

Mission Statement

God Calls us to be a welcoming community of faith, striving to follow the Word of God through worship, prayer, study and ministry to all.

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Sunday Schedule

9:30am: Christian Education

10:30am: Worship*
(9:30am: Summer)

4:00pm: Servicio en Español

*1st Sunday: Communion
(Bi-lingual)

Office Hours

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The First Presbyterian Church of Sidney, Ohio

A place to seek and serve

May 2009 Newsletter

How do I contact the Pastor?

You will generally find me at the church during office hours Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. My days off are Friday and Saturday. During office hours, if you find my door closed; indicating that I am in conference, prayer, or study, you may check with Anne, our church secretary to see when I will be available.

If you wish to make an appointment, please contact me by phone at the church, on my cell phone, or e-mail. You will find all of these contacts on the sidebar of the front page of the newsletter. If I am not available to the phone, please leave me a voice mail. I will respond to your voice mail or e-mail the same day. All voice mails and e-mails to me are confidential. Please do not be reluctant to call me on my cell phone; I have this phone for availability.

If you call me at the office or on my cell phone while I am in conference or a meeting, at the hospital, on a day off, or otherwise unavailable, I have confidential voice mail. Please leave me a message indicating how I may be of assistance; with the assurance that only I will hear the message. If it is after hours or on a day off, please let me know whether you deem the situation a pastoral emergency so I may respond accordingly.

Do I need to call the pastor if I go to the hospital?

Yes. Our local hospitals do not notify your pastor when you are admitted. At Wilson Memorial, there are volunteer chaplains, but there is no one on hospital staff, paid or volunteer, for whom pastoral notification is a responsibility.

Whatever the situation was previously, there is not currently a system in place to notify your pastor in case of hospitalization. The person admitting you will ask about your church affiliation and for permission to contact your pastor, but the hospital does not routinely notify clergy of your admission to the hospital.

If you wish to receive pastoral care during your time in the hospital, you will need to advise me about your scheduled hospital procedure. In the case of an emergency visit, please ask someone to let me know as indicated above.

I make every effort to attend to the pastoral care of the congregation. Communication with you helps me understand your needs and wishes, and clairvoyance is not one of my pastoral gifts. If you are unsure whether I know you are sick or in the hospital, please let me know or have someone contact me if you are unable.

Prayers and other needs

Please make me aware of your requests for prayer and additional pastoral care. With your permission, prayer and care follow-up will also be provided from our Deacons and Elders.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God in ministry with each one of you.

Glory be, ⊕ Pastor Joe



SARAH'S CORNER



The Steenrod family had the privilege over the weekend to attend an “Asian Cultural Celebration ” with some friends, and what a celebration it was! Held at the Wright State University Student Center, the evening was a celebration of many different Asian countries and the music, dancing and customs that identify each of them. The culmination of the event was a fashion show in which students, faculty and families modeled traditional costumes from Japan, Vietnam, Korea as well as other Asian countries. Each country had its own models, and different regions of the country oftentimes had different apparel to display. It was a wonderful learning experience for my family, and yet another reminder that our country is indeed made up of many different types of people and cultures.

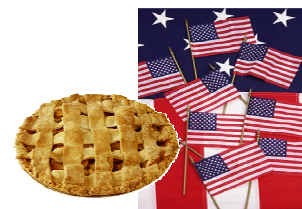
Reflecting upon the evening, our family discussed what we thought the evening might have looked like if we were celebrating the different regions in our own country. What would the different clothing look like? Would the west coast models wear surfing attire and be gorgeously suntanned? Would the Midwestern region be represented by folks wearing bib overalls and carrying a pitch fork? Would the East Coast models don polo shirts and deck shoes? As for other customs, would country music be a part of any region? How about Motown music? And one can only imagine what kinds of foods would be available! Organic fresh salads from California? A cheese tray from Wisconsin? Homemade tamales from Texas? Freshly squeezed orange juice from Florida? Lobster from Maine? Beans and greens from Alabama? The more we reflected, the more comical it seemed. The United States truly is a melting pot of beautiful people, cultures and traditions.

Since then, I’ve been reflecting on what a “Christian Celebration ” might look like. Bible studies and historians have taught us about traditions within the regions of the Holy Land. Pictures depicting Jesus only give us an artist’s rendition of what He might have looked like and what He might have worn. But what about in today’s world? Could someone pick you out from a crowd and say “Hey, I think he’s a Christian!”? Certainly not by the way we look or by the foods we eat. Maybe by the music we enjoy, but even that isn’t always a good indication. We are left to “model” our Christian heritage by the actions we take, not by the clothes we wear. We are to follow God’s word, and live our lives as God has taught us. While it’s fairly easy to identify someone from another ethnic background, it’s fairly difficult to identify someone from a specific religious background. Christianity is also a melting pot of sorts. There are Christians from countries all around the world. It would be too difficult to have an evening of celebrating all of those people and countries represented, and yet, we need to let people know who we are and what we’re all about. The best way to do this? By living our lives for Jesus, and by loving ALL of God’s people. We all have a reason to celebrate our Christianity! Have you “modeled” today?

CENTRAL ZONE

Central Zone 2008-2009 has been a huge success, thanks to the very faithful volunteers! These 16 people have come every Tuesday to help with homework, to practice reading, to play games (educational, of course!) and to provide love and attention to some great kids. Our end of the year celebration will be held on Tuesday, May 19th. “As American as Baseball and Apple Pie!” will be the theme. If you are a Central Zone Tutor, please note the schedule below.

- April 21st:** regular tutoring
- April 28th:** at Jackson Towers
- May 5th:** regular tutoring
- May 12th:** regular tutoring
- May 19th:** Picnic



MULESKIINER SPRING OUTDOOR CONCERT



...Good Ol' Gospel & Bluegrass Music
May 23, 2009
7:00 pm

concert on yard
behind church

bring a folding chair
&
enjoy some good food!



HISPANIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Pastor Joe and Tom Milligan, met with our friend and colleague in ministry Augusto Medina who is back in our area for a short while, to utilize his remaining work authorization and visa by working in a secular job (painting/construction) in Dayton. He and his wife Lidia have made the tough though practical decision that this is the most effective way to put together needed financial resources in the near term as the arrival of their new baby in the Fall of '09 will require curtailment of Lidia's work schedule. He is living with an Elder of the College Hill Presbyterian Church (Dayton) and has access to a car. He arrived about 2 weeks ago. We want to make him feel welcome within our community while he is here as well. We also see a limited opportunity for him to help us with Hispanic Ministry while he is here by filling the pulpit supply role that Session approved in '09 for Hispanic Ministry. Augusto is willing and excited about helping in this way.

It had been our hope that Omar and Mario Bolivar and Francisco Pelaez (all pastors or seminarians within the Presbytery) might fill this role, but their schedules do not allow for it. Augusto will preach and lead worship on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm on the second, third and fourth Sundays (and the 5th when there is one) for the Hispanic Ministry. He would not have any other ministry duties (or compensation) beyond Hispanic worship leadership. The first Sunday would remain bilingual. Tom will continue to lead the Growth Group and provide interpretive services the first Sunday. Augusto might be needed there on first Sundays if Tom would be unavailable. For the long term, a group of interested folks at the Presbytery continues to work to identify Hispanic pastoral leadership that could provide a more permanent pastoral present for several congregations' Hispanic Ministries including our own.

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 am: Christian Ed. 10:30 am: Bi-lingual Worship Service 11:30 am: Coffee Hour	4	5 2 pm: Bible Study 3:15 pm: Central Zone 4:30 pm: CZ Dinner 6 pm: Finance Comm. 8:30 pm: AA & Al-Anon	6 12pm: noon prayer 6 pm: Food, Fun, Fellowship 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:30 pm: Choir Pract.	7 National Day of Prayer 7pm: NDP service	8	9 7am: Clean-Up 9am: Garage Sale
10 9:30 am: Christian Ed. 10:30 am: Worship 4 pm: Hispanic Worship	11	12 2 pm: Bible Study 3:15 pm: Central Zone 5 pm: Alpha Dinner 7 pm: Deacon's Mtg. 8:30 pm: AA & Al-Anon	13 12pm: noon prayer 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:30 pm: Choir Pract.	14 3 pm: Youth @ Culvers 6:30 pm: Session Mtg.	15	16
17 Servant Sunday 9:30 am: Christian Ed. 10:30 am: Worship 4 pm: Hispanic Worship	18 10:30 am: Staff Mtg.	19 2 pm: Bible Study 3:15 pm: Central Zone & Picnic	20 12pm: noon prayer 6 pm: Food, Fun, Fellowship 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:30 pm: Choir Pract.	21 3 pm: Youth @ Culvers	22	23 7pm: Muleskinner Band Concert
24 Friendship Sunday 9:30 am: Christian Ed. 10:30 am: Worship 4 pm: Hispanic Worship	25	26 10 am: PWA Meeting 2 pm: Bible Study 6:30 pm: Worship Mtg. 8:30 pm: AA & Al-Anon	27 12pm: noon prayer 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:30 pm: Choir Pract.	28 3 pm: Youth @ Culvers 6pm: Outreach Comm.	29	30
31 9:30 am: Christian Ed. 10:30 am: Worship						

2009 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The 2009 Shelby County Ministerial Association National Day of Prayer Service will be held on **May 7th at 7:00 p.m.** here at the First Presbyterian Church. Please join us as we pray for those in our neighborhood, state, and country.

The list of those for whom we will be praying and the minister designated for those prayers.

Mayor -- prayers from Rev. Steve Chapman
City Council
Law Enforcement (City and County) -- prayers from Rev. Pat Sloneker
Fire and Rescue (City and County) -- prayers from Rev. Bruce Botkin
Education (City and County) -- prayers from Rev. Ben Hunt
Business Community (Economy, Labor Force, Unemployed)
Local Judicial System
County Commissioners
Service Agencies -- prayers from Rev. George Gnade
State Leaders
National Leaders -- prayers from Rev. Phil Chilcote
Military Personnel
Hospitals, Physicians, Nurses
Sick, Hurting, Disabled



KID'S LUNCH BUNCH



On the third Sunday, beginning April 19, the children will have lunch together in the dining room. After lunch there will be a time of games, singing, and programs (crafts, projects) until 1:00pm. All are invited, all are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS

Are you a visitor or friend of the church wanting to know more about the life, ministry, and history of First Presbyterian Church? Are you already a member and curious about the traditions and culture of the church? These are the topics of the Membership Inquiry Class on April 26th. Immediately following worship on that day we will have lunch followed by a discussion of history, ministry, and life together at First Presbyterian Church with the Pastor and Outreach Committee. Those interested in membership will be invited to join the church, and those with more questions will be welcome to continue their journey with us.

I SCREAM! YOU SCREAM! WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

The Deacons will be selling ice cream creations during the outdoor concert on May 23rd. We are asking for homemade cookies to sell during the concert, as well. If you are willing to contribute cookies, toppings or time please contact Rita Bomba at 492-4617 or Sally Stilwell at 492-0737. Thank you!



APRIL GREETER'S SCHEDULE

May 3:

May 10: Darryl Cloud
Don Lochard

May 17:

May 24th:

If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter or you have questions, please see Sarah.

KIRKMONT VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who don't know, Joe and I have agreed to co-direct "Sports Camp" at Kirkmont this summer. The camp will be the week of July 26th-31st. While it will have somewhat of a sports theme, there will also be a Christian Education portion that will envelop the campers the entire week. We would like for each of you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to participate in supporting this week of camp. Most imperative at this time would be people who are willing to be counselors for children (grades 3-8). David Fleming has told us to expect to line up 6-7 male counselors and 6-7 female counselors. Right now we have one of each for sure, and two other possibilities. We have a nurse lined up, and chaplain and a CE person, so we are well on our way. If you are unable to participate due to schedule, limitation, etc. we ask that you please pass the word along with children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I've been at Kirkmont enough times that I could probably answer any questions you might have, or at least know where to get the answers! If you ask any of the kids (or grown up kids!), they'll tell you just how important Kirkmont has been in their lives, and we'd like to keep the tradition going!

COFFEE HOUR

Rosanna Grinstead will be supplying the refreshments for the May 3rd Coffee & Fellowship Hour after morning worship. There are still some open dates that need to be filled, check out the board in the back of the sanctuary for the open dates.

COMMUNION SERVERS

The Communion Servers for May 3rd are:

Elders: Jerry Kauffman
Ed Miller
Deacons: Rita Bomba
Annette Castle



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Come join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month for dinner. Dinner begins at 6 pm and anyone is welcome! Just let Sarah know by Tuesday of that week. Below are dates for upcoming meals:

May 6th: Stilwells
May 20th: Marilyn McCarthy
June 3rd: Pastor Joe & Sarah
June 17th: Pastor Joe & Sarah

Dinners are \$3.00 per person—you can't beat that! Let Sarah know if you'd like to provide the meal for one of these dates.

MEDIA SCHEDULE

We had a good training session on Tuesday, March 31st. We need to get the last couple of people trained (ie: signed up for training). You know who you are. We have openings in May, so please sign up for one of them.

This is the schedule so far:

Sunday, May 3rd	Lyle Drew Charlie Castle
Sunday, May 10th	Lyle Drew Chip Wells
Sunday, May 17th	Lyle Drew Open
Sunday, May 24th	Lyle Drew Open
Sunday, May 31st	Lyle Drew Open

Regards, Lyle Drew

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Philip Ruese
Jennifer Barhorst
- 2: Kelsey Stilwell
Dottie Lewis
- 6: Polly Watkins
Michael Lochard
- 7: Judie Dunn
Camden Vordemark
- 9: Betty Burkhardt
- 10: Elizabeth Davis
- 12: Rick Steenrod
- 13: Randee Presser
- 16: Jesus Gonzalez
- 17: Terry Clark
- 18: MaryJo McReynolds
Henrietta Livermore
- 20: Ross Moore Jr.
- 21: Dick Fisher
- 23: Jacob Lochard
- 24: Alice Clem
- 25: Jennifer Campos

CHICKEN DINNER

The Council of Religious Education is having their annual Chicken Dinners on May 2nd from 11am-6pm in Lowe's Parking Lot. Dinners are \$6.00. Dinners include a half a chicken, roll & butter, applesauce, chips and a dessert.



Just a reminder, when anyone leaves a receipt on Anne's desk, please let her know who it is from, what it is for, and if you need reimbursed.

PRESBYTERIAN HOUR

The Outreach Committee is trying to get more people to attend Presbyterian Hour at Dorothy Love Retirement Community. At the last meeting we decided to try to get more information out to the people at DLRC to remind them to come. We agreed to take care of this by putting it in the bulletin the Sunday before the Thursday of Presbyterian Hour, which is on the third Thursday of the month. Several people from Dorothy Love take bulletins to the Presbyterians and others in the apartments.

The Presbyterian Hour for May is on the 21st at 2:30pm in the Amos Chapel at DLRC.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE



The sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The sale will be in the parking lot between the church and the garage. Anyone is welcome to donate items for the sale, but please follow the following guidelines:

All items **MUST** be priced before being dropped off at church. This is the most time-consuming part of the sale, so your assistance will be greatly appreciated. No unpriced items will be accepted.

If you would like to bring items down ahead of time, please put them in the Green Room in the basement. Let someone in the office know if you need to make arrangements during the week when the office isn't open.

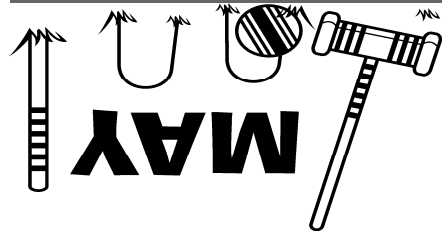
Children's clothing will be accepted, but not adult clothing. Adult clothing just doesn't sell, so we'd rather not mess with it.

We encourage anyone who donates items to also consider working an hour for the sale-either setting up the day before, cleaning up afterwards, or selling the day of the sale. Others will also be asked to help as well. It takes quite a bit of manpower to have a garage sale, but it can really be fun if everyone pitches in!

If you are a committee chairman, we encourage you to take a look around the church to see if there is anything in your department that we no longer use that can be put in the sale.

All sales will go toward the development of the Heritage Room. We're getting rid of the "old junk" so that we can preserve the "old treasures"!!

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Session

(meet the 2nd Thursday of each month)

- Doug Bomba
- Charles Castle
- Darryl Cloud
- Dawn Davis
- Ann Hagen
- Dick Harp
- Jerry Kauffman
- Scott Kelly
- Don Lochard
- Ed Miller
- Rick Steenrod
- Steve Stilwell

Deacons

(meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month)

- Carol Barr
- Rita Bomba
- Annette Castle
- Elizabeth Davis
- Sondra Dunham
- Rosanna Grinstead
- Jennifer Kelly
- Lois Knaggs
- Kay Miller
- Carol Milligan
- Sally Stilwell
- Dianne Wells