



# Among Friends

AUGUST, 2022



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

August; summer is winding down...a time to fit in everything you didn't do in June and July. Summer 2022 was packed with lots of beautiful sunny days, warm temperatures and a little rain. As all of us try to fill our days with as many things as we can, I want you to remember that Friendship is still open. Worship is still at 11:00 am every Sunday. Also remember that when you aren't in worship you are missed!

I found this on Facebook (yes there are some good things on Facebook) and I thought it would be a good reminder that, even in the busyness of summer, you are still a part of the family of God.

*As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it is important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.*

*You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.*

*Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.*

*The church needs you.  
And you need the church.*

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**SEPTEMBER**

Newsletter  
Deadline

August 24

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*Worship  
With Us*

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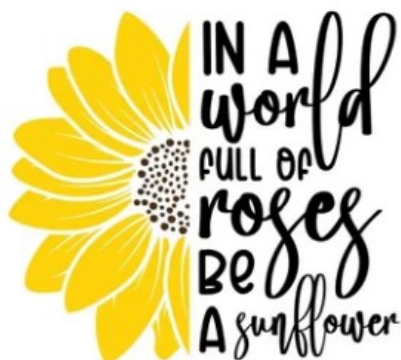
## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

I hope you enjoy what is left of summer 2022, and I hope to see you this Sunday!

In His love,  
*Diane*



## Safe and Secure

*The Resurrection is an exploding flare announcing to all sincere seekers that it is safe to believe. Safe to believe in ultimate justice. Safe to believe in eternal bodies. Safe to believe in heaven as our estate and the earth as its porch. Safe to believe in a time where questions won't keep us awake and pain won't keep us down. Safe to believe in open graves and endless days and genuine praise.*

*Because of the Resurrection, everything changes. Death changes. It used to be the end; now it is the beginning.*

—Max Lucado, *When Christ Comes*

Deadline for  
**SEPTEMBER**  
submission of  
information is  
**AUGUST 24**

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## 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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**ONE SURE THING  
IN LIFE  
IS CHANGE**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are finishing out the summer with lessons from Revelation to help us envision the new home and city that God has prepared for us where we will enjoy the new water of eternal life. Lessons will come from chapters Revelation 21 and 22. All are welcome to join us in a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are studying the life and purpose of the church. We will learn how we all work together as a team of believers through spiritual gifts, loving others, and point people to Jesus to accomplish the work God has for His church. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.

*Good Luck College!*  
On a personal note Nancy, Lilly, Nate, Micheal, Izzy and Cindy wish Benjie good luck as he starts his college career. We will miss you!



### MISSION UPDATES



**CWS**  
Church World Service

The mission projects for August and September for our Presbyterian Women and our church are school and health kits for Church World Service. CWS reports a greater need this year, perhaps "greater than they've been in recent history." The past few years have left more people in need following disasters. Families around the world are fleeing violence and harsh climates.



**School Kits:** Items needed for are blunt scissors, 70 page count notebooks (35 cents at Walmart), 30 centimeter/12" rulers, hand-held pencil sharpeners, large erasers, unsharpened pencils w/eraser, 24 count boxes of crayons, (We have enough pencils left over from last year.)

There is a sign-up sheet for donations of these items in the vestibule. We will pack these kits at the September PW meeting, Sept. 14th.

In addition we will need medium-sized cardboard boxes to pack the kits. The packages can not weigh more than 30 pounds so they cannot be large boxes. We also need a volunteer to take the boxes to Zelienople the first week of October.



**Health/Hygiene Kits** can be made by anyone wishing to do so. Items needed for each kit are: 1 hand towel(15"x28" to 16"x32", no micro-fiber), 1 washcloth, 1 wide tooth comb removed from packaging (at least 6"long), 1 fingernail or toenail clipper removed from packaging, 1 bath size bar of soap in original packaging, 1 toothbrush in original package, 10 standard sized band-aids. All items must be packed inside a one-gallon size Ziploc type bag with excess air removed. If you don't normally use that size or type of bag, ask Ruth for one instead of buying a box. Toothpaste will be added to the kit by CWS. These are also due at Sept. 14th meeting.

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.

**H2O**  
CHURCH



# 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*

Anne D.  
April and Todd  
Bonnie of Georgia  
Christy  
The Alben Family  
Gary Allison  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
The Family of Matt Bell  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
Tyler Burson  
Martie Cooper  
Phyllis Cooper  
Jeff & Cindy Cross  
Heather Datt  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Blanche English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
The family and friends of  
Sarah Hoffman  
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 and the  
Family of Linda 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 Presbyterian  
Church Family  
All those who have been  
impacted by  
COVID19  
All who have been  
impacted by severe  
weather conditions  
and flooding.

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

## God Among the Rubble

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

*When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.*

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with “tax collectors and sinners” and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

*In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.*

—Heidi Hyland Mann




### BIRTHDAYS

Dave Walker, 8/1  
Pat Bickel, 8/14  
Matt Sybert, 8/17  
Virginia Merkle, 8/20  
Chris Hogg, 8/22  
Ruth Keith, 8/29  
Dennis Grosky, 8/30  
John Black, 8/31



*“The foliage will be losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair ... .”*

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

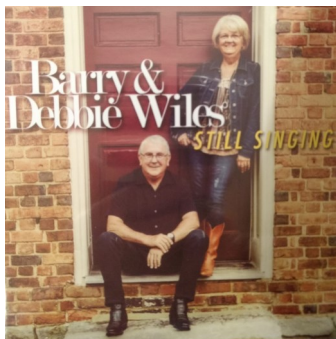


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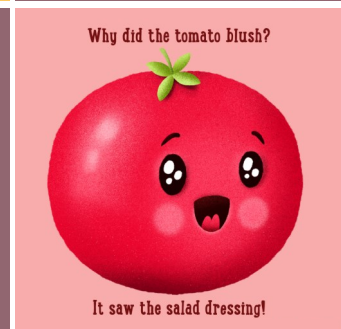
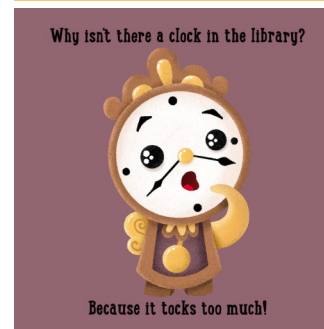
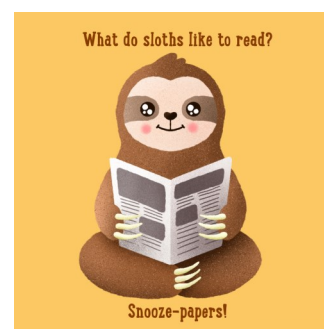
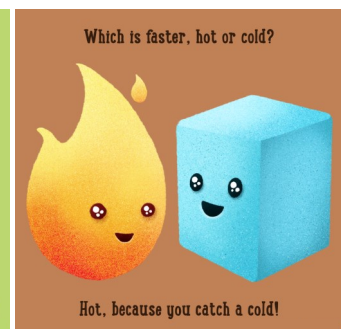
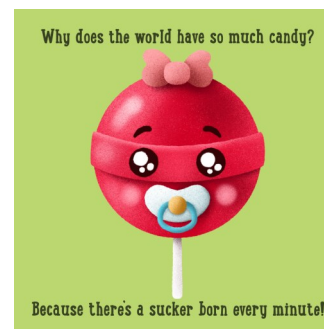
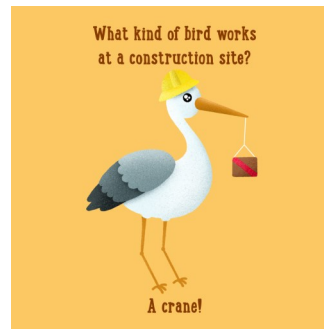
Craig & Doris Allison  
August 16  
Robert & Michele Lagnese  
August 16  
Roy & Karen Pepper  
August 17  
Don & Pat Bickel  
August 21

# THE SATURDAY CONCERT

On July 9 our SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT featured **Barry and Debby Wiles**. They presented a program featuring familiar “sing-along” gospel songs along with easy-going humor and the heart-felt and inspiring testimony of Barry. His story demonstrated Debby’s unconditional love of Barry and her unshakeable faith in God as she prayed without ceasing for God to enter Barry’s life.



**Second Saturday Concert, August 13th:** Performing will be Basement Band featuring area vocalist Sandy McConnell and guitarist Greg Vanderveen in a program of country and folk music, rock-n-roll, and oldies. Invite friends and family, Snacks and desserts are needed. Coming in September (the 10th), LifeGate.





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