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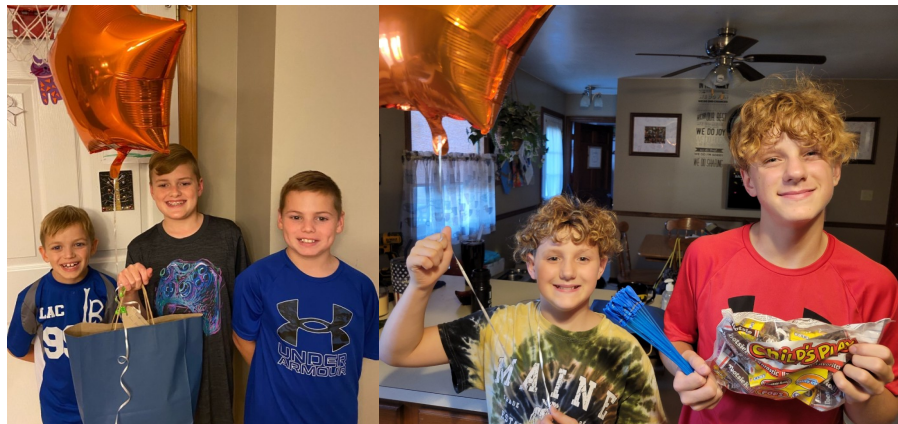
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The Deacons' Congregational Care Committee delivered special gifts to our youth in October. Just look at those smiles!

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION

Join us by radio, Facebook, or in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 21, 2021**, as we take time to recognize those who have been members for 50 years or more. **Mark your calendars and join the celebration!**



Pictured on the right is the Sunday School class enjoying some fellowship as they learn about Noah's Ark. Great job, girls!



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BRUNCH AT CHARBENAY'S



PET BEDS FOR SHELTERS



FPC Crafters were busy making 19 pet beds for our local shelters, Trumbull County Dog Pound and Animal Welfare League.



November

Enter his gates with thanksgiving...

Psalms 100:4



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DEACONS' NEWS

As we enter the final two months of 2021, the Board of Deacons continues their outreach both within the congregation and beyond. There was a very successful Grocery Distribution on October 21, with thirty-four grocery orders given to people in need. Fifty-six "Grab and Go" lunches were given out, too. The next scheduled distribution is November 16. We are always looking for volunteers for this outreach opportunity.

The Mission Committee has been very busy helping various groups with material and monetary donations. The Warren Family Mission received winter outerwear for their Coat Drive. Money was donated to our Food Pantry for the purchase of food storage items. St. Vincent de Paul Society was given a donation for their annual Toy Drive. Someplace Safe received funds to purchase small kitchen items, such as can openers and measuring spoons. All of these donations help people in our community; however, the need for help in the global community cannot be ignored.



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls over these last few months. The kindness and support received from my FPC friends is greatly appreciated. I am so thankful and blessed.

With Christian Love, Sue Dennis

A one-time monetary donation was made to *Save the Children* for their work in 120 developing nations around the globe.

The Congregational Care Committee is "gearing up" for the holiday season. A special "blooming gift" will be delivered to brighten the day for our Special Care Members. Grief Bags and Birthday Greetings are ongoing projects for our congregation. Also our Corresponding Secretary, Myra Fitzgerald, sends cards for joys and concerns. These gestures truly help to ensure the bonds of our church family.

The Fellowship Committee continues to plan the Founders' Day Dinner on November 21. Please check the Spire for information pertaining to this event and make your reservations! We plan to continue the "drive thru" format we used last year for everyone's health and safety.

Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this time of Thanksgiving!

Sarah Hirt Buzulencia,
Vice Moderator



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code above.

CHURCH GROWTH

Church Growth Committee sponsored a gathering at CharBenay's Wine on the River after worship on October 3. Twenty-five people enjoyed a wonderful brunch as we supported a local business during this difficult time.

We have been making a few changes in the building to make it more welcoming to visitors. A welcome banner designates the entrance to the sanctuary; the inside entrance is now more attractive, and signs have been added to outside doors and inside directing guests to areas they might be looking for. Soon there will be a few designated visitor parking spaces. We want to lower any barriers in our building and invite new people to feel comfortable. Copies of the Spire have been put in the rooms where community groups meet to introduce the Church to them. If you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself and welcome them. We all have a responsibility for hospitality.

Russell Zampino developed a power point presentation to introduce FPC to the community. He made an awesome one that you will soon see. Thank you, Russell!



GOOD STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Our next celebration of Communion will be *Sunday, November 7, 2021*, during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING The Deacons will be collecting for the 2¢-A-Meal offering on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, during our regular worship service. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad.

JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture, prayer, and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE If you or someone you know would like a visit or assistance from the Deacons or Pastor, please call the Church Office.

LISTEN TO US EVERY SUNDAY MORNING at 10:00 a.m. on 1570 AM. or watch us on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Warren.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED – The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 25**, and **Friday, November 26, 2021**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, November 4**, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". Please join us! Bring a bag lunch, beverage, and new or gently used travel mugs for Someplace Safe. Masks are required.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK on **Saturday, November 6**, before going to bed. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

DECK THE HALLS (and the Sanctuary)...with boughs of holly on **Monday, November 22**, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to haul out the holly, bows, trees, lights, and the other beautiful decorations that adorn FPC during Advent. We hope to see you here!

DON'T FORGET... Jigsaw puzzles are available on the book shelf in Fellowship Hall. Take one; complete it; return it; borrow another. Enjoy!

FPC FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION - On November 19, 1803, the Rev. Joseph Badger founded a Congregation composed of four women and two men; this Congregation survives today as the *First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio*. As members and friends of this Congregation, we will worship on **Sunday, November 21**, 218 years later, to celebrate this anniversary. Because of gathering restrictions, dinner will be carry-out/pick-up only. The meal will be catered by the Saratoga Restaurant with a choice of Thanksgiving dinner, beef tips and noodles, or vegetarian. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children; children under 5 eat free. To make your reservation for the dinner on Sunday, **November 21, 2021**, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office, along with your prepaid amount, no later than Sunday, November 14, 2021. **NO ADDITIONAL DINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FOUNDERS' DAY.**

It is very important that we have an accurate count by the November 14 deadline.

=====Tear Here=====

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Choice/number of meal(s) Turkey _____ Beef Tips _____ Vegetarian _____





YOUTH MINISTRY

GRANT

BETTY’S JOYFUL NOISE

We have been busy upstairs this month! The K-5th grade Sunday School class spent time learning about Noah’s Ark and will be working on Abraham & Sarah in the coming weeks. Our Jr./Sr. High class has been learning all about prayer and will soon be working on Prayer Beads that they will share with various groups throughout the Church including our Special Members and our friends at free lunch.

In an effort to try and build our groups, during the months of November and December, both our FPC Youth Groups will be meeting together (3rd-12th grade).

- Sunday, November 14** - we will meet after church until 2 p.m. We will work on a Service Project for Mobile Meals and have some FUN playing Candy Bar BINGO!
- Monday, November 22** - come to help decorate the Church for the holidays
- Sunday, December 12** - we will meet following the Advent Program until 3 p.m. Again, we will be working on a service project for Mobile Meals and have a little Christmas FUN (please bring a gender-neutral gift valued at \$5).
- Sunday, December 19** - We will be Christmas Caroling to bring our Special Members some extra holiday cheer! Prize for most festive holiday attire!

Food is a valuable part of any Youth Ministry program and ours is no different. If you are interested in providing a meal for an upcoming Youth Group event, please speak to Amy Lynn.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: It’s hard to believe, but it’s time again for the annual Alternative Gift-Giving Program...and it will be an IN-PERSON EVENT THIS YEAR! Please read the brochure that is included in this Spire for a description of each of the participating organizations. This year the committee has chosen four of our “tried and true” groups – Animal Welfare League, Second Harvest, SOPHIA, and Water for the People. In addition, there will be two new ones – FPC Wish List – Scholarship Fund and the Trumbull County Historical Society’s Black Voices Project. Each group is more than worthy of your consideration for a donation. And yes, AWL will bring a dog for the Nov. 7 event in Fellowship Hall and there will be the extra treat of two of our FPC Santa’s helpers handing out Christmas cookies! Mark your calendars now and then read the enclosed brochure!

This is a really big deal. The National Park Service of the United States has awarded First Presbyterian Church a monetary grant for the cleaning and repair of our Church’s stained glass windows. It comes in the amount of \$147,469, half of the total cost of restoration. The name of the grant is Save America’s Treasures. Our historical building is considered a Rust Belt treasure. This is the same federal branch that granted restoration dollars for the Empire State Building. We have been driving toward requesting this grant for three years. It was submitted last December, and on July 1 of this year our efforts were rewarded. A press release will soon be sent to the Tribune for publication. This is a REALLY big deal that we can take pride in and give thanks to our forebearers for blessing us with the outstanding beauty we enjoy each time we enter the sanctuary.

The Whitney Stained Glass Company of Cleveland is recognized by the National Park Service as a credible restorer for our project. In the coming months you might notice a window or two boarded up. This will indicate that it has been taken to their Cleveland shop and will return brighter and more beautiful than it left. Once replaced, the windows will show once again their beauty for all of Warren to see for likely another 100 years.

We thank God for all who were instrumental in securing this grant. Many, many hours went into creating the request. Thanks be to God for all who have made a way for these historical works of art to be preserved for generations to come.



Dear Friends,

My heart is so very full of thanksgiving for your celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month. How grateful I am to have received your cards, gifts, well wishes, and fond sentiments. I am humbled and honored by your outflowing of appreciation and love. To hear Lynn Griffith’s words during the announcement in worship on Oct. 10 was such a surprise and so uplifting. I so loved the announcement in the local newspaper and the fun picture selected that depicts the joy I have in serving and ministering with you. Thank you so much for your care and support of Dave and me, and for the ministry God has called us to be a part of at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let me appreciate my thankfulness for each of you as well. In the three years that I have been with you, I have seen such new life as you minister to the community and beyond. This re-creation flows from the Holy Spirit and is demonstrated in the konini shown to each other during our pandemic times.

Throughout the month of November, I invite you to join me in writing, on the enclosed calendar, a blessing for each day. Take a moment and acknowledge someone or some experience that you are thankful to have received that day. You will be amazed how much God gives us on a daily basis. I will post my calendar outside my office door. Please take a look and share in my gratitude. Please hold me accountable to completing it so that I have a new spiritual practice or habit at the end of the month and, hopefully, you will too.

Adapting a quote from Alfred Painter, “Saying thank you is more than good manners. It is good *Christian* spirituality.”

So thankful for each of you and the ministry you are doing!

Joyfully,

Pastor Betty

Philippians 1: 3-6 *I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*



WORSHIP NEWS

- All Saints Day worship service will be Monday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m.
- Starting Friday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. and on the following two Fridays, there will be a Pre-Advent study of *Beyond the Tinsel* by the Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer.
- Communion and the 2-Cents-a-Meal offering are November 7.
- Founders’ Day and recognition of 50 years of membership will be Sunday, November 21. The dinner will be takeout again this year.
- The first Sunday of Advent is November 28.

November



FPC NOVEMBER 2021

Thank you,
Lord!



11/01 John McCaughan
John Vlad
Aurelian Tanase
11/02 Richard Polenick
11/05 Chris Stringham
11/06 Pat McCaughan
Natalie Shanower
11/07 Jeff Wright
Linda Heckman
Gordon McLean
11/08 Luke Beerbower
Owen Vilicka
11/09 Virginia Hatch
Joyce Polenick
William Creighton
11/10 Sue Dennis
Hashim Austin
Chuck Metzger
11/11 Becky Lough
11/13 Myra Fitzgerald
11/14 Bill Weaver
11/18 Bob Lynn
Judy Anderson
11/20 Bill Kemp
11/21 Betty Kay Womer
11/22 Caryn Ewell
Jacqueline Shannon
11/25 Janet Rudkin
11/27 Jeffrey Jenkins
11/29 Sherry Herriman
Shelly Straitiff
11/30 Alice Preston

Sun

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	1 10:00 am OA, P 7:00 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm All Saints Service	2 9:30 am Al-Anon, FH 10:00 am Crafters, B 4:00 pm Cur. Event Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	3 6:30 am AA, MC	4 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Miriam Esther Cir 7:00 pm Worship Com. Mtg.	5 11:00 am AA, P 6:30 pm Advent Study	6 Turn Clocks Back
7 Communion/ 2 cents 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Alternative Gift Giving, FH	8 3:00 pm Virtual Fellowship & Follow-up 6:30 pm B&G Meeting 7:00 pm Virtual Voices of Micah 7:00 pm AA, MC	9 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	10 10:00 am SOPHIA 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Virtual Communications Mtg.	11 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 11:00 am Veterans Program 7:00 pm CE Meeting	12 11:00 am AA, P 6:30 pm Advent Study	13
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Love Tree	15 10:00 am OA, P 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting 6:30 pm B&G Meeting 7:00 pm AA, MC	16 9:30 am Al-Anon, M 10:30 Free Lunch & Groc. 4:00 pm Cur. Event Study 4:00 pm Finance 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm Church Growth	17 1:00 pm M.V.I., P 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Virtual Session	18 9:00 am Prayer Talk, FH 12:00 pm Women's Study	19 SPIRE Deadline 11:00 am AA, P 6:30 pm Advent Study	20
21 Founders' Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Take-Out Dinner	22 10:00 am OA, P 3:00 pm Virtual Fellowship & Follow-up 6:00 pm Decorate the Church 7:00 pm AA, MC	23 9:30 am Al-Anon, M 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	24 6:30 am AA, MC	25  THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 2:00 pm Wright Birthday Party, FH
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	29 10:00 am OA, P 7:00 pm AA, MC	30 9:30 am Al-Anon, MC 4:00 pm Cur. Event Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm NA, MC				

If we have overlooked anyone's birthday, we apologize. Please contact the Church Office so that we may update our records.