Christmas

The Clerk reported the August Sunday Worship Attendance. August 4 – 52, August 11 – 44, August 18 – 38, and August 25 – 39

Pastor Kling gave a verbal report of her activities in August. She was on leave from August 6 – 17. She moderated East Side Presbyterian Church's session. She attended the Presbyterian Council meeting where she was assigned to the Presbytery's Leadership Task Force. She made hospital calls in Toledo and Fremont. She attended the Presbytery's Matthew 25 Churches group and will be seeking Matthew 25 prayer cards for the church. She would like to initiate a Bible based study of the "7 Marks of a Vital Church" for the FPC congregation.

The Treasurer's report as of August 30 was: 1, Year to date income - \$92,709, Year to date expenditures - \$77,006, and Year to date surplus - \$15,703. The full Treasurers Report of August is posted on bulletin board.

Leadership Team reports included: Witness and Outreach – The Chicken BBQ in August netted \$360 which was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief in Ohio; Fellowship and Service – A BBQ for Terra students is being planned for the spring; Rainbow Station Board – An open house is planned for October 9; Personnel Committee – The organist position will be advertised soon; and Stewardship Task Force – Steward Emphasis Season will start on October 6 and extend through November 3.

Following meeting adjournment, Pastor Kling closed the meeting with prayer.



THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Dannita Cowdrey
Bob Gamble
Susan Myers
Diane Roush
Anne Humberger
Josh Ross (Moderator)
Kaylee Amor
Amanda Herman

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Julie Kling
Choir Director	Lori Damschroder
Organist Emeritus	Paul Livingston
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
Rainbow Station Director/Teacher	Roberta Patterson
Rainbow Station Teacher	Kathleen Daley
Rainbow Station Floater	Shari Mehling
Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
Volunteer Parish Nurse	Linda Hamilton
Custodian	Scott Slatter

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN **COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Secretary	
Treasurer	Carol Van Dyne
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
Rummage Sales	
At Large	Susan McKnight
	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

THE SESSION

Larry Stout
Don Steen
Nicole Whetstone
Jody Amor
Linda Hamilton
John Roush
Bob Humberger
Bill Taylor (Clerk)
Rev. Dr. Julie Kling (Moderator)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 call 419-341-2548.



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