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# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Dear Members and Friends of the First Presbyterian Church,

While looking for fall images to add to this issue of the newsletter, I came across some quotes about September and Fall. One said, “Fall is God’s reminder that change is beautiful.” Personally, I don’t always like change. It can be painful and difficult, and I don’t always think it’s a beautiful thing. I think that’s a common human sentiment, to resist and dislike change. But I guess part of life is going through change, like it or not.



Just like the changing of seasons, you and I can probably look back at our lives and see many changes throughout the years. Some are good, some not so good, but all lead to where we are right now. Isn’t it comforting to know that through all the good, bad, and uncomfortable changes, one thing remains the same: God! His love for me, His promises to me, His good plans for my life never change! Hebrews 13:6 says “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” And Malachi 3:6 says, “I am the Lord and I do not change.” Through every change and every season of my life, God has remained faithful and unchanging. Since I have put my faith and trust in Him, this is one thing that I can depend on.

Working here in the FPC office for the past eight and a half years, I have seen many changes. I’ve seen people and programs come and go. I’ve met new people, and have had to say goodbye to several along the way. I know I’ve changed personally since I’ve been here. I’ve aged, I’ve learned many new things that I didn’t know before, I’ve made many new friends, and I’ve had significant changes in my life and family. My three children graduated high school and then college. They are now all married and I’ve gained two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law. And in December I’m going to be a grandma and gain a brand-new baby granddaughter!

Change can be so beautiful, but some changes can be so difficult. I know things are changing and shifting here at FPC. I see it, and I feel it. I know it is difficult for so many of you going through the changes, making the decisions, saying goodbye to the comfortable, and moving forward into the unknown. In Genesis 12:1, God told Abram (later known as Abraham), “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.” What a frightening and uncomfortable thing, to be told to go, but not know where! I imagine it’s what many of you may feel about the unknown direction of FPC...we’re obviously going somewhere, but no one knows where yet. I suppose that’s the most difficult thing about change: the uncertainty, the not knowing.

But there is one thing we can be certain of, one thing we can know for sure: God hasn’t changed, and He never will! He still loves you, and He still has plans for your life. Jeremiah 29:11 says “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Joshua 1:9 says “Have I not commanded you? Be

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## **2024 PER CAPITA**

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strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

If you've chosen to walk with God through life, you can rest assured that He’s walking with you. He won’t leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). He promised to be with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). Are you walking with Him, even through life's many changes? Have you made the most important decision to trust Him with your life and your future? He is good, trustworthy, and faithful...even in the midst of life’s change and uncertainty!

Sincerely from the Church Office: Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

**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**

**September**

**1 - Applesauce**

**8 - Noodles**

**15 - Mixed Veggies**

**22 - Creamy Soup**

**29 - Tuna**

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

**Opportunities for Worship & Fellowship:**

- ◇ **All Sunday Worship Services in September** will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m.
- ◇ **Every Sunday in September - Coffee Hour** after worship at FPC

**SATELLITES**

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

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to

RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



# September

1	10:30a - Worship @ FPC - Coffee Time @ FPC 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	2	7:00p - AA/Al-anon @FPC  Labor Day	3	5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	4		5		6	7
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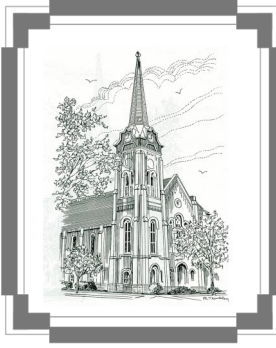
## Anniversaries

- 13 Bill & Carolyn Taylor
- 15 Courtney & Philip Miarer



## Birthdays

- 10 Beth Provonsha
- 11 Cayla Crispen
- 17 Russell Abbott
- 24 Rick Keck
- 29 Jon Detwiler



# *First Presbyterian Church*

## **THE SESSION**

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

## THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Organist Emeritus	Paul Livingston
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
Volunteer Parish Nurse	Linda Hamilton
Custodian	Scott Slatter

## 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

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

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

### **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

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