



# THE BEACON

## AUGUST 2018

Newsletter for First Presbyterian Church, 116 W. Court St., Urbana, OH – 653-4225

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### **SESSION SNAPSHOTS** – June 21, 2018 Session meeting

Nancy Roberts, Clerk of Session

The Deacons reported that around 70 people attended the Confirmands and Graduates Reception held in June. VBS had a great turnout this year as well as Beginner's Camp at Kirkmont. The Habitat for Humanity build was also a great success with about 19 people from this church participating. Our first Marriage Committee meeting was held in June and the next one will be August 26<sup>th</sup> after our Sunday morning worship service. Everyone's input will be greatly appreciated. Rev. Beau will be teaching a new Sunday school class this fall, *The Thoughtful Christian*.

### **LOOKING BACK IN JULY**

**COURT STREET CAFÉ UPDATE** – Even though it was held inside due to early morning drizzle, the committee feels it was well attended. Our total income was \$880.45 which was divided between the Preservation Fund and the Church Bell Fund. A big thanks to everyone who gave monetary donations, brought in food items, books, and to all who helped during the day.

**CHURCH PICNIC** - We held the picnic in the fellowship hall due to rain forecast (but no rain), but everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship. We were surprised by Chip & Tara Weisgerber and sons Andy & David who attended worship and then stayed for the picnic. A nice visit with former members!

**YOUTH TRIP** – Rev. Beau and Michele Slone took a group of 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> graders to Louisville, KY to PCUSA headquarters, lunch at Rocky's Pizza and a tram ride at Louisville Caverns and dinner on the way home. Participants: Owen Barger, Ryleigh Schafer, Brock Markin, Sam Wilhelm, Alex Vincent and Emma Flora. A long, fun day!!

**NO DEACONS OR TRUSTEES MEETING THIS MONTH**  
**SESSION MEETS MONDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** – The Mission Committee has designated **PAWS Animal Shelter** to be the recipient for the first Sunday on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Needed items: laundry detergent, paper towels, cat food and bleach.

**LADIES** – Messiah Manor is in need of Fleece and other material for upcoming projects in the fall. If you can help out or have questions, call Lisa Ebert, 484-8417

**SUNDAY, AUG. 12** – At 2:00 p.m. there will be a **Blessing of the Animals**, to be held in the church yard. So, bring your pet and have it blessed. Refreshments will be provided.

**THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** – Aug. 19, following worship.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** -- Monday, August 20, 12-6 p.m.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin Wed., Aug. 29, at 7:00 p.m.** Allen Wilbur invites you to join in. High school students are always welcome. The choir will begin singing on Sun., Sept. 16.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Pat Detwiler, Donna Flora

6 – Margaret Denzer

7 – Duncan Greenlee, Delaine Yeager

9 - Avery Anderson, Bailey Buell, Abby Smith

11 – Eric Evans, Peg Neiswander

12 – Debbie Algren, Jeanne Evans, Gary Lantz

13 – Graci Murphy, Alan Webster

14 – Caelie Flora

15 – Marden Ramos

19 – Cindi Buell

20 – Patrick McMaken

21 – Edith Howell

25 – Terri Marratta

26 – Jo Hazelton

27 – Ina Mae Wagner

29 – Tabitha Algren, Jed Barger, Janet Ebert, Nancy Heckman, Tony Markin

30 – Matt Marratta



## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Aug. 1, 2016 – Kelly & Davey Roberts  
Aug. 2, 1980 – Pat & Allen Wilbur  
Aug. 9, 1980 – Renee & Dave Johnson  
Aug. 10, 1974 – Susan & Paul Crabill  
Aug. 13 – Patti & Dan Verin  
Aug. 17, 1947 – Edith & Willard Howell  
Aug. 17, 2002 – Jami & Andy Crabill  
Aug. 18 – Jane & Mike Major  
Aug. 19 – Janine & Eric Evans  
Aug. 19, 2006 – Brittany & Nathan Lantz  
Aug. 20, 1983 – Connie & Kent Eichenauer (Happy 35<sup>th</sup>)  
Aug. 29, 1964 – Pat & Tom Detwiler



**THE READERS' CIRCLE** will be reading the following books for 2018-2019:

September: *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult; October: *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan; January: *Twisted River* by Siobhan Macdonald; February: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman; March: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio; April: *Grace* by T. Greenwood; and May: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. We invite readers to join us for interesting discussions and great fellowship. We meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Judy Brooks.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS:** Gary Lantz, Barbara Webster, Carolyn Spellman

**RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Joshua Paul, Christopher McCall, Hugh Buie, Mike Liskowiak, Barb Cordle, Randy Hunt, Rick Davis, Mr. Berry, Tom & Tyler Herkins, Alex Wilbur & His team, Walter Sparks, Glenda Zahller, Milton Arter, Sarah Dowds, Joanne Griest, Randy Poe, Gerry Henry, Doug Clevenger, Lilli Vitale, Penelope Vittek, Jim Dorsey, Jeff Keen.

## **ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

Hearth & Home– Dorothy Alexander, Rm. 15; Mary Hess, Rm. 25; Betty Woods, Rm. 21.

Vancrest –Goldie Ellsworth

Forest Glen Legacy, Springfield – Colleen Shelpman, Rm. 110

Oakwood Village, Springfield – Marianne Watson, Apt. 1208

McAuley Center – Virginia McIntosh

Heartland of Bellefontaine – Ardrita Mast, Room 408

Bluebird Retirement Community, London – Martha Hunt, Rm. 313

## **REMEMBER OUR MILITARY**

Air Force: Thomas Ryan, Colin Ryan; Air Force National Guard: Dalton Murray, Landon Murray, Wesley Wagner; Air Force Reserves: Adam Dees; Army: Alex Wilbur; Ohio Army National Guard: Rachel Ritchie, Roger Ritchie, Robert Ritchie, Ryan Ritchie.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)*

"I think they actually *like* each other!" This was my declaration to Amber after our first month here in Urbana. I have been so impressed by the way our congregation simply loves to *be* together. This is such a valuable, and unfortunately rare, characteristic for a church.

I want to build on this by creating more opportunities for us to learn and grow together. This fall, we will be launching our new small group ministry called "Growing in Faith." There will be a number of opportunities (both multi-generational and age-specific) at different times throughout the week with various themes. You can check them out by going to <http://ufpc.church/groups>. I hope you'll consider joining a group this fall!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Aaron & Allie Potter welcomed their second child, son, Tytan Thomas, born July 25, 2018. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. He joins brother, Matthias James. Proud grandma is Deborah Clark Baetz and proud great-grandma is Janice Clark.

## AUGUST USHERS

Aug. 5: Sheila Boyer, Jerri Powell, Donna Flora, Linda Coffman, Donna & Rick Finkbine

Aug. 12, 19 & 26: Sheila Boyer, Jerri Powell, Donna Flora, Linda Coffman, Pat & Allen Wilbur

## AUGUST CALENDAR 2018

*(Thursdays – Prayer Group, 8 a.m.)*

*(Thursdays & Saturdays, 8:30 p.m., AA, upstairs)*

|               |            |                                    |
|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Sun., Aug. 5  | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service/Communion          |
| Sun., Aug. 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service                    |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Youth & Parent Info meeting        |
|               | 2:00 p.m.  | Blessing of the Animals (Outside)  |
| Sun., Aug. 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service                    |
|               | 11:05 a.m. | Third Sunday Fellowship Time       |
| Mon., Aug. 20 | 12-6 p.m.  | <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b>       |
| Sun., Aug. 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service                    |
|               | 11:15 a.m. | Congregation discussion            |
|               |            | The Church & the LGBTQ & Community |
| Mon., Aug. 27 | 6:00 p.m.  | Christian Ed. committee            |
|               | 7:00 p.m.  | Session                            |
| Wed., Aug. 29 | 7:00 p.m.  | CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS             |

