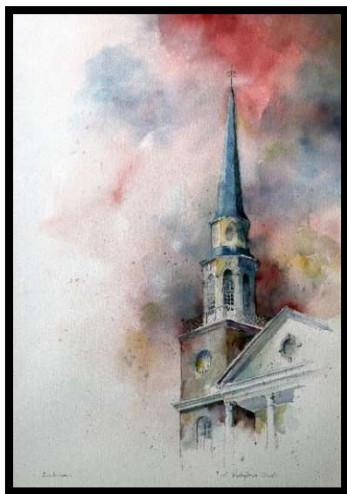




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From the Music Director's Desk

Greetings!

Pastor Payne is doing something different this month and giving me the opportunity to bring you some information about a wonderful musical opportunity we have in worship on Sunday, July 12.

In our worship service we are welcoming Dana School Musicians Dr. Allan Mosher, baritone, and Dr. Da Eun Choi, pianist. They will be presenting my music from a collection of arrangements of beloved church hymns and songs I created especially for Dr. Mosher during the years of 2005-2007.

It is my hope that you are able to attend this special morning of thankful expressions of music from our past as the pieces are placed at the Prelude, the Offertory, Hymns, and Benediction positions within the service.

We will all be singing the great hymn, *God of the Ages*, accompanied on our Austin organ, complete with its majestic trumpets.

The songs in this program are: *My Lord, What a Morning*, *Jacob's Ladder*, *Wayfaring Stranger*, and *Wesley Church*. *Wesley Church* is based on the music and hymns of my childhood home church in Maryland.

We are hoping to see all of you, and please remember to invite your friends and family members to this service.

Thanks to all,

Dr. Larry Harris
Music Director and Organist

July 2026

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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 is taking a break during June and July from regular meetings, but if needed, we will call a special meeting, or communicate and vote on issues by email.

We have used the ability to take votes virtually by email to approve several projects addressing the needs of our physical plant. These are all projects that were discussed in our May meeting, but the Session requested additional information in order to make their decisions. These projects are to replace the doors into Hudnut Hall and the Helen Chapel from the parking lot (Main entrance, Boiler Room, and Kitchen), upgrade the doors from Hudnut Hall and the Helen Chapel onto Wood Street to modern standards while keeping the historic doors, replacing the broken and vandalized AC units for spaces in Hudnut Hall, and resurfacing the parking lot.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm where we will put our electronic votes into our official record. Opening and closing devotions will be given by Rev. Warner.

~ 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:

July 5, 2026 Aug 22, 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, July 26th**. 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 V2 Restaurant, 100 W Federal Street**. We'll each pay for lunch on our own.

Also, please mark your calendars for the annual FPW picnic on **Wednesday, August 26th** at 6:00 p.m. at Karen Cooper's house, 254 Moreland Drive, Canfield.

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



ALL CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

Church Members and Open to the Public
Worship will begin at 11 a.m. in the green
space by the parking lot

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



FPC Book Club

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

Our selection for July is a Historical Fiction – *When the World Fell Silent* by Donna Jones Alward. A novel of the 1917 Halifax explosion. Nora Crowell wants more than her sister's life as a wife and mother. As WWI rages across the Atlantic, she becomes a lieutenant in the Canadian Army Nursing Corps. But trouble is looming and it won't be long before the truth comes to light. When tragedy strikes in Halifax Harbour, nothing for these two women will ever be the same again. Their paths will cross in the most unexpected way, trailing both heartbreak and joy in its wake...

We hope you will join us on July 14th 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

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 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.

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, 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

Congratulations Graduate

Congratulations to May Lynn Einfalt who graduated from Tufts University at Grafton, MA in May with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. May Lynn is the daughter of John and Grace Einfalt. She will be working at a Veterinary clinic in East Canton, OH. She particularly likes working with large animals, but will be working with small animals also. May grew up in this church and received her undergraduate degree from YSU. We are very proud of her accomplishments and wish her well in her new job.

Presbytery Mission Opportunity

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 (Rena 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



July Birthdays

7-1	Eric Monroe	7-12	Payne Warner
7-8	Claudia Sturtz	7-13	Lindsay Goodman
7-9	Violet Warner	7-20	Jolien Helsel
7-9	Nolan Wittenauer	7-26	Stella O'Harra
7-9	Lisa Einfalt	7-29	Michael Klaus
7-12	Sandy Benson	7-30	Elias D'Amico
7-12	Elsie Dursi		

Monthly Bible Study (For the Summer)

Third Wednesdays of July and August at 5:15 in the Community Room

The Bible Study will meet once a month over the summer (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.



JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC	OFFICE CLOSED 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11 am Worship Service Communion Sunday 		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5:30-7 PM – NAMI Yoga – HC		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 4:30-5:30 pm – Midlothian Hlth Clinic – Parlor DR 5-8 pm - Clinic		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
11 am Worship Service		10-11 am- FPC Book Club – Parlor 12:30-2 pm – BEG Mtg-Pastor's Office 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 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 6-7:30 pm – NAMI Bd Mtg-NAMI Office		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 6 pm Scouts		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5-8 pm - Clinic		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 6-8 pm – Summer Book Club – HC		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC		