

September 2021

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

### Wanting to 'Walk Wet'

A frequent word in our vocabulary is the ever present "gotta." "I've gotta clean my house." "I've gotta go to work." "I've gotta pay the bills." "I've gotta get groceries." Our list can go on and on. However, as Christian disciples, maybe we should replace the word "gotta" with "want to." As Christians, we should "want to" love God and love and serve others. Our challenge as Christians is to not see our Christian faith as a chore on the list as something we "gotta do", but something we want to do because Christ loves us.

As baptized Christians we are called to carry Christ's love into the world. Rich Bimler uses the phrase "walking wet" to describe baptized Christians. Baptized, committed Christians are to live out their baptismal vows daily. Bimler suggests that rather than asking someone "Were you baptized?" we should ask "Are you baptized?" Notice the use of the present tense ("are") rather than the past tense ("were"). Our baptism with water was an event in the past, but we are still baptized and are called to live out our baptism each day.

We are baptized into the family of God. No one can take that away from us. Some days we may be more aware of our baptism or may feel more baptized than other days....we are still God's sons and daughters. I guess it is like "good hair days" and "bad hair days." Some days I feel more like a loved, baptized child of God and other days I may forget that.

But we are God's. God loves us. We need to remind ourselves that we "walk wet" each day. Look for reminders of your baptism as you "walk wet" with Christ. When you feel a light rain shower that nourishes the earth so plants can grow, or sip a cold glass of water that quenches thirst on a hot day, be reminded that God is the one who nourishes our faith and quenches our thirst for truth, peace, and acceptance.



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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.

#### NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE:

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David Lougher writes in his poem “The Waters of Baptism”:

*As you rise up from the water,  
To new life that's true;  
Let Christ be at the centre,  
Of everything you do.*

*As you step into the future,  
Listen for God's call;  
Be obedient to His voice,  
And yield to Him your all.*

*As you face life's fiery trials,  
Do not be afraid;  
For Christ the Lord is with you,  
And He will be your Aid.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful! Do not be afraid to “walk wet.”

Pastor Julie

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



The church office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you need assistance outside of those hours, please call 419-334-7171 to

leave a message, or email the office at [office@fremontfpc.org](mailto:office@fremontfpc.org). Thank you!

## SATELLITES

On Wed., Sept. 8th, 2021, we will be meeting at 11:30 at Diana's Deli on Rt. 53 outside of Port Clinton near the Cheese Haven. Please call your reservation to Audine 419-334-3494 by Sunday, Sept. 5th. If you need a ride, call Audine too. Hope to see everyone 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 September! Where did summer go?

As we begin our Fall Session, we are excited to see new faces and are praying for those going on to kindergarten.

We wish them all well, as they begin this new chapter in their life.

Please pray that we can get through this school year without having to close with the new Covid variants that are going around. We will be doing our part in disinfecting daily the toys that have been played with. We will be taking temps approximately 3 times per day, monitoring any symptoms that should arise, and wearing masks when necessary.

As always, we thank each and every one of you who pray for us daily or support us in any way. We need and appreciate your support. We do need your prayers as we search for another preschool teacher. I know that God has the perfect one out there for our program. Until He provides, we ask for prayer for strength and patience, and that our ratios would stay within the state requirements. If you know of anyone who may be interested, have them contact Roberta Patterson at 419-334-7173, or have them send in a resume to: First Presbyterian's Rainbow Station, 120

South Park Ave., Fremont, Ohio 43420.

God bless all of you,  
Rainbow Station Staff



## **KROGER FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to the 119 households who shopped at Kroger between May 1, 2021

and July 31, 2021. You helped Rainbow Station earn \$525.86!! If

you don't see Rainbow Station listed at the

bottom of your Kroger receipt, please call the church office at 419-334-7171 to be enrolled.



## **Happy Birthday!**

17 Lucy Kensler

# September

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5 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	6 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon  <b>Labor Day</b>	7	8 11:30a - Satellites 6:30p - Admin & Finance 7:30p - Session	9	10	11		
12 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 9:00a - Kickoff Sunday 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	13 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	14	15 6:30p - Deacons	16	17	18		
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- Birthdays**
- 10 Beth Provonscha
  - 11 Cayla Crispen
  - 17 Russ Abbott
  - 22 Dorothy Baumann
  - 29 Jon Detwiler

- Anniversaries**
- 13 Bill & Carolyn Taylor
  - 15 Philip & Courtney Miarer
- Misprint from last month:**  
 Alex & Carolyn Clark had an Anniversary on August 22. I apologize for the mistake and hope you had a wonderful day!



# ALL ARE WELCOMED!



First Presbyterian Church (Part of Rainbow Station) would like to invite you to our Kick-Off Sunday, on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for families to see what the church has to offer for Sunday School and worship (10:00 a.m.).

The theme this year is 'DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD' with an Archaeological twist. The children will be learning many stories of the Bible to strengthen their knowledge. During September 12<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off Sunday, we will have breakfast, play games and introduce the new Sunday School classes for fall.

The adults will study:

**The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul** by Adam Hamilton

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians.

**The Early Church** by Ray Vander Laan

Discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries.

**The Case for Christmas** by Lee Strobel and Bill Butterworth

In *The Case for Christmas*, Lee Strobel investigates the story of Jesus' birth and reveals how we can know it is true. He examines the Bible's claim that Jesus was born of a virgin, some of the "puzzles" we find in the Gospel that don't seem to match up with the historical record, and the great mystery of the incarnation - how Jesus could be both fully God and fully human.

Join us each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. through a Zoom link that is sent through email from the comfort of your home. There are no lessons to study and no preparation. We finish in time to make it to church for the 10 a.m. service!

Hope to see you on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the following weeks!

*Join us for breakfast!*

**When:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church in the Social Room

**What:** To see what's coming this year during Christ University (Sunday School)!

**Why:** To play games and to have a good time with new friends and other Christians!

# FREMONT COMMUNITY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

## GARAGE SALE

Hayes Memorial Church  
1441 Fangboner Rd.  
Fremont, OH 43420

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
9 am - 3 pm



Small appliances, clothing,  
household gadgets..  
Something for everyone!

2:00 bag sale

## Verandah Concert: Cottonwood Jam String Band

R.B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Old-fashioned ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets and choose their favorite spot on the expansive and shady lawn in front of the home. Donations are accepted for ice cream. If there are thunderstorms on concert night, the event will be canceled. Updates will be available at 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org and on Facebook and Twitter at @rbhayespres.

Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. *Additional funding by ProMedica.*





### **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
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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