



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This may be the only time you will hear your pastor say this: **DON'T COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!!!**

But, still come to worship! We will be joining our brothers and sisters from MCA and Church of Christ in a community worship service at the ball field by the elementary school. Bring a lawn chair and join us all at 10 am as we praise God, learn from His word and share in communion with one another. Our church is providing the communion, so you know the bread will be tasty!

Session Update –

It's been a few months since we've shared an update about the work the session has been doing lately, among the topics of conversation and action at this week's meeting were:

- Reviewed and shared feedback on our summer events and activities
 - Friendship Day - 117 in attendance for worship
 - VBS Night - 13 kids, 8 adults plus helpers
 - Stained Glass window talk – approximately 50 in attendance
 - Blessing of the Backpacks – 110 in attendance
 - Church Picnic – approximately 100 in attendance
- Appointed commissioners to our presbytery meeting in October
- Discussed plans for fall, including our “FPC Basics”, (you'll be hearing more about this in September!)
- Voted to support the possible installation at the community park of a pickleball court and a basketball court paid for by the township trustees

You will also find in this weekly update a basic outline of current church finances. We think it's important for the congregation to be regularly informed about numbers related to budget and giving. We plan to share these amounts once a month in the weekly update that comes out after our session meeting.

Though the elders are a governing board, the most important job they do is to pray for our congregation and consider how God wants us to grow, serve and represent Him in our community. Just a reminder that if you ever want to know more about what is happening in Session, please feel free to ask me or any elder; we'd love to share about what's going on and how you can best be praying for the work that God is doing in our church.

Here's your reminder that September 15 we will return to our regular schedule with 2nd Hour with discussion groups and classes for kids, youth and adults.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be joining with the MCA and Church of Christ at the ball field on September 1 for the Labor Day Weekend Community Worship & Communion Service. The service begins at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, and bring your lawn chairs. (There will not be a service at FPC Sept. 1)



Ladies First Friday 6:30 p.m. Friday September 6. We will meet at the church for a discussion on taking control of intrusive thoughts.

Refreshments, and good discussion. All women are welcome. Bring a friend!

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As of July 31, 2024 the following figures represent our financial status at FP:

Year to date operating Income	\$112,422.29
Year to date operating Expense	\$141,740.91
Year to date operating Gain/Loss	-\$2,318.62
Year to date Net Income	-\$14,442.77
Unrestricted Funds	\$193,181.03



The Deacons are collecting Kleenex and Clorox/Lysol wipes for the elementary school.

There will be a collection box in the Gallery to receive donations for the next few weeks.



Join us on a hayride!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday,
September 29
At the Khamy Farm

Additional Details coming next week.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- **The Community Worship Service on Sept. 1**
- **All the back-to-school changes & adjustment**
- Stress and drama in the workplace

Health Concerns:

- **Veronica's mom - doctor recommending Hospice**
- Unspoken health concerns
- Karen - Parkinsons Disease
- Tom - Dementia
- Wendy Scott - severe health concerns
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- David Meulenberg
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.

SOME BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What person in the Bible lived the longest?
2. Extra point if you know his/her age
3. What is the longest Book in the Bible (by word count in the original language)
4. What is the shortest Book in the Bible (by word count)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 30 - Natalie Schlegel

August 31 - Pastor Jos

September 3 - Sam Burgett

September 3 - Laura Lemon



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Roger and Melodie Stroud, and Earl Rhamy will be having a public Worship Event on September 14th at 7:00pm at He Brews Coffee House in Shreve. All are welcome!

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- August 29 - 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team meeting
- Sept. 01 - Community Labor Day Service at the ball field. (NO Worship here at FPC today)
- Sept. 4 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- Sept. 4 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 6 - 6:30 p.m. First Friday (Women) at the church
- Sept. 8 - Sunday morning worship
- Sept. 11 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- Sept. 11 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 11 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
- Sept. 12 - 6:00 p.m. Emmaus 4th Day Gathering
- **Sept. 15 - Sunday morning worship Fall Kick-off**
- Sept. 18 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- Sept. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 22 - Sunday morning worship
- Sept 23 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Sept. 24 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- Sept. 25 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- Sept. 25 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- Sept. 29 - Sunday morning worship
- Sept. 29 - All church Hayride (details to come)

1 & 2 - The man who lived the longest was Methuselah, who lived 969 years.

3. Jeremiah, with 33,002 words. Jeremiah is followed by Genesis 32,046 words, Psalms 30,147 words, Ezekiel 29,918 words and Exodus 25,957 words.

4. John 3 with 219 words, then John 2 with 245 words and Philimon with 335 words.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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**WELL. HELLO
THERE SEPTEMBER.
DIDN'T EXPECT TO
SEE YOU SO
SOON.**

