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## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ARE COMPLETE!

The BGA Committee voted to illuminate the rose window. The work was done by volunteers, and the result is beautiful. If you are out in the evening, drive by and take a look.



**ASPIRE WOMEN'S EVENT:** Ladies, join us for an evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music on **Sunday, October 19**. We will meet at FPC at **2:30 p.m.** and carpool to Hermitage for an early dinner and arrive at the event by 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 plus your dinner. Please sign up early in Fellowship Hall and indicate if you are willing to drive, so that we can purchase the tickets. Don't miss this "Mini Retreat" to renew and revive your Holy Spirit. Please contact Sue Dennis if you have questions.



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Comedian



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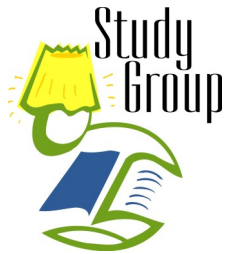


About thirty-five people enjoyed the FPC annual summer picnic at Marty and Susan Nadenichek's home. The smiles tell it all! Thank you very much, Marty and Susan, for hosting!





To kick off our new worship year, we will celebrate Rally Day on **September 7**. There will be fun for all ages with games, activities, food, and fellowship. Feel free to invite friends and other family members to join us. The inner parking lot will be closed for activities and bounce houses, but you can park at Trumbull Family Fitness and the outer parking lot. During the worship service, there will be a blessing of the book bags that we will be giving to Willard School. You are invited to bring your own personal book bags, briefcases, diaper bags, or everyday bags to be blessed at this same time. **We look forward to seeing you all!**



The Women's Dessert and Dialogue Study Group meets in the Parlor at noon on the **third Thursday** of each month beginning in **September**. This year, the book to be discussed is "Accidental Saints" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. This book is about finding God in the least likely of people and what happens when those people share bread and wine, struggle with Scripture together, and tell one another the truth about their real lives. If you want to join the study, sign up in Fellowship Hall and see Sue Dennis or Kathie Trowbridge for the book.

### Commissioners to our National General Assembly

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a grassroots-led denomination. The Church's national policies and priorities are determined when our General Assembly meets for worship, debate and discernment. The "GA" meeting once every two years is also a spiritual high point for many who attend, with networking, idea sharing, and discovering first-hand more about the mission and the ministry of the PCUSA.

Eastminster Presbytery (like most of our 170 regional presbyteries) may send one Ruling Elder Commissioner, one Clergy Commissioner, and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Assembly committees will meet via Zoom on June 22-24 and the full assembly will meet in-person in Milwaukee on June 27-July 2. Those wishing to serve as a commissioner or delegate will need to be able to fully commit themselves to this process for the entirety of those dates.

Young Adult Advisory Delegates must be between the ages of 18 and 23 by June 22, 2026.

A self-nomination form to the presbytery's committee before **October 1, 2025**.



**FPC CRAFTERS will meet Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m.** to assemble the school supply cake. You are welcome to join us.

Pastor Greg held an ice cream social for young families of FPC on Sunday, August 10. Fellowship and ice cream with all the toppings was enjoyed by all.



## CHILDREN AND WORSHIP BEGINS



We will begin our Children and Worship on **Sunday, September 14**.

It will continue to meet weekly except the first Sunday of the month, when children stay to observe/participate in communion. This is Sunday School for grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children stay in worship and then leave after the anthem. Lessons are independent of one another and in a story-telling format, so children can come and feel comfortable at any time of the year. After the lesson, children will use various forms of multi-sensory materials to express what they have experienced/learned from the story. Let's learn together!

\* Reminder to all our youth members that the Seekers Lounge is available for use anytime.

### Deacons' News

The Deacons begin their monthly meetings in September. Although we did not meet during the month of August, the Deacons have been busy. With the start of school, Willard School's Student Pantry was in need of simple microwaveable items. The Deacons provided funds to provide 546 individual servings of easy microwavable items for students with food insecurity issues. Also, the Deacons approved a donation to World Vision, a Christian nonprofit that has provided 37.5 million people with lasting access to clean water in developing nations. Rachael Herriman plans to run her first marathon in October for Team World Vision. Running a marathon is always an accomplishment, but dedicating that effort to support a better world is a true symbol of hope for the future.

The monthly Community Lunch/ Grocery Distribution took place on August 19. Sixty people enjoyed a lunch of sloppy joes, chips, three bean salad, and a tasty fruit salad. After lunch, 36 bags of groceries were provided for the attendees. We would like to thank Mary Kilpatrick for providing the garden fresh green beans and tomatoes for the grocery distribution.

Wishing you a September filled with Faith, Hope and Love,

Sarah Hirt Buzulencia, Board of Deacons

Music Ministry Director, Melanie Vlad, has provided wonderful special music this summer. If you were unable to be here, you can watch any of our worship services on our Facebook page at First Presbyterian Church of Warren.





**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:** Our next celebration of Communion will be **Sunday, September 7, 2025**, during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING:** The Deacons will be collecting for the 2¢-A-Meal offering on **Sunday, September 7, 2025**. This program provides a channel for Presbyterians to respond to the crisis of hunger at home and abroad.

**FPC WEB PAGE ADDRESS** is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> - come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is [info@fpcwarren.org](mailto:info@fpcwarren.org) .

**LISTEN TO US EVERY SUNDAY MORNING** at 10:00 a.m. on 1570 AM or 97.7 FM.

**LOOKING FOR A DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE?** The new issues of *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are now available outside the Church Office.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** On **Friday, Aug. 29, and Monday, Sept. 1**, the Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

**MEALTRAIN** is in need of volunteers to provide meals. If you are able to help, please email Susan Stahl at [sstahl@neo.rr.com](mailto:sstahl@neo.rr.com).

**GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER:** A GS troop that meets at FPC on the first and third Tuesday of the month is looking for volunteers to assist the leaders. If you are interested, please contact Susan Stahl.

**WILLARD MENTORING PROGRAM:** FPC is starting a mentoring program for Willard students in grades 3 - 5. We provide many materials for Willard students but feel the need to do more. Mentoring students helps them build confidence, self esteem, and better social skills. Volunteers are needed to give about an hour per week. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are interested and direct any questions to Donna Latessa or Marissa Welke.

**FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES** will begin **Sunday, October 5, at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor. Our guest speaker will be Honeya Price and the topic will be “gun violence.” Mark your calendar!

**Pastor’s Bible Study: September Sundays after worship**

Come discover and discuss God’s working presence in the world and in our lives. The curriculum, developed by the Presbyterian Church’s national youth ministry, asks questions and then brings answers to these themes:

- “See and Be Seen” (Psalm 139)
- “Know and Be Known” (Luke 24:13-35)
- “Bless and Be Blessed” (Psalm 23 and John 10:1-16)

Based in part on Matthew 25, this study not only looks for everyday evidence of God’s activity, but it also challenges God’s people to see “the other,” the “least of these.”

Some of our recent conversations with young people, plus the Christian Education team’s summer survey, revealed an interest in offering events and classes that are intergenerational. Teens would like to have a Bible Study geared toward them, but also puts them into conversation and study with the grown-ups. This September series is a response to that request.

All ages are welcome. The class will meet on **September 14, 21, and 28.** (*September 7 has our annual Rally Day festivities after worship.*) Although each lesson does build upon the others, each is self-contained. You can benefit from each week, even if you cannot attend the entire series.

Right after the Sunday worship, spend a little time socializing in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee or water, then move to the Parlor for this class. Pastor Greg promoted this class as starting at 11:20 and ending by 11:59 a.m.

**From the Pastor: Talking about Prayer**

Speaking as someone with experience as a professional communicator (since my first year of 1980s college!), in broadcasting, and in ordained ministry, I have long used a truism about communication, both as a catchphrase and as personal marching orders:

*“The myth about communication is that it is never done.”*

I like the wordplay of this sentence, with the double meaning of wondering if it “ever happens” AND if it is “ever completed.” Obviously, there are some people who *do not* communicate – hard interpersonal connections, some Muslims and some Jews, some Republicans and some Democrats.

That interpretation concerns me, and the Church of Jesus needs to be active in fostering the trust that might encourage more of these people to cross those (supposedly) hard-and-fast boundaries.

For my purpose this month, I’m using the second interpretation. Even among people who communicate alright, there is always more to be done. Within our congregation here, a lot of people know each other, are up-to-date on church activities, and know whom to talk with to suggest an idea or get a question answered. While some of our updates on people and prayer requests are rightfully quiet or confidential, among a compassionate people like ours, there are times when people would like their “church family” to know about a crisis or a diagnosis or a celebration.

I anticipate we will roll out some enhancements in how we appropriately pass along prayer requests and related updates. We’ll have more “communication” about this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, thank you for being people of prayer. Sure, we will keep praying for our “hospital list.” Yet the good news is: even if *we* don’t know details about someone’s circumstance, God does. For now, do some prayerful communication. Start at your own name in the church directory; on a regular basis, work through that list, so that every individual and household is lifted up in prayer. Even someone who is not front-and-center in the stereotypical ways we often list our prayer concerns, everyone of us would like to have someone “communicating” with God on our behalf.

I’m not “done” talking about this truism. Stay tuned!

Seeking God’s blessings for you, *Greg*



**Our NE OH colleagues are coming to help out Warren Family Mission**



The churches of Eastminster Presbytery are invited to participate in our second Mission Service Project of 2025 at the Warren Family Mission. Our primary task on **October 18** will be preparing for the Mission’s annual coat giveaway. Participants are asked to arrive between **9:30 and 9:45** that Saturday morning. Lunch is included, and the project should wrap up about **1:00 p.m.**

Over 50 people participated in our first 2025 Mission Service Project on May 17 in Akron. Let’s see if we can surpass that number on October 18! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to support the mission work of Eastminster Presbytery right in our own backyard!



# FPC SEPTEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	2 9:30 am Al-Anon, B 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	3 10:00 Crafters, B 6:30 pm AA, MC	4 9:00 am Prayer Talk	5 Church Office Closed	6 11:00 am AA, MC
7 Rally Day Communion/2 Cents 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:45 am Congregation Mtg. 11:15 am Rally Day Fun	8 10:00 am OA, P 11:00 am FPC/Vista Group 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 6:30 pm BGA Meeting, FH 7:00 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Voices of Micah	9 9:30 am Al-Anon, B 1:00 pm AGG Mtg, P 7:00 pm NA, MC	10 5:00 Someplace Safe, B 6:00 pm NAMI, P 6:30 pm AA, MC	11 9:00 am Prayer Talk 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting, FH	12 Church Office Closed	13 9:30 am Leadership Meeting, FH 11:00 am AA, MC
14 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:20 am Teen & Adult Bible Study, P	15 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC	16 9:30 am Al-Anon, B 10:30 am Free Grocery/Lunch Distribution 5:00 pm Finance Mtg., P 5:00 pm Girl Scouts, FH 7:00 pm NA, MC	17 1:00 pm Crossroads Bereavement Grp, P 6:00 pm Relay for Life, B 6:30 pm AA, MC	18 9:00 am Prayer Talk 12:00 pm Dessert & Dialogue Study, P 7:00 pm Worship Meeting	19 Church Office Closed	20 11:00 am AA, MC
21 Installation/Ordination 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Deacon Mtg, B 11:20 am Teen & Adult Bible Study, P	22 10:00 am OA, P 5:30 pm Girl Scouts, B 7:00 pm AA, MC 	23 9:30 am Al-Anon, B 7:00 pm NA, MC	24 5:00 pm Someplace Safe, B 6:30 pm AA, MC 7:00 pm Session Mtg., FH	25 9:00 am Prayer Talk	26 Church Office Closed	27 11:00 am AA, MC
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## FPC Birthdays

09/01	Liam Wireman
09/02	Laura Creighton Richard Nelson III
09/04	Paul Carlson
09/08	Bob Van Fossan
09/11	Pam Gray
09/12	Emily Benjamin
09/15	Dean Herriman
09/16	Gabriella Nieves Diane Nieves John Taylor
09/18	Robert Taylor Kay Clark
09/20	Zam Zampedro
09/25	Millie Mong Shelley Taylor Blake Beerbower
09/27	James Lough Rachel Box Angelo
09/29	Karen Scher
09/30	Chuck Chalker

If we have overlooked anyone's birthday, we apologize. Please contact the Church Office, so that we may update our records.

