



# THE FORECASTER

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## From the Pastor's Desk

We are closing in on the end of the church year. November 24 is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. On that day we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday and then, following Thanksgiving, we will begin the new church year on December 1 with the first Sunday of Advent.

Christ the King Sunday is an important day for us to remember, even if we do not draw attention to it every year. In Advent we speak about and appreciate what Jesus's life means for creation. In Lent we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter, which is where we remember and recognize what God did for us through Christ. In other holy days, like Pentecost, Transfiguration Sunday, and Trinity Sunday we recall actions by God or truths about God.

On Christ the king Sunday we take a break from ordinary time, before we get into Advent and the coming birth, and focus on what Christ is going to do, and who Christ is in the fullness of eternity. Jesus is not simply a carpenter, sage, or holy man who walked the dusty roads of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea in the early first century. Jesus is the Son of God, given rule over all creation, Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and the Prince of Peace among countless other titles.

As we consider everything going on in the world, it should be a great comfort to us that we do not serve or follow the earthly powers, but that we follow a risen Lord who bows to, and is beholden to, no one.

God's blessings,

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.*

### **SESSION UPDATE**

#### Clerk's Corner

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown met in its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Rev. Warner gave a report of staff member David Phibbs who had surgery that day. He was doing well. David will be out until after the holidays. Cards and letters are appreciated.

The date of the Schaff Lecture has been confirmed as Wednesday, April 23, 2025 with the Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown as the keynote speaker. The details are being worked out, so watch for further information.

Session is planning a leadership event. The multi-part event will start with church officers and leaders, and eventually involve the congregation as First Youngstown starts to vision for the next 225 years.

This fall, a class of engineering students at YSU has been studying our retaining wall along at Wick Avenue and Wood Street near the church sign. An engineering professor at YSU was consulted and the professor asked if one of his classes could make the structural analysis the Senior Project. The students are working on their proposals, and it will soon be time for the students to share their findings. These students are not licensed engineers, but their proposals may aid the BEG Committee in assessing options which could then be taken to certified engineers. Rev. Warner and members of the BEG Committee will be meeting with the students to hear their analysis and recommendations.

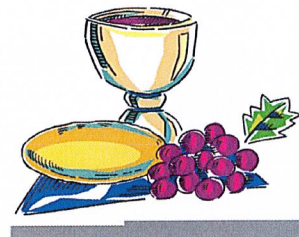
The next meeting of Session will take place on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

-- Patricia L. Gruver, Clerk of Session

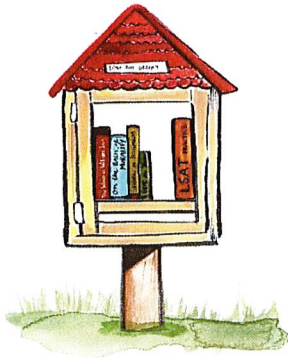
### **COMMUNION DATES FOR 2024**

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, November 3 – All Saints Day
- Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent



## Mission and Community Ministry



### Little Free Libraries

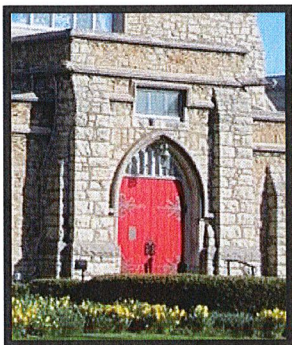
Our Little Free Libraries are being used by adults and children. As always, we can use more books. Please keep in mind books that help young people understand social justice, ways to be kind, anti-bullying, care of our earth and each other, etc. Also please be mindful that youth and children's books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

### Volunteers Needed

The Mission Committee's "Winter Fest" for our neighbors at Gutknecht Tower will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held in Helen Chapel from 2:00-4:00 p.m. It will be an afternoon of cookies, cocoa, Bingo and fellowship. You can help in several ways:

- Donate cookies (bring to church on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Help set up and decorate
- Join us that day to welcome our guests

If you can help, please call Sandy Benson at 330-503-4407. **(not the Church Office)**



### 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. You may write a check and put in the the memo – RDC.

THANK YOU,  
The Mission Committee

# First Presbyterian Women

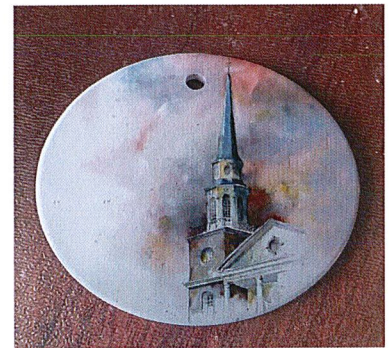
## Upcoming Events

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

Join us as we celebrate the season. Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at Piccadilly Parlour, 114 S. Broadview Street, Canfield, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. We will order from the menu. Bring a wrapped ornament for gift exchange. Reservation due by December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Margie – 330-507-2345.

## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is selling ceramic Christmas ornaments with all proceeds going to the church general fund. These ornaments are 3 inches in diameter with a picture of the church on one side and the wording "First Presbyterian Church 1799-2024" on the other side. The cost is \$5.00 per ornament. They can be shipped at an additional cost of \$13.00. Shipping will be through UPS. The ornaments are a **limited edition**, only 100 are available. We received preorders at the anniversary luncheon and will continue taking orders until the ornaments are sold out. If there are any still available, they will be sold after worship beginning Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see Patti Keenan to place an order. You may also email her at [pbk1010@gmail.com](mailto:pbk1010@gmail.com) or call Patti at 330-770-0999.



## Bake Sale!

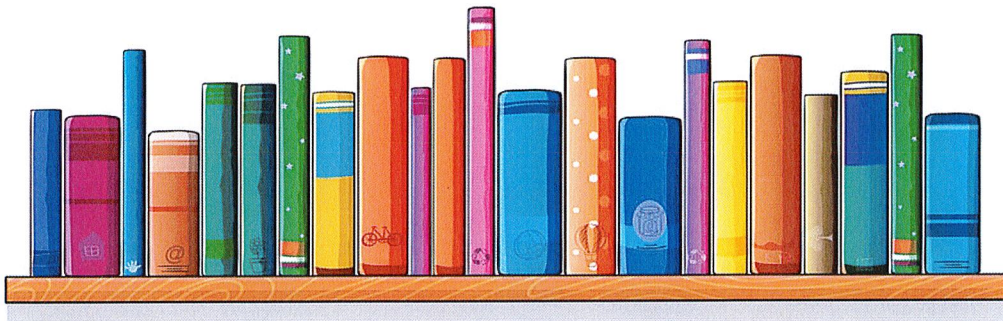
Elizabeth will be hosting a bake sale in the church hallway on Election Day to support EECMY. There are two ways you can support this ministry opportunity. First, we need baked goods for Elizabeth to sell. You can drop off sealed items that will stay good for a few days on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> when you come to worship, or you can drop them off on Monday in the church office. Second, we invite you to drop by on Election Day and purchase baked goods to support this ministry of the church.

**FPC Book Club**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 10 A.M.**

Our selection for November is *Fourth Wing: an epic* by Rebecca Yarros. This is a world-building story, a tale of a kingdom under duress, a deadly competition to become an elite dragon rider, and the woman who bucks the odds.

We hope you will join us on November 12th 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.

We have reservations at the Piccadilly Parlor in Canfield at 11 A.M. on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for our December Meeting where we discuss the books we will read for 2025.



## 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
- 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

## November Birthdays



11-1	Fran Comstock	11-18	Nancy Carson
11-1	Sue Anzellotti Ray	11-19	David Pratt
11-2	Lillian Ayana	11-25	Mia Cooper
11-11	Luke Lalanne	11-28	Alex Esseniya
11-14	Judy Mineo	11-28	Victor Wan-Tatah
11-17	Joy Marie Burnette		



# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					1:30-2:30 pm – OL – YSU Fitness – HC	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship Service 11 am Communion Sunday 		Board of Elections – Parlor 5:30-7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC 6 pm Scouts	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor 11:30-1 pm – Lunch Time Learning – HC	6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC	1:30-2:30 pm – OL – YSU Fitness – HC	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship Service 11 am		10-11 am – FPW Book Cub – Parlor 5 pm BE&G - Pastor 6 pm Scouts 6 pm Mission Mtg – Library 7:30 pm – Trombone & Brass Recital – Sanctuary	6:30 pm Finance Mtg – Pastor's Office	6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi - HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm Clinic 5 pm – 8 pm	8-1 pm – OL – Living Well – HC 1:30-2:30 pm – OL – YSU Fitness - HC	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship Service 11 am		6 pm Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg – Library	10-11:30 am – Saving Our Seniors HC	11-1 pm Reentry Coalition Monthly Mtg – HC MFHC PT 9 am – 2 pm PT 3 pm – 8 pm	1:30-2:30 pm – OL – YSU Fitness – HC	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship Service 11 am		6 pm Scouts		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 