

JULY 2021

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

### Recognizing Jesus

In the morning, one of the first things I do is to reach over and grab my glasses from my bedside table. I do this so that I can see where I am going as I begin to go about my day. Jesus calls us all to put on our spiritual glasses and open our eyes so that we recognize him in our midst. The Gospel of Luke emphasizes the importance of recognizing Jesus and shares the story of two disciples who were on their way to the village of Emmaus shortly after Jesus' death. Beginning with verse 15, we read:

*As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;<sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.*

*<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"*

*They stood still, their faces downcast.<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"*

*<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.*

*"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."*

*<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

*<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.*

*<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

*<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together<sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."<sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had*

**Indoor worship has resumed at 10 am in the sanctuary. Sunday School will continue to meet via Zoom. Watch for emails with the Zoom links for Sunday School. We hope to see you in the sanctuary at 10 am for worship!**

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### Opportunities for Worship:

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

### CONTACT INFO:

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*happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*

These two friends walking toward Emmaus thought initially that there was no hope. As they walked together they probably shared the loss and frustration they felt. They had expected Jesus to do great things. But now any hope or joy they felt was gone. All was lost as Jesus was dead. They had heard rumors about him being alive, but their rational minds would not allow them to believe it. And then it happened. Jesus walked alongside them and later joined them to break bread. At first, they did not recognize Jesus, but finally, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened. It was Jesus. Hope was restored, and they were able to reunite with Jesus. They had been given a second chance, another opportunity to be with Jesus.

We question how they could not recognize Jesus. We tell ourselves that we would have known it was Jesus. Yet we need to be honest with ourselves. How many times do we not recognize Jesus? An anonymous statement that might challenge us all is, “if you can’t see Jesus in the next person you meet, you might as well stop looking.” That is a challenging and difficult statement to consider. But yet we are all God’s sons and daughters. So there is truth to that statement, Jesus is in the next person I will meet. Yes, it is easier to recognize Jesus in some people more than others, but we have many opportunities to meet Jesus every day. Am I willing to take the time to see Jesus in the faces of all those I meet?

Pastor Julie

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Sundays at 10 am in the sanctuary*

Sunday, July 4:

Scripture: Acts, chapters 23 and 24

Sermon Title: “Mission Possible: Guilty as Charged”

Theme: Paul’s defense in the face of persecution

Communion

Sunday, July 11:

Scripture: Acts, chapters 25 and 26

Sermon Title: “Mission Possible: Listen Up”

Theme: Paul’s prayer that believers will listen to him

Sunday, July 18:

Scripture: Acts, chapters 27 and 28

Sermon Title: “Mission Possible: With Boldness”

Theme: Proclaiming the Kingdom with boldness and without hindrance

Communion

Sunday, July 25: TBA

## SATELLITES



Our lunches will be held the 2nd Wed. of each month. We will be meeting on Wed., July 14 at 11:30 am at the Garrison downtown. If you will be going, please call Audine at (419-334-3494) Hope to see you there.

## Neighbors' News

The Pandemic has changed our lives but not our commitment to help feed the hungry. If you are able to help until we are able to collect food items, please send a contribution to:



**The Sandusky County Food Pantry**  
PO Box 445  
Fremont, OH 43420

Please put *First Presbyterian Church Neighbors* on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your help, Neighbor!

## 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](mailto:office@fremontfpc.org)

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

# RAINBOW STATION NEWS



Welcome to summer! We have been enjoying being outside in this beautiful weather. The kiddos have been exploring for critters and helping to finish

our bird and butterfly garden. It is amazing to watch them as they find a worm, ant, earwig, moth, or roly polies. We are thankful for the shade trees that keep us cool on the warmer days.

We are extremely appreciative of our families over this past year. It has not been an easy year, but with their help and cooperation, I feel we made it a good year. We are gradually getting back to normal in the classroom. About three weeks ago, we opened up the block shelf for the first time in a year; and this week, we brought back the wooden puzzles. The kiddos are enjoying the new experiences with these items.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we go through this summer.

We have several openings in the preschool room, so if you know of anyone in need of childcare, please have them give us a call at 419-334-7173.

Thank you for all your support in prayers, finances, computer tech issues, cleaning, and whatever else you have helped with. You

are all greatly appreciated.

Until next month,  
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!



## Summary of May Session Meeting

The regular May Stated Session meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday May 12, 2021. Session Members present were Jody Amor, Linda Hamilton, Bob Humberger, Ken Myers, John Roush, Larry Stout, Bill Taylor and Rev. Dr. Julie Kling, moderator.

Pastor Kling opened the meeting with prayer from recent Outreach article that emphasized “Colorful Compassions.”

Due to the continued Covid-19 “RED” status of Sandusky County, WEEKLY Sunday School and worship Services will continue to be on Zoom unless otherwise announced. The Annual Congregational meeting will also be held on Zoom following the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Zoom Worship Service as well. On Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a second Worship Service in the Church parking lot at 11:15 am. New officers will be installed at the June 6<sup>th</sup> worship service.

The average attendance for worship Service during the month of April was 28.

The treasurer’s Report for the Month of April, including Rainbow Station was as follows: Income \$8,379, Expenditures \$5,598, Net Income \$2,782. Year to date results through the month of April were: Income \$32,840, Expenditures \$32,387, Y.T.D. Income \$452.

Leadership Team Reports included: **Administration & Finance** – No Report, **Fellowship & Service** – No Report, **Music, Worship and Sacraments** – The portable Sound System was successfully tested for use in the parking lot. **Witness & Outreach** – No Report, **Stewardship** – No Report, **Nominating Committee** – Nominees for Ruling Elders and Deacons has been completed, still working on positions for Nominating Committee. **Presbytery Report** - Next regular stated meeting will be Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm to be conducted by Zoom. **Personnel Committee** – Working on fulfilling the position of Janitor. **Open FPC Committee** – Church will remain virtual pending Sandusky County’s “Red” Status. Pastor Kling closed the meeting with prayer.

## Summary of Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday, May 23, 2021 following the regular Worship Service. A quorum was declared based upon the number of devices shown as connected to the meeting in progress.

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Julie Kling opened the meeting with prayer followed by a moment of silence for members and friends of the church that had passed to Eternal Life during 2020.

Printed copies of the 2020 Annual report had been mailed to all active members of the congregation and Larry VanDyne orally presented the 2021 budget that had been approved by Session. A motion to approve the reports and the 2021 budget was made and approved.

There were two actions of the session that were made that required a confirmation by the Congregation; they were: (1.) confirmation of Session’s appointment of Carol and Lawrence VanDyne as Co-Treasurers for 2021 and (2.) the appointment of Russel Abbott for an additional nine year term as Trustee of the Fremont Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. Calls to the Congregation were made separately and both actions by Session were confirmed.

Linda Hamilton then presented the Nominees for Ruling Elder and Deacons. They were as follows:

Ruling Elders: Linda Hamilton - One additional One Year Term  
Janice Zimmermann - One - One Year Term  
Dannita Cowdrey - One - Three Year Term  
Nikki Whetstone - One - Three Year Term

There were no Nominations from the Congregation

Deacons: Anne Humberger - One Additional One Year Term  
Joan Gamble - One - Three Year Term  
Susan Myers - One - Three Year Term

There were no Nominations from the floor

Independent Motions were made for Ruling Elders and Deacons and both were carried.

The nominees for Nominating Committee were : Elder Chair – Linda Hamilton; Elder Representative – Mike Opre; Deacon Representative – To be appointed by the Board of Deacons; At-Large Representatives – Carolyn Taylor, Melissa Detwiler, Ralph Oxley and Jan Zimmerman. There were no Nominees from the floor. Nominations were closed and elections were made for all nominees without further discussion.

A Motion was made to adjourn and Pastor, Dr. Julie Kling closed the meeting with prayer.

## Christ University

Join us via zoom this summer for an interesting series of videos based on locations in the Bible where Jesus spent his time teaching. Ray Vander Laan takes us to Jerusalem and nearby towns as he teaches about the life of Jesus. We will continue meeting online this summer at 8:45 Sunday mornings. We will NOT meet on July 4th, but follow the link sent via email any other Sunday. This series will end on August 1st, and a new topic will begin August 8th.

# JULY

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4 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church					5 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon			9	10
<b>Happy Independence Day</b>									
11 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church				14 11:30a - Satellites 7:30p - Session Mtg	15			16	17
18 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church				21	22 5:30p - Habitat			23	24
25 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church				28	29			30	31

- Anniversaries**
- 11 Russ & Ellen Abbott
  - 11 John & Louise Paulson
  - 18 Steven & Jane Reinbolt
  - 26 Mark & Amanda Herman
  - 28 Thomas & Alice Turley

- Birthdays**
- 1 Jerry McKeen
  - 4 Linda Combs
  - 7 Nancy Mills
  - 13 Trent Stout
  - 17 Louise Paulson
  - 23 Rod Combs
  - 25 Nicole Whetstone
  - 30 Bob Humberger



**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
Rainbow Station Aide	Kali Norris
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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