FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Rushing Winds and Dancing Flames

Sunday, June 5, 2022 is Pentecost Sunday. While we focus on Christmas and Easter in the Church, we also need to focus on and celebrate Pentecost. Picture the setting: voices crying out in different languages. Some languages being heard by others for the first time. The people had gathered for the celebration of the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was a time to celebrate the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and it also became a time to remember and give thanks for the Torah, or Law, given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. As we read in the book of Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-21, the people had gathered to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost, but were surprised and confused as people were speaking in different languages and seemed to be able to speak and understand languages they had never been taught or studied. Some cried out upon hearing the chaos, assumed some were drunk, and shouted, "They're filled with new wine." Most did not recognize the Spirit at work in their midst. Peter shouts in the midst of the confusion, "Now this is what the prophet Joel was talking about, the wonders to occur in heaven with signs below, a day when the sun will shine less and the moon will be turned red." This day of excitement is known now as the birthday of the church.

In our society today, our world today, and even within the church itself, we are in a time of change, of confusion, of birth, and rebirth. Remember the Holy Spirit is always alive within the church. Are we in the process of birthing something new? Are we in the midst of being almost overwhelmed by labor pains? We may be at a loss for energy and experiencing some questioning or turmoil within our souls. Then perhaps we need to also read 1 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 3-13, along with the reading from Acts, and remind ourselves of Paul's words. Paul reminds us that the church can only be built when all of us, everyone, is willing to be what God has made him or her to be. Our society currently forces us to look at what divides us and would have us believe that all issues or concerns have just two sides; and one side is right, therefore, the other side is wrong. However, 1 Corinthians calls us to focus on what unites us—our belief in One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In 2 Peter chapter 1, Peter lists attitudes and beliefs that are essential for growth in faith. Paul also presents and names a list of spiritual gifts that have been given to us, that we are called to recognize in ourselves and those around us, as they are vital to the growth and development of the church. The church has a role to play in our world, as the world needs to hear of God's forgiveness and experience the belonging and hope the church of

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Opportunities for Worship:

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

CONTACT INFO:

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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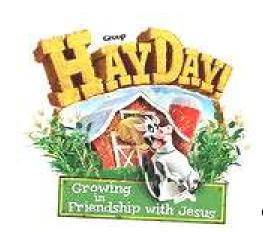
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Christ can provide. We are wasting valuable time when we get caught up and become so worried about who is in or out, who is right or wrong, or who is more socially acceptable or the better Christian. There was no time for this attitude when Paul made his plea to the church at Corinth and, perhaps, there's no time for us to have that attitude now. Paul tells us, "Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though they are many." The body must work together with each part having its unique function.

In the spirit of that original Pentecost, can we recognize the hope and promise? The time has come for the church to be rebirthed with joy and gratitude for its diversity and difference, and even its disagreements, because the center of the church, its point of unity, is the love of Jesus Christ and the grace of God. The church is the body of Christ and as such will only function as it is called and made to do when all present are working together and contributing their gifts to enable the Holy Spirit to really move in our midst!

Happy Pentecost!

Pastor Julie



Vacation Bible School

This year, the Christian Growth and Nurture Leadership team will have VBS for Rainbow Station Preschool. Our theme is "Hay Day – Growing in Friendship with Jesus" and will be centered around the farm and activities about how to put God's love into action. The children will also know that Jesus loves them and they will learn through God's word! This will be a time to worship, sing, dig into a different bible story each day, create service projects, and

play games that reinforce the Bible point.

The CGN Leadership Team would like to have Vacation Bible School sometime in July. There will be no planning or prep work, the Christian Growth and Nurture team will do that all for you. If you would like to spread God's word to younger children and if God is calling you, we would love to have you as a leader from 8:30-11:30. Please contact Nikki Whetstone if you are interested and would like to give your time and talent to these little ones.

Stay tuned on the days we will have VBS this summer!



RAINBOW STATION



Welcome to June and much warmer weather! Where did the school year go?

It has been a challenging two years and we are sad to see our big kids leave, but it is time for the next chapter in their lives. We will miss them and wish them the best in their kindergarten experience. We pray they will carry with them the love we have tried to show them here and some of the things they learned over the past year or two or three, depending on how long they were here.

This summer, we plan on moving back to a pre-covid classroom. We will be bringing back dramatic play, paint easels, and other things that the children have missed out on. We will monitor closely and keep disinfecting to prevent the spread of any germs these kids may pick up.

We are looking forward to seeing Miss Michelle again when we play outdoors, as that is the safest way for her to interact with the children due to her special health needs. The kids really enjoy those visits with her.

We thank all of you for your

prayers and support of any kind. There are a lot of behind-the-scenes things that happen to keep this program running and we are grateful for all who make it happen.

Until next month,
Rainbow Station Staff

KROGER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the 114 households who shopped at Kroger between February 1, 2022 and April 30,

Rainbow Station earn \$473.18!! If you don't see Rainbow Station

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listed at the bottom of your Kroger receipt, please call the church office at 419-334-7171 to be enrolled. Every little bit helps!



Happy Birthday!

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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

5 - Applesauce

12 - Corn

19 - Saltine Crackers

26 - Peanut Butter and/or Jelly

Thanks for your help neighbor! Rod and Linda Combs

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

For those of you that knew Margaret "Peg" Weaver, there will be a service to celebrate her life on June 30 at 6:00 pm at East Side Presbyterian Church. Her daughter, Lisa, wanted to be sure that all who knew her would know about the service and have the opportunity to join with Peg's family and friends on this day to remember her. Please see the invitation on the next page for more details and for contact information.

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

SATELLITES

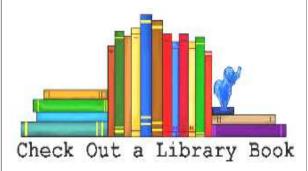
We will be meeting June 8th at Kozy Corner in Oak Harbor @ 11:30 am. Please call or text Diane @



419.680.0190 if you can attend. Bring a friend!

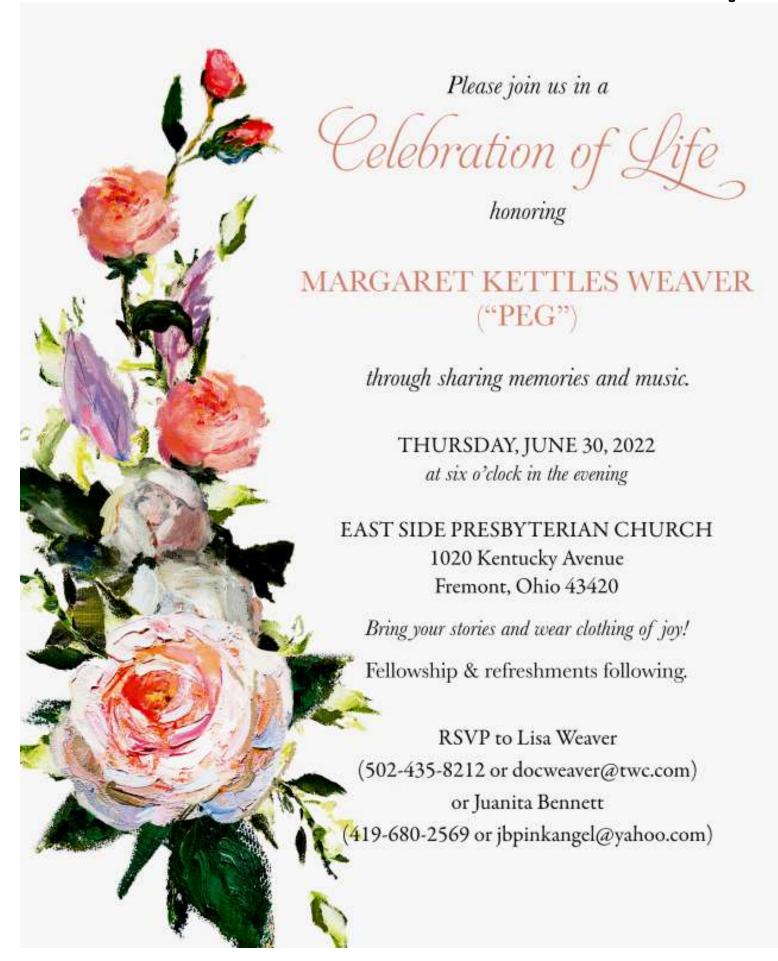
Book Buggy:

The Christian Growth and Nurture
Team has put new books on The
Book Buggy cart located in the social room. Some of the books we
placed on the cart are Good News
for Modern Man, The 12 Best Secrets
for Living an Emotionally Healthy
Life by Dr. Chris Thurman, Fearless
by Max Lucado, Shadow of the
Mountains by Lynn Morris, and A 2nd
Helping of Chicken Soup for the
Soul.



Please take a moment to view what we have selected and feel free to sign out any book. If those books don't interest you, we invite you to the upstairs library where there are many more books to choose from. It will also give you an opportunity to see what the team has done to update the room. We would like to keep the books circulating and in

Happy Reading!



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Linda Hamilton

Scott Slatter



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