

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Checking in with Jesus

Grit is the ability to hang in there when the going gets tough, and to have staying power to reach long term goals or complete a lengthy task. Grit can be thought of as a personal characteristic or trait, but many researchers believe that it can also be taught. In the fields of educational psychology and developmental education, it is a trait that is considered necessary for learners to persevere, stay engaged in their studies, and reach academic success. Angela Duckworth (2016) is one of the key proponents of helping learners develop the non-cognitive ability of Grit. Duckworth stresses that people who are successful in a variety of career fields all demonstrate Grit. Learning-Theories.com considers Grit with motivational and humanistic learning theories.

As an instructor at the community college level, a challenge I face is how to assist learners to remain in school. Faced with family issues, job responsibilities, financial concerns, and/or health concerns, learners frequently do not complete their academic studies. Learners' confidence in the ability to complete assignments is often an issue as learners are often the first ones in their families to attend college. In my own teaching, I believe I can help learners develop Grit by guiding them through a semester-long project. While one final paper or project is the long term goal, by designing shorter assignments that lead to the final paper or project, I can provide the learners with frequent feedback and help them, step-by-step, work toward the final paper or project. The smaller assignments provide the learners with ongoing feedback, give them opportunities to readjust if they are off track with the assignment, give them opportunities to catch up if they miss part of the preparation, and also help build Grit and self-confidence as they master each step along the way.

Christians in today's world also need grit: that ability to keep the faith when life is difficult, and when we feel like the circus juggler or circus plate spinner trying to keep several things going at one time. We need what Tim Haugen calls "Godly grit" and says it involves constantly turning to Christ. Haugen writes, "Godly grit isn't about being tough enough



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Opportunities for Worship:

- Sunday School - 8:45 am, via Zoom
- Worship - 10 am, in the Sanctuary

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or strong enough; it's about being dependent enough to find our ultimate hope and comfort in Christ." It means checking in with Jesus frequently and listening for his feedback or guidance!

Pastor Julie

References:

Duckworth, A. L. (2016). Grit: The power of passion and perseverance. New York, NY, US: Scribner/Simon & Schuster.

Haugen, T. (2018). Godly grit: deepening the faith. (Blog).

Learning-Theories.com

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."

Beginning in October, we will resume collecting items for our neighbors in need.

Thanks to all who choose to 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.

(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap

October

- 3- Peas**
- 10- Spaghetti**
- 17- Spaghetti Sauce**
- 24 - Peaches**
- 31 - Tuna**

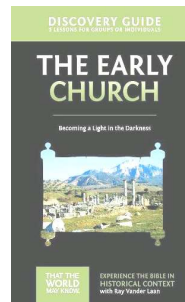
Thanks for your help neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!

Our first choir practice will be Wednesday, October 6th at 6pm. We hope to see you there to raise joyful voices together again!



Christ University



Beginning October 3, we will start a new Bible study by Ray Vander Laan entitled The Early Church. Join us as he guides us through the land of the Bible and illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the scriptures. For the 5 weeks in October, we will meet via Zoom to watch a DVD that helps us discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. by following the Zoom link.

SATELLITES

On Wed., Oct. 13, we will meet at 11:30 for lunch at Berardi's in Sandusky. If you need a ride, call Audine at (419-334-3494). Please have your reservations in by Sun., Oct.10. Hope to see everyone there.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at:

office@fremontfpc.org.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

RAINBOW STATION NEWS



Welcome Fall?
What happened to summer? We have been so busy playing and learning, the seasons started changing without us.

We want to thank you for all your prayers and support. God has blessed us with new families this fall and we are excited to learn with new friends. We like making new friends and are learning that sharing isn't always easy when you have to wait your turn. The more friends there are, the longer the wait can be. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we start this new school year with new friends.

We are in need of some gently used riding toys for the preschoolers to use outside. If you know of someone who has some they are not using, please give them our number-- 419-334-7173. We are also looking



for a Preschool Teacher with a degree, if you know of anyone looking for that type of work. Until next month, may God bless,
Rainbow Station Staff

RECYCLE!

Don't forget to bring in your used ink and toner cartridges to be recycled.

These are returned to Staples, and Rainbow Station receives credit toward future purchases

on needs such as paper and ink. Every little bit makes a difference! Thank you for your continued help!



CELEBRATE!

Happy Birthday!

October 27-Tessa Burriss

October

3	8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	4	7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	5						1	2
10	8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	11	7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon Columbus Day	12						8	9
17	8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	18	7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	19						15	16
24	8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	25	7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	26						22	23
31	8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	27	6:00p - Choir	28						29	30

- Birthdays**
- 1 John Roush
 - 1 Paul Stout
 - 5 Carolyn Taylor
 - 13 Elliot Herman
 - 17 Philip Miarer
 - 17 Don Steen

- Anniversaries**
- 3 Mike & Amy Oprie
 - 4 Bill & Stacey McConnell
 - 12 Jon & Melissa Detwiler
 - 21 Lori & Steve Damschroder
 - 27 Michael & Pam Clark

- 18 Marian Binder
- 19 Lucy Hull
- 24 Abraham Ross
- 27 Lois Livingston
- 30 Paul Deffenbaugh

Summary of July Session Meeting

The regular July Session Meeting was held in person on Wednesday July 14, 2021. Session members present: Linda Hamilton, Robert Humberger, Ken Myers, Nikki Whetstone, Jan Zimmermann, Bill Taylor and Rev. Dr. Julie Kling, Moderator. Excused: Dannita Cowdrey.

No special guests were present and a Quorum was declared. Pastor Kling then opened the meeting with Prayer.

Upcoming dates and Events: July 18th, Joint Worship and fellowship with East Side Presbyterian Church at their Church. Sunday August 1, 2021, Baptism of Peyton Herman in our Sanctuary. September 21, 2021 Maumee Valley Presbytery Regular Meeting by Zoom.

Motions were made and carried for the following items: (a.) Restricting the use of our kitchen facility for the preparation of all food items by all outside organizations. Food must be pre-prepared and served in personal disposable ware. (b.) the appointment of Bill Taylor as Designated Commissioner and Robert Humberger as Designated Alternate Commissioner to represent Fremont First Presbyterian Church at All Maumee Valley Presbytery meetings.

Average Worship attendance for the Month of June was 27. Pastor Kling gave a verbal report highlighting her officiating at Abriana McConnell's wedding and our initial outdoor service at our church. She also furthered the possibility of both "Live" and "Zoom" services for future consideration. Pastor Kling also directed us to the PCUSA website and their recent posting of additional information concerning resumption of indoor services.

The Treasurer's report for June was presented by Administration and Finance and approved: June Income was \$13,524 with corresponding Expenditures of \$7,989. Year-to-date results through the month of June were: Income \$63,413 and Expenditures of \$47,900 with a year-to-date income of \$15,513.

The Nominating Committee will be starting to prepare earlier this year to accommodate the members who will be wintering elsewhere. Improvements to our internet are being investigated to help facilitate meetings and special activities throughout the building.

Pastor Kling closed the meeting with Prayer.



THE BOARD OF DEACONS

- Kaylee Amor*
- Pam Clark*
- Joan Gamble*
- Gerrie Hensley*
- Amanda Herman*
- Anne Humberger*
- Susan Myers*
- Lisa Zimmerman*

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	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

THE SESSION

- Rev. Dr. Julie Kling (Moderator)*
- Bill Taylor (Clerk)*
- Dannita Cowdrey*
- Linda Hamilton*
- Bob Humberger*
- Ken Myers*
- Nicole Whetstone*
- Janice Zimmerman*



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