

THE FORECASTER

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Greetings!

As I sit to write to you, a conversation I had this afternoon is fresh in my mind.

I was working at my desk and one of our staff asked if I had a minute. When I indicated yes, he welcomed a gentleman into my office. This stranger introduced himself and we spoke for a while. Jim, actually Reverend Jim, is a Methodist pastor in West Virginia. It was a bit of a shock, and a pleasant surprise to have someone sporting a WVU ball cap come into my office. We reminisced about West Virginia, I told a bit of my story, Jim told a bit of his, and we talked about him coming up to visit a parishioner who had been transferred to a nursing facility in our area that he was struggling to find.

As he was getting ready to leave, he made what I found to be a profound statement. He was talking about the issue that had brought him two and a half hours from his home and left him not sure what to do when none of the facilities he reached out to had a record of his parishioner. At this point he said, "whenever I am somewhere and I can't figure out what to do, I head to the closest church I can find and see if they can help or at least give me a place to pray." What a great reminder of what we can do when things seem difficult. Place our issues in God's hands and trust that God is at work.

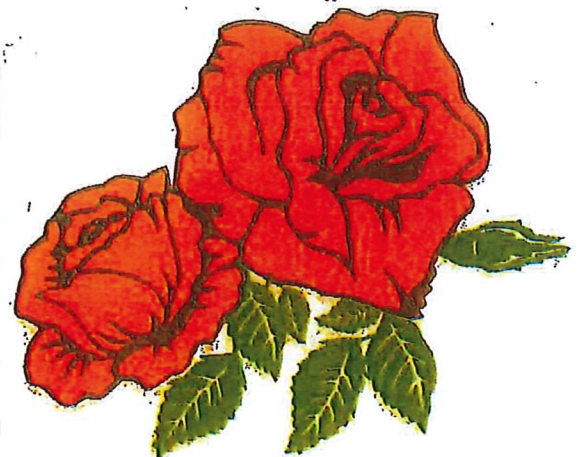
A few minutes after Jim left, he called to let us know that he had found his parishioner and was on his way to a facility that neither Patty nor I had heard of before (but one that just happens to be five minutes from my house).

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Remember always that God is at work in our lives. The Spirit is active and moving. God will take care of us, in everything, not just the big things, and when it seems we have exhausted our human options and abilities God does answer our prayers.

God's blessings,



Rev. M. Payne Warner



COMMUNION DATES FOR 2024

In order to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the following is a list of the remaining Communion dates:

*Sunday, June 2

*Sunday, July 7

*Sunday, August 4

Sunday, September 1 – 225th Anniversary of FPCYO

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Day

Sunday, December – First Sunday of Advent

*Indicates that Communion will be served by intinction.



The First Presbyterian Women would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items to RAHAB. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church would like to thank everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing. While we are short of our goal of \$1800, FPC did raise \$1700 as of this writing. Thank you for your giving.



SAVE THE DATE

First Presbyterian Women invite you to join us for a *Sip and Paint* event on

Wednesday, June 12th in Helen Chapel at **5:30 p.m.** The cost of the event is \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. You can make:

- A painting on canvas,
- A gift bag, or
- Notecards.

Painting will be done using Q-tips.

Please join us and bring a friend.

RESERVATIONS DUE BY TUESDAY, JUNE 4th.

Make your make reservation by calling the church office (330) 744-4307.



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 a year round outreach to local families. We will collect the items all summer.

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.*



FPC BOOK CLUB
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT 10 A.M.

Not to put any pressure on our selection this month, but we have great expectations for the discussion. Especially since our selection for June is *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. First published in 1861, This classic novel follows the life of an orphaned boy named Pip. Through a series of unexpected events, Pip embarks upon a journey of self-discovery and maturity. Along the way, he meets a variety of colorful characters and learns valuable life lessons.

We hope you will join us on June 11th in our new location in the Church Library on the second floor. Feel free to take the elevator to the second floor. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. Call Becky Murray 330-360-7526 if you have any questions.

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

JULY - Murder/Mystery – *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* – By James McBride. “A murder mystery locked inside a great American novel.” Small town secrets and the people who keep them.

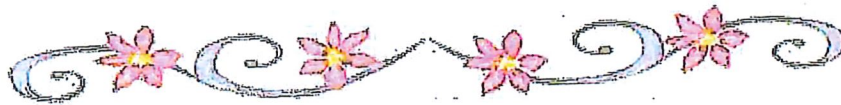
AUGUST – Memoir - *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* – By Dani Shapiro. A DNA test tells Dani that her beloved father is not her biological father.

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.





First Presbyterian Women

We have discussed ways in which the women (and guests) of the church can continue our fellowship through get-togethers and doing projects for others. We have named the following activities as possibilities for the rest of 2024. Please look over the list and find ways that you might participate as you are interested.

Beginning June 1st we will collect school supplies for *Making Kids Count*. They can be brought to the FPW picnic on July 31st or to church by August 15th. See the article in this edition of the *Forecaster*.

Wednesday, July 31st – Annual picnic at 6:00 at Karen Cooper’s. Craft led by Carol Reed. School supplies collection for *Making Kids Count* (a local non-profit agency that benefits women and children through many ways.

Saturday, August 10th – Day trip to Hartville. Lunch at Hartville Kitchen (on your own). Watch for details.

Tuesday, September 3rd – Pumpkin craft by Bev Porter (Marilyn Shakley’s niece) Watch for details.

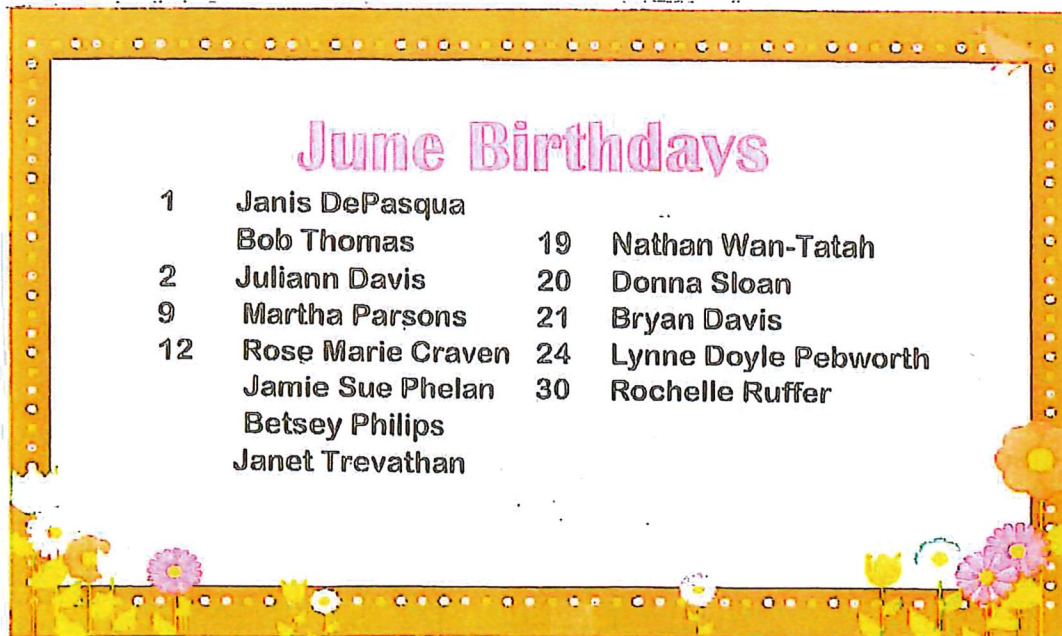
Early December – Either Sunday brunch or a weekday dinner at *The Federal* (decorated for Christmas) in downtown Youngstown, depending upon reservations. Watch for information.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE!!



June Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Janis DePasqua | 19 | Nathan Wan-Tatah |
| | Bob Thomas | 20 | Donna Sloan |
| 2 | Juliann Davis | 21 | Bryan Davis |
| 9 | Martha Parsons | 24 | Lynne Doyle Pebworth |
| 12 | Rose Marie Craven | 30 | Rochelle Ruffer |
| | Jamie Sue Phelan | | |
| | Betsey Philips | | |
| | Janet Trevathan | | |





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.

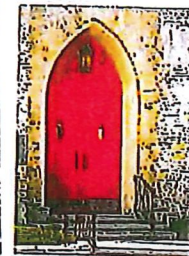
Thank you all for giving of your time and talents.



MISSION COINS REMINDER

We are still collecting 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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship Service 11 am Communion Sunday	3	4 5:30-7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC	5 11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	6 12 pm – Staff Mtg MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm	7	8
9 Worship Service 11 am	10	11 7:30 am – Bd of Elections - Parlor 10 am FPC Book Club – Library 6 pm Scouts	12 5:30-9 pm – FPW Craft event – Sip n’ Painting – HC	13 MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm	14 	15
16 Worship Service 11 am 	17	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED 	20 MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm 5:30-8 PM – Parent Workshop – HC	21 8-1 pm – OL – Living Well – HC	22
23 Worship Service 11 am	24	25 6 pm Scouts	26	27 MFHC PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm	28	29
30 Worship Service 11 am						