

# The PRESbyterian

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## Prayer Concerns

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## Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight meal will be  
**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**  
The meal will consist of roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, scalloped corn, and desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We do ask that you RSVP to Carolyn Berry or the church office.



## Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church. Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off. Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!

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## THE MARILYN

1260 MONROE AVE

NEW PHILADELPHIA, ONIO

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**

TICKETS: \$50 (SINGLE), \$80 (COUPLE)

**DOORS OPEN AT 5PM**

**CASH BAR AND FINGER FOOD GRAZING**

**CASUAL DRESS**



### **Pastor's Corner**

In the face of everything that is evil and destructive in the world, the idea of being a disciple of Christ can be very daunting. We imagine ourselves going out amid evil and destruction, standing firm in our faith and the promises of the LORD, but also facing the backlash for presenting a message at-odds with what everyone else wants. And when we hear in the news about churches being attacked, vandalized, and places of worship no longer respected it is easy to feel scared and uncertain about the future. It is something no one wants to deal with; who in their right mind wants to face down the devil and all his incarnations? However, the message, the gospel, we present is not our own and not backed up by our own power. And we have assurance through one of the most agonizing points of our faith how we can move forward.

When Jesus was crucified, he was mocked and insulted all the while enduring pain and suffering. But the last words he uttered before dying were, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Reading it as part of a story we think Jesus is referring to his suffering, or the work his teachings brought him too. But it means so much more than that. The specific word that is used in the Greek is *Tetelestai*; the completion of an activity or process, the carrying out of an obligation or demand, or paying what is due. In some ancient documents this word is used to mark the completion of a sale or trade, the finalizing of some kind of transaction. On the cross Jesus was completing an ancient rite, a sacrifice, a transaction to eliminate sin and its hold on the world. It is the process, the wrap-up, of what has been going on since Jesus first announced the kingdom of God in the midst of Israel. But that word comes from the root word, *Teleoo*; a point in time marking the end of a duration, a last part in a process, final goal or outcome, last in a series, or revenue obligation. It was at that moment on the cross the whole created order shifted and responded to the righteous sacrifice, and evil was disarmed of its ability to act in such a decisive way. No longer would Satan have the ability to speak the final word or determine the final outcome, with Jesus opening the door and giving us the ability to embody the divine spirit. We were prepared for life itself to return and know what was healthy and beneficial again. All that struggle and uncertainty ended.

That is the spirit of confidence which imbued the Church with ability to go out and proclaim, exemplify, and live Christ's name. Even amid shunning, persecution, attacks, and death there was no fear because of what Christ gained for them. Even in our time with attacks on churches and the ideas of the gospel we do not have to fear what anyone can do. What others do, what evil does, cannot determine who we are or what we can be. It may be an unpleasant distraction but cannot change who truly rules or determines the outcome of our lives. That is the hope we should have whenever such things happen, and might happen again, that our true calling and identity is in heaven where no one can steal it. And we can KNOW our purpose for living despite what others might say or do. **-Rev. Joe**

### **Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project**

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$2585.00 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).





### Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! We will be reading through "Practicing the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join!



### "First Celebration" Sunday

Join us on **September 7** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service and Church Brunch following service. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the saints!

### Cookies for Sundays!

What's your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn't matter! Sign up in the church office!



### Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless dinner will be held on **September 14** at 6pm. While we are fully funded for the monthly meals, please consider donating toward the FOTH General Operations or the Jack's House of Hope Project.

### Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

### ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor's messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website ([www.newphilapc.org](http://www.newphilapc.org)). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

### Session Members:

**Class of 2025:** Renee Miskimmin (clerk), Craig Stewart

**Class of 2026:** Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

**Class of 2027:** Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

### Deacon Members:

**Class of 2025:** Carolyn Berry

**Class of 2026:** Jackie Stutz

**Class of 2027:** Bonnie Majewski

### Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday  
Closed: Friday

### Church Email and Phone:

office@newphilapc.org  
330-343-7114

### Our Church:

**Sunday School:** 9:15am

**Worship Service:** 10:30am

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

**Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.**

# September 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall	1  <b>Labor Day</b>  <b>Offices Closed</b>	2	3  10am- Bible Study  8pm- AA Meeting	4	5  <b>Office Closed</b>	6
7  Communion  All Church Brunch	8	9  6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	10  10am- Bible Study  8pm- AA Meeting	11	12  <b>Office Closed</b>	13
14  6pm- FoH Meal	15	16  7pm- Session Meeting	17  10am- Bible Study  8pm- AA Meeting	18	19  <b>Office Closed</b>	20  6pm Tables of Eight Dinner (RSVP, \$10pp, all are welcome!)
21	22  6pm FoH Board Meeting	23  7pm Finance Meeting	24  10am- Bible Study  8pm- AA Meeting	25	26  <b>Office Closed</b>	27
28	29	30  7pm- McDowell Music Club				

September Birthdays: 2<sup>nd</sup>- Sherry Bichsel, Amy Swartz; 6<sup>th</sup>- Bonnie Majewski; 13<sup>th</sup>- Pat Laporte; 14<sup>th</sup>- Scott Davis; 17<sup>th</sup>- Marlene Singhaus; 19<sup>th</sup>- Bill Singhaus; 20<sup>th</sup>- John Pittman; 25<sup>th</sup>- Buzz Bonisolli; 26<sup>th</sup>- Brenda Jenkins

September Anniversaries: 25<sup>th</sup>- Richard & Tina Grasselli

If you'd like your birthday or wedding anniversary listed in the monthly newsletter, please let us know! Give us a call or email with the information you'd like included!