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First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter

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MONTHLY REFLECTION

Charles Blondin was a daredevil acrobat in the late 1800's. His stage was Niagara Falls, where a tightrope was stretched across the great chasm. Before each performance, he would ask the viewing crowd if they believed that he could walk across and back again. They would respond: "We believe you can, Blondin! We believe you can!" So Blondin would do exactly that and walk across the great falls.

One day, Blondin showed up with a wheel barrel. Again, he asked the crowd if they believed that he could cross the great falls pushing this wheel barrel. And again, the crowd shouted "We believe! We believe!"

Blondin did just that. On his return, he asked the crowd if they believed that he could do it again, but this time with someone in the wheel barrel.

"We believe! We believe!" was their response. Blondin turned to them and asked, "Who is willing to get into the wheel barrel?" Silence fell over the thousands in attendance.

This is very much like what happened to Jesus. During His ministry, the disciples heard great teachings and witnessed countless miracles – healings, castings out of demons, and even bringing the dead back to life. Like Blondin, without fail, Christ continually demonstrated his abilities.

On the night of His arrest, Jesus gathered the followers around Him. There, they declared that they had great faith in Him. But, like the crowd at Niagara Falls, when Christ challenged them to travel with Him, all went silent. Each abandoned Him and He faced His crucifixion alone. The courage and conviction of the disciples melted away.

Are we like Blondin's crowd and the disciples of Jesus? On Sunday morning, we shout, "We believe! We believe!" But when it comes time to put our faith on the line, will we be able to truly commit to Him, or will we shrink away?

Friends, it's an extremely tough question, but it is the ultimate question that you will have to answer.

Submitted by Jim Boroff

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2025 PER CAPITA

\$40.29

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

June

1 - creamy soup

8 - noodles

15 - peaches

22 - mixed Vegetables

29 - Tuna

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

JUNETEENTH FILM AT HAYES L&M

In celebration of Juneteenth, a film featuring the story of the 5th U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War will be shown Tuesday, June 17, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove in Fremont. "Camp Delaware" chronicles the recruitment, training, battles, bravery and service of the regiment. The film will be shown at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a Q&A session with the filmmakers. Tickets are \$10 and are available at <https://www.rbhayes.org> under the "Events" tab.

2025 BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to the East Side church building on:

- **Tuesday, June 3 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**



American Red Cross

Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

Other Upcoming Dates - July 29, Sept. 30, Nov. 25

SATELLITES

We are going to Asian Buffet on June 11th at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



COFFEE HOUR

Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship! If you would like to sign up to help with Coffee Hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex at East Side. If you have any questions, please see Ann Weiler or Blanche McCormick. Thank you!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SESSION

*Dannita Cowdrey
Bob Gamble
Bob Humberger
Nicole Whetstone
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

EAST SIDE SESSION

*Cathy Bibler,
Barb Haynes
Ann Weiler,
LuAnne Yeager
Cheryl Magargle, Clerk
Ross McCormick*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF DEACONS

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Melissa Detwiler
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Susan Myers
Carolyn Taylor*

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Lois Magargle
Blanche McCormick*

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
FIRST Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
EAST SIDE Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

All Sunday Worship Services for First Presbyterian and East Side congregations are now held at the East Side building located at 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont. Worship begins @ 10:30 a.m.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at: **fremontfpc@gmail.com**.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

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