

WINDOW

JULY 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio



July 2021

Sunday, July 4th Independence Day

10:30 a.m. - Communion
during Worship
In-Person and live on
YouTube
After-Church Organ
Recital by Janice
Robison, Sanctuary

Sunday, July 11th

10:30 a.m. - Worship
In-Person and live on
YouTube

Sunday, July 18th National Ice Cream Sunday

10:30 a.m. - Worship
In-Person and live on
YouTube
After-Church Ice Cream
Social, Church Sidewalk

Sunday, June 25th

10:30 a.m. - Bells during
Worship
In-Person and live on
YouTube

From the Pastor....

You never forget when breath is knocked out of you. Almost 50 years ago, I was playing little league baseball for Navarre School. I was on the Colts team. I was up to bat. I hit the ball and it was a good enough hit to be a double. I ran down to first base, then turned to hustle toward second base. I slid feet first into second and was called safe by the umpire. But I felt anything but safe, because I had the breath knocked out of me. I couldn't breathe due to the impact of my back on the ground when I was sliding into second base. I remember standing to my feet, bending over and not being able to breathe, and grabbing the umpire's leg for help. You never forget. Eventually, my breath came back but in those split seconds, rather than breath, it felt like death. Have you ever had the breath knocked out of you? Then you know what I'm talking about. You never forget what it feels like when your breath is gone. You never forget, if you live to tell it, when you can't breathe.

We need to breathe in order to live. And this Pentecost season is all about breath, God's breath. Just as prominent as the images of death in Ezekiel is the language of breath. There is death all around in the valley and in the Holy Land and there is breath all around, too. In the valley of dry bones, there's life, the source of life, specifically the Hebrew word for "spirit," "breath," or "wind" (*ruach*). It occurs ten times and it's the main theological motif for Ezekiel. Repeatedly, we hear "I will put my breath in you." I will put my spirit in you. Like the day of Pentecost, the Spirit will fall on you, fill you, ignite you, in an upper room or in a lower valley. But if you aren't ready to face bones of death, you aren't ready to encounter the spirit of life because this is where the breath of God works—in domains of death like a global pandemic.

I may not know many things (as my family can tell you) but I know God wants us fully alive. I say 'us' because this experience of resurrection in Ezekiel is collective or communal. It is not individual. Just like the interconnectivity of our breath, "the bones [plural] came together, bone to its bone," the toe bone's connected to the foot bone, the foot bone's connected to the ankle bone, the ankle bone's connected to the leg bone'; what kind of bone are you? You get the picture. The spirit raises a people, a community. And we are linked bone to bone, breath to breath, heart to heart, mask to mask, with the realization, hopefully, that what affects one, affects all. And God wants us all fully alive. So, God breathes on bones that all may rise together to experience the restoration of collective hope.

As a people, as a church, as the body of Christ, there are many, as we come through this pandemic, that are worried about the future of the church and how will it be post-pandemic. I'm not worried because the future of the church is in God's hands and God's resurrection breath is our life source. The church will live on because God is alive and breathing, but it may look different in the future as we rise out of the ashes of COVID-19. But even as we come out of this valley, I take heart in trusting that the breath of God is still blowing among us. Today, we're all excited about worshipping and singing in our sanctuary and I love it, but I'm even more excited about resurrection. You might have had the breath knocked out of you but God wants to breathe the spirit of resurrection into you and make that wonderful promise, "You shall live." May we all live in the days, months, and years ahead. May we all breathe in and out the Spirit of life in this community and may every breath remind us how close resurrection truly is.

~ Rev. Martin

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

July 2021 Worship*First Reading and *Sermon Text*

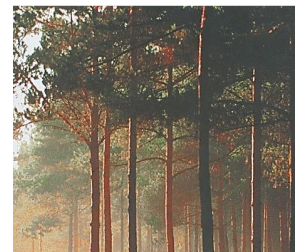
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| July 4th | First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and <i>Psalm 48</i> Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and *Gospel Mark 6:1-13 | They Know Me Too Well |
| July 11th | First Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and <i>Psalm 24</i> *Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 and Gospel Mark 6:14-29 | A Question of Identity |
| July 18th | First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and <i>Psalm 89:20-37</i> *Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 and Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 | Christ is Our Peace |
| July 25th | First Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and <i>Psalm 14</i> Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 and *Gospel John 6:1-21 | Just the Facts..... |



**Women's Book Study
On Break until Fall, September 10th**

If you like reading or want to get in touch with your inner bookworm, dive deeper with discussions on books, please plan to join in the Women's Book Study group this fall. Gain different perspectives, broaden your horizon and grow with friends! Please contact the church office if you are interested - 740-593-3351 or office@athensfpc.org. The next session will begin September 10th at Noon. You can attend in person, or virtually. The book this fall will be "Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief" by Rowan Williams. Please let the church office know by August 27th, if you plan to attend and would like a book ordered for you.

What does it mean to believe in God? Can God possibly be almighty in the midst of so much evil and disaster? How am I to understand the meaning of Jesus Christ's ministry and resurrection? To what purpose is the church called? And what does it really mean to follow Christ in today's broken world? Tying together the answers to all these questions and addressing perplexities such as the possibility of miracles and how to read the Bible, Rowan Williams demonstrates that each of the basic tenets of Christian faith flows from one fundamental belief: that God is completely worthy of our trust. With vast knowledge of Christian history and theology and characteristically elegant prose, Rowan Williams is a superb and compassionate guide through the richness and depth of Christian faith.

**Tokens of Trust**

An Introduction to Christian Belief

ROWAN WILLIAMS

FPC Church Elders:**2021:** John Hauser, Anne Kemmerle, Katie Tadlock, and Keith Wiens**2022:** Carolyn Allen, Pamela Harvey, Sandy Nesbitt, and David Tees**2023:** Carol Franz, John King, Linda Parsons, and Susan Loughridge**FPC Board of Deacons:****2021:** Joyce Beauvias, Nancy Hartley, Marla Longenecker, Danny Moates, and Marge Shelton**2022:** Mary Costello, Harold Robison, Andrew Stuart, and Patrick Tegge**2023:** Martha Johnson, Helen King, Mindy King, Debi Orr-Roderick, and Wendy Toadvine**Prayer Concern Requests and Visitation**

Prayer request slips are available in the narthex or contact the church office for prayer requests. 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, or let the church office know. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from Pastor Rob and a Deacon, or appreciate receiving communion at home, contact the office 740-593-3351 or office@athensfpc.org



Organ Recital Sunday, July 4th following the Worship Service

Janice Robison will play an organ recital on Sunday, July 4, immediately following the morning worship service. The music will be in celebration of the 4th of July holiday. All are invited to stay for this thirty-minute recital.



National Ice Cream Day July 18th

“I Scream, you scream, we all scream for FREE ice cream!”
Everyone is welcome to free ice cream and sidewalk fellowship following the worship service.

Mission/Outreach Committee Volunteers for July 23rd

FPC is preparing a meal for Friday Night Life/Good Works on Friday, July 23rd.
If you want to help prepare the meal, please contact Danny Moates at 592-4064.

Bell Choir

FPC's Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on August 18th. If you would be interested in joining, as a regular or as an alternate, contact Tyler Thress at tylerthress@yahoo.com?



FPC Seeking Director of Christian Education

FPC is seeking someone to take on the position of Director of Christian Education. The position is available immediately, in hopes that the new person can spend time training with our current director, Nana Jenkins, before she leaves to pursue her musical career. The Director works approximately 15 hours a week to plan education programs and activities for all ages. This involves working with the Christian Education Committee to organize weekly children's moments and church school, as well as church bike rides and canoe outings and the Women's Bible Study. The position pays approximately \$20/hour which equates to \$15,000/year with paid vacation and professional development opportunities.

If you or someone you know is curious to learn more about the position, contact Jane at the church office (740-593-3351 or office@athensfpc.org) for a full position description or Pam Harvey with the Staff Relations Committee.

FPC Volunteers/Workers Needed for Fall

Youth Ministry Volunteers - Join the Youth Ministry Team at First Presbyterian Church. Benefits include: all you can eat goldfish crackers, exercise during worship, unlimited high fives, instant hero status and free crayons.

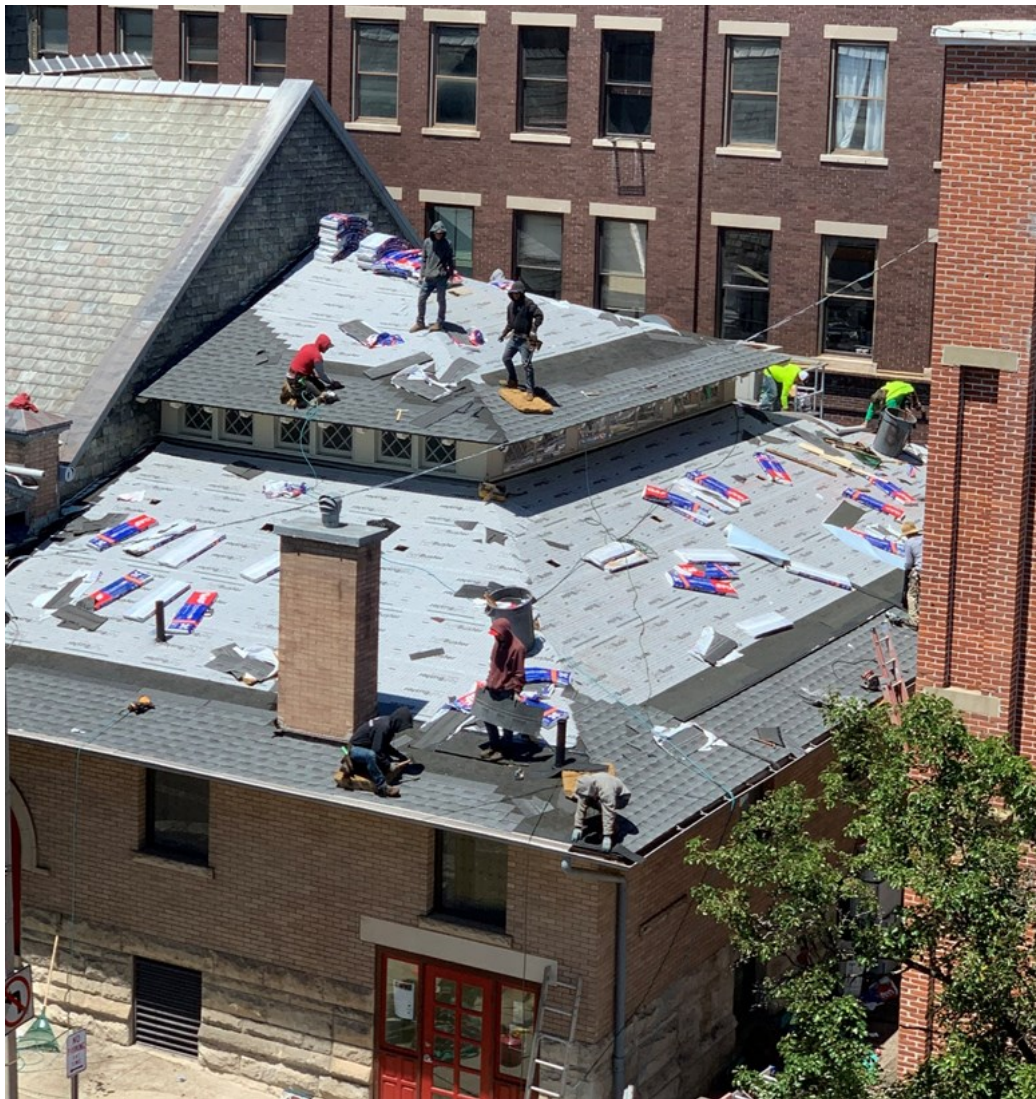
Sunday School Teacher Volunteers - Want to make an impact in young lives? Come help the children attending FPC to learn about God as a Sunday School Teacher.

Child Care Workers - If you are a college student, educator, retiree, or have a passion for children and are looking for part-time work please contact the church office for more information on helping with the child care during worship, special events, and other times as needed.

**If interested in any of these positions, please contact the church office
740-593-3351 or office@athensfpc.org**

Windows ON: Church Support Committee REPLACEMENT OF CHURCH SHINGLE ROOF

BK Exteriors' crew of fifteen removed the existing roofing and underlayment and replaced the flashing, vents, and shingle portions of our church roof in one day on June 17th.



Windows ON: Church Support Committee FINANCIAL REPORT

| Income and Expenses, 2021 | | | |
|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| Offering Budgeted for 2021 | \$252,400 | Offering Received to Date | \$135,189 |
| Other Income Budgeted for 2021 (endowment, parking lot lease, Putnam apt. rent, interest) | \$158,704 | Other Income Received to Date | \$55,634 |
| Total Income Budgeted 2021 | \$411,104 | Total Income (Received to Date) | \$190,823 |
| Current Assets (checking & petty cash) | ----- | Total Cash on Hand | \$54,992 |
| Expenses Budgeted in 2021 | \$410,936 | Expenses to Date | \$158,100 |
| Other Endowment and Contribution Activity in 2021 | | | |
| Special Offerings (Christmas Joy, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking) | \$2,200 | Sent to Presbytery (40% of Pentecost is retained for local use/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.) | \$2,705 | Disbursed to appropriate agency or group | |
| Memorial Gifts (Glen Knudson, Ron and Mary Jane Black) | \$650 | Disbursed as directed by donors | |
| Offering gifts designated for the Discretionary Fund (Local Emergencies) | \$835 | To be distributed by the Pastor for local emergencies | |
| Local Emergencies (Special) | \$100 | Community donations for a refugee family. Flow-through account for FPC to pay family bills. | |
| Gifts supporting AFPC Mission Projects | \$3,604 | Used for AFPC mission work projects | |
| Gifts Supporting Trail Mix Ministry | \$0 | Used to buy supplies. | |



Bratton Scholarship - 2021/2022

Five applications were received for the year, a low number, probably due the schools still operating remotely.

Three students were selected for scholarship: Lourdes Benecia Coerreges (Athens High School), Emily McWilliams (Nelsonville-York High School) and Jayanna Smith (Trimble High School). Committee members noted that each were academically top-ranked in their high schools, with involvement in sports, community service, and their individual churches.

David Tees, Church Treasurer, reported available funds of \$2,307.42, and this amount will be transferred to the church bank account. Carolyn Allen and Sandy Nesbitt offered additional donations to increase the total available fund amount to \$2,400, allowing a three-way split of \$800 each.

The 2021-2022 Committee members: Carl Franz (chair), Carolyn Allen, Sandy Nesbitt, and Katie Tadlock.

Windows ON: FPC Member and Friend GLEN KNUDSON and DAVID SUTHERLAND

Glen Arthur Knudson, FPC member, passed away on May 4, 2021. He was born on April 10, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the son of the late Ray and Lillian Knudson.

Glen graduated from Athens High School in 1957. Glen was a man of many talents and worked as a clerk at the FBI, a draftsman for Bridgwater Machine, Textbook Manager, Manager and Co-Owner of the College Book Store in Athens. He also owned many small businesses as well as residential rental properties, commercial rental properties, a car wash, laundromats, etc. He loved traveling, exploring and anything historic. Glen also enjoyed boating, attending car shows and watching all forms of racing. Glen was a member of FPC, the Athens Uptown Business Association, the Antique Machinery Club and the Paramuthia Lodge 25 F&M.

Glen is survived by his wife, Sheila, sons, Kent Knudson and Sean Powell and a daughter, Misti Blair and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at the West Union Street Cemetery on May 15th with Pastor Jeff Scholfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 9 North College Street, Athens, OH 45701 or OhioHealth Hospice, 444 West Union Street, Athens, OH 45701.



Dr. David Earl Sutherland, friend of FPC and husband of FPC member Carolyn Sutherland, passed away June 14, 2021. He was born March 11, 1939 in Muskegon, Michigan, the son of Eugene and Margaret Sutherland.

He attended high school in Fort Worth, TX and Baton Rouge, LA. David attended the University of Kansas, majoring in math and sociology. He continued in graduate work in sociology and received his Ph.D. from KU. As a graduate student, he also did research in North Carolina, received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, taught for two years at Norfolk State University

in Virginia, and spent a year studying in Hamburg, Germany as an exchange and Fulbright Scholar. There, he met his future wife, Carolyn.

David entered the Sociology and Anthropology Department at Ohio University in 1970, where he became an Associate Professor. He continued teaching at OU for over 30 years. During the 1980's he started the Rural Gerontology Program to promote aging services in Appalachia. While at OU, he changed paths and taught Management Information Systems in the College of Business.

After retirement, David continued to read voraciously, he played clarinet in the OU summer band and learned Tai Chi.

David is survived by his wife, Caroline, of 52 years; two daughters, Laura (Steven Sigurdson) Sutherland and Erica Sutherland and a grandson.

No funeral services will be held. A family gathering and interment at Clarks Chapel Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Athens County Humane Society.

TV Service Broadcast

Complete recordings of the FPC services are available on the church's YouTube Channel. Services may be viewed by using your internet browser or smart TV connected to the internet. Go to <https://www.YouTube.com/athensfpc> - Select the "Video" tab. Services and other videos are arranged by date.

Windows ON: Mission Outreach Committee HABITAT NEWS

Mark your calendar for September 25th when Habitat will conduct its next 5K Fun Run.

Last year it was virtual, but we hope this year that pandemic restrictions will ease enough to permit a live run. The Fun Run will begin at

the Eclipse Company Store and finish there also. Keep an eye out for details.



Windows ON: Fellowship - College Lunch Alternative OHIO UNIVERSITY CATS' CUPBOARD

Substantial contributions by FPC members and friends to the OU Cats' Cupboard project remain important and much appreciated even though the demand for food and other necessities has declined in recent weeks due to the relatively low summer-school enrollment. A couple recent student food drives have contributed to a rather large stockpile of items at the Baker Center location. However, the International Student Task Force, coordinator of the project expected operation to resume late June.

This project has been crucial for many students that have been here in Athens with limited resources during the pandemic. In particular, many international students have been unable to return home due to international pandemic restrictions.

FPC members and friends, Peace Corps volunteers and residents of the Elmwood Place neighborhood in Athens east side contribute generously to this project. Many tend to offer American food, creating a special need for items appealing to foreign people. OU students come from all over the world.

Church members and friends can contribute in two basic ways. Some bring items to the church office during the week, while others contribute monetary donations. Wendy Toadvine shops for items on the "needs" list, using the funds donated. Helen King, along with Alan and Sue Boyd, help take the items to the Court Street (fourth floor) entrance to Baker Center between 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Contributors are asked to bring items to the church office partly because the Baker Center entrance is crowded and has limited parking.

Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Cats' Cupboard" on the memo line. Food, in particular, should be brought in regular size shopping bags and small boxes to make transport and storing easier.

Baker Center has a limited space for storing items that need refrigeration.



From the Cats' Cupboard.....
(06/21 - Final pantry update for 20-21 academic year)

(See bolded part and list that Follows)

Good afternoon, everyone.

After consulting with my team, we've decided to suspend curbside donation pick-ups for the duration of the summer semester. The pantry is well stocked and we are busily making preparations to have students back into the pantry's space.

I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous support through a trying year. I've worked in the non-profit sector for the better part of my adult life and I don't know if I've ever seen a group of donors respond so consistently and effectively to an expressed need. Thank you so much.

The pantry staff is planning to resume donation pick-ups when classes resume in the fall.

In the meantime, we will continue to accept donations and I've attached our needs list, which details the items which we consistently run out of.

As most of you know, my contract with Ohio University was a temporary one and will expire on June 30th. I've been offered an extension but have turned it down to pursue an opportunity to work for the city of Athens as a full-time firefighter. Professional firefighting is a long-held dream of mine and something that I've been pursuing for the last couple of years.

It's been such a privilege working with all of you and the Dean of Students staff. I've enjoyed getting to know all of the pantry's supporters and I look forward to seeing all of you around town.

Going forward, if you have any questions about the pantry or would like to make a donation, please contact Kathy Fahl: kathy@ohio.edu.

Sincerely,

*Doug Schmaltz
Basic Needs Coordinator at OU
Office of the Dean of Students
schmaltzd@ohio.edu - 740-593-1800*

Thank you!

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### **Items Always Needed**

Canned: salmon, sardines, chicken, tomato paste, mushrooms, tomatoes  
Dried: split peas, garbanzo beans, black-eyed peas

White and brown rice  
Nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashews)  
Oatmeal  
Cooking oil

Toilet paper, laundry soap, diapers size 5 or 6, dish soap, body wash, and shampoo

## PRESBYTERY GUIDELINES FOR CONGREGATIONS

Information/guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)

- Fully vaccinated people (more than 2 weeks since the last dose of vaccine) can stay unmasked for most public gatherings, especially outdoors.
- If a business or church requires masks, that overrides the CDC guidance. Any entity may require masks, even when CDC/state requirements do not.
- Masks must be worn for all people – vaccinated or not – on public transportation and in transportation hubs (train and bus stations, airport concourses). Medical facilities are also continuing to require masks at all times.
- However – fully vaccinated people who are immunocompromised in any way – on cancer or transplant treatment, steroid treatment, have an autoimmune disease or other immunocompromising condition – may be less protected by the vaccine and should still be masked at all times.
- **IMPORTANTLY – the CDC guidelines for unvaccinated people have not changed.** They are still required to wear masks and stay at least six feet away from others in most circumstances, but they can go outside with members of their household or gather with family and friends who are fully vaccinated outdoors without masks. Within the church, unvaccinated people (including unvaccinated children) should still be asked to wear masks while in indoors worship.

### Variants:

- The Delta variant is now predominant in every state. This variant is 60% more highly infectious and more highly virulent (causing disease) than any other variant to date. The vaccines are generally effective, but at a lower rate. Importantly, this variant has been shown to cause more significant disease in the young.
- This variant is also showing breakthrough infection for fully vaccinated people at a slightly higher rate, especially for those who have only had one shot.
- COVID rates have doubled in the US over the past two weeks due to the Delta variant (from 9.9% to 20.9%). It was at 2.7% of cases across the US in May. At that rate we will soon (within weeks) become like the UK, which is now reporting 99% of all cases are due to the Delta variant.
- This variant is particularly concerning for young unvaccinated, which causes them to get significantly sicker significantly more quickly as well as making it more likely they will require hospitalization.

### Vaccines:

- These vaccines ARE approved by the FDA and ARE safe and effective. They are also our best weapon, both short and long term, against the pandemic.
- According to CDC, at this point, just over 45% of adults in the country are fully vaccinated and 58.7% have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Full vaccination covers the Delta variant at about 88% of efficacy; that falls to 33% with only one dose.
- Vaccines continue to be in development for younger children (6 months-11 years), but are not yet ready for FDA review. It's possible they could be approved as early as this coming fall.

### What does this mean for churches?

- Decisions remain up to Session, but Session remains responsible for enforcing any decision.
- Fellowship can be done safely – but strongly consider limiting it to a brief coffee and cookies, outside if at all possible. One church is doing socially distanced “bring your own” picnics outside – a great way to fellowship and a great way to show your neighbors the community is gathering!
- Singing for vaccinated people without masks is OK, but unvaccinated people should be masked – and if they are part of a choir, probably the whole choir should stay masked. Choirs are still discouraged if a significant number are unvaccinated, and should still be minimal and distanced as much as possible.
- To AC or not to AC? I know it's getting hot. If you can't open windows, do the best you can... if unvaccinated people are masked the entire time, AC should be OK. If you know you have unvaccinated people who aren't wearing masks, you're putting them and others at risk.



## **BACKPACK OUTREACH**

### **Harrisonville Presbyterian Church backpack giveaway**

The first giveaway was held in 2009 and served about twenty children. The church supplied a light lunch and an adult class from the Grove City Vineyard Church provided the school supplies. Initial contact between the church and class was made by the daughter of one of our church members who belonged to the class. The giveaway has continued annually since with increasing demand from the community. In 2019, 153 children attended.

Dr. Jared Sheets, member of the Harrisonville Outreach committee said: *“Today we have 19 members of the church that engage in two major mission projects, the school supply giveaway, and keeping our blessing box stocked with food for the needy of the community. We support both projects through our church budget and encourage individual members to contribute special gifts to both projects.”*

Four years ago, we decided to augment the giveaway by providing children with coupons to buy school shoes or boots at the Shoe Show store in Mason, WV. For the past three years we have offered \$25.00 coupons. These coupons are funded by special offerings taken every two months from February to August. Last year we gave out 143 coupons and 131 of them were redeemed. We also provide a lunch of hot dogs, chips, pop and cookies for the children and their families. Last year we spent well over \$3,000 on the project.

School supplies are given away in pre-filled backpacks containing paper, notebooks, tablets, pens, pencils, crayons and other items on the list of supplies provided to us by the Meigs Local Schools. Last year our church provided 150 backpacks. We hope to do the same this year.

We are asking members of the church to donate whatever supplies you can provide. We will be collecting them until Thursday, August 5th, when we will fill the backpacks to be taken down on Saturday, August 7th. You can drop off the supplies at the church office during the week, or in the box provided in the foyer of the church building on Sunday's.

In each backpack we hope to provide:

#### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Backpacks**

- 5 Boxes of Crayola Crayons: 24 count
- 1 Pair Fiskar Scissors
- 1 Pkg of #2 Pencils: Dixons Ticonderoga Black preferred
- 12 or more small Glue Sticks
- 1 Container of Clorox or Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 Coloring Book
- 1 8-or 10 Count box broadline (fat) Washable Markers, Crayola Classic Colors
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Art Box: small, plastic

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Backpacks would also include:**

- 1 Pack Highlighters
- 1 (1") Binder: plastic sleeve on front
- 2 Packs of loose leaf paper
- 1 Pkg. of Dividers
- 2 Folders (three hole punched) for Science & Social Studies

#### **Junior High & High School**

- 3 Ring Binder with dividers
- Composition Notebook
- 2 Pkg of #2 Pencils: Dixons Ticonderoga Black preferred
- Colored Pencils
- Loose leaf Paper



## Windows ON: Presbyterian Women THIS MONTH

Combined Circles will meet on Tuesday, July 27, at Wyngate Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. Thanks to hosts Martha Johnson and Bonnie Savage for the arrangements. Please bring your Bible study booklet on the Ten Commandments, or your Bible... or just come to be with others until 11:30. The discussion will be on Lesson Nine, the last one for the year.

Circle members will have decisions to make as to a new study in the fall, and changes in the PW organization. The pandemic has affected everyone, but God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Knitters, if you want to use up some of your yarn odds and ends, please consider knitting\crocheting 7x9 pieces for blankets for the homeless. Joy Creighton and Lillian Dinos will send them to Minneapolis where volunteers sew the blocks together, and distribute to the homeless.

Cards are being sent regularly to the ill, housebound, and hospitalized. Please be in touch (740-592-3853) if you know Someone who might be encouraged by loving thoughts.

Prayers for Mark Hare and family in Costa Rica, as they serve as mission coworkers to students and faculty in the Latin American Biblical University, San Juan.

### As You Go On Your Way

Song by John Ylvisaher

*As you go on your way may Christ  
go with you.  
May he go before you to show you  
the way;  
may he go behind you to encourage  
you;  
beside you to befriend you;  
above you to watch over;  
within you to give you peace.*



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Rory Woods  
4 – Charles Atkins  
Bear Murphy  
9 – Emil Nagy  
11 – Stephen McKinley  
13 – Ernest Bastin  
Jean Drevenstedt  
Dustin Key  
Mink Neely  
16 – Janice Bacak  
17 – Annie Poore  
18 – Calista Strickmaker

21 – Scott Malcom  
Noah Morgan  
22 – Kirsten Trachsel  
25 – Joshua Stewart  
27 – Jamie Lloyd  
Travis Neely  
28 – Nancy Hartley  
Harold Robison  
29 – Elizabeth Howell  
Judd Stephenson  
30 – Martha Johnson

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 – James and Elizabeth Gleason  
8 – Aaron and Cathy Wright  
10 – Burt and Margaret Stumpf  
11 – Marvin and Heidi Marty  
14 – Brad and Karen Graves  
19 – Dustin and Amy Key  
21 – Andrew and Kirsten Trachsel  
23 – Perry Lloyd and Miriam  
Garcellano  
23 – Jesse and Fiona Yun  
26 – Kent and Dia Knudson  
27 – James Jr. and Sarah Cox

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

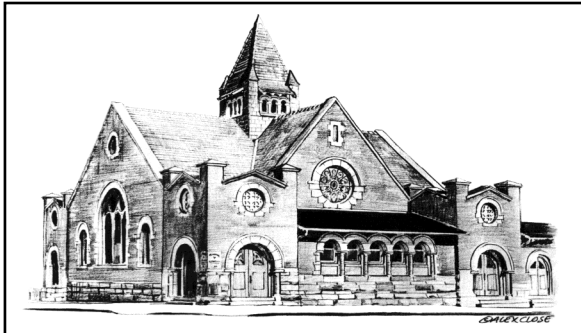
The Education and Mission Committee held a yard sale in the basement of the Amesville Presbyterian Church in early June. There was an amazing amount of all kinds of items, and sufficient help. From donations and sales, over \$1,200 was raised. This money will be used for children and youth programming.

Because in-person church camp will not be held again this summer, Kathy Elasky, Mary Malcom and Catherine Hare are offering "Church camp in a Bag" to children in the community. Over 30 children have signed up to receive camp resources which include: Bible Study, Games, Crafts, Evening Programs, Vespers and more.

A menu for one day has been planned, and each family will receive a food card to supplement the food they may need to buy. The theme for Camp in a Bag is "Seeing God in Nature" through trees, animals and people. If you know anyone who might like to receive the camp resources, contact Catherine Hare at harecf@frontier.com.

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<https://www.Youtube.com/athensfpc>

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert E. Martin

**Church:** Corner of Court and Washington Streets

**Office:** 9 North College Street

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Friday - 8:30 a.m.-Noon

**Clerk of Session:** Andrew Stuart

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**Worship Service:** The service can be seen live and recorded  
on YouTube.

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon in the church library  
(via "Zoom")

**Newsletter Helpers:** Jane Baker, Hugh Culbertson, Lillian  
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**First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio** - FPC 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.