



THE FORECASTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome to summer!

Over the last few months, the idea of community, and being in community with people has been on my mind quite often. It came up in my Lenton Book Study of *Resident Aliens*, it was a focus of the CREDO conference I attended in May, and was a major part of a discussion I was in on the topic of church growth.

I genuinely believe God created us to be in a relationship with Godself, as well as other people. When we don't have time with a community of people we know genuinely love and care for us, not for anything that we bring to the table, but simply because we are a human being they care for, we easily fall out of balance.

My invitation to you over the summer is to be intentional about being in community with others, be that here at church, with your family, or in your neighborhood.

Here at church, there are several opportunities for you already in the works for the summer, but there is always room for more. Sign up with Wilma on Sundays to help with our Summer Daze event for residents of Gutknecht Towers on Saturday, June 21, attend the FPC Book Club or my Pastor's Book Club (see the details for both on Page 4), or get with Patty in the office to plan and host an event. It can be serious, but fun might be even better.

As we come into these summer months and beyond, let us continue to find new ways to live into each other, breathe life into each other, and support one another. Let us continue to find joy in being present with friends, new and old. May we grow closer to God through our relationships with each other.

Blessings,

Rev. M. Payne Warner

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From the Session

First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown Vision Statement

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, Ohio met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7 p.m. Session reviewed the success of the Schaff Lecture on April 23, 2025. Rev. Warner discussed his participation at CREDO, a continued education event sponsored by the PC(USA) Board of Pensions for clergy in their first years of church ministry. Session will not be having meetings during the Summer, but Elders were reminded to attend, with the rest of the congregation, the Pastor's Book Study. The first study is June 24, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the church.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to the Building, Equipment & Grounds Committee regarding the condition and maintenance of the church building and grounds. The BEG Committee reported that with the installation of the new HVAC system, a wire fence will be put around it for security purposes. Additionally, water pipes under the Helen Chapel will need replacing, but first there needs to be asbestos removal. Bids have been received and when more information is provided by the contractors, the asbestos will be removed and repairs will be made. Finally, Ohio Living has given notice that they will end renting space at the church. They will vacate effective June 30, 2025. Session is entertaining suggestions of how to use that space on the first floor catty-corner from the Pastor's Office.

The Session will meet next on August 19, 2025 in the Church Library at 7 p.m. That does not mean the Elders are not accessible. We will be in worship, and, as always, please feel free to contact the Elders, Clerk, or Pastor with any questions or concerns.

Patricia Gruver, Clerk of Session

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES FOR 2025

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

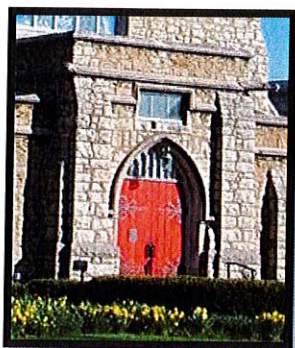
Sunday, June 1
Sunday, July 6

Sunday, June 8
Sunday, August 3

PER CAPITA

In case you aren't aware, our congregation is responsible for paying Per Capita to the higher councils of the PC(USA) every year, which is \$32.00 per person on our rolls for the prior year. So far this year, we have only received \$439.00 towards our budget of \$1,500.00. This is only a portion of our actual bill of \$4,356.00. For example, a family of 2 members would be a total of \$64.00. Please prayerfully consider donating towards our Per Capita expense.

Mission and Community Ministry



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 memo – RDC.

THANK YOU,
The Mission Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- WHO – Members and Friends of FPCYO
- WHAT – SUMMER DAZE party with our neighbors from Gutknecht Tower
- WHEN – Saturday, June 21st from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE – FPCYO Helen Chapel
- HOW – You can help us host this event by
 - Supplying cookies
 - Supplying puzzle books or toiletries for prizes
 - Helping residents play Bingo
 - Assisting with Bingo or serving snacks
 - Helping with set up or clean up – 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Mission Committee thanks you for your help. Please see Wilma Miller at worship to sign up or call Margie Patterson at 330-507-2345.



SAVE THE DATE: FPW PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held on Thursday, August 7th at the Canfield home of Karen Cooper. Mark your calendars for this evening of food and fellowship. Meat and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Bring your picnic chair if you have one. Guests are welcome!

R.S.V.P. to Margie 330-507-2345

Flowers for Worship

We welcome your participation in making the chancel a visual representation of the worship we offer our almighty God each week. If you are interested in helping us keep fresh flowers for the chancel, contact Patty Schuley in the church office.



FPC Book Club

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 10 A.M.

Our selection for June is a Romance – *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Hiller. A story of summer, secrets, love, and lies. In the course of a single day on Cape Cod, one woman must make a life-changing decision that has been brewing for decades. She will have to decide between the life she has made with her genuinely beloved husband, and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love, if a tragic event hadn't forever changed the course of their lives.

We hope you will join us on June 10th in the Parlor of the Church. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. For more information – call Becky Murray 330-360-7526.

Below are the books we are reading this year.

JULY – Biography – *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxis.

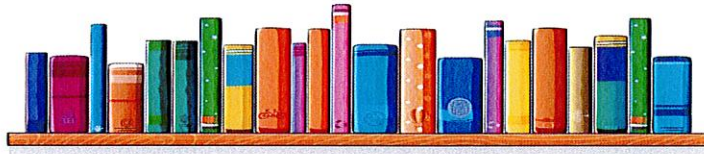
AUGUST – Young Adult Fiction – *The Last Brass Ring* by Liz Hill. Lilli Whitaker spends the summer of 1989 before her senior year with a job at a run-down amusement park, which leads to romance, new friendships, and a long-hidden family secret.

SEPTEMBER – Historical Fiction – *The Butcher: a Novel* by Joyce Carol Oates. A harrowing story based on history about Doctor Silas Weir, a gyno-psychologist at a women's asylum in the 19th century.

OCTOBER – Nonfiction – *Heartwood: The Art of Living with the End in Mind* by Barbara Becker. Becker inspires readers to live with the end in mind and proves that turning toward loss rather than away is the only true way to live life to its fullest.

NOVEMBER – Historical Fiction – *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

DECEMBER meeting at Piccadilly Parlour to decide next year's books.



Pastor's Summer Book Club

The 4th Tuesdays of June, July, and August @ 6:00 p.m. in the Helen Chapel

All are invited to join Pastor Payne this summer as he knocks out several books from his "To Read" list. You are welcome to come to any, or all, of the three discussions. For our first meeting, you are invited to bring dinner for yourself and we will discuss how to handle the meals for the next two gatherings that first night. We will plan to discuss the entire book for each month at each gathering, but you are welcome to join the discussion, no matter how much you have read. If you would like to join us for the discussion and are unable to get your own copy for any reason, please let Pastor Payne know.

- **Tuesday, June 24:** *The Bible Tells Me So... Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it* by Peter Enns
- **Tuesday, July 22:** *On Looking: A Walker's Guide to the Art of Observation* by Alexandra Horowitz
- **Tuesday, August 26:** *They Thought They Were Free: The Germans, 1933-45* by Milton Mayer

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.

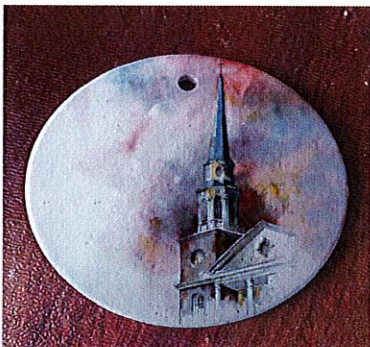
- The residents of the Realty Building & International Tower
- The people of the Ukraine
- The people of Israel and Gaza
- Our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant 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)
- Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister)
- Ron Strasik (Renae Scharf)
- the Sarver family (Lynn Toman)
- Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson)
- Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller)
- Audrey Frost's family
- Barb Altman
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Martin Goss
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Julius Balogh
- Arlene Wright
- Marlen Sue Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory
- Leanne Comstock
- Sandy Benson

June Birthdays



6-1	Janis DePasqua	6-12	Betsey Philips
6-1	Bob Thomas	6-12	Janet Trevathan
6-2	Juliann Davis	6-19	Nathan Wan-Tatah
6-9	Martha Parsons	6-21	Bryan Davis
6-12	Rose Craven	6-24	Lynne Pebworth
6-12	Jamie Sue Phelan	6-30	Rochelle Ruffer





Commemorative Ornaments



To honor First Presbyterian Church's 225th anniversary, the Anniversary Committee is selling commemorative ornaments. The ornaments are ceramic, 3 inches in diameter, have a beautiful picture of the church on one side and the wording "First Presbyterian Church 1799-2024" on the other. The cost is \$5.00 per ornament. Please contact Patti Keenan, pbk1010@gmail.com or 330-770-0999 for more information or to place an order. There are a limited number of these ornaments available.



JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship Service 11 am-Communion		5:30-7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC 6 pm Scouts 6-7 pm-AMF Bible Study - Parlor 7-9 pm-Piano Recital - Missy Amendola – Sanctuary	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	MFHC PT 9 am – 12 pm PT 4 pm – 8 pm 12 pm – Staff Mtg 6:30-8 pm – Troop/Pack 55 Comm. Mtg – Library		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship Service 11 am-Communion Pentecost 		10-11 am – FPC Book Club - Parlor 6 pm Scouts 6-7 pm-AMF Bible Study - Parlor	6:30 pm-Finance Mtg – Pastor's Office	MFHC PT 9 am – 12 pm PT 4 pm – 8 pm Clinic – 5 pm – 8 pm 8:00-3:30 pm – REI Training - Parlor	11 am – 1 pm Sight for United Vision Recognition Luncheon - HC	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship Service 11 am HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 		12:30 pm – BEG Mtg – Pastor's Office 6 pm Scouts 6-7 pm-AMF Bible Study - Parlor 7 pm – Mission Mtg – Library	10-11:30 am – Saving Our Seniors – HC	OFFICE CLOSED JUNETEENTH 	10 am-1 pm – OL Living Well HC	2-4 pm – Gutknecht Towers – Summer Daze HC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
Worship Service 11 am						