



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church | July 2022

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Mark Your Calendar

- 7.3 Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
- 7.5 FPC's Turn to Host
Soup Kitchen 3:30pm
- 7.10 Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
- 7.17 Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
- 7.24 Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
- 7.31 Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am

Are We There Yet?

by Richard Lapehn

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We were created for eternity. The question to us is this: what type of eternity will we choose? Of course, the most joyful, rewarding, and welcome form of Eternal life slipped into our world with the entrance of our Savior, Jesus of Nazareth.

His invitation is extended to all. No one is left off Jesus' invitation list. No one is excluded from the opportunity to experience the delight of life now and forever in his comfort and presence.

Let us share this message with all whom we love.

Our ride through eternity has begun.
Through all the turns and gravity-defying loops, cling to the mercy and grace of Christ to ensure each day is lived for God's pleasure and our own.

Praying for our world to know
peace, security, and hope in Christ
Rich Lapehn

Community Events

Barberton's Anna Dean Farmer's Market



**EVERY
TUESDAY**

Barberton's Farmers Market is NOW OPEN! The market opens around 2:00 but it's suggested to get there early (1:30) for the best selection. Vendors usually sell out of product by 7 p.m. The market is at corner of West Park & 2nd- across from McDonalds.

Small Groups Pastor's Chat Room

You are invited to join us every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room for a great discussion. Stop by & join us- you won't be disappointed!

Mission & Outreach Homebound Member

July's Homebound Member is Katie Leach. Help us brighten her day with your cards and prayers. Send cards to: Pleasant Pointe 220 3rd Street SE Barberton, Ohio 44203.

BACM

For the month of July, please bring in...

Canned Vegetables and Laundry Soap

Place your items on the table by the Narthex, or the Parking Lot exits, or outside the church office door.

SOUP KITCHEN

It's FPC's turn to HOST Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, July 5th. If you can help, please plan on being here at 3:30pm for service of "to-go" meals from 4:30-5:30pm. Thank you for your help!

Flower Schedule

We need YOUR help! Do you have a Birthday, Anniversary or other special occasions coming up? If so, please fill out a flower form to help us fill available dates. If you have any questions, please contact Tom O'Neill.

<u>July</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Curtis</u>	<u>McAnlis</u>
	10		
	17		
	24		
	31		
<u>August</u>	7		
	14		
	21		
	28		

Take a Book/ Leave a Book

Many interesting books are available to borrow from our Church Library. All books are loaned on the honor system - simply return the book when you are finished. You are also encouraged to bring in any good books that you have enjoyed reading and drop them off while you browse the selection of books available for you to take home.



The Deacons rummage sale is always a huge undertaking. This year it seemed to be more so. We had many, many wonderful donations of clothing, household items, books, DVD's, lawn equipment, baby furniture and clothing, not to mention the dishes that were available to sell after the kitchen cleaning. We had numerous pieces of furniture that were donated by the family of Betty Deal. We were able to help a young family with some of these items and a young man who helped with the unloading. Thanks to Miles and Dee Hastings and Reverend Lapehn for making several trips to retrieve and unload all of those items. We had a wonderful donation of a Sammy Hagar autographed guitar- which went to a big fan. Many, many thanks to all who donated. I also want to thank Sue Cline for coordinating the volunteers. We had lots of delicious baked goods to sell - and they were a big hit as always. Thanks to Dee Hastings, Lynn O'Neill, Lynn's sister, Phyllis Brown, Yola Chapman, Julie Miller, Marilyn Curtis, Debbie Smith, Mary Lee Smith, Shirley Bennett, Kathy Brown, Sharon Keenan, Doris Noel, Sue Cline and Edie Kerr for all of the baked goods. There were 3 days of set up - and we needed all 3 of those days. A big thank you to the boy scouts and their leaders, Miles and Dee Hastings, Jim and Shirley Bennett, Sue Cline, Yola Chapman, Reverend Lapehn, John and Kathy Brown, Edie and Misty Kerr, Larry and Vickie Perkins, Patti Iorio, Barb Bacon, Milly and TJ Conrad, Mallori Collins, Tom and Lynn O'Neill, Pat McGuire, Niki Gottwalt, and Michael Rosinski for the set up in Fellowship Hall. We were open for business from 9am to 3 pm on Friday and Saturday. Many thanks to Alexis Jordan, Sue Cline, Miles and Dee Hastings, Shirley Bennett, Carol Bauer, Mary Seibel, Edie and Misty Kerr, Yola Chapman, Brooke Crum, Kathy Brown and Michael Rosinski for working during the sale days. And thanks to Nettie Phillips for providing lunch items for our workers. After the sale, the soup kitchen attendees were invited to come down on Tuesday evening and take any clothing or shoes that they wanted. Then came the big clean up. Special thanks to Miles and Dee Hastings, Cheryl and Kevin Dennison, John and Kathy Brown, Missy Keenan, Sharon Keenan and Michael Rosinski. They boxed, bagged and loaded several vehicles to take items to Common Threads in Barberton and the Goodwill store in Lakemore. Thanks to Reverend Lapehn for taking the leftover books to the library. Several bags of children's books were donated to "Books and A Blanket" and some holiday décor was donated to St. Joan of Arc Church in Canton. We were also able to donate the unsold baby items to Embrace Care Center in Barberton. And last but not least, a huge Thank You to Niki Gottwalt who does whatever we ask of her. All of this could not be done without the help of so many. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people that volunteer when needed. Thanks again for helping make my job a little easier. And the sale was a huge success financially.

Sue Rosinski - Moderator of Deacons and Rummage Sale Chairperson

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

JULY BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7.4 John McAnlis
7.8 Marilyn Curtis
7.15 Johanna Ray
7.20 Doris Noel
7.22 Dave Alexander
7.29 Jim Sherwood
7.29 Charlotte Sherwood

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7.17
Bob & Barb Leasure



Important Reminder

There will be NO Ministry Meetings, Deacons or Session Meetings in July– they will resume in August!

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

*Everyone has a place
here at FPC!*