



Among Friends

SEPTEMBER, 2021



A FROM DIANE'S DESK

Greetings;

We are living in world that lacks love and respect for other people. We live in a world where there is road rage, angry shoppers, murder rates on the rise and fists fights breaking out at sporting events such as little league games. It seems as though everyone is angry. Why don't we treat each other with respect? Why don't we love each other?

Max Lucado told a story about a sweater that hangs in his closet. He says he never wears it; it's too small, the sleeves are too short, the shoulders too tight, some of the buttons are missing, and the threads frizzled. Logically, he should throw out the sweater since he has no use for it and will never again wear it. It is simply taking up space in his closet.

That is what logic says, but love won't let him. Why not? What's so unusual about the sweater? To start with, it has no label, no tag telling you 'Wash in cold water.' That is because it wasn't made in a factory or produced on an assembly line as the product of a nameless employee. Rather, it was the creation of a devoted mother expressing her love, it was made by HIS mother. The sweater is unique, one of a kind, and irreplaceable. Each strand was chosen with care, each thread selected with affection.

And so, even though that sweater has lost all of its use, it has lost none of its value. It is valuable, not because of its function, but because of its MAKER!

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.
(Genesis 1:26a, 27)*

Why don't we treat each other with respect? Why don't we love others? I think the answer is this; we don't value life...we don't see

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OCTOBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

September 23

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SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

- Labor Day, September 6
- Patriot Day, September 11
- Grandparents Day, September 12
- First day of autumn, September 22



Deadline for
OCTOBER
submission of
information is
SEPTEMBER 23

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

each other as made in the image of God. If we did, wouldn't we treat each other with dignity and respect? Wouldn't we love each other?

From now on, when someone cuts you off in traffic, remember, they are made in the image of God! When someone jumps in front of you in the check out line, remember, they are made in the image of God. When someone dresses in a way you think is inappropriate, remember, they are made in the image of God. When a person holds a political view different than yours, remember, they are made in the image of God.

Folks, when we begin to see others as the image of God, we will look differently at them. We will begin to see their worth and their value. We will begin to treat them as someone that God has created. And before long, we might actually begin to love and respect them.

In a world that lacks love and respect for others, YOU be the one to love...YOU be the one to treat others with respect...YOU be the one to see value in others. When you do, the world just might become a better place!

In His love,
Diane

Be
the One

to make the world a better place!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We will be "Celebrating God" during our fall quarter, focusing upon acts of worship and praise that celebrate who God is and what God has done for his people. During our September lessons we will look at persons who celebrate God including Moses and Miriam, David, blind Bartimaeus and the early believers who entered into a life of praise for God's redemption through Jesus Christ. Join us Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is continuing the study of Romans. They are learning how what was written many years ago can apply to their lives today. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT

Our community center is used by our congregation for Second Saturday concerts, PW meetings, session meetings, funeral dinners for members, Operation Christmas Child, etc.

As many of you know, our community center is available to the public to use generally for a donation. Last May with Covid shutdowns, the ABBA Christian Center asked to use our building for Sunday services as the place they were using (a recreation center) had to close. They liked the church-like atmosphere so much that they are still using the center for Sunday worship and some occasional evening services and a lady's luncheon twice a year.

Due to Covid, bookings dropped off last year just when we were starting to get some momentum. Inquiries and bookings are picking up and we have 2 baby showers, 1 birthday party, 3 craft classes and an HOA meeting scheduled over the fall months

Things seem to be running smoothly. Ruth Keith has been fielding the inquiries, often meeting people at the center to show them the facility, arranging for entrance to the building at the time of the event, etc. Evelyn Vargo cleans the center between events. Bill Kreuzer takes care of maintenance issues.

Please spread the word that our center is available for events. People can contact Ruth direct for information.



MONTHLY MEETINGS TO RESUME

On Wednesday, September 8 the FPC Presbyterian Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. Please 'remember to bring items you signed up to donate for the School Kits and completed Health Kits.

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.



THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*



MISSION UPDATES



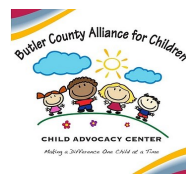
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will be upon us in just about 2 months. The collection dates are Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 22. Friendship Presbyterian Community Center will continue to be a drop-off center. Monetary donations toward shipping of shoeboxes can be given by check made out to "Operation Christmas Child." The checks may be given to Ruth Keith, Wendi Vukson, or put in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The checks will then be placed in a filed shoebox and sent on their way.



SCHOOL AND HEALTH KITS: Thank you all for signing up to donate items for the kits. School kit items and completed health kits are needed by Sunday, September 5, or can be brought to the PW meeting, Wednesday, September 8 at the Community Center. Cash donations are still welcomed to help with shipping costs. Also, a volunteer is needed to transport the finished and boxed kits to Zelienople (St Paul Lutheran Church, Monday, October 4, 9-12, Saturday, October 9, 9-12, or Monday, October 11, 9-12 or 4-8 p.m.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: After a few months of trying to connect, Ruth Keith was able to deliver the last collection of clothing items. Ruth got "the grand tour" of their Butler facility at the Holly Pointe Center in Butler and learned a lot about their work. The most important thing she learned was that they accept much more than "interview" appropriate attire. They also welcome shoes (dress, tennis/athletic), costume jewelry, purses, and more work friendly clothing such as blue jeans, shirts/tops appropriate for more "labor type" jobs. We will strive for a collection to be delivered in the spring.



BUTLER COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER: Nine new backpacks found in the downstairs room during our recent cleaning were delivered to this center in August. They were happy to receive them. Ruth Keith who delivered them was given a "grand tour" of this new facility and hopes that our church can do something for them in the next year. This organization "provides forensic interviews and examination for child victims throughout the community as well as community training to ensure health, safety, and well-being of local children and families."

Mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute to God.

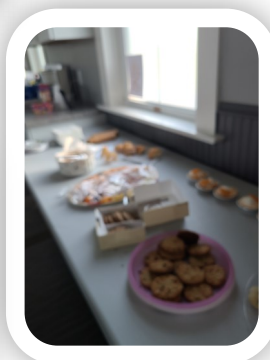
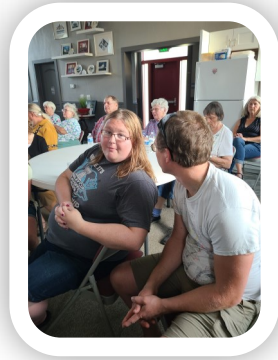
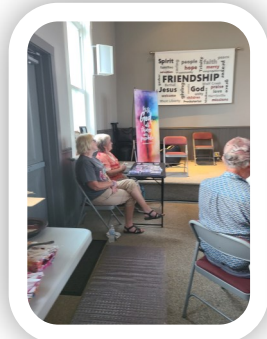
—David Beach—

SATURDAY CONCERT

AUGUST 14

Second Saturday Concerts are back! On August 14, we hosted our first Second Saturday Concert after being closed down since March of 2020. The concert featured **Donnie Clark** who provided a combination of country and country gospel music. We were pleased to welcome back old friends and greet new friends for the concert, refreshments and fellowship. The audience enthusiasm was palpable...a good time was had by all!

Photos by Micheal Adams



COMING ON SEPTEMBER 11

This month's Saturday Concert will be held on September 11 and will feature the music of Paul Cashdollar. Paul is a local gospel singer and guitarist.

Spread the news to friends and family. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 7:00 p.m. Watch for sign up sheet for snacks.



Sing and
make music
from your heart
to the Lord,
always giving
thanks to God
the Father for
everything,
in the name
of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:19-20, NIV

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)
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall
Kimberly Harrison
Timothy James

Rev. & Mrs. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen and Roy Pepper
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
George Sonnet & Family
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home and abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Congregation

All those who have been impacted by COVID19

OUR HELP — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1).

We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days. How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



BIRTHDAYS

Isabella Vukson, 9/1
Marianna Crawford, 9/7
Anastacia Crawford, 9/10
Melanie Frampton, 9/11
Lilly Whitehouse, 9/16
Nicholas Frampton, 9/16
Donna Yanosy, 9/28



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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September 11

JUST FOR FUN



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit





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God
loves
you
whether
you
like
it or
NOT

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