



Among Friends

SEPTEMBER, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

I hope all of you had a blessed summer. The warm days of summer are coming to an end and fall is rapidly approaching. Fall is defined in the dictionary as to “lose the old.” Children lose the carefree days of summer and go back to school. Teachers are going back to work. The beautiful flowers are quickly wilting. The warm nights are becoming chilly. Green leaves are dying and beginning to fall. The carefree days are now more structured.

As I sit here looking out the window, I see that it is happening. Things just look different, feel different. But for every ending there is also a new beginning. Soon the leaves will be brightly colored and then before we know it the trees will be bare and the cold, dark days winter will be here. Those **cold dark days of winter** – yuk! But what’s amazing is this; the trees will still be standing. There is beauty in those strong, bare branches that reach toward the heavens.

This resembles what Jesus does in our lives. We go through all kinds of seasons. Some seasons are bare and bring us hard times, lonely times, times of loss, times of financial struggles and times of physical difficulties. The

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SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

- Labor Day, September 5
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 11
- Hispanic Month, September 15 through October 15
- First day of autumn, September 22



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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

good thing is this; those times don't last forever and if we trust God we will still be standing. Also, during those seasons we change. And we have seasons that are fruitful and beautiful – a new child (or grandchild), a time of spiritual growth, a time when we see the beauty in all that God has created, a time of plenty.

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? It will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Yes, the seasons are changing. Remember, God is the one that changes the seasons; in the world and in our lives. What new thing might God be up to in your lives during this season of change?

In His service,
Diane



LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!



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JESUS**

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YOU GET BEHIND
THE MORE TIME
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Here it is...September, and we are ready to start a new unit for the fall months. These lessons will trace salvation history from Abraham to Jesus and on into the early church. September lessons are drawn from Genesis and tell the story of the origin of Israel, the chosen people, from Abraham to Judah. All are welcome to come and participate in a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing. We meet at 9:45 every Sunday morning.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The children's class is learning how prayer is important to Jesus as he teaches about prayer and takes time to pray in private. The class will see the need to have genuine alone time with God. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

- SEPT 4, 2022 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE**
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will lead the service.
- SEPT 10, 2022 SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT** will feature LifeGate from the Zion Baptist Church (on the Lake) in Prospect. Invite your friends and family. Dan Schall will perform in October and the Olde Town Barbershop group from Grove City in November. **There will be a winter break December-February.**
- SEPT 11, 2022 WORSHIP SERVICE:** Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will lead the service.
- SEPT 14, 2022 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. We will do a Bible study on the emotion of happiness. School kits will be assembled and packed along with hygiene kits for Church World Service. Hostesses for the evening are Evie Vargo and Ruth Keith.
- SEPT 16, 2022 POT-LUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT** at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and a movie!
- SEPT 18, 2022 WORSHIP SERVICE:** Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.
- SEPT 25, 2022 WORSHIP SERVICE:** Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.

MISSIONS

Update

School Kits: School kit items are due in church Sunday, September 11, or at the PW meeting, September 14. Also, if you took bags to decorate, please bring those as well. If you wish to donate hygiene kits, instructions were in last newsletter and are also available on vestibule table.

Dress for Success: Donated clothing was delivered to the Pittsburgh site in August. It is doubtful that we will do another collection for them because of the distance to deliver the items. The Butler site is closed. We have some other options if we wish to continue with a similar project. They will be discussed at the September meeting.

Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard:

Statistics: August 2022

Families: 93 Total family members: 170
Adults: 80 Children: 29 Seniors: 61
New families: 5

81 families received fresh produce

Slippery Rock Boro: 31 families

Slippery Rock Area: 50 Families

Harrisville: 12 families

Thank you for all your generous support!

We could not help our friends and neighbors without you!

Wish list: Chunky soups

If you know someone in need, please tell them to call us at 724-421-5274

TREVOR WOOD PROGRAM — FPC session has established a monthly donation of \$100 to Trevor Wood's H2O Akron Intern Program. H2O has been ministering to campus students around Ohio for over 30 years. H2O Akron began ministering on the University of Akron campus in 2014. Trevor is exploring the possibility of working full-time in campus ministry after graduation. This

Intern Program is the first step in this process. The session is proud to be a part of his journey. If you are interested in giving to this program on a personal level, you may place your donation in the offering plate (be sure to mark it "Trevor Wood Program.") That money will then be forwarded along with our monthly donation

UPDATE: We received following letter from Trevor.

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you are well. As of Sunday, August 14 I have officially started my internship with H2O Kent. That would not have been possible with the prayer and generous help from all of you guys, so thank you so very much.

The start of the semester is rapidly approaching. Will start moving into Kent State's campus August 19 and classes start on August 22. This is an extremely busy time for all college ministries. For H2O Kent, this is the start of our Blitz Season where we look to have a huge presence on campus to try and connect with as many new students as possible. This is my favorite time of year, but this is also the most mentally, spiritually, and physically taxing time of year for the leaders of H2O. We push this hard because we believe in the importance of reaching these new students. We believe that students are more available and accepting of the Gospel in this period of transition. Every student entering a college campus for the first time struggles with figuring out who they want to be during their time at college, and we want to be present to be able to show as many students as possible that God loves them and has a plan for their lives in college and beyond.

I do not have the specific day-by-day details of what the next couple weeks will look like yet. What I do know is that we can use as much prayer as possible. Please be praying for the incoming students that we will be trying to reach. Please be praying for me and the rest of the staff and student leadership that we do not burn ourselves over the next couple weeks. Please be praying for protection against the ENEMY. Just like we are doing everything we can to reach these new students for Jesus, Satan will be doing everything in his power to keep this from happening.

I again want to sincerely thank everyone who is supporting me through prayer and partnership. It means a lot to know that God has blessed me with so many people who are lifting me up and are believing in this ministry. I will continue to send out these letters.

Love,
Trevor Wood

WE ARE ALL BUS DRIVERS

By Elizabeth Gilbert, Journalist

Submitted by Nancy Natili



“Some years ago, I was stuck on a crosstown bus in New York City during rush hour. Traffic was barely moving. The bus was filled with cold, tired people who were deeply irritated with one another, with the world itself. Two men barked at each other about a shove that might or might not have been intentional. A pregnant woman got on, and nobody offered her a seat. Rage was in the air; no mercy would be found here.

But as the bus approached Seventh Avenue, the driver got on the intercom. ‘Folks,’ he said, ‘I know you have had a rough day and you are frustrated. I can’t do anything about the weather or traffic, but here is what I can do. As each one of you gets off the bus, I will reach out my hand to you. As you walk by, drop your troubles into the palm of my hand, okay? Don’t take your problems home to your families tonight, just leave them with me. My route goes right by the Hudson River, and when I drive by there later, I will open the window and throw your troubles in the water.’

It was as if a spell had lifted. Everyone burst out laughing. Faces gleamed with surprised delight. People who had been pretending for the past hour not to notice each other’s existence were suddenly grinning at each other like, is this guy serious? Oh, he was serious.

At the next stop, just as promised, the driver reached out his hand, palm up, and waited. One by one, all the exiting commuters placed their hand just above his and mimed the gesture of dropping something into his palm. Some people laughed as they did this, some teared up but everyone did it. The driver repeated the same lovely ritual at the next stop, too. And the next. All the way to the river.

We live in a hard world, my friends. Sometimes it is extra difficult to be a human being. Sometimes you have a bad day. Sometimes you have a bad day that lasts for several years. You struggle and fail. You lose jobs, money, friends, faith, and love. You witness horrible events unfolding in the news, and you become fearful and withdrawn. There are times when everything seems cloaked in darkness. You long for the light but don’t know where to find it.

But what if you are the light? What if you are the very agent of illumination that a dark situation begs for? That’s what this bus driver taught me, that anyone can be the light, at any moment. This guy wasn’t some big power player. He wasn’t a spiritual leader. He wasn’t some media-savvy influencer. He was a bus driver, one of society’s most invisible workers. But he possessed real power, and he used it beautifully for our benefit.

When life feels especially grim, or when I feel particularly powerless in the face of the world’s troubles, I think of this man and ask myself, What can I do, right now, to be the light? Of course, I can’t personally end all wars, or solve global warming, or transform vexing people into entirely different creatures. I definitely can’t control traffic. But I do have some influence on everyone I brush up against, even if we never speak or learn each other’s name.

No matter who you are, or where you are, or how mundane or tough your situation may seem, I believe you can illuminate your world. In fact, I believe this is the only way the world will ever be illuminated, one bright act of grace at a time, all the way to the river.”

Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

Ways To Walk



Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy
Maryann and Boris
The Alben Family
Gary Allison
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson

Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Jerry Lorenz
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Mary Messer
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman's
Mother and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home &
abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world

Alpha Omega Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church
Family
Friendship Church Family
Trevor Wood Program

All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19

All who have been
impacted by recent
severe weather
conditions around the
United States and around
the world.

The people of Ukraine
and Russia, their leaders
and the world leaders
and the world's people.

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read 52 Ways to Walk. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS


Isabelle Vukson, September 1
Marianna Crawford, September 7
Anastacia Crawford, September 10
Melanie Frampton, September 11
Lillian Whitehouse, September 16
Nicholas Frampton, September 16
Donna Yanosy, September 28

LABOR DAY LAUGHS

Take a break and enjoy this

I lost my job a the calendar factor... I took off Labor Day


I studied to become a doctor, but had no patients.



My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind

When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.


I wasn't suited to being a tailor.



Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income.

Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.



I was a doughnut maker..but I got tired of the hole business.


When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining

I was a banker ... until I lost interest.

My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.

I tried being a barber... I just didn't make the cut


I was a maze designer. It didn't work out... I got lost in my own work.



I was a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it

I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking

I used to work for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.





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