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Pastoral Reflection: “A Winter of Hope”

We are in the midst of the season of Autumn. I know Fall is coming when some Lakeside summer friends begin their journey by car back to California. They allow one or two weeks for their travels, and they have an uncanny sense for knowing when the temperature is going to start to drop in Ohio. Sometimes they leave in September and other times late in October or even early November. This year, their choice was a September departure. Does this mean snow soon? When I lived in Pennsylvania, the locals foretold how rough the winter would be by examining the backs of woolly bear caterpillars to determine if it was going to be a short, mild, winter or a long, cold, frozen toes one. While groundhog Punxsutawney Phil of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is the official determiner of Spring’s arrival, I just learned that Vermillion, Ohio is the “Official Woolly Bear Watcher” and on October 2nd will celebrate the 50th Woolly Bear Festival. Who knew?

I am hoping Mr. or Ms. Woolly Bear Caterpillar’s back indicates a short, mild winter. Winters, even a short one, can seem long, depressing, and hopeless. Will Spring ever arrive? Yet, even during the chill of winter, we Christians do have hope! While we long for the “good old days” and remember with fondness the past springs of our lives, Christ is still at work! Christ is doing something new! Christ is at work in us during the winter moments of our lives.

During the winter, it is easy to become pessimistic about God’s ability to work in our midst. But God is not a God of scarcity, but a God of abundance. God sent Jesus to live among us and to give His life for us. God also sends the Holy Spirit to guide us, and the Spirit is moving in our midst now. Are we as the Church, the Body of Christ, open to the Spirit that moves in our midst? The world needs to hear the message of hope that Christians can share. Can the Church live up to the call to do the new things that the Spirit may be calling Christians and the Church to

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Opportunities for Worship:

- Sunday School - 8:30 am, via Zoom
- Worship - 10 am, in the Sanctuary

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do, and be the Body of Christ sharing that divine love and message of hope that the world needs to hear?

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18-19a

Pastor Julie

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 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

2 - Mandarin Oranges

9 - Creamy Soup

16 - Noodles

23 - Mixed Veggies

30 - Canned Tuna

Thanks for your help neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

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:

fremontfpc@gmail.com

**Please note: this is a new office email address.

Thank you! Amy Monk,
FPC Administrative Assistant

SATELLITES

On October 12th, we will be going to American Table in Fostoria at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190. Bring a friend!



NEW OFFICE EMAIL

The office is now using a gmail account for correspondence. Please add

fremontfpc@gmail.com

to your address book and check your spam or junk mail folders to make sure you haven't missed anything. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join us for Adult Sunday School via Zoom! We will meet every week on Sundays at 8:30 am, and the link will stay the same until December 18, 2022. Please go to zoom.us/join and use the meeting ID and passcode below.

Meeting ID: 884 4794 8835

Passcode: 793820



RAINBOW STATION

Preschool News

Welcome to October. We have been



busy with our fall session, meeting new families, keeping up with daycare licensing requirements, as well as Step Up to Quality requirements. We are still in need of a pre-

school teacher, preferably one with at least an associates degree. Please keep this in prayer as we continue to do the best we can.

Thank you to all who are praying for us and have contributed to our cause, either financially or with physical and mental help on grant opportunities. Please continue to keep us in your prayers that we will always follow God's leading.

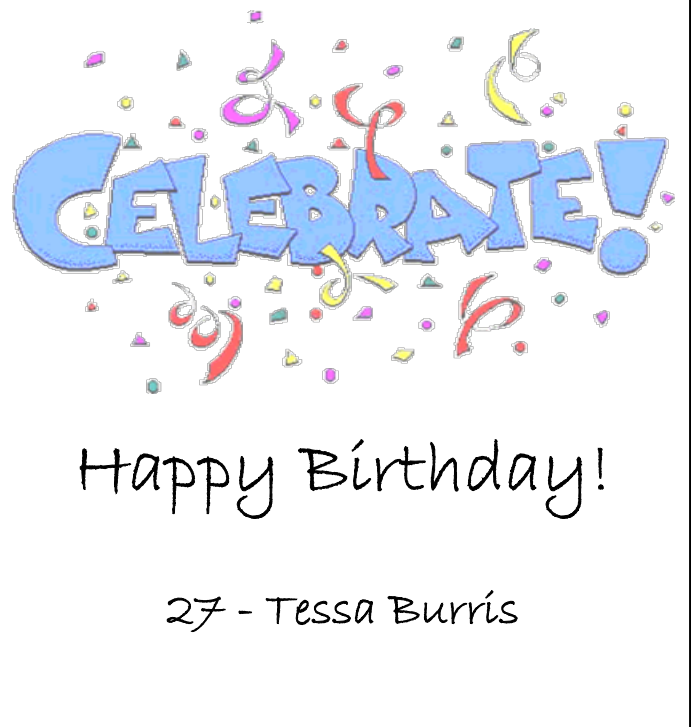
Have a great fall.

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!





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