

# THE FORECASTER

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As we enter August it is hard to accept that we are halfway through summer, and it is even harder to believe that Katie, Violet and I have been here a year (with Roey joining us a few months later). We are so grateful for your support and the joy you have given us as we have grown into being a part of the First Presbyterian Church family.

The flipping of the page in our calendars also means that the wheels of the church are beginning to turn on some of the more important work we must do. While there are many things ongoing, a key piece is the work of our Nominating Committee. In the coming weeks we will be coming together to discuss who might best serve the church as we have people rotate off the Session, the Deacons, and even the Nominating Committee for next year, as well as vacancies that we need to fill to balance out the work of the church.

The committee will be prayerfully considering the needs of the church, the areas that we need to fill, and the future needs we will have while we discern who God is calling to help lead our congregation. We do not take this responsibility lightly.

If we reach out to you, we ask that you consider what is being asked, what will be required, and what you are able to give. I cannot tell you if it is the right time or season in your life to accept the call or not, but please know that if we reach out it is because we believe there is something specific that only you can offer our congregation for the term of your service.

God's blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. M. Payne Warner".

Rev. M. Payne Warner

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## From the Session

### The Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown

*The First Presbyterian Church, an increasingly diverse faith community,*

- *opens its heart and doors to all,*
- *serves everyone with compassion,*
- *fosters spiritual growth through scripture-based worship and study*
- *works for racial and social justice for all; and,*
- *models the principles of Jesus' life and teachings in the world.*

### PER CAPITA

It is not too late to get your per capita in. A few people have made their per capita payments. This is just a reminder about the necessity for per capita. Every year, members of Presbyterian churches, and specifically FPCYO, make a payment for per capita.

**What is per capita?** According to the Presbyterian Church (USA) web page: "In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." As members of the PC(USA), we share in the system of government, and also share in the cost associated with church government. When we pay our per capita, we are participating in a system that started through a letter to ministers in 1734!

This year, the amount of per capita is \$32.50, the same amount it was last year. This amount is divided between the three parts of our church governance. The breakdown is \$9.85 to General Assembly, \$3.25 to the Synod of the Covenant, and \$19.40 to Eastminster Presbytery.

FPCYO has a proud history of paying per capita, even if some of our members cannot. The church will not default on its per capita responsibility. If you have not made your per capita payment, it's not too late. Bring your per capita envelope to worship on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Or you can go online and make your payment electronically.

If you have made your per capita payment, thank you. Your payment of per capita prevents the church from exceeding our budget. There is a concept in fundraising of "second mile giving" where those who have made a donation give an additional donation. If this is something you feel moved to do, it would be welcomed.

***Thank you all for giving of your time and talents.***

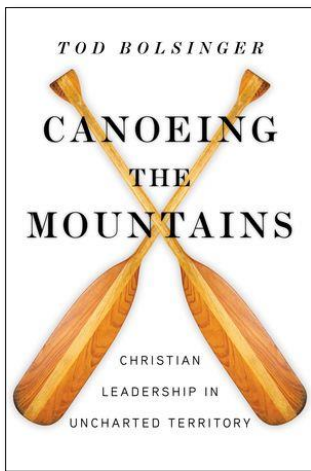


### COMMUNION DATES FOR 2024

In order to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the following dates have been approved by the Session:

- \*Sunday, August 4
- Sunday, September 1 – 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Sunday, October 6 – World Communion
- Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Day
- Sunday, December – First Sunday of Advent

\*Indicates that Communion will be served by intinction.



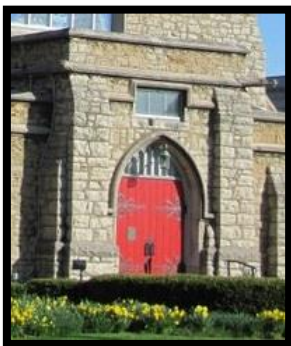
## SESSION UPDATE

The Session's next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024. In the meantime, we are reading the book *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*. Using the expedition of Lewis & Clark as a template, the Reverend Doctor Tod Bolsinger explores how the church leads when the landscape (or ministry field) is different than anything that has been experienced before. Rev. Warner and members of the Session have met four times and have one more meeting planned as we conclude our exploration. If you are looking for a summer read, this is an interesting book, challenging where we are as a faith community and where we want (or need) to go.

## Mission and Community Ministry

### Little Free Libraries

Our Little Free Libraries are still being used by adults and children. As always, we can use more books. Please keep in mind books that help youth and children understand social justice, ways to be kind, anti-bullying, care of our earth and each other, etc. Also please be mindful that youth and children's books represent various cultures, skin colors and gender diversity. There are two large blue totes just inside the church doors off the parking lot. Thank you!



### MISSION COINS REMINDER

We continue to collect coins for the **Red Door Café and Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church**. Your loose change helps provide a meal and groceries to our community neighbors in need. You can help by depositing your coins in the collection plates on Sunday mornings.

THANK YOU,  
The Mission Committee

## First Presbyterian Women

### Collecting School Supplies



The First Presbyterian Women are now collecting school supplies for area children. The items can be placed in the designated box in the Garden Room.

The supplies will be donated to Making Kids Count, an area agency that has year-round outreach to local families. We will collect the items all summer.

### Upcoming Events

**You are invited to join us for any or all of the following activities.**

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Day trip to Hartville. Lunch at the Hartville Kitchen (on your own). Watch for details.

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Pumpkin craft by Bev Porter (Marilyn Shakley's niece). Watch for details.

**Early December** – Either Sunday Brunch or a weekday dinner at *The Federal* (decorated for Christmas) in downtown Youngstown, depending on reservations. Watch for details.

### FPW Trip to Hartville

Join us for a day of fun. On August 10<sup>th</sup> we are going to take a trip to Hartville. We can shop at the Hartville Marketplace and have lunch at Hartville Kitchen (on your own). We will meet in the parking lot behind the Stonebridge Tavern on Rt. 224 in Boardman at 9:30 a.m. We will carpool from there. If you are unable to drive there, please let us know and we will have someone pick you up. Please call the church office at 330-744-4307 to make a reservation. We will need to know who is going so we know who is meeting us there, so we don't leave without you.

**FPC BOOK CLUB  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 10 A.M.**

Our selection for August is *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. This is a memoir regarding secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It's a story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that has been scrupulously hidden from her for more than 50 years. It's about the extraordinary moment we live in – a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics, but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover.

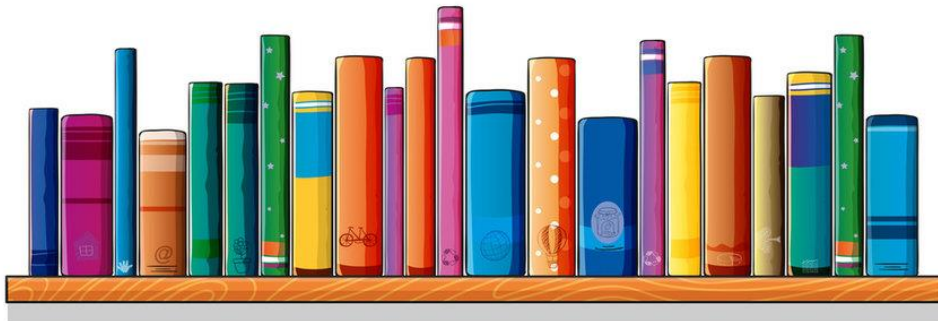
We hope you will join us on August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor of the Church. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. Call Becky Murray 330-360-7526 if you have any questions.

**Below are the rest of the books we are reading this year.**

SEPTEMBER – Historical Fiction – *Foundling: a Novel* – By Ann Leary. In 1927 18-year-old Mary Engle is hired as a secretary to work at an institution for mentally-disabled women of child-bearing age. Based on a shocking and little-known piece of American history.

OCTOBER - Nonfiction – *Eat a Peach* – By David Chang and Gabe Ulla. Chang shares the amazing story of his coming of age from starting a little noodle place to a restaurant empire.

NOVEMBER - SciFi /Fantasy - *Fourth Wing* – By Rebeca Yarros. (Empyrean Book 1). An epic of a world-building story, this is a tale of a kingdom under duress, a deadly competition to become an elite dragon rider, and the woman who bucks the odds.



## Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our congregation, our family and friends, our neighbors, our mission partners, and people around our nation and world in your prayers.**

- The residents of the Realty Building & International Tower
- Jayne and Chuck Mansfield and their family
- The people of East Palestine, Ohio
- The people of the Ukraine
- The people of Israel and Gaza
- Our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant Family Services, CityScape, Needle's Eye, RAHAB Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, the City of Youngstown, our community, and for one another.
- NuShawn Moore (Jackie Rogenski's daughter)
- Carol Reed
- Patrice Hight (Carol Reed's sister)
- Lila King (Lynn Toman's mother)
- Debbie Osman (Chet Cooper's sister)
- Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister)
- Ron Strasik (Renae Scharf)
- the Sarver family (Lynn Toman)
- Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson)
- Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller)
- Barb Altman
- Dave Todd
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Leeann Comstock
- Martin Goss
- Rick Benson
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Rev. Jim Ray
- Mary
- Jackie Rogenski
- Julius Balogh
- Arlene Wright
- Marien Sue Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory

## August Birthdays

- 8-1 Cory Smith
- 8-9 Ben Mansfield
- 8-16 Katie Warner
- 8-19 Rosemary Minghetti
- 8-26 Debbie Mager
- 8-26 Nancy Soyars
- 8-27 Jackie Rogenski
- 8-30 Dave Todd





# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm	2	3
4  Worship Service 11 am Communion Sunday Congregational Mtg after Worship CEC Mtg – 12 pm – Pastor’s Office	5	6 5:30-7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC  6 pm Scouts	7 11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	8  MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm	9	10
11  Outdoor Worship Service - 11 am <b>CHURCH PICNIC</b> 	12	13 10 am – 11 am FPC Book Club – Parlor  6 pm – Mission Mtg - Library	14  6:30 pm – Finance Mtg – Pastor’s Office	15  MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm	16 8-1 pm – OL – Living Well – HC	17
18  Worship Service 11 am	19	20  6 pm Scouts  7 pm – Session Mtg - Library	21	22 11-1 pm – Reentry Coalition Mthly Mtg - HC  MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm	23	24
25  Worship Service 11 am	26	27	28	29  MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm	30	31

# ALL CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**  
**Church Members and Open to the Public**

Worship will begin at 11 a.m.  
in the church parking lot under the tent

The picnic will begin immediately following the service  
The meat and beverages will be provided

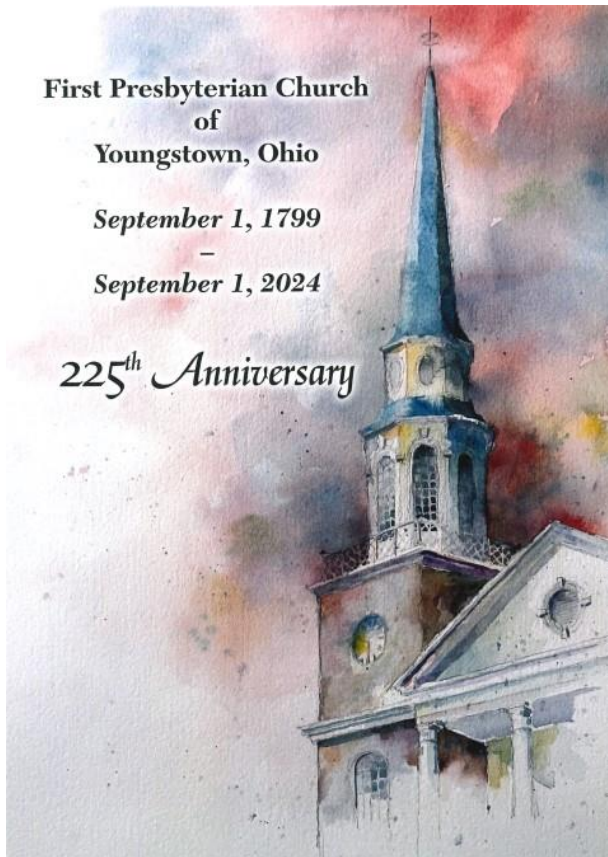
If your last name begins with  
A-L Bring a dessert  
M-Z Bring a side dish or salad

# Church Picnic





# Celebrating 225 Years



*Please join us for*  
**First Presbyterian Church's**  
**225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

Worship 11:00 am

Luncheon 12:30 pm

*in Helen Chapel*

**R.S.V.P. by August 23, 2024**  
**With included card**

*For questions, call 330-744-4307*

You are invited to join us for our 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are sorry if you didn't receive an invitation in the mail. We have been dealing with issues with mail delivery. Please either call the church office to RSVP or cut off the bottom of this page and return it to the church office.

## **FPCYO 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon**

September 1, 2024

12:30 pm

*R.S.V.P. by August 23, 2024*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Choose one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Chicken Breast

\_\_\_\_\_ Swiss Steak

*(These include mixed vegetables francais and twice-baked potato.)*

or

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan

*All include tossed salad, rolls, butter, beverages and cake.*

