



## August 2023

### Our Vision

**“By the grace of Jesus Christ, we will strive to share the Good News with the world, to nurture each other in our faith and to go into the world sharing Christ’s love**



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Packet Articles are due  
Third Friday of every month.

### Cleared for takeoff! ...

Sometimes when I listen for God, I hear the strangest things. Several months ago, the session voted to search for a designated pastor for First Presbyterian. We have been hearing that finding a pastor might not be possible. There are few, if any, candidates graduating from our seminaries. We should look for several people with skills in differing parts of the ministry or share our people resources with other churches. So how does a designated pastor differ from a called pastor?

Briefly, in this way — After a pastoral search, if a candidate is “called”, they become your pastor for an undetermined period of time. When a separation occurs, there is a period of recovery before beginning a new search. If a designated pastor is hired, that time period is stated, normally 3 years. In this three-year period both the congregation and the candidate work to see if this is a good fit for both. If it is a good fit, then a call may be offered. Like trying on shoes before you buy them.

With session approval, the Personnel committee plus one deacon has agreed to head up the search. The members include:

- Nancy McCartney- Personnel Chair and Buildings and Admin. Rep
- Linda O’Brien- Stewardship and Finance
- Jill Anderson- Christian Education
- Cathy Piekarski- Worship and Music
- Jim Warner- Deacon

**We have taken off!** We have been meeting and hope to complete our Ministry Information Form this week. This form tells others who we are and what our mission is. We are beginning our ascent. It is a non-stop flight, but it will not be short. We are moving forward with God as our pilot.



Will you join us on our journey? We will need your prayers and support. Please feel free to ask us about the flight and our progress. We will strive to give you “FlightAware” updates as we go.

So, lean back and enjoy the flight knowing that God is in control and will bring us to where we are meant to be.

### We have partnered with Glenwood Retirement Community

for our senior members, to have Wednesday dinners at 5:30 pm at two church family members’ tables: Richard and Nancy Murdoch, or, Richard and Elfrieda Ratzlaff. **\*\*Please call Richard Ratzlaff, 740-376-0345 by Tuesday at 3:00 pm for your reservation each week you plan to participate.\*\*** Meals are paid for from the Endowments Unrestricted Fund and proceed through Sept. 13, 2023.

## From Reverend Mike's Desk

As we move into the month of August, I am amazed at the unprecedented heat that has been a part of so much of the United States and Europe. We sometimes refer to this period of the summer as the "Dog Days". This year that is "officially" 3 July – 11 August. This period of the summer got its name from the Romans. When the constellation Sirius would appear in the night sky just before the sun rose, that marked the very hottest days of summer. Romans referred to this period as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star", which was eventually translated as just "dog days".

No matter the source of the name, it is just plain hot! I hope we can be sensitive to the suffering that many have gone through. Imagine what it would be like to go through this hot weather without air conditioning.

Believe it or not, it is in August that students and teachers return to their respective roles. I remember as a student that we never started school before Labor Day. Not so now. Let us be aware in the second part of the month that there may be little ones walking to and from school.

Also, as we move through the latter weeks of August be aware that activities at First Presbyterian will be resuming. Check the weekly bulletins and FACEBOOK page for the start of choir and bell choir rehearsals, Church School, and other activities. If you have a question, just call the church office.

### *A Note From Bonnie*

Miracles are all around us; we just have to open our eyes and see. In fact, each of us is a living miracle in how our bodies function and our minds make decisions. The big miracles of the kind we read about in the New Testament were given as teaching tools to help our awareness of the true power of Jesus.

The smaller miracles of our everyday activities may pass unnoticed in our fast-paced lives; but when we stop and check back through the days and weeks and think about how they unfolded, miracles are there nonetheless. When God touches our life, we do not want to be afraid to share the wonderful experiences with our family and friends. Maybe a question at the dinner table or over coffee hour might be, "Would you share with us your latest miracle?"

Together in Christ,  
Bonnie

SIGNS OF

HEAT EXHAUSTION		HEAT STROKE
DIZZINESS & FAINTING		THROBBING HEADACHE
EXCESSIVE SWEATING		NO SWEATING
RAPID, WEAK PULSE		RAPID, STRONG PULSE
NAUSEA OR VOMITING		NAUSEA OR VOMITING
COOL, PALE CLAMMY SKIN		RED, HOT DRY SKIN
MUSCLE CRAMPS		MAY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS

### Safety Tips

- \* Stay hydrated!
- \* Wear light, loose fitting clothing & a wide-brimmed hat
- \* Protect against sunburn
- \* Take it easy during the hottest part of the day
- \* Use the buddy system if out in the heat



<b>Gary O'Brien</b>	<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Peter Sour</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>
<b>Jane Hutchinson</b>	<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Patricia Wheeler</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>
<b>Levi Martin</b>	<b>Aug 9</b>	<b>Larry Unroe</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>
<b>Wade Miller</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>Jane Crumrine</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>
<b>Kenna Pottenger</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>John Hammat Sr.</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>
<b>James Wieferich</b>	<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Joan Hampton</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>
<b>Rose Dowler</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Justin Warner</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>
		<b>Tom O' Connor</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>

### Session Summary for July

#### Motions presented and approved by session:

1. To disburse \$5,000.00 from the Florence K. Hull Theological Education Fund for a scholarship for Theodore Longlois from Birmingham, Alabama, who will be attending Princeton Theological Seminary this fall.

Next session meeting: August 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Update! Theodore sent the church a very nice thank you note!

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio,  
Thank you so much for the incredibly generous Florence K. Hull Theological Scholarship! I greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend Princeton Theological Seminary without incurring debt. I am so grateful for your assistance.  
Yours in prayer,  
Theodore V. Longlois





# Sip & Chat & Care

The Outreach Commission wants to remind you that anyone can sign up to host a **Sip & Chat & Care!** Each month we are encouraging a member (or group) from the FPC family to select a Sunday to host Sip & Chat for a cause! This is your chance to raise funds and awareness for a group or cause that is dear to your heart. It's easy.....

**First select a cause that is dear to your heart.** We have a list of preapproved organizations, but if yours isn't on it, just speak to someone on the Outreach Commission and we'll review it, to see if it is a fit.

Then **put together a display** to let others know why this group needs our help. Be creative - you can use the church tv to show a video of theirs, or bring in props; have fun with it!

Finally **bring the food** - Offer any type of spread you want - you can even take it to the next level and do a full out lunch, you decide. We'll have a **donation jar** for you to put out to raise funds specific for your cause.

In addition, Outreach & Endowments will provide \$100 to go to the cause (for the first 6 events), so you are **guaranteed to help those in need!**

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## Holiday Auction ???

The Outreach Commission received requests to hold another silent Talent Auction. One suggestion was to hold one close to the holidays so that people may purchase gifts while supporting a great cause. So we want to know.....

**Do you want to hold another Silent Talent Auction? And if so, when?**

Please complete a quick survey to let us know if & when!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TalentAuction>



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the  
Date

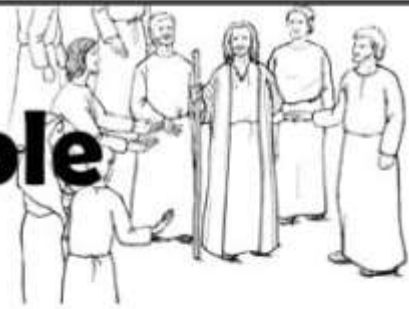
Fall Church  
Picnic  
~  
Sunday,  
September 24th



The Living Word Outdoor Drama

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Books of the Bible Word Search



GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

OBADIAH

SAMUEL

ISAIAH

CHRONICLES

EZRA

ECCLESIASTES

JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS



# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 30	11am - Mon. Prayers 31	12pm - Endowments 1	2	7pm - AA 3	4	9am - AA 5
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 6	11am - Monday 6pm - B & A 6:30pm - Deacons 7	8	9	5:30pm - Stampin' Up 7pm - AA 10	10am - Front Porch 11	9am - AA Front Porch Ministry 12
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 13	11am - Mon. Prayers 14	5pm - Tea and Tomes 6pm - Eve Board 6pm - Session 15	5:30pm - Legal 16	7pm - AA 17	18	9am - AA 19
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 20	11am - Mon. Prayers 21	11:30am - Community 22	23	7pm - AA 24	25	9am - AA 26
9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Sip & Chat 27	11am - Mon. Prayers 28	29	5pm - Handbell 30	7pm - AA 31	10am - Front Porch 1	Front Porch Ministry 9am - AA 2

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### **Theological Endowment Fund Fulfilling Its Purpose**

The Florence K. Hull Theological Education Fund was established to provide scholarships for students currently studying to enter the ministry. Individuals applying for a grant must be under care of a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an Inquirer or Candidate for the Office of Minister and be enrolled in a theological seminary of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They then complete and submit a Florence K. Hull Theological Fund Grant Application.

Over many years we have awarded many scholarships including to our own Justin Warner. This year a scholarship award is being made to Theodore Longlois from Birmingham, Alabama, who will be beginning classes this fall at Princeton Theological Seminary. His goal is to become a chaplain. We are blessed by those who have created or given to the variety of endowments and special funds that we have because they wanted to make a difference in our lives.

Any Endowment Committee member can provide additional information on the advantages of gifts to endowment funds. Contact John Miller, committee chairman, Jennylou Brock, Jerry Brock, Matt Evans, Susie Evans, Hank Goehring, Richard Murdock or Gail Reynolds for further information.