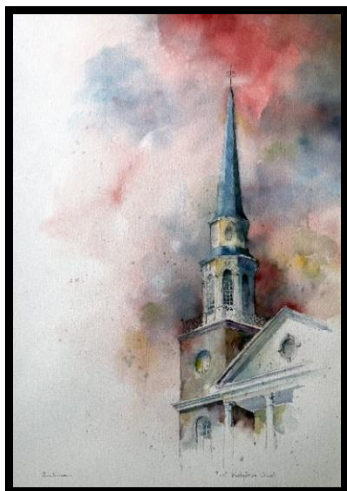




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From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome to August!

Somehow, it has been three years since I received your call to our church and moved with Katie and Violet to Youngstown. It was a journey to get here, and it has been a journey since. As I look at those years and all it has brought me, I am so grateful for each of you, the members and friends of FPCYO, Eastminster Presbytery, and to the wider Youngstown community for giving us the opportunity to find and build a home here, with you.

We have celebrated anniversaries, births (I can't leave Roey out, even if he wasn't physically present when we arrived), and the lives of those that were called to their eternal reward. We have mourned losses of members, and the closing of congregations in our community. And we have participated in the life of Youngstown in real and lasting ways through our own efforts, as well as through the groups we work with and live our communal lives together with.

I look forward to many more years of celebrating, remembering, mourning, and living with you, whatever that looks like.

As we continue to evolve and look at where the Spirit is calling us to be the hands, feet, and body of Christ, I am blessed to stand along side you and take these steps on this journey. We are building something worth celebrating in this space and in our community. The Kingdom of Heaven is all around us and we have the opportunity to continue to build it taller, stronger, and more inclusive together with God.

Blessings,

Rev. M. Payne Warner

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Pastor

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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.

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. Please note that on August 9th our Church Picnic, we will not be livestreaming.

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:

Aug 2, 2026 Sept 6, 2026
Oct 4, 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

Mission Committee News

We will again be hosting our neighbors from Gutknecht Tower and also from the YWCA for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The Next Bingo event will be held on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Helen Chapel. If you would like to help, you can do so in several ways: provide snacks, purchase toiletries, puzzle books or treats as prizes, help that day, or monetary donations. See Wilma on Sunday mornings to sign up. 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.

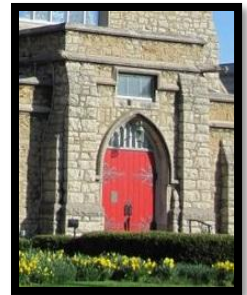


FPW NEWS

Join us for lunch after church on **Sunday, August 30th**. Everyone is welcome. This is not just for the women! We'll meet after coffee hour in the Garden Room and travel to **The Magic Tree Eatery** located at 7463 South Avenue in Boardman. We'll each pay for lunch on our own.

FPW PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Cooper, 254 Moreland Drive, Canfield. 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. Sign up in church with Wilma, or call Margie at 330-507-2345 with your reservation. Guests are welcome!



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FPC Book Club

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

Our selection for August is a Fiction – *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

We hope you will join us on August 11th 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

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. Alys 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 Tuesday of August. You are welcome to come to the discussion. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

We will discuss the entire book, 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, August 25:** *Kingdom of Rage* by Elizabeth Neumann

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



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



August Birthdays

8-1	Cory Smith	8-26	Debbie Mager
8-9	Ben Mansfield	8-26	Nancy Soyars
8-16	Katie Warner	8-27	Jackie Rogenski
8-18	Bob Fitch	8-28	Janie Warner
8-19	Rosemary Minghetti	8-30	Dave Todd

Monthly Bible Study (For the Summer)

Third Wednesday of August at 5:15 in the Community Room

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



AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11 am Worship Service Communion Sunday 		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5:30-7 PM – NAMI Yoga – HC 6 pm Scouts		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11 am Worship Service CHURCH PICNIC 		10-11 am- FPC Book Club – Parlor 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 2 pm-Mission Mtg – Pastor's Office	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5-8 pm – Clinic		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
11 am Worship Service		6 pm Scouts 7 pm-Session Mtg – Library	5:15 pm – Bible Study & Pot Luck Dinner – HC	6-7:30 pm – NAMI Bd Mtg-NAMI Office		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 6-8 pm – Summer Book Club – HC	6 pm – FPW Picnic- Karen Cooper's Home	11-1 pm-Reentry Coalition Qtrly Mtg HC 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5-8 pm - Clinic		
30	31					
11 am Worship Service						