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THE LARGER VIEW



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Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It's hard to believe that we are already in the thick (and the heat!) of summer! This time of year takes me back to summers on the farm growing up, when we would always hope that the corn would be knee-high by the fourth of July. Reflecting on my life, those were my days of heaviest labor. My brother and I worked as the farmhands for Pappy, my grandfather. Throughout the summer we built fences, chopped down thistles, cleaned the manure out of the barn, and, the biggest task of them all, baled hay. Baling hay was the hardest—especially unloading the wagons and loading the barn!—but it was also the best. For, the whole family would come together for baling time. Some would be out in the field, loading the wagon. Others would be in the barn, unloading the wagon. One would be driving the tractor. Others would be bringing water and snacks around. EVERYBODY would be hot and sweaty and messy! I am sure that I grumbled and groaned a lot as a teenager on those summer days, but I wouldn't trade them for anything. They are intricately fused to my sense of home—my foundations, my feeling of belonging no matter what.

I wax poetic about the dog days of summer on the Orem farm because the First Presbyterian Church of Highland, Indiana, carries a similar sense of home for me now, as I know is the case for so many of you who are reading this. In so many ways, we engage in the labors of the Kingdom together, creating spaces in which everyone can belong, no matter what, and to which everyone can contribute their various gifts of service. Over the years I have spent with you all, I have been consistently amazed by the energy and love you pour into this place, into this community, into each other, and into our shared worship of God. We truly live into Paul's description of the body of Christ, with each body part needed, each body part contributing, and each body part honored. If we were down on the farm, I think we would make a darn good baling team!

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

Back to this idea of home and belonging, I want to lift up the work that we all have been doing to make FPCH feel like a home where people can belong even if it is not the home where they grew up. I am heartened every time I notice somebody being welcomed in person or online. I am excited when people make it clear that they feel loved here. I am grateful, because I know that every single one of you is intentional in making this a home where all feel welcomed, loved, and safe in the fullness of who they are. We always have room for growth and improvement, as is the case for everybody everywhere, and I hope that we will continue to explore ways that we can include those who are excluded by society and by other parts of the body of Christ. AND I want to celebrate the work we are already doing!

As you read this edition of the Larger View, I invite you to do so through the lens of this vital work of the Kingdom. Take a look at the ways that we are reaching out and reaching within, the ways that we are sharing God's love, and the ways that we are experiencing God's presence.

I close with these words from Paul's letter to the Galatians:

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all!"—Galatians 6:9-10a

Let us get out into the fields! Let us load up the barn! Let us distribute water and snacks! Let us make hay!
Let us make home!

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler





For this month's Matthew 25 spotlight, we are highlighting 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 is a sample of books included in the Dismantling Structural Racism section:

So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson

The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias, by Dolly Chugh

How to Be an Antiracist, by Ibram X Kendi

The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander

Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation, by Latasha Morrison

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!

SESSION SHORTS

- Session approved the writing of a technology grant to upgrade the technology in the sanctuary.
- Various fundraisers were discussed and approved.
 - Ministry of Mission's Fourth of July parking lot fundraiser is taking place June 30-July 4.
 - There will be a salad sale after worship on July 17th. The first salad sale was very successful.
 - Butter Braid coffee cake sale will take place in October with delivery before Thanksgiving.
 - We are exploring possible participation in a craft fair in November, with congregation members making various holiday crafts to sell.
 - Another possible restaurant fundraiser is in the works, similar to the one we did at Culver's last year.

SESSION SHORTS

- The Trustees have been working on several projects, and Rev. Orem thanked Jeff Savage for always being available to work on whatever needs repair. Some of their work this month has included:
 - Contacting vendors to get permits and repair the boilers, sanctuary lift and water heater in the fellowship hall bathroom
 - Getting new battery for the AED which must be replaced every 5 years
 - Helping with the outdoor gardening and grounds
- Thanks to the garden crew for the weeding and maintaining of the garden and parking lot area!
- A Youth-led service will take place on July 10th. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the youth.
- We revisited our BOLD IDEAS. We have made some progress on several ideas which are included in our Matthew 25 initiative by reaching out: to immigrants by donating to the Welcome Network through Ministry of Mission, by being a welcoming and inclusive congregation to all, including those who are virtual members and homebound, and by upgrading our technology.



Treasurer's Report

For the Month of
May 31, 2021

	Month of May	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$7,200.63	\$9,226.93	\$69,541.51
Operating Expenses	13,016.07	13,873.77	62,305.80
Excess (Deficit)	(\$5,815.44)		\$7,235.71



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

In Memory of: Jamie Orem

This gift was given by the following donor:

Lois Fozkos

Gifts were given in the month of June In Honor of Rev. Leroy Fassett's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Endowment Fund by:

Carol Callaway, Bill & Anettia Holmes, Debbie Marinaro, Dennis & Nancy O'Donnell, Linda Skaggs, Marie Smith, and Cheryl Steen

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

Gerald & Nancy Veltman



What Our Church Means to Me

By Peggy Fozkos

Rodney and his parents were members of FPCH when he and I first met. I attended worship with him, transferred my membership to Highland, and we were married in our sanctuary. Our children were baptized here, attended Church School and Youth Group. Our daughter was married here. We've served on various ministries and boards. Our church is a large part of our lives.

Our church means education and learning to me. It is where I continue to understand and follow Jesus and to ponder the mysteries of faith. Sermons, adult studies, and teaching children have all been and still are invaluable. Our church means community. Our people and how we support and share with each other is a wonderful blessing. I see others' ways of serving, loving and living out their faith. I help others with their journey and am strengthened in mine. In one sentence, FPCH is where I worship, pray serve, learn and love. It's the best!



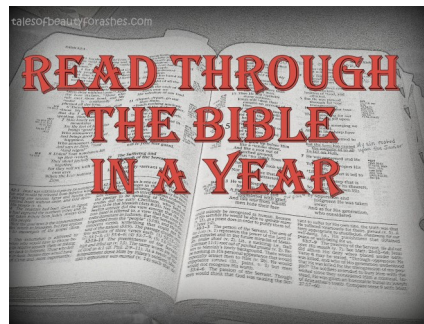
YOUTH CONNECTIONS

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Sunday, July 10 – 10:30 am Youth-Led Worship Service; please meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 am that morning to go over things. If you haven't been part of the planning but would still like to participate, we have a place for you! Let Pastor Tyler or Heather know, and we'll get you a part in the service.

We're working on an event for several youth groups in the area to get together in August – stayed tuned for the exact date (it will be a Sunday afternoon). If youth have suggestions of other fun events or activities we might be able to do this summer, contact Pastor Tyler or Heather with your ideas.

All youth (entering 6th grade through recently graduated high school) and friends are always welcome to all Youth Connections events and gatherings!



How is the Bible reading challenge going? If you've been reading along, you've been reading the Bible for 6 months already! Congratulations on making the choice to get to know God better through God's Word. We hope your experience this year is helping you develop or strengthen your relationship with our mighty Creator. We hope that you are opening yourself up to the movement of the Holy Spirit through the written word.

If you haven't joined in this Bible 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 July Bible reading plan is included in this newsletter, and it will be posted on our church's website (www.fpchighland.org). If you would ever 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

July 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31						
<input type="checkbox"/> Job 10-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 38						



*** 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! ***



July Liturgists:

- 7/3: Lois Fozkos
- 7/10: Youth Led Service
- 7/17: Sharon LaFlech
- 7/24: Bonnie Perryman
- 7/31: Tracy Oprea

July LiveStreaming

- 7/3: Jamie Ham
- 7/10: Tracy Oprea
- 7/17: Jean Smith (back up)
- 7/24: Peter Churitch
- 7/31: Robbie Casiano



June Shelter Report

We were fortunate to have the generous donation of pork roasts from St. Tim's food pantry for our June shelter meal. We served the roasts with gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and butter and a cherry cake with whipped topping. It was also accompanied with the usual hard boiled eggs and milk.

The kitchen crew was Jamie, Sandy, Judy and Cheryl. One of our regulars, Sherry, was off on a trip to Alaska!! We missed her but were happy she could do this trip of a life time. Lauren was also missing, but I guess we are going to have to get used to her absence with a college career looming in her future!!!

The Share Foundation

The Share Foundation is located in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and is a not-for-profit Christian organization serving the residential, vocational and social needs of mentally challenged or other-abled adults. They have a 185 acre community, Sharing Meadows, that provides a tranquil place for other-abled adults to live, work and relax in peace and dignity. The Share Foundation receives no government support whatsoever; they have always relied solely upon private donations and their own fundraising efforts to support their work. In July, they will be hosting Camp Sharing Meadows, which gives everyone the opportunity to attend camp, whether that is a short weekend retreat or a long week of camp. The Ministry of Mission has sent The Share Foundation \$200.00 to help support Camp Sharing Meadows. If you would like more information about The Share Foundation, please let us know.

Blessings,

Tracy Oprea, Secretary Ministry of Mission

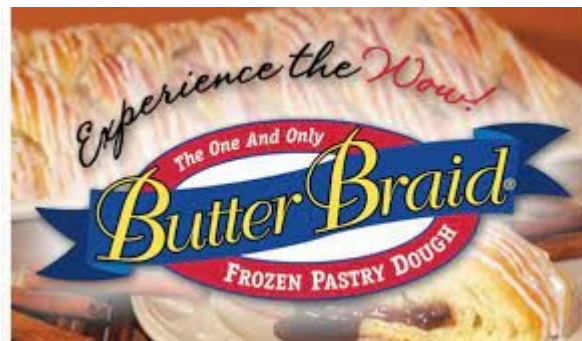


Fundraising for the General Fund



Session will be hosting a 2nd Salad Sale on Sunday, July 17th.

There will be a variety of salads, including strawberry spinach salad, Caesar salad, garden salad and homemade potato salad.



Additionally, 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.



Calling All Crafters

Join us on July 24th after worship in Fellowship Hall to make plans for participation in a November craft show. The plan is to raise money for our church general fund and to have fun crafting with others.

At our last meeting in June, we decided to bring a sample item to show the group. We will also decide whether we will all make individual crafts or get together to make the craft items.

If you cannot make this meeting but are interested, contact Jean Smith. Hope to see you on July 24th!



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!

LOT WORK

A special thank you to the hard workers who showed up to get the parking lot cleaned up for the July 4th weekend!! In just over an hour, we had all the weeds out, sprayed for weeds and put down Preen to make our job easier!!

Lee Ann Cheesebough and her husband Ed have been very faithful in helping when we need the weed detail along with Gale Churitch and the ever present Trustee President, Jeff Savage.



News from the Pews



Fourth of July

FESTIVAL AT MAIN SQUARE

Thursday, June 30th: 5-10 PM
 Friday, July 1st: 5 - 10 PM
 Saturday, July 2nd: 2 - 10 PM
 Sunday, July 3rd: 2 - 10 PM
 Monday, July 4th: 2 - 8:30 PM

PARADE

The 4th of July Twilight Parade begins at 6:30 PM, **Sunday, July 3rd** at 41st and Kennedy, continues north on Kennedy to Highway Avenue and east along Highway to park.

The "All-American Mile Run" kicks off the Twilight Parade and will begin at 6:30 PM.

KIDDIE PARADE

Saturday, July 2nd at 1:30 PM at the Highland Municipal Parking Lot on Highway & Kennedy.

FIREWORKS

Monday, July 4th at 9:00 PM at Sharp Complex



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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Jo McGee
- 8 Grace Helmer
- 10 Kelly LaFlech
Jake Toren
- 11 Marilyn Shuck
- 22 Dakotah Olah
- 24 Lee Ann Cheesebrough
- 30 Nancy O'Donnell
- 31 Tom Porter



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.



Prayers & CONCERNS



Pray For...

Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

- Rev. Leroy Fassett and Barb Fassett Lewis on the death of their son, David on June 19
- The Pumnea/Figley/Dreckman Families on the death of Patsy on June 18
- Leona Fiegles's family of her death June 22



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
 Guy Hendricks
 Hendricks' family
 Kiki Ho
 Jakob Holden
 Bill & Anettia Holmes
 Huilin
 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
 Loved Ones of David Fassett
 Loved Ones of Jackie Thomas
 Loved Ones of Patsy

Diane & Ray Mendoza
 Barbara Morton
 George Nelson
 Jeanne Nestor
 Janet Oprea
 Janet Orem
 Paris
 Rick Parker
 Cary & Jennifer Pearson
 Marla & Jerry Renfro
 Lily Renfro
 Jennifer Skippergosh
 Georgette Sknerski
 Richard Simmons
 Jay & Jean Smith
 Gale Snyder
 Steve & Melinda
 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
 Robin Schlagel
 Loved Ones of Leona Fiegle

- 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).