

WINDOW

SEPTEMBER 2019

The Monthly Newsletter
of First Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ohio



September 2019

Sunday, September 1st

10:30 a.m. - Communion
during Worship

Sunday, September 8th

10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:45 a.m. - Earth Justice
Group Meeting

Sunday, September 15th

10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Rev. Boch
and Mark Hare to speak
during Fellowship Time
Pot Luck Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - Lindley Hymn
Sing, The Plains

Sunday, September 22nd

Food Pantry Sunday
Trail Mix Sunday
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Sunday, September 29th

Youth Sunday
10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Lunch and
Fall Event

From the Pastor....

I don't know how exactly--or who--told me I had to read Beloved. I do remember having a single copy of three Toni Morrison novels--one of them was Song of Solomon--on my shelf, but I hadn't read it by 1987, when Beloved was published. I remember wanting to read her novels partly because she was from Lorain, Ohio, not that far from Toledo, where I grew up. My guess is that when it won the Pulitzer, I picked it up. Beloved got wonderful press right from the start.

Toni Morrison's Beloved is a searing story about slavery, even though it's set a decade or so after the Emancipation Proclamation. At the heart of things is Lethe, once a runaway slave, a mother who left the horrors behind, but never really could. She spent her years as haunted by "the schoolteacher," her evil slave-master, as she was by the child she killed with her own hands, when she determined that death was not as horrible as the institution of slavery. Beloved employs the supernatural wonderfully--ghosts speak from the recesses of Lethe's haunted memories and her guilty soul.

All of that sounds perfectly awful, I guess, and some would say so, I'm sure. But really great literature--and I'm thinking of Marilynne Robinson's Gilead too--create characters of such power that they continue to haunt a reader, as does Toni Morrison's Lethe. When a novel takes you so deeply into a character's heart and soul, the character takes on a life of his or her own--and so it is with Beloved.

The character Toni Morrison names as "Beloved" seems an embodied ghost of the child Lethe had murdered rather than have her live as a slave. That character or memory or ghost is not only difficult but a powerful and a sometimes undeniably evil force.

When finally she leaves, Lethe is heart-broken. "She was my best thing," she tells

Paul D her sometimes companion who has also suffered the horror of slavery. And then comes the most beautiful line, a final line that shines bright as eternity from the darkness of the novel, when Paul D says, "You your best thing, Sethe."

There's lot of Beloved that's no longer fresh in my memory, but that last life-affirming line I took to heart and remember.

Beloved is as primary to slavery Sophie's Choice is to the Holocaust. Years ago, I watched Alex Haley's Roots and began to take a deliberate look at my own ethnic heritage and history. I've never read Uncle Tom's Cabin, but I'm well aware of how that novel opened eyes that had been closed tight before.

No matter. To me, the book about slavery and its horrific effects is Toni Morrison's Beloved. If you want to understand the legacy of slavery, read it. It's not easy. It may well be my favorite novel of all time.

Toni Morrison died last month. She was 88 years old. When she was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, the Swedish Academy said her "novels were characterized by visionary force and poetic import," through which she "gives life to an essential aspect of American reality."

There has been horror and violence in our land in recent weeks much of it based on the tone and rhetoric of our national dialogue. When we reference minorities and people of color as somehow less than real Americans, it contributes to the ravages of a divided nation.

It would be wonderful to believe that if we were to set aside a weekend sometime soon and read Beloved, some of us might come to understand the legacy of a national history that includes more than glib clichés about how we can be great again. This morning, I'm grateful for Toni Morrison's Beloved, and her lifetime of contributions to our understanding of ourselves. ~ Pastor Rob

*"We are a Christian
community of faith
that shares
the love of God
with all people
everywhere."*

CHIP Program Begins Sunday, September 8th



CHIP program to be offered for First Presbyterian Church members. There are a total of 18 CHIP classes that will be held in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., beginning on Sunday, September 8th and meeting each Sunday and Wednesday until November 6th. Since the summer months were difficult for folks schedules, we have the opportunity to have the classes this fall.

What is CHIP?

Whether you want to make gradual changes or are ready to make a leap toward better health, CHIP will provide you with the research, recipes, and support that you need to succeed. The Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) is a scientifically proven lifestyle intervention program that can prevent, arrest, and even reverse today's most common diseases. CHIP is conducted worldwide in community organizations and corporations and led by certified facilitators. Within the first 30 days, CHIP can normalize blood pressure, lower cholesterol and triglycerides, reduce BMI, stabilize fasting blood sugar, and reduce or eliminate the need for medications. Over 700 people in Southeast Ohio have benefited from Live Healthy Appalachia's local CHIP program. Each CHIP class offered by Live Healthy Appalachia includes 18 group sessions, including videos, dynamic discussions, and peer support that integrates optimal nutrition, exercise, and behavioral psychology principles.

The program also includes two health screenings for total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides, fasting blood sugar, height, weight and blood pressure.

Live Healthy Appalachia has agreed to provide the two health screenings for free. The church will provide space for two meetings per week, use of the kitchen for meal prep, DVD player and TV. The cost of the program would be \$200.00 per person. This fee will cover the cost of the facilitator and the meals provided at each of the sessions. Scholarships are available. Members who have been part of CHIP include: Rev. Martin, Neal Nesbitt, Sandy Nesbitt, Penny Shelton, Marge Shelton, Bob Stewart, Marge Shelton, and Megan Tegge.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a church office volunteer? Basically the only duty is to be the office to answer the phone and take messages. You can volunteer for a whole day or a half day (mornings 8:30 a.m.-Noon and afternoons 1:00-5:00 p.m.). Interested? Please email Jane at email.office@athensfpc.org or phone the church office (593-3351) to get more info.

Fellowship Host/Hostesses

Are you willing to host a Fellowship Hours after the church service some Sunday? Please sign the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The office will send out a letter with full instructions during the week prior to your Sunday. Simple snacks will be fine. No cooking skills required! Thank you!

Children's Chime Choir

Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 1st	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14:1-14	<i>A Place at the Table</i>
September 8th	Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-18	<i>Known By God</i>
September 15th	International Peacemaker Rev. Maria Bock (see below) and Mark Hare	
September 22nd	Psalm 113 and Luke 16:1-13	<i>Investing in Others</i>
September 29th	Psalm 146 and 1 Peter 2:2-10	<i>A Chosen Race, A Royal Priesthood</i>



**Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall
Begins September 11th**

The Women's Bible Study group will meet for the first time this fall on September 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. They will be reading *The Ruth Anointing: Becoming a Woman of Faith, Virtue, and Destiny* by Michelle McClain-Walters. If you're interested, contact Shaila Lias (shaila@shailalias.com) or Danielle Bridges (daniellembridges@gmail.com).

**September 15th Peacemaking Program
We will be hosting Rev. Maria Bock Barrett and Mark Hare
on Sunday, September 15th in worship**

**There will be a potluck luncheon following the worship service
and time for fellowship and questions**

International Peacemakers are available for visits from September 13th-October 7th. Before and after their iteration they will gather in Louisville at the Presbyterian Mission Agency for orientation and debriefing.

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program makes it possible for leaders from our partner denominations and partner organizations around the world to visit the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) each year to interpret issues of peace and justice. Since 1984 approximately 300 International Peacemakers from 60 countries have been hosted by Presbyterians. These visits have informed Presbyterians, opened hearts and minds, touched lives, established relationships and inspired new ministries. By sharing stories of their work and witness, the peacemakers help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world and provide insights that can inspire us to greater faithfulness. Their visits broaden our sense of God's inclusive family and help equip us to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God's children.



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is pleased to have from the Dominican Republic, Maria Bock Barrett. María Bock Barrett is an ordained minister and serves as Coordinator of Social Action for the Dominican Protestant Church (Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana). She oversees the denomination's major programs aimed at transforming lives in local communities: solar ovens, purified water and community health evangelism (CHE). Even though she first was trained and worked as a chemical engineer, Rev. Bock has served as pastor to a number of marginal, urban congregations in the capital of Santo Domingo as well as working as a volunteer in the social action arm of the church, which she now coordinates.

Maria will be within the bounds of our Presbytery from Friday, September 15th until Thursday, September 19th. She is being hosted by the First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio. We are also fortunate to have with us during this time, Mark Hare who has served as a mission co-worker in the Dominican Republic for over ten years and recently accepted a Mission Co-Worker position in Costa Rica.

**Lunch and Fall Event
Sunday, September 29th
Following the Worship Service**

There will be a lunch and fall event on Sunday, September 29th following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. Watch weekly bulletins for more information.

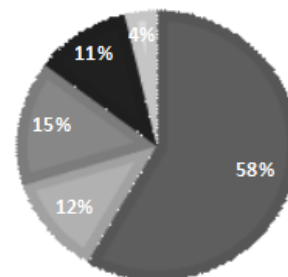
Windows ON: Church Support

STEWARDSHIP TO SUPPORT THE ATHENS FPC OPERATION IN 2020

Session Committees are submitting their proposed budgets for 2020 at the September Session meeting. After discussion, Session will vote to approve a final budget later this fall. The approved budget for 2019 was \$451,866. As can be seen from the chart below, Athens FPC depends upon the generous pledges and offering gifts of the congregation.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR AFPC 2019 BUDGET

- Pledges and Offering Income - \$263,000
- Endowment Income - \$57,270
- Capital Campaign (Elevator, Organ, Mission) - \$67,000
- College Street Parking Lot Lease - \$47,998
- Putnam Apartment Rent & Building Use Fees - \$16,600



The 2020 Stewardship campaign theme is "Sing a New Song to the Lord." This is from Psalm 96:1 "Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord."

Session Committees will present "Minutes for Stewardship" during the worship service on October 20th, October 27th, November 3rd, and November 10th.

November 10, 2019, will be Stewardship Sunday.

FPC Church Elders:

2019: Carolyn Allen, Pamela Harvey, Susan Loughridge and Andrew Stuart

2020: Carl Franz, John King, Sandy Nesbitt, and Debbie Perry

2021: Carla Boyle, Anne Kemmerle, Katie Tadlock and Keith Wiens

FPC Board of Deacons:

2019: Kimberly Jordan, Helen King, Patrick Tegge, Linda Parsons, and Wendy Toadvine

2020: Harvey Ballard, Margaret Bourke, Martha Johnson, and Carol Perry

2021: Nancy Hartley, Marla Longenecker, Benji Martin, Danny Moates and Marge Shelton

Windows ON: Church Community Committee

LINDLEY INN HYMN SING

Twenty-five enthusiastic volunteers and residents "rejoiced and were glad in the day that the Lord had made" on August 18th.

Pianist Mary Costello helped those attending to sing Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, For the Beauty of the Earth and other familiar hymns. Ann Fox provided an introduction to the

Quartet's offering of "I'll Praise my Maker," written by Isaac Watts and adapted by John Wesley in 1736. It is based on Psalm 146.

Before each hymn, Scripture was read by Margaret Bourke, Jean Drevenstedt, Martha Johnson, Benji Martin, and Rita Oberholzer.

The group was dismissed with "Take the Name of Jesus with You," and Pastor Rob's reminder that everyone is part of God's ever-growing family including friends at Lindley, and that God is always with everyone.

Next hymn sing is on September 15th.

Windows ON: Presbyterian Women THIS MONTH'S NEWS

Combined Circle Meeting - Both Circles will meet at Wyngate in The Plains, on Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. (Note time change.) Pastor Rob will introduce the new study of the Ten Commandments. Study booklets are being ordered through Marjorie Malcom. Bring the booklet and/or your Bible.

Thank You to all who entered names for the PW fund raiser in the spring: Women Who Influenced Our Lives. PW raised \$405 for mission projects.

PW Greeting Cards to those who are ill, hospitalized, or need to be remembered will continue under the care of Rita Oberholzer and Joy Creighton in the absence of faithful Mildred Woodburn who was the PW Corresponding secretary for many years. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13.

Prayer for Guidance

*Go with us Lord,
and guide our way
Through this
and every coming day,
That in your Spirit
strong and True
Our lives
may be our gift to you.*
(Hymnal # 535)



Calendar

September 10th - 9:30 a.m. - Coordinating Team at home of Martha Johnson, 8800 Johnson Road, Unit 114, The Plains. Please carpool.

11:30 a.m. - Out to Lunch at Bob Evans' round table - all church women are welcome.

September 15th - During Worship and Fellowship Time - Welcome, Mark Hare and Jenny Bent! Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship
1:00 p.m. - Lindley Hymn Sing, The Plains

Sept. 24th - 10:00 a.m. - Combined Circles at Wyngate, Martha Johnson, coordinator

Kroger Rewards Program

First Presbyterian received \$97.11 from Krogers for the time of February 1-April 30, 2019 JUST FROM YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING and using the Rewards Program! A total of sixteen families used the rewards program for FPC for those months. Won't you join others in the program and earn \$\$ for FPC just for doing your grocery shopping at Krogers.

How to register? Go to: www.krogerrewardsprogram.com to establish your account.

Next - click the button for "Ohio" and then scroll down to the bottom and click the "enroll" button.

You are required to have an email address and create a password.

You will need your 12 digit Plus Card number that can be found under the bar code on the back of your Plus Card.

Once you have an account established you may need to click "My Account" and then again click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards."

If you registered last year—YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR!

To link your account, use AFPC's Kroger non-profit number [NPO] 84190 or select First Presbyterian Church from a drop down list.



[Your Plus Card can be linked to only one non-profit charity.]

Any questions? Phone Krogers - 1-800-KROGERS.

Sign up today, and see what FPC can make just by YOUR grocery shopping!

Windows ON: Church Community Committee THURSDAY COLLEGE LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

Fall College Lunch and Fellowship will kick off on September 5th.

Anyone entering the fellowship hall on Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., beginning September 5th, will encounter a great deal of lively conversation among college students and members of the FPC congregation. FPC will be offering a weekly free lunch to students. This is about the 40th year.

Members of the church provide the main-course food as well as dessert. Also, they help with set-up, dish washing, clean-up, putting up the flag on Washington Street announcing college lunch, and visiting with students to make them feel welcome as well as practice their spoken English.

Lee Gregg is already signing people up to provide main-course food, dessert, or supportive work. Volunteers are still needed

and can reach Lee during fellowship time after church or by phoning 740-592-3622. Or they can check in with the church's administrative assistant, Jane Baker, at 740-593-3351.

College lunch has become a real tradition, emphasizing the welcoming of international students. In particular, The Ohio Program in Intensive English encourages students to attend. This program, offered by the Department of Linguistics at Ohio University, helps young people from abroad improve their English-language mastery and knowledge of American culture by conversing, in a relaxed way, with native English speakers.

In 2018, college lunch received the first annual Award for Global Engagement from the Ohio University international-studies program.

The lunches continue to be a featured attraction for young people who come here for a few months, under OPIE auspices, from Chubu University in Japan. A group of about 40 Chubu students will be in Athens for fall semester. The lunch crew can welcome about 8-10 of these folks on a given Thursday without overwhelming the seating capacity of about 40 in fellowship hall.

The lunch and fellowship welcomes all students!

YES!
FREE LUNCH!
and FELLOWSHIP!

**Peacemaking Offering/World
Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 6th**
(now Peace & Global Witness)



A boy asked his father: "Dad what is the size of God?"

The father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son: "What is the size of that plane?"

The boy replied: "It is very small. I can hardly see it. Then, the father took his son to the airport and as they approached plane, he asked: "Now, my son, how big is that plane?"

The boy replied: "WOW dad, it is huge!"

Then the father told him: "God's size depends on how close you are to Him. The closer you are to Him, the greater and greater he will be in your life."

(original source: unknown)

Windows ON: Outreach/Mission Committee HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

5K Fun Run will be held on Saturday, September 28th. The run starts at the Eclipse Store and goes along the bike path. Run or walk, enjoy it either way. Registration opens September 1st.

Scrap Metal Drive - There will be a scrap metal drive on Saturday, October 5th, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the county fairgrounds.

Rummage Sale - There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church. If you are in to divesting, this is a golden opportunity.

Windows ON: Amesville-New England THIS MONTH'S NEWS

Both leaders and children had a good time at Vacation Bible School, July 22-26, 2019. The offering for South Eastern Habitat for Humanity amounted to \$177. Surpassing their goal of \$125. This money will go for the purchase of a kitchen cabinet in a new home. There were 25 different children from the community who attended.

Monday after-school Bible School will start on September 9th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. On the 16th of

September, a Presbyterian (PCUSA) Church, Rev. Maria Bock) Peacemaker from the Dominican Republic, along with her translators Jenny Bent and Mark Hare, will share games, songs, and stories from the Dominican Republic with the children.

The women of the church and Amesville community continue to work on preparing 50 Days for Girls kits for junior high girls in one of the schools in Haiti. Also

helping with the sewing of parts of the kit are women from the Newark-Granville area.

Jenny Bent and Mark Hare (Mission co-workers for the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) along with their two daughters, Keila and Annika, are in the United States visiting supporting churches. In January they will move to San Juan, Costa Rica where they will begin mission work with seminary students and others.



Reminder: Schools are in Session!
ALWAYS stop when bus lights are flashing



Windows ON: Church Support Committee FINANCE REPORT

Income and Expenses, 2019			
Offering Budgeted for 2019	\$ 263,000	Offering Received to Date	\$177,651
Other Income Budgeted for 2019 (endowment, parking lot lease, Putnam apt. rent, interest)	\$121,868	Other Income Received to Date	\$90,470
2018-2021 Capital Campaign (\$200,000)	\$67,000	Campaign donations this year	\$20,581
Total Income Budgeted 2019	\$451,868	Total Income (Received to Date)	288,703
Current Assets (checking & petty cash)	-----	Total Cash on Hand	\$32,643
Expenses Budgeted in 2019	\$ 451,866	Expenses to Date	\$234,034
Other Endowment and Contribution Activity in 2019			
Special Offerings (Christmas Joy, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking)	\$2,063	Sent to Presbytery (40% -of Pentecost is retained for local use and 25% of Peacemaking offering is retained for local use)	
Offering Gifts (Athens Co. Food Pantry, Good Works, My Sister's Place, Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)	\$2,247	Disbursed to appropriate agency or group	
Memorial Gifts - Andrew Bianco, Patricia Kendall, Tom Metters, Bob Weinfurter and Mildred Woodburn	\$1,955	Disbursed as designated by donors.	
Offering gifts designated for the Discretionary Fund (Local Emergencies)	\$635	To be distributed by the Pastor for local emergencies	
Local Emergencies (Special)	\$2,206	Community donations for a refugee family. Flow-through account for AFPC to pay family bills.	
Gifts supporting AFPC Mission Projects	\$100	Used for AFPC mission work projects	
Gifts Supporting Trail Mix Ministry	\$127	Used to buy supplies.	

You can find recordings of the sermons, music, and puppet skits each week on the church's Facebook page. It is a public site so you do not have to be a Facebook user to access the recordings and content. Simply go to: <https://www.facebook.com/AthensFPC/>

Communion

Communion at FPC offers gluten-free bread along with regular bread for communion.



Need a ride to Church? Know someone who does?

Contact the Deacon of the Month

Danny Moates

Phone - 740-592-4064

Email - moates@ohio.edu



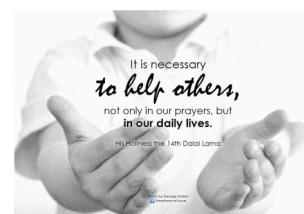
Placing Events on the Church Calendar

All occasions/events should be listed on the church calendar to avoid conflict over use of the facilities. The sponsoring group must cover out-of-pocket expenses. Please phone the church office at 593-3351 to request a form for placing your event on the calendar.

Food Pantry Sunday
is the fourth Sunday
of each month.

Prayer Concern Requests and Visitation

Prayer request slips are available in the narthex. If you would like others in the church to pray for a person or for a concern near to your heart, place the slips in the Prayer Request box in the narthex. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from Pastor Rob and a Deacon, or appreciate receiving communion at home, phone the church office (593-3351), place a note in the collection plate, or email: office@athensfpc.org



Newsletter Helpers

Jane Baker, Danielle Bridges, Lillian Dinos, Ann Fox, Catherine Hare, Betty Lacy, Susan Loughridge, and Robert Martin

Caring For the Congregation

Pastor Rob and the Deacons place a priority on visiting hospitalized members of the congregation. Hospitals no longer provide information on admissions and dismissals. Please notify the church if you know of someone who should be visited in the hospital or while recovering at home or at a nursing facility.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

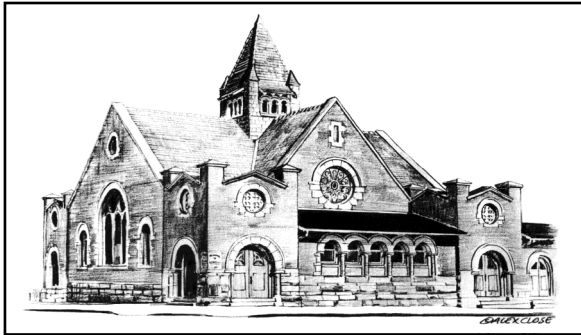
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| 2 – Janet Izard | 17 – Tom Burcher |
| 3 – David Coon | Dale W. Hoffman |
| Clarice Swisher | Gwyneth Philips |
| 4 – Abigail Brown | Hugh Woods |
| Emmalyn Brown | 20 – Aldene Burcher |
| Pastor Rob Martin | 21 – Timothy Broadbent |
| 6 – John King | 22 – Alan Boyd |
| 8 – Ben Morrow | Kathy Malesick |
| Anna Nagy Heinrich | 24 – Connie Hunter |
| Aaron Wright | 26 – Charles Parks |
| 9 – Lee Gregg | 29 – Jeffrey Hughes |
| 11 – Kimberly Jordan | 30 – Terri Gillespie |
| H. Grant Stephenson | Barbara Martin |
| 12 – Lloyd Culbertson | Avani Yun |
| 13 – Roger Varner | |

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Scott and Megan Broadbent
- 10 – William and Lois Harkins
- 17 – David and Debbie Coon
- 24 – Alan and Stephanie Goldsberry
- 24 – Darryl and Louise Markland
- 30 – Jeff and Sara Hughes
- 30 – Aaron and Hilary Wright

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Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart

Choir Director: David M. Tadlock
Organist: Janice Robison

CE Coordinator / Bell Choir Director: Danielle Bridges

Administrative Assistant: Jane A. Baker

Office hours: Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Summer Hours begin Friday, May 17th
church office will close at noon on Fridays

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Worship Service and Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship - 11:30 a.m.

The Worship Service is aired
on Athens Community TV Channel 9 -
Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays-Sundays - 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon in the church library

October 2019 Newsletter Deadline: Monday - September 23rd

First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio - AFPC has occupied its site in the center of Athens, Ohio since 1809. Among the founding fathers was Ohio University's first president, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Jacob Lindley. Dr. Lindley served this congregation as Moderator and Pastor until 1824. Over the years, thirteen pastors of the church have been either university presidents or members of the faculty. Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey's Readers, was called to serve as President of Ohio University and served as pastor of the church in 1839.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley - The Presbytery of Scioto Valley encompasses twenty-six counties in south central Ohio. From Ironton in the south to Ibera in the north: Hanover in the east and London in the west, FPC's presbytery consists of 95 congregations many of them historic where Presbyterians today are carrying on a long tradition of witness and service in their communities. All over FPC's presbytery, Presbyterians reach out to welcome the stranger, sharing the Gospel and God's love as Christ bids us to do.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - The PC (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has approximately 2.3 million members, more than 10,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained and active ministers. Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Its heritage, and much of its doctrine began with John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that preceded him.