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# **First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter**

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## **ARE WE THERE YET?**

I doubt if there's any of us who have not been asked that question at some time in their life by a friend or family member while on a journey to a new destination. And so, it's to be expected that it will often be asked as we proceed down our new path toward having two congregations eventually becoming one. Two buildings, two Sessions, two boards of Deacons, Two Clerks, Three Treasurers, no full time Pastors and the list can go on and on.

Not a familiar path or a handy "HOW TO" book to call upon with so many crossroads to encounter before we reach the end.

I would say that the first hurdle that we both overcame was realizing that we were at a point that we both were facing a dead end. The second was that, being of the same denomination and in the same presbytery, there might be a solution together. After an initial trial period, we solidified the decision to proceed together by a nearly unanimous vote of both congregations. We discovered that yes, we do have a lot in common and yes, we can work together sharing worship and performing tasks together.

I guess you might say that this joint monthly newsletter is one of the many next steps of unification that were required: a single, shared message source for all in sharing the "good news".

In the meantime, let us not forget the primary reason for our existence as a church. It is not to build a physical structure for the comfort of those who belong, but to carry out God's word as Jesus has commanded in his "Great Commission". As a congregation, we must go forth and extend his promise of love, compassion, and comfort to all those who are suffering without. Search and seek out those who know not his grace, forgiveness, and understanding. Like lost sheep bring them into our fold and let them resound in our Lord's Prayer with us: *"Our Father which art in Heaven....."*

Bill Taylor,  
Clerk of Session  
First Presbyterian

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**PLEASE  
EXCUSE  
OUR MESS  
WHILE WE  
RENOVATE**

## Welcome to the Joint Newsletter of First and East Side Churches!

This is our "pilot episode", so we might not get it right the first time, but we hope you enjoy your new newsletter. All news regarding First and East Side congregations, birthdays, anniversaries, special announcements, events, etc. will be found in this joint newsletter.

## SATELLITES

We are going to 818 Club on February 12th at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



## 2025 BLOODMOBILE AT EAST SIDE BUILDING

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to the East Side church building on:

- **Tuesday, February 4 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

*Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.*

### Neighbors' News



In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

**(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap**

**February**

**2 - cereal**

**9 - green beans**

**16 - spaghetti**

**23 - spaghetti sauce**

Thanks for your help neighbor!  
Rod and Linda Combs

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Doug, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church,

and LuAnn Nagel announce the December 2024 birth of Weston Brooks Nagel, son of Andrew and Alyssa.



Congratulations to the Nagel family!

## SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

Joint services at 1020 Kentucky Ave are automatically canceled whenever a *Level 2 or 3 Snow Emergency is in effect for Sandusky County as of 8 am on Sunday morning.*



If services are canceled or moved due to extreme cold, you will receive a recorded call. If you are not on the call list and would like to be added, please call Amy at 419-334-7171 or email at [fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com).

*Information about snow emergencies is available on the Sheriff department's recorded information line:(419-332-2613) or website ([www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency](http://www.sandusky-county.com/index.php?page=sheriff-s-snow-emergency)).*

## EAST SIDE ANNUAL MEETING

The East Side Annual Congregational Meeting is February 23 following worship. Following the meeting all are invited to join in a Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided. East Side will have a Session Meeting following the Potluck.

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2 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Coffee Hour following worship 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	3 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	4 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	5	6	7	8			
9 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	10 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	11 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	12 11:30a - Satellites 7:00p - FIRST Session @ FIRST building	13	14	15			
16 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	17 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	18 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	19 6:30p - FIRST Deacons @ FIRST building	20	21	22			
23 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - East Side Annual Mtg - Potluck for all - East Side Session Mtg 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	24 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	25 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	26	27	28				



1	Alyce Ann Schmidt	15	Pam Clark	19	Katy Hull
6	Ken Myers	16	Erica Zulauf	19	Steven Reinbolt
7	Barb Stout	17	Kathy Fawley	21	Ellen Abbott
10	Greg Van Dyne	18	Pat Damschroder	23	Stacey McConnell
10	Trevor Weickert	19	Jenna Herman		

## Birthdays

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SESSION**

*Dannita Cowdrey  
Bob Gamble  
Bob Humberger  
Nicole Whetstone  
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

**EAST SIDE SESSION**

*Cathy Bibler,  
Barb Haynes  
Ann Weiler,  
LuAnne Yeager  
Cheryl Magargle, Clerk  
Ross McCormick*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF DEACONS**

*Rod Combs  
Melissa Detwiler  
Anne Humberger  
Susan Myers  
Carolyn Taylor*

**EAST SIDE BOARD OF DEACONS**

*Alyce Ann Schmidt  
Pat Damschroder  
Lois Magargle  
Blanche McCormick*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

✠ All Sunday Worship Services for First Presbyterian and East Side congregations will now be held at the East Side building located at 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont. Worship begins @ 10:30 a.m.

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**fremontfpc@gmail.com**

**THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
FIRST Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
EAST SIDE Treasurer	Barb Haynes
Custodian	Scott Slatter
Session Moderator	Edward Bettendorf

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Carol Van Dyne
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
At Large	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at: **fremontfpc@gmail.com**.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant