

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY / AUGUST:

- July 7 - "Don't Miss This Opportunity"
- July 14 - "Because of Hope"
- July 21 - "Candlelight Suppers"
- July 28: TBA
- August 4 - "Cords of Kindness and Bonds of Love"
- August 11: TBA

Building Congregational Vitality as a "Matthew 25 Church"

At their June meeting, our session approved our church's becoming a "Matthew 25 Church" with emphasis on "Church Revitalization." The commitment was based upon Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:31-46.

You might think that the vitality of a congregation or worshiping community is based on the number of members, the scope of programs, the size of financial gifts or some other statistics. Not so — at least not entirely. Rather, a community's vitality is primarily its spiritual strength and its capacity for purposeful mission.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) has made a profound commitment to help FPC turn things around. This Agency proposes that there are seven marks to help you determine your current level of vitality — and then various processes for self-assessment, discernment and renewed commitment to the habits that foster an energetic engagement with the Spirit's work in the world.

Here are the seven marks:

1. A commitment to forming disciples over every member's lifetime.
2. Embracing the call to evangelism.
3. An outward focus.
4. Empowering every member to discover their individual calling and the gifts God has given them so they can go forth and serve.
5. Spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts and energizes us so when we are sent out, we have experienced the wonder of God and are changed for the better from when we arrived.
6. Caring relationships modeled on God's love.
7. Congregations with healthy systems.

Worshiping communities experiencing congregational vitality will find themselves following Jesus into personal and congregational patterns and practices of prayer and worship, learning and reflection. They will demonstrate to the world God's promises and life-giving power in this age and the world to come.

More will be shared in future newsletters and during Sunday worship about what it means to be a Matthew 25 Church and exploring our call to mission in our community and world. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Julie.

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Special points of interest:

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

2019 PER CAPITA

\$33.20

Liberty Center Fundraiser

**Baumann Auto Group
Big Charity Raffle**

Once again the Liberty Center of Sandusky County is participating in the Baumann Auto Group Big Charity Raffle. Baumann Auto Group has generously donated a vehicle for this Charity Raffle and is offering the winner their choice, one of two **NEW 2019** vehicles: a **Chevrolet Equinox or Jeep Compass**.

The tickets sell for \$5.00 each and 100% of the money for tickets we sell will come directly to the Liberty Center. All tickets must be purchased by September 16, 2019. There will be an initial drawing on October 5, 2019 to choose 50 finalists, and the final drawing will be held at Baumann Chevrolet Buick GMC, Tiffin, Ohio at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 12, 2019. There will be one winner who will choose their "new ride" from the vehicles listed above.

Tickets are available at the Liberty Center office, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. You may also fill out and return the form below to purchase your tickets. Make checks out to the Liberty Center. All donations are tax deductible in compliance with IRS regulations. We will promptly fill out your tickets and return your ticket stubs to you in the mail.

The staff and Board of Directors greatly appreciate the generosity of the Baumann Auto Group in allowing us to be a part of this event. Without the support of our community and its fine individuals and businesses, we could not provide homeless services to Sandusky County and the surrounding area.

**Please mail orders to: Liberty Center, 1421 E. State St., Fremont OH 43420.
Any questions please call us at 419-332-8777.**

Fill out completely please

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets requested _____ @ \$5.00 each

Check amount enclosed _____



Thanks for your support!

**FPC Benefit Chicken
BBQ in August**

The Witness and Outreach Leadership Team (WOLT) is leading our church in holding a chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 10 from 11 am to 1 pm to benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Relief response to tornadoes and floods in Ohio. Meal includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, and utensils all for \$9. Tickets must be purchased and the total order finalized by July 31. Every church member is invited to buy and sell tickets for meals. Tickets to buy or sell will be available from John Roush, Rod Combs, Josh Ross, or Amy in the church office. Church members willing to assist in assembling the meals on Saturday, August 10 should contact Rod Combs. Don't miss this chance for a good meal and to help our fellow Buckeyes in distress.



**Join the Witness and Outreach
Leadership Team**

In June, the First Presbyterian session responded to the PCUSA invitation to our congregation to be a "Mathew 25 Church." We will be concentrating on church revitalization. A large part of this revitalization activity over the next couple years will involve aspects of both witness and outreach. Currently, there are only three members on the Witness and Outreach Leadership Team (WOLT); Moderator John Roush, Deacon representative Josh Ross, and Rod Combs. Please consider joining our team and being part of the church revitalization team. Let John Roush know if you feel called to helping strengthen our church.

SATELLITES



We will be meeting on Wed., July 10 at 11:30 am at Kozy Korner's in Oak Harbor. Please call your reservations to Audine (419-334-3494) by Mon., July 8th. Hope to see everyone there. Bring a friend ! Anyone is welcome !

RAINBOW STATION NEWS



Welcome to July. While we appreciate the rain God sent in June, we are looking forward to a drier July so we can get

outside more with the kiddos. Miss Susan has been helping the children with the garden areas and we are anxiously waiting to watch them grow.

I would like to personally thank everyone for their prayers and support while I have been off due to my unexpected illness and surgeries. I will be released to come back to work on July 1 doing desk work and can't wait to be back on a daily basis. I have been doing what I can from home and have on a few occasions gone into the center to do administrative work that could not be done from my home.

We have completed all the paperwork for our Step Up To Quality renewal and are awaiting our inspection. This full inspection renewal is done every other year with a desk review done on the off year. All staff have completed their required 20 hours of Ohio Approved trainings that have to be completed every two years. July starts another round of trainings. Staff take trainings that are pertinent to the group(s) they are teaching or helping with.

Please keep us in prayer as we search for a replacement teacher for the 4's and 5's. We pray that God will bless Miss Nikki in her

new endeavors.

Thank you to those who took the time to present Rainbow Station with a week of Bible School. The children look forward to the different lessons and a break in our routine.

Thank you to all of those who support Rainbow Station in any way. You are greatly appreciated.

Rainbow Station Staff

WANT TO HELP?

The children would love your odds and ends to use in arts and crafts. Buttons, ribbon, fabric scraps, bottle caps, cotton balls, seeds, paper plates, etc....so many things can be used for creative works of art!

Thank you for all you do!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

20	Ava Ramirez
23	Niya Croudup-Levario
24	Mckenzie Puente

	1 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	2	3 6:00p - WOLT 6:30p - Admin & Finance	4 6:00p - Girl Scouts INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 9:00a - Christ University 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church	8 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	9	10 11:30a - Satellites	11	12	13
14 9:00a - Christ University 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church	15 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	16	17 6:30p - Deacons	18 6:00p - Girl Scouts	19	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
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28 9:00a - Christ University 10:00a Worship 5:00p - VIDA Church	29 8:00p Alanon 8:00p AA	30	31 7:15p - Session			

JULY

Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|--------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Jerry McKeen | 17 | Louise Paulson |
| 4 | Linda Combs | 19 | Nancy Dodson |
| 6 | Janet Hickey | 23 | Rod Combs |
| 7 | Nancy Mills | 25 | Nicole Whetstone |
| 13 | Trent Stout | 30 | Bob Humberger |

Anniversaries

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| 11 | Russell & Ellen Abbott |
| 11 | John & Louise Paulson |
| 18 | Steven & Jane Reinbolt |
| 26 | Mark & Amanda Herman |
| 28 | Thomas & Alice Turley |

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AUGUST

Birthdays

2 Kaylee Amor	7 Anthony Weiker	18 Rina Oxley
2 Bob Zimmerman	10 Claire Zimmerman	19 Larry Stout
3 Bob Gamble	11 Steve Damschroder	25 John McConnell
4 Abriana McConnell	16 Jennifer Abbott	26 Susan McKnight
6 Marilyn Willer	17 Calvin Cowdrey	28 Kole Amor
7 Adam Kohman	17 Charles Hull	29 Shelly Hull

Anniversaries

2 Ken & Susan Myers
8 Paul & Penny Deffenbaugh
16 Bob & Joan Gamble
20 Charles & Katy Hull
22 Alex & Carolyn Clark
24 Leland & Linda Bartson

BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

WHEN

**Saturday August 10, 2019
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

WHERE

**First Presbyterian Church
120 S Park Ave, Fremont**

**ALL PROCEEDS ARE TO BE DONTATED TO THE
PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF FUND
FOCUSING ON FLOODING AND TORNADOES IN
OHIO.**

***TICKETS MUST
BE PURCHASED
IN ADVANCE.***

***DRIVE THRU TAKE
OUT OR LIMITED
SEATING***

\$9 PER TICKET

MEAL INCLUDES

***HALF BBQ
CHICKEN
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD
ROLL***

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

of Tickets: _____ Total @ \$9.00 per ticket _____

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church

Detach and mail chicken
dinner order form to :
First Presbyterian Church
120 S Park Ave
Fremont, OH 43420

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)

July

7 - Minute Rice

14 - beans

21 - corn

28 - peaches

July Assisting In Worship

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION PREP, SERVING & CLEAN-UP	LOCK DOORS
July 7	Team 3 Mike Opre - Captain Bob & Lisa Zimmerman		Bob Gamble
July 14	Team 4 Susan Myers - Captain Larry & Barb Stout	No Communion	Bob Gamble
July 21	Team 5 Pam Clark- Captain Russ & Ellen Abbott		Bob Gamble
July 28	Team 1 Dannita Cowdrey - Captain Bob Cowdrey Rod Combs	No Communion	Bob Gamble

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August

4 - spaghetti sauce

11 - spaghetti

18 - cereal

25 - pears

August Assisting In Worship

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION PREP, SERVING & CLEAN-UP	LOCK DOORS
August 4	Team 2 Bill Taylor -Captain Carolyn Taylor Jan Zimmerman		Bob Gamble
August 11	Team 3 Mike Opre - Captain Bob & Lisa Zimmerman	No Communion	Bob Gamble
August 18	Team 4 Susan Myers - Captain Larry & Barb Stout		Bob Gamble
August 25	Team 5 Pam Clark- Captain Russ & Ellen Abbott	No Communion	Bob Gamble

SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETING

FPC Session held its regular monthly meeting on June 5, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. in the church Library.

Session members present were: Moderator Rev. Dr. Julie Kling, Jody Amor, Linda Hamilton, John Roush, Larry Stout, Bill Taylor and Nicole Whetstone.

Don Steen and Bob Humberger were excused.

Pastor Kling opened the meeting with prayer. She read Matthew 25:14-30 and reviewed Presbytery's invitation to FPC to be a "Mathew 25 Church" with three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systematic poverty. The members of Session agreed to pursue the congregational vitality focus first as a foundation for pursuing the remaining areas.

Upcoming Dates and Events:

June 8: Spiritual Leadership Training in Norwalk with Joan Gray.

June 9: Pentecost

June 16: Moving downstairs for service.

June 17-21: Vacation Bible School.

June 24: Migrant Health Fair at the Old Fort Grade School. Volunteers are needed.

There was a single motion passed at the meeting by John Roush and seconded by Bill Taylor to declare FPC a "Matthew 25 Church" and pursue the congregational vitality focus.

On June 8 Linda Hamilton, Bill Taylor, and John Roush will be attending the Presbytery seminar on Spiritual Leadership led by Rev. Dr. Joan Gray at the Norwalk church. Engagement with East Side Church was discussed. Pastor Kling will explore this with the East Side Session.

Session Clerk, Bill Taylor reported the May Sunday Worship Attendance: May 5 - 59 , May 12 - 51 , May 19 - 50 , and May 26 - 38.

Pastor Kling reported that during May, she preached Sunday sermons and prepared worship service bulletins for the Sundays of May. She moderated Session, met with Vida Church pastor to prepare service for May 5, delivered

semester survival packages to Terra students, and talked with students inviting them to the May 5 Taco Lunch. During May, she attended the Rummage Sale and talked with some community members, conducted a funeral service, two committal services, and attended the Rachel's Circle. May also involved officiating at Communion Services and some pastoral counseling and visitation. She took communion to shut ins. She provided pastoral counseling and support for concerned in person. Issues for people in the area continue to be issues of finding affordable housing and paying utilities. She met with members of one of the committees to discuss possible activities and community outreach. She served as registrar for and attended a retreat for church leaders in Ohio and Pennsylvania and met with a bride to begin to plan her 2020 wedding. She wrote an article for the May and June newsletter. She was engaged in some ministry for the Presbytery BCL committee and participated in a prayer group that focused on the foundations of prayer for ministry.

The Treasurer's Report showed as of May 31 year-to-date expenses were \$50,831 and income was \$66,029 for a \$21,847 surplus. A detailed report is posted on bulletin board.

The reports from the leadership teams follow:

Witness and Outreach – Josh Ross will be coordinating the 2019 Operation Christmas Child. He is planning a Christmas in July event to seek early funding and congregation awareness. WOLT is planning a chicken BBQ on August 10 to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Ohio. WOLT is planning a BBQ lunch and Bingo in July for Terra Dorm residents.

Personnel – Jody Amor is the new Session liaison to the Personnel Committee. The committee has prepared a draft position description for an organist.

Presbytery - Bill Taylor provided three Presbytery Reports: 1. Statistical, 2. Church Pledges, 3. Restructure Design Committee. These are posted on the bulletin board.

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

To contact the pastor, call the church office at 419-334-7171.
 In case of a pastoral emergency, call 419-341-2548.



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