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Happy 4th of July

Special points of interest:

- New Landscaping**
- Pictures from the DR**
- VBS at Westminster**
- Mission Parking Lot Fundraiser**
- Prayer Shawl**
- Worship Assistants for July & August**

JULY 7
 Worship (Comm)- 10:30 AM
Youth Mission Trip Report
 Church Picnic/Potluck for
 Rev. Dave Gibbs - 11:30 AM
 Mission Parking Lot Fundraiser

JULY 14
 Worship - 10:30 AM
 Hospitality - 11:45 AM
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM

JULY 21
 Worship - 10:30
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
 Share the Light Committee - 11:45

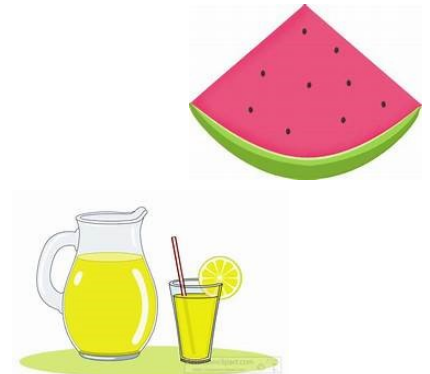
JULY 28
 Worship - 10:30 AM
 Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM

AUGUST 4
 Worship (Comm)- 10:30 AM
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
 Faith Development - 11:45 AM
 Hospitality - 11:45 AM

AUGUST 11
 Worship - 10:30 AM
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
 W & M - 11:45 AM

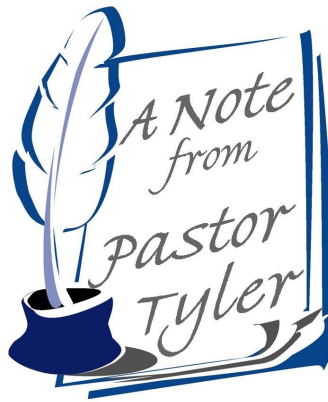
AUGUST 18
 Worship - 10:30
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
 Share the Light Committee - 11:45 AM

AUGUST 25
 Worship - 10:30 AM
 Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM



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 Highland, IN 46322*

*The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Highland is to be
 the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ*



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Summer has finally arrived! As I look outside my office window I see a garden flourishing from the hard work of our volunteers, probably with a little help from the rain that has been joining us so regularly on Sunday mornings. It is a blessing for me to view the thriving, luscious greens as I sit here reflecting on God and our Church.

Liturgically, we have entered what is known as Ordinary Time. The color for this season is fittingly green. Given that this is a time without major Christian holidays or festivals, one might read “ordinary” as meaning common or even boring. In reality, the term is used because this season makes up the majority of the year, and so the Sundays are counted out or “ordered.” That being said, this sense of being “ordered” can also apply to the idea of getting into a steady rhythm for life.

A dear friend of mine recently talked with me about the importance of recognizing and embracing the everyday things of our lives. She helped me to see that it is in the details of daily life that we can really become aware of God’s presence and God’s continual activity in our midst. Perhaps, like me, you experience God’s creativity and beauty in gardens and forests. Perhaps it is in the richness of your morning coffee and conversation. Perhaps it is in the sweetness of birdsong and child-song. Perhaps it is in the joy of smiles and hugs. Perhaps it is in the warmth of the sun’s rays after so long. Perhaps it is in the simple fun of a stay-cation or vacation.

Whatever it may be, I pray that we as a congregation will be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives this summer. In this way we will come to understand that in the light of God the ordinary is indeed extraordinary! God bless you all.

In Christ,

Rev. Tyler Orem



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of
May 31, 2018

| | Month of May | Monthly Budget | Year to Date |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Revenue | \$8,991.32 | \$10,087.00 | \$50,455.88 |
| Operating Expenses | 10,689.75 | 12,679.00 | 60,471.65 |
| Excess (Deficit) | (\$1,698.43) | | (\$10,015.77) |



Endowment Fund
Committee

Gifts given in the month of June to the Endowment Fund include:

In Memory of: Art Calvin and Linda Wleklinski

These gifts were given by the following donors:

Linda Skaggs, Dr. & Mrs. Lowell Steen, Jane Vance





Thanks to 19 contributors, we installed fresh, new landscaping at FPCH





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Several months ago the trustees were asked to investigate the possibility of getting Wi-Fi throughout the church building. Access to the internet would open up possibilities currently unavailable for Sunday school classes, events held in the Fellowship Hall, and some day could allow for enhanced audio/visual capabilities in the sanctuary.

The trustees applied for a grant from the Endowment Fund which was approved by Session. On Friday, June 21st, our IT support upgraded our network equipment and installed the Wi-Fi system that allows us internet access throughout the entire building. While on the premises you can access the guest network which is FPCH-guest.

We are happy to have made this stride forward in technology and there is more to come in this arena. In the next month, we will be upgrading our email system by installing Microsoft Office 365. By going to Office 365 we will not only have a more stable and enhanced email system, we will also have document storage on the cloud.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



PICTURES FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SEPTEMBER 8TH

9 am

Bring your family for breakfast, activities and fellowship. There will be activities planned by each ministry. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Church School Season begins on September 15th at 9 am!

Grade school class for ages up through 6th grade

Confirmation class 7th grade and up

Two adult church school classes.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"God's family numbers more than all the grains of sand on the earth or the stars in the sky. We are part of that family..."



This year we are offering an opportunity for our children/grandchildren ages 4 – 5th grade to attend a summer Vacation Church School week at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, IN. Their program will be “Roar” and will be on July 15-19, 2019 from 8:45 am – 12 pm for kids from 4 years old through 5th grade.

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life get wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory

Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned.

There is a \$12 per student fee, BUT that fee will be covered by camperships available for children/grandchildren of members of our congregation. See Charlotte Abernethy for information on these camperships.

To register: go to wpcmunster.org/vbs



June Shelter Report

The shelter cooking was fortunate enough to have Lindsey Wilson come and help. She gave up family plans to bail Judy Toren and myself out of trouble.

A HUGE THANK YOU to her for her interest and participation.

The servers were Vince and Debbie Catania along with John and Judy Toren.

There were only 33 guests but they certainly ate well. We prepare enough food for 60 and the leftovers stay at the shelter for nights they don’t have any volunteers.

There is now a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to help either cook, serve or both.



REMINDER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Vacation season is here and many of us will be travelling and visiting. Please be mindful that even in your absence, your place here will be cooled, lit and the water will still be flowing. Our church relies solely on the pledges and generosity of our members and friends to operate.

Please give prayerful consideration to keeping your pledges and contributions current because your church's expenses continue, even when your schedule does not permit your attendance in worship.

Peace and Blessings to all.



GLADYS' TABLE

The next meals will be Saturday, July 27th and August 31st from 12 to 1 PM



THE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 2:00 PM at the home of Peggy Fozkos to discuss the book "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers.



FESTIVAL AT MAIN SQUARE

- Wednesday, July 3rd: 5 - 11 PM
- Thursday, July 4th: 1 - 11 PM
- Friday, July 5th: 5 - 11 PM
- Saturday, July 6th: 1 - 11 PM
- Sunday, July 7th: 1 - 9 PM

PARADE

The 4th of July Twilight Parade begins at 6:30 PM, **July 3rd** at St. James Church and continues north on Kennedy to Highway Avenue and east along Highway to the park. The "All-American Mile Run" kicks off the Twilight Parade and will begin at 6:30 PM.

KIDDIE PARADE

The Kiddie Parade begins at 12:45 PM July 7th in the parking lot across from Traditions Restaurant.

FIREWORKS

Thursday, July 4th at 9:00 PM at Sharp Complex.

We've been struggling with fundraising for many years. The name of that struggle is commitment. We commit to our faith, each other and neighbors near and far. We make commitments to these important relationships without fear. We need to face our fear of commitment to fundraising. Fundraising is necessary to meet our budget goals for 2019 and beyond. Your suggestions to make us successful are important. This is what we have done so far:

- Set a goal
 - \$3,000.00
- Provide a simple effective fundraising tool
 - Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!
- Provide handouts and information
 - Scrip Players, flyers, promotional material, and retailer list
- Invited participants
 - Scrip Players, emails
- Weekly/monthly reminders of the fundraising endeavor
 - Larger View and weekly bulletin
- Convenience of participation
 - Buy physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloadable gift cards at face value on ShopWithScrip.com or the mobile website, MyScripWallet.com

What can you add to ensure our success to our fundraising commitment?

Think about it! Thank You



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a very tangible way to reach out to those around us in prayer: caring for them during a time of great pain or distress; joining them in times of joy and gratitude. It's a visible (not to mention soft and warm) reminder of the power of prayer, God's incredible love for us, and our love for each other. Volunteers are needed to make shawls for this revival ministry. Here you'll find the submission form to request a prayer shawl for someone, as well as information about volunteering/donating to the ministry. Volunteers are asked to pray for whoever may receive the shawl before and during it's making. The completed shawl will also be prayed over a final time before being delivered. Please keep this ministry in your personal prayers, that God would see fit to bless as many people as possible through the congregation of FPCH. Requests for shawls or to volunteer to make shawls can be made by completing the following form or contacting Sharon LaFlech or Peggy Fozkos.

Please Complete to Request a Shawl and/or Volunteer

Date ____/____/____

Recipient Name _____

Recipient Address _____

Reason for Request _____

Special Notes: Please let us know if you would like to deliver this gift yourself or have any other information that would be helpful. _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Email Address _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER/SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY BY:

____ Crocheting or Learning How to Crochet ____ Donating Yarn ____ Donating Monatarily for yarn



Great Banquet weekends are being planned for this fall ~ the last weekend in September for men, the first weekend in October for women. Come and be immersed in the presence of the Holy Spirit for 72 hours of fellowship with other Christians. Anyone who has already attended a Great Banquet weekend will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Jo McGee
- 8 Grace Helmer
- 10 Kelly LaFlech
Jake Toren
- 11 Marilyn Shuck
Elwyn Studer
- 16 Barb Dye
- 22 Dakotah Olah
- 24 Lee Ann Cheesebrough
- 26 Paul Nicholls
- 28 Jim Wilson
- 30 Nancy O'Donnell
- 31 Tom Porter



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vince Catania
Murray Faris
Carolyn Ham
Yvonne Suroviak
- 7 Judy Toren
Marie Smith
Alejandro Martinez
- 13 Suzanne Goldsmith
- 19 Bonnie Perryman
Cara Scott
- 22 Jeff Savage
- 24 Will Kerber
- 25 Delaney Toren
- 27 Jesse Kikkert
- 30 Lewis Owen
- 31 Marjean Reed

Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

Jesse Kikkert and family on the death of his mother, Denise



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

- Debbie Abernethy
- Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner's son
- Alaina (Callaway)
- Marge Ashton
- Bapst Family (Callaway)
- Sonny Buono
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Ruth Dekker
- Barb Dye
- Gerry Elman
- Gracie Helmer
- Bill Holmes
- Daniel Litwicki (Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Marlys Furnas
- Jennifer (Reed-Daughter of friend)
- Linda Kubiak (L. Fozkos)
- Mary Ann (Perryman)
- Glen Nahler
- Marjean Reed
- Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
- Steve & Melinda
- Dennis VanKooten

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 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.
 Thank you!
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- We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.
- We pray for our country.
- We pray for our firemen and police who help keep us safe at home.
- We pray for our service men and women.
- We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.

- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

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 In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).



USHER SCHEDULE

JULY 7

Youth

JULY 14

Tom & Pam Porter
Ben Porter

JULY 21

John & Judy Toren
Cheryl Steen

JULY 28

Carol Callaway
Bonnie Perryman
Gale Churitch

LITURGISTS

JULY 7

Youth

JULY 14

Vince Catania

JULY 21

Karen Lounsbury

JULY 28

Lois Fozkos

HOSPITALITY HOSTS

July 7: Barb Dye
July 14: Peter Churitch
July 21: Gale Churitch
July 28: Barb Dye

COMMUNION: July 7th
Youth

RIDES TO HERITAGE

WORSHIP

Call the Church Office
(838-6850)



HAPPY
SUMMER

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

JULY 7

Picnic

JULY 14

John & Judy Toren

JULY 21

Lois Fozkos

JULY 28

OPEN



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Worship
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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AUGUST 4
Vince & Debbie Catania
Peggy Fozkos

AUGUST 11
Carolyn Ham
Jamie & Savannah Ham

AUGUST 18
Eason & Nancy Engle
Lee Ann Cheesebrough

AUGUST 25
Norma Bauer
Janet Bouchee
Kelsey Helmer

LITURGISTS

AUGUST 4
Bonnie Perryman

AUGUST 11
Tracy Oprea

AUGUST 18
John Toren

AUGUST 25
Eason Engle

COMMUNION: August 4

Carol Callaway
Lois Fozkos
John Toren

**RIDES TO HERITAGE
WORSHIP**

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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 4
Barbara Wagner
Yvonne Suroviak

AUGUST 11
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AUGUST 25
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