

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HIGHLAND



THE LARGER VIEW



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Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am one of the lucky ones who has always loved school, and I am one of the privileged ones for whom school has always worked in content and context. August has thus always carried a bittersweet taste for me—and the aftertaste is still there for me even though I am no longer in school! There is sweetness in the waning days of summer break. There is bitterness in that those days will soon come an end. There is sweetness in the excitement of a new school year. There is bitterness in that days and weeks get packed with busy-ness once more. To all of those going back to school this month—students, staff, and teachers—God bless you!

This is a good time of year to remember that the word *disciple* comes from the Latin word for STUDENT: *discipulus*. The relationship between Jesus and his followers can be described in many ways, but the most prominent description is that of teacher (*rabbi* in Hebrew) and students. In the days that Jesus walked the earth, there were not school buildings like we use today. Rather, there were itinerant philosophers who wandered around outside, with students joining them based on the merits of their teaching. Their classrooms were under trees, on plains, and on mountainsides. They formed communities together, and those communities would become known as schools.

While I was in college I wrote a paper on the teaching methods of Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount. I wish I had a copy handy that I could share with you, but alas! It is buried in a box among boxes in a closet among closets somewhere. I may not remember all of the content, but I certainly remember the awe I felt in coming to realize just how brilliant of a teacher Jesus was. I know that brilliance well, as I come from a long line of brilliant teachers!

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What I didn't pay as much attention to, though, was how the disciples received that teaching. They were a motley crew of fishers and laborers and tax collectors and idlers. They would not have been among the privileged for whom school works so well in content and context. And yet, in a few short years they learned enough to carry the message and the movement forward in a way that spread like wildfire. Of course the very nature of the message of radical love had something to do with that, but so did the people who spread that message! The more I study the disciples, the more I see them as students who thirsted for knowledge, students who had different ways of learning, students who were genuinely curious, students who were not afraid to challenge their teacher, and students who were not afraid to be challenged by their teacher. And of course, they were students who had the benefit of having the best teacher who ever was and ever will be!

As you read through this edition of the *Larger View* and as you join us in worship and devotional study throughout August, I invite you to do so with similar thirst, curiosity, and challenge. Read and listen for ways that you can also spread the message of radical love like wildfire. That's the heart of being a disciple, dear ones: Listen, Learn, and LOVE!

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."—Matthew 5:1-12

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler





For this month's Matthew 25 spotlight, we are continuing to highlight our presbytery's Committee on Representation Toolbox of Resources. Use this link to explore this rich collection of readings, videos, and websites that can supplement our Matthew 25 work:

<https://ourpresbytery.org/leadership/committees/committee-on-representation/cor-toolbox/>

Here are some resources included in the Eradicating Systemic Poverty section:

The Poor People's Campaign website: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/learn/>

Books:

We Drink from Our Own Wells: The Spiritual Journey of a People, by Gustavo Gutierrez
The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology, edited by Daniel G. Groody
Categorically Unequal: The American Stratification System, by Douglas S. Massey

We will continue to provide resources in the next several editions of the Larger View!

As a reminder, this section of the Larger View is here to highlight our embodiment of the *Matthew 25* initiative to which we have committed. This initiative is focused on the following:

Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

If you notice somebody or somebodies living into the *Matthew 25* call, please let Pastor Tyler know so that they can be highlighted in this section!



- Rev. Orem reviewed the initiatives from the General Assembly and these initiatives were also printed in the bulletin on July 24th. He mentioned that we are connected to this greater church body and need to be aware of the policies that have been enacted.
- The Trustees continue to work on improving the condition of our church building and grounds.

SESSION SHORTS

- Several fundraisers were discussed:
 - o The salad sale was a great success in July, so Session decided to go ahead with another salad sale after the August 21st outdoor service.
 - o The Butter Braid sale is being planned for October.
 - o Got Sneakers collection of used sneakers continues to bring in some revenue each month.
 - o The crafters are busy at work planning for a craft sale in November. Anyone interested should contact Jean Smith. They are meeting and crafting on August 3rd at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 - o The Fourth of July Parking Lot Fundraiser was a huge success making \$1500 for Mission.
- Elder Bonnie Perryman, our commissioner, gave a report on the last Presbytery meeting on May 26th where Heather Casiano was introduced as a new member from the Hammond church. The next assembly will be on September 24th.
- Session will be sending a letter of support and concern to the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in response to the July 4th shootings that occurred there. Rev. Quincy Worthington is pastor there and was our moderator of Session for the time prior to our calling of Rev. Tyler.



Treasurer's Report

For the Month of
June 30, 2021

	Month of June	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$6,414.64	\$9,226.93	\$75,956.15
Operating Expenses	12,492.58	13,873.77	74,798.38
Excess (Deficit)	(\$6,077.94)		\$1,157.77



A gift was given in the month of July to the Endowment Fund:

In Memory of: Patsy Dreckman, David Fassett and Jamie Orem

This gift was given by the following donor:

Linda Skaggs

Donations were given to the Blessing Box and Food Pantry by:

Gerald & Nancy Veltman



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By Lois Fozkos

This is usually the place in the Larger View where a member tells what our church means to them. For the next four months, we will be focusing on: Faith, Prayer, Community, and Hope, as related to stewardship at FPCH.

Stewardship is living out our Faith through giving, to carry out God's work.

Faith is shown as a farmer plants seeds in the soil. These seeds can be real seeds, ideas, and maybe a project that requires some extra hands.

In our church, just look at the opportunities to use our heart, head and hands. Yes, we do this faithfully.

Blessing Box donations, cooking for the shelter, Sackurday, meals for our members, gardening, repairing or replacing worn out equipment, arranging or performing special music, listening to a member, running an errand, etc.

Faith can start very small, and with a little feeding it begins to grow. It is kind of like a balloon that starts rather flat, and with a lot of blowing it inflates. Then not only can one person benefit, but many can play with it. Maybe that isn't a good analogy; try this one: a little dark cloud full of raindrops comes into town when there hasn't been much rain. Then after a while it rains and everything is looking healthy and green.

The Bible shows many ways that faith shines on people: Manna in the wilderness, feeding the hungry with five fishes and two loaves of bread and having leftover, Jesus showing the disciples faith when the seas were turbulent and their boat was filling with water, and Jesus calming the seas to restore their faith.

Faithful stewardship is found in all of us; sometimes we need to hear it calling to our senses. Yes, let faith guide your projects and be amazed at what can happen. God will lead the way! Stay faithful!

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."—Matthew 17:20



YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Youth Connections is taking a break from regular meetings for the summer and gathering occasionally for fun!

POOL PARTY:

All youth who are going into 6th grade and older are invited to a **Pool Party** hosted by Jay and Jean Smith on Sunday, Aug. 7th. The pool party will start shortly after worship is finished, about 12:30 pm. The Smiths have graciously offered the use of their outdoor pool and will provide lunch. Bring a towel, wear or bring your swimsuit, and dry clothes to change into if you'd like. If you don't like swimming but want to hang out, you are more than welcome to come hang out poolside in the shade. Friends are welcome, too! Please RSVP to Heather or Pastor Tyler by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd. The Smiths' address is in the church directory, or you can ask Heather or Pastor Tyler for directions.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Aug. 28, afternoon and early evening!

We're working on the final details for a regional Youth Event to be held on Sunday, Aug. 28 starting at 1 pm. We're going to meet up with youth from the Presbyterian churches from La Porte, Chesterton, Union Mills, and possibly a few others, for an afternoon of service/mission work, fun activities, and a meal together. It'll be a great day to make new friends, serve the larger community, and have a lot of fun! More details will come out soon, but save the date!

All youth entering 6th grade and up, and friends, are always welcome to all Youth Connections events and gatherings!



ADULT CONNECTIONS

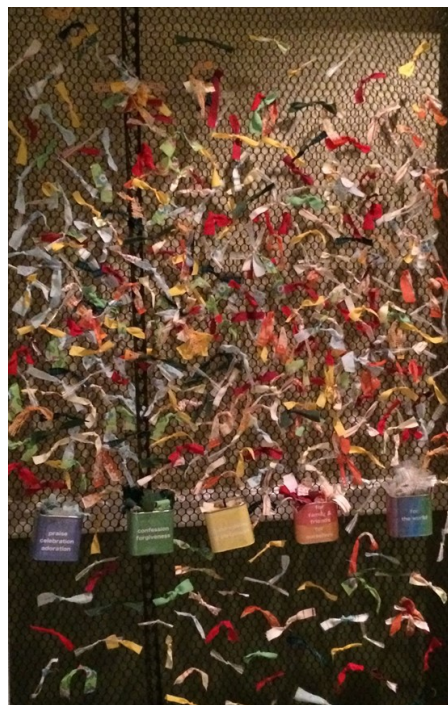
Adult Connections will start up again in September. Everyone is invited to one or both of these classes.

Save the dates:

The Sunday morning "Bible in Today's World" class will begin Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9 am.

The Wednesday evening "BYOB" discussion group will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7 pm online on Zoom.

If you have an idea for an adult group or class, please let us know. We would love to help get a new group formed as there is interest. Groups can meet any day of the week, at the church or elsewhere. Share your ideas, and we'll help make them happen!



PRAYER WALL

Watch during the month of August for a new Prayer Wall to be put up inside door D – near the church office. This will be an interactive prayer station where all are invited to participate whenever you are in the church building.

A piece of chicken wire will be hanging on the wall, and there will be multiple colors of ribbons on a table, each representing a type of prayer. The idea is for you to choose one or more ribbons that represent the type of prayer you need or want to lift up at that time, and then tie the ribbons onto the chicken wire. There is nothing to write down, and all prayers remain anonymous except to our God, who knows our needs even before we do! This will be similar to the prayer activity we did outside on the stair railings last summer.

Over time, the ribbons will fill in the wire and become a beautiful piece of art representing our prayers. Everyone is invited to say a prayer for all the ribbons already tied on and the needs they represent, regardless of whether you add your own ribbons or not.

If you have any questions about this interactive and visual prayer station, contact Heather Casiano.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – AUGUST 7

Join us on Sunday, August 7, for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during worship! Students of all ages, teachers, and school staff are invited to bring their backpack or book bag to worship for a special blessing. You may also participate without a backpack as well. Please invite families and school staff you know to this celebration of education in our communities!



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Congregation members and visitors are also invited to bring a few school supplies to worship on Aug. 7th, to be donated to our Blessing Box and possibly a local school. If you aren't able to come to worship on Aug. 7th, supplies can be placed directly in the Blessing Box or dropped off in the collection bin inside Door D at the church (during church office hours).

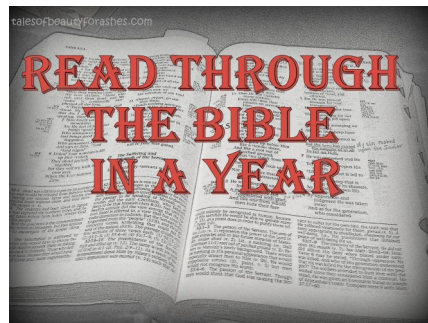
Needed school supplies include:

- number 2 pencils
- crayons
- washable markers
- black and blue ink pens
- scissors (blunt ends for children)
- colored pencils
- large erasers
- glue sticks
- highlighters
- single subject notebooks and loose leaf paper, wide or college rule
- pencil boxes
- backpacks





*** The Faith Development team is always open to new members! If you are interested in helping plan opportunities for all ages to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, join us! We generally meet after worship on the third Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Perryman or Heather Casiano. Hope to see you! ***



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

August marks more than halfway through our Bible reading challenge! What have been your favorite readings? Which ones have challenged you the most? Have you learned anything new about God or about yourself through your reading? The Bible can be illuminating in many ways.

If you haven't joined in the "Read The Bible In A Year" challenge yet, you are more than welcome to start this month. The Faith Development ministry encourages everyone to make the Bible a regular part of your life no matter when or how much reading you do.

The August Bible reading plan is included in this newsletter, and it will be posted on our church's website (www.fpchighland.org). If you would like to discuss anything you read in the Bible or have questions, please reach out to Pastor Tyler or Heather – we'd love to chat about God's Word with you. May this year in the Bible be a blessing to you!

2022 Bible Reading Plan

August 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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<input type="checkbox"/> Job 29-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 140	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Job 31-32	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 33-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 139	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalms 42-43 <input type="checkbox"/> Job 35-36	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 37-38 <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 104 <input type="checkbox"/> Job 39 <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 40-41 <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 3
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Worship & Music

Worship Leaders

August Liturgists:

- 8/7: Carol Callaway
- 8/14: Renee Williams
- 8/21: Bonnie Perryman
- 8/28: Jean Smith



August LiveStreaming

- 8/7: Jean Smith
- 8/14: Peter Churitch
- 8/21: Robbie Casiano (back up)
- 8/28: Jamie Ham

Choir

Choir practice will begin on Thursday, September 1st at 7:30 PM

Ministry of Mission



July Shelter Report

We had a wonderful surprise chef at our last shelter cooking. Tom Porter did a marvelous job of cooking 2 turkeys that Barbara Morton kindly donated!! He not only cooked them, but deboned and cut them up for our Turkey Noodle Casserole. If you haven't been lucky enough to take on this job, you can't appreciate the labor intensive procedure it is, plus messy to boot!!!!

The entire crew of Jamie, Judy, Sherry and myself say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!!

We had the usual hard boiled eggs; rolls and butter; peas for the vegetable, but incorporated into the casserole; milk and brownies to go with the fruit also donated by Barbara Morton. The grapes and plums made a nice addition to the dessert. Thank you for thinking of us, Barb!



The 4th of July has come and gone and I am pleased to announce the Parking Lot Fundraiser was a Huge Success!!!!!! As you all know, this is one of Mission’s most important fundraisers for the year, and without your support we would not have been able to raise \$1,579.30. We would like to give a big shout out to the following individuals for their support:

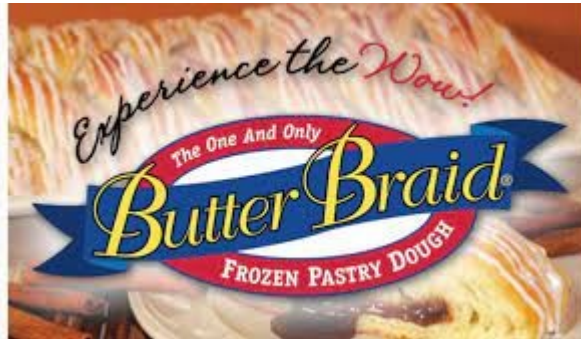
Bob Abernethy, Charlotte Abernethy, Eric Bean, Carol Callaway, Fred Callaway, Jesse Casiano, Gale Churitch, Lois Fozkos, Peggy Fozkos, Rodney Fozkos, Jamie Ham, Savannah Ham, Mary Keilman, Oliver Keilman, Kamri Nixon, Winnie Owen, Pam Porter, Marjean Reed, Jeff Savage, Jean Smith, Mindy Sanchez, Linda Skaggs, John Toren and Judy Toren

We are so blessed and thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

Thank you,

Carolyn Ham, Melissa Melendez, Tracy Oprea & Cheryl Steen





We will be having a Butter Braid Fundraising Sale beginning October 16, 2022 and ending October 30, 2022.

Delivery will be on Saturday, November 19th, just in time for Thanksgiving.

There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the October 16th date.



GOT SNEAKERS? OUR USED SNEAKER DRIVE CONTINUES!!! Thanks to all who have contributed. The sneakers that we collect help raise money to support our church's mission AND help our environment by keeping sneakers out of landfills. So far we have sent 9 bags with 10-15 pairs of gently worn, used, and new sneakers in each bag. We are doing great, but we still need your help! Please take a moment to look through your closets and to ask your relatives, neighbors and friends to do the same. We are counting on you! Bring the sneakers (athletic shoes) to the church and put in one of the blue bins...either by Door D (inside and outside) or in the church narthex. (Athletic shoes only) You can also call the office (219-838-6850) or Jean Smith (219-322-4896), and we will come and pick them up from you!

Now that the 2022 General Assembly has ended – the first-ever hybrid assembly – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will try to live into the commitments made and the work ahead. Ruth Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis, the new co-moderators, stood for election using the theme “Unbounded We Thrive,” and the assembly spoke its mind on issues affecting the church and the world.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 225 ROUNDUP

Israel/Palestine. The assembly voted 266-116 to approve one of the most controversial items before it — INT-02, declaring that the PC(USA) recognize the laws, policies and practices of the Israeli government regarding the Palestinian people “fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid.” Some have criticized the PC(USA) stance towards Israel as antisemitic, saying it hurts interfaith relations. Others say the assembly spoke courageously in supporting human rights for the Palestinian people.

Climate change. Voting 340-41, the assembly directed PC(USA) entities to divest from five oil and gas companies it concluded are not moving quickly enough to try to slow global warming — Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy. The vote reflected continued support for the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)’s strategy of corporate engagement and selective divestment. Action on another item, ENV-09, also affirmed “that working in the fossil fuel industry is a necessity for many” and assured Presbyterians that “divestment is not a condemnation or judgment of their choice of employment.”

Litany of repentance. One of the assembly’s most powerful emotional moments came when White Presbyterians recited a litany of repentance from RGJ-08, offering an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy. One assembly committee focused exclusively on issues of race and gender justice — including violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, disparities experienced by Black women and girls, and racial disparities in health care. Other concerns: confronting White supremacy in the PC(USA) and working for reparative justice.

Gun violence. With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a “Decade to End Gun Violence” — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying “the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence.” It also approved VIOL-11,

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 225 ROUNDUP

directing MRTI to begin a process of corporate engagement with Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Kroger, three publicly-traded companies included in the investment portfolios of either the Board of Pensions or Presbyterian Foundation, and which sell guns not classified as semi-automatic and assault-based weapons. (Those weapons previously mentioned are already on the divestment list.)

Family leave. The assembly approved a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to say a minister's terms of call shall include at least 12 weeks of paid family medical leave (covering the birth, fostering or adoption of a child; care for ill or disabled family members; and healing following a loss or tragic event). To take effect, the proposed change needs approval from a majority of the presbyteries.

Immigration. The assembly voted 340-25 to declare the PC(USA) a "sanctuary and accompaniment church" — saying the denomination stands with immigrants and asylum-seekers and is committed to working for justice in U.S. immigration policy. That work often involves Presbyterians accompanying immigrants by offering housing and legal assistance, going with them to immigration hearings and other appointments and trying to get people released from detention.

Restructuring. Supporting recommendations from a special committee, the assembly voted to create a commission with the power to act and the responsibility for unifying the PMA and the Office of the General Assembly — basically, to restructure the top level of the PC(USA). Citing financial stress on congregations and presbyteries, the assembly also created a team to develop experimental models as alternatives to the current per capita funding system.

Reproductive justice. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the assembly approved a resolution on reproductive justice — saying the PC(USA) rejects "attempts at all levels of government to reduce, limit, or eliminate access to contraceptive and abortion care."

LGBTQIA+ equity. The assembly created a new LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of the General Assembly — equivalent in access and accountability to the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee.

Per capita. The assembly set the new General Assembly per capita assessment at \$9.85 per member for 2023 and \$9.80 per member for 2024. That compares to the current per capita rate of \$8.98 per member.

2024 General Assembly. Presented with four options, the assembly opted for a hybrid approach again for the 2024 assembly — choosing Plan Omega with online committee meetings and in-person plenary sessions in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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Our garden walkway and meditation area has room to place additional engraved bricks. Improvements are also needed so our garden can be enjoyed by future generations.

Possibilities are in the discussion phase. Now, would be an opportune time to order an engraved brick(s). These bricks can be for any occasion...in memory of a loved one, honoring someone, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, or any other special event! You can order a 4" x 8" brick with up to 4 lines of engraving and up to 21 characters per line for only \$50.00. If you prefer, a larger 8" x 8" brick with up to 6 lines of engraving and up to 21 characters per line for only \$100.00

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)
ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

4 x 8 Brick

8 x 8 Brick

EXAMPLE

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If you have any questions, please call Sharon LaFlech at (219) 838-3346.

News from the Pews



Blessing Box

Please continue to place items in the Blessing Box and take items if you are a person in need! Items most commonly donated: canned goods with pull tabs, socks, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, small snacks, toiletries, baby wipes and diapers.

Please do not donate homemade or perishable items.



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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carolyn Ham
Yvonne Suroviak
- 7 Judy Toren
Marie Smith
- 13 Suzanne Goldsmith
- 19 Bonnie Perryman
Cara Scott
- 22 Jeff Savage
- 25 Delaney Rae Toren
- 30 Lewis Owen
- 31 Marjean Reed



Notes

A Friend gave me a heart shape plaque with the following written message on it:

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.”

Also, I would like to thank everyone that signed the lovely get well card for me. I really appreciate you thinking of me.

Blessings,

Caroline Studer



Prayers & CONCERNS



Pray For...

Amy
 Anthony
 Beverly
 Andrew Bobalik
 Sandy & Sonny Buono
 Laura Buono Domsic
 Carmelo
 U. Chong
 Rev. Paula Cooper
 Danielle
 Ruth Dekker
 Frank Falzone
 Carol Finley
 George Griner
 Myrna Grove
 Harrison Gill
 Donna Helmer
 Guy Hendricks
 Hendricks' family
 Kiki Ho
 Jakob Holden
 Bill & Anettia Holmes
 Huilin
 Jackie
 Karen
 David & Pat Kingen
 Robert Lestina
 Holly Letnich
 Daniel Litwicki
 Lynn
 David Markley
 Doug & Sue Matthews
 Denise Matthys
 Camri & Chris McAvoy
 Andrew McDaniel
 Melba Mc Ginnis
 Jaden Mendez
 Khloe Agbor
 Diane & Ray Mendoza

Barbara Morton
 George Nelson
 Jeanne Nestor
 Jan Oprea
 Janet Orem
 Paris
 Rick Parker
 Cary & Jennifer Pearson
 Marla & Jerry Renfro
 Lily Renfro
 Sharon
 Jennifer Skippergosh
 Georgette Sknerski
 Richard Simmons
 Jay & Jean Smith
 Gale Snyder
 Steve & Melinda
 Caroline Studer
 Gary Studer
 Jack Sum
 Yvonne Suroviak
 Tammy
 Janet Terpstra & Family
 Robert Urich
 Jane Vance
 Brady Vanes
 Cindy Waltz & Sister
 Kevin Windstrup
 Annie & Mike Windstrup
 Laura Wisner
 The Blackburn Family
 Sophia Brasch
 Michelle
 Cletus
 Jason
 Glen Nahler

- We pray for victims of gun violence.
- We pray for peace!
- 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 first responders and front-line medical workers who are risking their lives for our health
- We pray for the health and safety of our service men and women as we pray for an end to the wars that put them at risk
- 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 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 (219-838-6850).