

THE FORECASTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome Summer!

I am looking forward to the coming months. I'm looking forward to a different pace, time with family, 2 weeks of vacation (one of which I am on while you read this), and opportunities to gather with you all in different ways.

One of the always present aspects of our faith is that we have the trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God in three persons, yet united. We also have the stories of Adam and Eve at the beginning of Genesis, where God recognized that it was not good for people to be alone. Then there is Jesus's ministry to those on the margins, bringing people together over shared meals, and welcoming people to the community of God. And additionally, we have the discussion of how to be in community with one another that permeates the writings of Paul and the other Epistles.

My hope for you, and my encouragement to you this summer (and beyond) is that you find ways to gather with members of the church and the presbytery in community. Join the Presbytery for a mission project or the trip in September, or meet up in Akron for the Presbyterian Day with the Rubber Ducks (info on pg. 5). Come join the discussion in our Bible Study on the 3rd Wednesdays of June, July, and August (pg. 6). Gather with the book club to discuss the monthly books through the rest of the year (pg. 4), with me for my summer book club (pg. 4), with the PW for lunch after services on the 4th Sunday of the month (pg. 3), or the new Men's Bible Study I am working on with Chet Cooper that we will launch later this summer.

The reality of community is that it can only exist when we put effort into it. We cannot sit idly by and hope it happens, or that someone else will do it for us. Come join us for one of the options above, or come work with me to start a group that does something you are interested in. This can truly be anything, including: games, gardening, meditation, walking, cooking, study, and more. Let us be the community we hope for and desire to have.

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

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 FPCYO met on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:02 pm in the church library. Opening devotions and prayer were offered by Ruling Elder Daniel Ayana. Quorum was declared and the Agenda and Consent Docket were both approved by voice vote. We were introduced to our new COM Liaison, Mr. Bill Young, from the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church.

Discussion is continuing about our future Internal and External Focuses. Pastor asked us to prayerfully consider what will benefit us internally to build community within the congregation, and how we can be a benefit to the community around us.

The Pastor and the BEG chair, Elder Patti Keenan, updated the Session on current projects. New bids are being sought for replacing air conditioning units, and for repairing leaks in the kitchen sink. The Fire Safety System is fully updated and certified and will be inspected annually. Other projects (doors, parking lot) are still in progress.

Session will take a break during June and July, but if needed, will a special meeting or communicate and vote on issues by email. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Opening and closing devotions will be given by Rev. Warner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with a closing prayer by Ruling Elder Daniel Ayana.

~ Karen Cooper, Clerk

Livestreamed Worship

Livestreamed worship: We are livestreaming our worship services to those who ask to be added to our distribution list. Please contact the church office to be added to the list.

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES

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

June 7, 2026	July 5, 2026
Aug 2, 2026	Sept 6, 2026

PER CAPITA 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Per Capita fee for 2026. This year's fee is \$35.00 per church member (1=\$35, 2=\$70, 3=\$105, etc.). We have a budget of \$4,356 that will be sent to Presbytery, and we need everyone's help to try and achieve that goal. As of 4/30/26, we have received \$820, so we have a long way to go! Please prayerfully consider giving your Per Capita to help us meet our budget. Thank you!

From the Committees



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 keep fresh flowers for the chancel, contact Patty Schuley in the church office.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Our post-worship coffee hour is a great time to gather with other members and guests in fellowship. We are looking for new hosts to join the rotation. If interested, please speak to Margie Patterson, or any of the other hosts. You provide the snack (homemade, store bought, donuts, crackers and cheese, whatever your heart desires), the church provides the beverages, the staff will help you prepare, and you just need to step out during the closing hymn to move things from the parlor kitchen.



FPW NEWS

We are planning to get together on the last Sunday of each month for lunch, following worship, dining at various local restaurants. Our next lunch will be on **Sunday, June 28th**. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. **This is not just for the women!** We'll meet after coffee hour in the Garden Room and travel to **The Varsity Club, 131 Commerce Street**. We'll each pay for lunch on our own.



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 food 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



Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be hosting a *Welcome Summer* party for the residents of Gutknecht Tower on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. You can help in several ways:

1. Bring cookies, chips or fruit
2. Donate puzzle books
3. Donate toiletries
4. Help set-up (1:00 pm)
5. Help with Bingo and assist residents with food

Sign up with Wilma or just show up that day!

FPC Book Club

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

Our selection for June is a Fantasy – *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. This novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

We hope you will join us on June 9th 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 – Historical Fiction – *When the World Fell Silent* by Donna Jones Alward. A novel of the 1917 Halifax explosion.

AUGUST – Fiction – *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Explores anonymously performed acts of kindness and creative generosity, which spark stories and friendship.

SEPTEMBER – Autobiography/Memoir – *Colors of the Mountain* by Da Chen. Memories of a childhood in rural China during Mao's Cultural Revolution.

OCTOBER – Historical Fiction – *Canticle* by Janet Rich Edwards. Aleys runs away from home and finds shelter among the beguines, a fiercely independent community of religious women who refuse to answer to the church.

NOVEMBER – Nonfiction – *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green. Tells a deeply story illuminating the fight against the world's deadliest infectious disease.



Pastor's Summer Book Club

All are invited to join Pastor Payne this summer as he once again knocks out several books from his "To Read" list. We will meet on the fourth Tuesdays of June, July, and August. You are welcome to come to any, or all, of the discussions. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study. 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 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 23:** *The Bible Says So – What we get right (and wrong) about scripture's most controversial stories* by Dan McClellan
- **Tuesday, July 28:** *The Widening of God's Mercy* by Christopher B. Hays and Richard B. Hays
- **Tuesday, August 25:** *Kingdom of Rage* by Elizabeth Neumann

Presbytery Opportunities

Presbyterian Day with the Rubber Ducks: Friday, June 19, Eastminster, Western Reserve, and Muskingum Valley Presbyteries are hosting a Presbyterian Day at the Akron Rubber Ducks home game. Discounted tickets are available. More information is available at eastminsterpresbytery.org. If you need help with tickets or the ticketing process, are interested in carpooling to the game, or need any assistance with figuring this excursion out, please contact the church office.



Join us for a Mission Trip

WHERE:



11745 Rosa Parks Blvd
Detroit, MI 4820

WHEN:

September 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

WHO:

Participants from our congregations (ages 18+) will team up with Cass Community Social Services to help fight poverty, create opportunities, and build stronger communities. All skill levels with willing hearts and hands welcome.

WHY:

This trip is perfect for congregations eager to engage in mission work but without the resources to organize one themselves. The Resource Committee and Eastminster Presbytery are handling all the logistics, making it easy, accessible, and affordable.

Interested in Learning More?

Two informational Zoom meetings are planned for anyone interested in joining or simply learning more. Attending a meeting does not commit you to the trip! To join, scan the QR code for the date you would like to attend, visit eastminsterpresbytery.org, or email Diane@eastminsterpresbytery.org with a request for the Zoom link of your choice.

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.



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)
- Jennifer Patterson
- Barb Altman
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Marlen Sue Martin
- Frank Harry Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory
- Sandy Benson
- Libby Benson
- William Miller
- Virginia Dineen
- Ronald Musgrove



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

Monthly Bible Study (For the Summer)





Third Wednesdays of June, July and August at 5:15 in the Helen Chapel

The Bible Study will meet once a month over the summer (6/17, 7/15, 8/19). In each meeting we will discuss the previous week's sermon passage, but there is space to dive into another week's passage, or address any questions you may have. We will have plenty of food.

Join us for great discussion and even better food.



JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 4-7 pm-Penguin PT 5:30-7 pm – NAMI Yoga – HC	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 2-7 pm-Penguin PT	12-2 pm-OL – Technology Training for Srs Comm Rm	2-4 pm – Gutknecht Kick off to Summer Party – HC
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11 am Worship Service Communion Sunday 		10-11 am-FPC Book Club – Parlor 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 4-7 pm-Penguin PT 6 pm Scouts	2-3:30 pm – Mission Mtg – Library	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 2-7 pm-Penguin PT 5-8 pm - Clinic		2-7 pm – Birthday Dinner – Janet Trevathan – HC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11 am Worship Service 		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 4-7 pm-Penguin PT 6 pm Scouts	10-11:30 am – Saving Our Seniors – HC 5:15 pm – Bible Study & Pot Luck Dinner – HC	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 2-7 pm-Penguin PT 6-7:30 pm – NAMI Bd Mtg-NAMI Office	OFFICE CLOSED 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
11 am Worship Service HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 6 pm – Summer Book Club – HC		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5-8 pm - Clinic		
28	29	30				
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 6 pm Scouts				