

October 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

Attention all Front Porch Fellowship Volunteers!

Mark your calendar for October 28, 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall for our Fall luncheon! We will review Front Porch, have prayer, and enjoy a soup/sandwich lunch together. Friends are welcome, too. See you for lunch!

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Third Friday of every month.



Back row, left to right: Brendon, Andrew
Front row, left to right: Antigone, Rose, Victoria

Introducing . . .

This Year’s First Presbyterian Choir Scholars

Rose Wardlow is a Junior at Marietta College, pursuing a BA in Musical Theatre with minors in Dance and Creative Writing. They are a member of the theatre honorary society Alpha Psi Omega, participate in the Music Department’s Concert Choir ensemble, and study Applied Voice with Dr. Amy Yekel. They are so excited to be back singing!

Antigone Lautar Hall is a senior at Marietta College, pursuing a BFA in Theatre Performance. They are president of the theatre honorary society Alpha Psi Omega, and participate in the Music Department’s Jazz Ensemble. They are very excited to be singing in the choirs!

Brendon Thompson is a sophomore at Marietta College. He is studying musical theatre and dance there. He graduated from Botkins High School with little experience in either field, but a love to perform. He’s loved singing ever since he could open his mouth. But he’s always loved to act, and eventually he wants to pursue that dream as an actor in cinema.

Victoria Humphrey is a senior Vocal Performance and Music Education double major at Marietta College and is so excited to be back with the Chancel Choir this year! At Marietta College, Victoria has participated in Concert Choir, where she acts as the soprano section leader, Treble Choir, Floodstage Contemporary A cappella Choir, and the MC Barbershop Quartet. She has served two semesters as choir president and is also a member of the Collegiate National Association for Music Educators. She is the president of the student chapter for the American Choral Directors Association and the vice president of Mu Psi Kappa Music Honors Society. She has participated in multiple productions on campus too, playing "Madame Kirsten" in Captain Lovelock, "The Witch" in Into the Woods, "Madame Flora/Baba" in The Medium, and most recently she was a featured vocalist in Much Ado About Nothing. Victoria teaches voice lessons to students in the area. In her (very limited) free time, Victoria likes to take dance classes at the college, crochet, and spend time with her friends. She would like to thank her cat Kirby for always supporting her musical endeavors, even though she doesn't understand them.

Andrew Konjevich is a 5th year senior Information Systems major and Theatre minor finishing his last semester in December. Outside of school he enjoys Photography, Movies, Theatre, listening to or playing music, hanging out with his friends, occasionally bowling, and even just sitting outside reading. Andrew has been singing at the church for a little over a year now and enjoys walking in on Sunday mornings seeing everyone’s smiling faces.



A Note From Bonnie

We celebrate Reformation Sunday this month on the 29th. Presbyterians are part of the “Reformed” family within the Christian church. Our ancestors include theologian John Calvin (1509-1564) and Martin Luther (1484-1546) as part of our early family tree.

Ours is a grace-filled union of faith with Jesus Christ. We acknowledge and give thanks for what God does with us and among us. We embrace the goodness of life even in its daily routineness. Though we are always sinners, God forgives us as we constantly aim to live for Him every day.

Our life in Christ is marked by worship, learning, and service to God as we are drawn together with others in the church in Jesus Christ. Our hope for the future comes from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our eternal life is now and lasts after death forever, in the heavenly presence of God, angels, and saints.

Together in Christ,
Bonnie



Honduras Mission **We did it and God provided!**

The house for Yensiel Daniela Aguilar Archaga and her four children is finished! They asked to thank our church for providing the funds for this to happen and said “God bless you all”! We will continue providing funds through Outreach, Deacons and our members, as you feel called to, for school supplies, school uniforms and the feeding kitchen for the community of Talanga, Honduras.

Thank you again for your support of these missionaries and their community!



BOO!

John Miller Oct 3
Kevin Scheve Oct 3
Betsy Akeman Oct 4
Ed Osborne Oct 10
Matthew Alden Oct 12
Bill Donnelly Oct 14



Nancy McCartney Oct 16
Mariom Taylor Oct 16
Al Trout Oct 19
Kathy Buckley Oct 20
Mike McCartney Oct 21
Jeff Spear Oct 26
Kathleen Wieferrich Oct 29



Session Summary for September 12, 2023

Motions presented and approved by session:

1. To approve the session manual as updated and corrected.
2. There will be a called congregational meeting November 19th for the purpose of hearing the report from the nominating committee.
- 3.

Next session meeting: October 17 at 6:00 pm

The Times Are Changing

Everywhere we look, life, and the world around us, is changing. The church especially has seen diminished attendance, fewer young families attending worship and Sunday School, and maturing congregations. Some of us continue to attend worship via broadcasts. For others, driving at night and in bad weather to attend church functions is ill advised.

On the other hand, the church serves a community of growing needs through outreach programs, serves as a refuge in any storm, and bolsters our faith and commitment to the Lord and each other. We all know our pocket books have taken a hit lately with rising prices. The church's purse is no different. Roof leaks, garden maintenance, elevator issues, old windows, heat and air conditioning issues, new programs, and other needs creep up just as they do in our homes.

Thankfully, we have been blessed with a generous congregation that takes care of today while planning for the security of our faith home and its good works. These gifts, through Endowments, assure the facility, programs, worship, music, youth activities, fellowship activities, and more thrive into the future. There are some church needs that are generously funded and others that are narrowly designated for specific purposes. Some funds have a small annual income and could use additional funding to augment programs of interest to donors. There are also areas of church life that have no funding, which are helped through the Unrestricted Fund. It's a popular alternative to establishing a new fund.

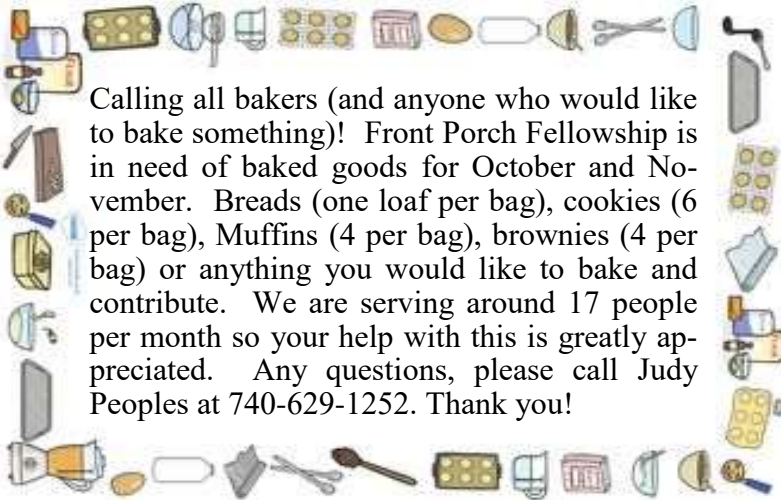
If you are considering a gift to First Presbyterian Church's Endowments, please contact Chairman John Miller (740-376-9186) for a confidential discussion of your wishes. He will help you decide where your gift will have the greatest impact, whether it is a gift to an existing fund or the creation of a new fund that will support an unmet need. Endowments and Special Funds Committee: John Miller, Committee, Matt Evans, Jennylou Brock, Jerry Brock, Susie Evans, Hank Goehring, Richard Murdock, and Gail Reynolds.

Flight Aware Update

As we continue our ascension on our pastor search, the skies have been full of turbulence. The paperwork which we were given to fill out and submit to Louisville was outdated. The last updates were made this past spring. Even though Louisville had updated the information on their website, it still refers to the old forms and submission information. Once we made the personal connection to Louisville, we were finally through the paper storm. Our information has been submitted and we are currently editing and waiting for our Committee on Ministry to make their recommendations. At that point our information will be submitted for final approval. Once it is circulated, we hope to start receiving candidates' information. Please keep this committee in your prayers. We believe God has someone for our church in His time.



Nancy McCartney, Linda O'Brien, Jill Anderson, Cathy Piekarski, Jim Warner



Calling all bakers (and anyone who would like to bake something)! Front Porch Fellowship is in need of baked goods for October and November. Breads (one loaf per bag), cookies (6 per bag), Muffins (4 per bag), brownies (4 per bag) or anything you would like to bake and contribute. We are serving around 17 people per month so your help with this is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Judy Peoples at 740-629-1252. Thank you!



Are You a Poet and Don't Know It?

or . . .

Would You Like to Try Your Hand at Poetry?

Christian Education is offering a two-part adult education class on Poetry writing. These classes will take place on Thursday, October 19, and Thursday October 26, from 3 to 5 pm. We are privileged to have Barb McCollough presenting these classes. Her impressive biography is to the right of this article.

October 19th's class will involve reading and discussing two Ohio writers, Keri Gunter Seymour and John Burrough. There will be a discussion of how they write and then a focus on Appalachia and Beat writing, with 1-2 writing activities based upon some of their poems.

October 26th's class will be a discussion and writing involving a memoir-to-poem "jump." Discussion will include what happens when using established text and "erasure" to make prose poetry.

There will be a sign up sheet posted on the big bulletin board at the foot of the stairs. Jill Anderson is spear heading this, so ask her any questions you may have!

Barb McCullough

From waitress to educator, from grants-writer to author/editor, from spouse to consultant to performer, Barb McCullough writes to understand What Then has to do with Now, and what How has to do with What's Next.

Barb McCullough split her time between teaching and writing in WV and OH. While a WV educator, Barb worked as a WV Humanities Scholar; in OH she studied as an OSU Asian Studies Fellow. Barb collaborated with Marietta College, Ohio, as editor, grants writer, and readings coordinator for *Confluence* literary magazine.

From 2018-2020, Barb read around Ohio with *Women of Appalachia Speaks*. Her latest work is found in *I Thought I Heard a Cardinal Sing: Ohio's Appalachian Voices* with upcoming poems due in *The National/International Goddess Anthology and River Dog Zine*. and *River Dog Zine*.

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

ELECTION DAY SOUP & SANDWICH

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
501 Fourth Street, Marietta, OH

Join us for a community tradition
Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, and Beverage

Proceeds to benefit



and



Sunday, Oct. 22

Be sure to stop by
Fellowship Hall for a
Sip & Chat & Care

to raise awareness
and funds for



after church
service



FPC will be giving out cider,
candy, and non-candy treats
on Trick or Treat night.

Saturday, 10/28

Let the Outreach Committee
know if you would like to
join in the festivities

CHOPPED CHALLENGE

Coming Sunday, Nov. 12

Gather your team together & come
see if you can create an amazing
dish from the mystery ingredients.

What will be in the basket?

Event will include lunch &
be for youth and adults.

More info to come.





8 Weeks of Giving

October 1st to November 26th

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Week	Items	Groups
1	Peanut Butter & Tissues and Paper Towels	Gospel Mission & Boys & Girls Club
2	Canned Veggies & Canned Chicken	Marietta Food Pantry & GoPacks
3	Cereal & Diapers	Marietta Food Pantry & Gabriel Project
4	Rice & Feminine Products	Gospel Mission & Eve, Inc.
5	Pasta & Childrens/Youth Coats	Marietta Food Pantry & Tabby's Clotheslines
6	Canned Fruit & Individual Water Bottles	Gospel Mission & Habitat for Humanity
7	Peanut Butter Crackers & Dog Food or Cat Litter	Gospel Mission & Humane Society
8	Tuna Fish & Children's/Youth's Coats	Marietta Food Pantry & Tabby's Clotheslines

This campaign will also support Harvest of Hope.

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:15am - Gloryfy 11:15am - Sip & Chat 2:30pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11am - Mon. Prayers 6pm - B & A 6:30pm - Deacons</p>	<p>12pm - Endowments 6:15pm - Worship &</p>	<p>5pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Youth Group 7pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - Joyful Hearts</p>	<p>7pm - AA</p>	<p>10am - Front Porch</p>	<p>Front Porch Ministry 9am - AA</p>
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The Outreach Committee is exploring options to provide transportation to and from Manna dinners and programs this year.

More information will be provided as soon as the details come together. The goal is to provide rides to and from the church building to anyone who desires and/or needs a safe ride, particularly after dark.

