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THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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May 30 — Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17,
John 3:1-17
Liturgist: Mickey Buck
Music: Haviland Choir, Brass and Timpani

June 6 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15),
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35
Liturgist: Tim Stephens
Music: Haviland Choir

Pastor's Page — A Matter of Priorities

In order for us to get done everything we have to get done, it's essential that we establish priorities. For most of my life since high school, I have not owned a home. I spent much of that time in either a college dormitory, in government quarters, or in some commercial apartment complex. Now that Anne and I *do* own a home, prioritizing the things that need to be done is essential. My Welsh friend, to whom I referred in a sermon some weeks ago, told me that a house is like a big mouth — always wanting to be fed. I've found that to be quite accurate.

The first thing I do is determine what I can do and what I can't do. My father was an electrician, my grandfather was a carpenter, and one of my uncles was a plumber. So I picked up some skills along the way. Once I've determined that I can accomplish the tasks at hand, the next thing to determine is what task should be done first. For example, the burned-out light bulb in the basement stairway should be replaced before addressing the one bulb among several in an otherwise well-lighted room. Or, I should mow the yard today instead of straightening my study, because there's rain in the forecast.

The synagogue rulers of Jesus's time had priorities as well. Their priorities were: keeping God's Law, and doing what they perceived to be God's will.

The laws contained in the Hebrew Scriptures were very specific, for example, a journey on the Sabbath Day could be the equivalent of 3500 feet, no farther. Sewing 60 stitches on the Sabbath was not work, but 61 was, and was prohibited. The Law also prohibited any work on the Sabbath, to include healing.

Jesus had priorities of his own. Luke reports Jesus, quoting Isaiah, saying: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." On one occasion, Jesus's priority was to release a captive from her infirmity. This woman had been crippled, bent over, unable to look anyone, even her family, in the face. She had been a captive of her infirmity for eighteen years when Jesus set her free. "Woman," he said, "you are set free from your ailment." And this took place on a Sabbath.

"But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured.'"

Jesus responded, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" On another occasion Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the Law until everything is accomplished.

What, then, are our priorities — those of Jesus those of the synagogue rulers?

Do we care more about people or protocol?

For us today, Jesus offers not Law, but Grace. Let us share that Grace. Let us reach out to our neighbors and show them the love of God. ~ *Pastor David*✠

Prayer Concerns

Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee to search judiciously for our new pastor by discerning the will of God.

Rev. Barb Bansberg (*Gloria Shafer's friend*), Joyce Moore Barbe (*Gloria Shafer's sister*), Jean Deavers (*Ruth Newman's neighbor*), Carol Dougherty, Pat Eichler, Judy Everson (*Ellen Maticcik's friend*), Brian Flint (*Ruth Newman's friend*), Jim Gibbs, Jason Gustwiller (*Sarah's husband; Mike Newman's friends*), Ray Hanan (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Mark Hannay, Denny Herron (*Marilyn's husband*), Lauren Humphries (*Kathie Baker's niece*), Hayden Johnson (*Sam and Julie Johnson's son*), Paul Leach (*Marilyn Herron's friend*), Harvey and Sally Mason, Bill McCormick, Dolly Millikin, Chuck Pakosta, Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), Gail Tetlow, Sue Thomas (*Karen Dennison's friend*), Joetta Tonti, Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*), Lucy Works

Special Care Facilities

Brookdale: Ruth Zerbs, 404; Harvey and Sally Mason, 305

Copeland Oaks: Genevieve Benson

Grace Woods: Shirley Devan

Inn at Ironwood: Jeanne Smith, 6699 Ironwood Blvd, #125, Canfield OH 44406

Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Shenango On the Green: Marty Hollinger, 238 S Market St #227, New Wilmington PA 16142-1212

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

Whispering Pines: Kay Rousseau, 315; Joetta Tonti; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Website: www.fpcsalem.org

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

You Tube: www.youtube.com / FPCSALEM

(Service streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.)

Cable TV Channel 1021: Service shown on Sunday (1 & 9 am), Monday (1 am), Tuesday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm), Wednesday (1 am, 4 & 9 pm), Friday (1 am), Saturday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm)



Military

Andre Tonkinson
SPMAGTF 21.1 CE, UNIT 61385,
APO, AE 09877-1385
(*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)
Cody Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's son*)
Adam Pawlosky (*Jim and Ruth Newman's son in law*)
Zach Smith (*Jeanne Smith's grandson and Mickey Buck's nephew*)
Roger and Brandi Knizat (*Frank and Ellen Maticcik's grandson and wife, both in service.*)

Pastor David Houdeschell is in his office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. His day off is Monday and he works from home on Friday. His cell phone is 330-206-2951, and his e-mail is dhdschll@gmail.com.

Birthdays

Don Harrison (May 26)
Joe Karmazin (May 26)
Tylor Bricker (May 27)
Ryan Gillis (May 30)
Brenda Bradley (May 31)
Terry Welsh (May 31)
Kevin Chumney (June 1)
Jim Laughlin (June 1)
Bill McCormick (June 2)
Devon Johnson (June 2)
Joyce Pakosta (June 6)
Brenda Swinhart (June 6)

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP DAY

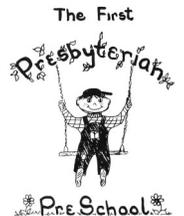
Wed. June 2, 9:00 a.m.
Volunteers needed.

Membership Class

A New Members Class will be offered soon. Please call the Church Office of your interest in this class.

Donations for the Preschool can be made by check to the Presbyterian Preschool, or through PayPal on the church's website.

Thank you for your financial consideration and prayers in helping the First Presbyterian Preschool to inspire and provide bright futures for local children.



Scouts CAPS Program — Drop off your plastic lids and bottle caps at the north entrance (clean caps, please), for the Bench for our Peace Garden.

Open Dates for Bulletins — July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, October 3, 24, 31, November 7, 28, December 5, 19, 26. Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Open Dates for Flowers — July 25 (1 vase), August 8 (1 vase), August 29 (2 vases), September 5 (2 vases), October 31 (2 vases), December 5 (1 vase). Cost is \$10 a vase.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
meeting on May 20, 2021 via Zoom:

"Following the CDC's and Governor DeWine's new guidelines concerning COVID-19 restrictions, Session has revised FPC's pandemic restrictions as follows:

- *temperatures will no longer be taken*
- *the pads will be returned to the pews*
- *the kitchen will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized with plans to re-open for use later in the summer*
- *and most importantly, Session asks everyone to use their own discretion regarding masks and social distancing. If you are unvaccinated for any reason, please consider your own safety and the safety of others."*

Additionally, Session:

- Approved joining other churches in the area for VBS at Sebo Stadium on Aug. 8, from 4-7 p.m.
- Approved planning for an "All Church Mission Trip" to Alaska in 2022.
- Approved weekly Bible Devotions and bedtime stories on the Website.
- Heard the plans are to resume *Soup-to-Go* in the Fall.
- Heard \$100.00 will be donated to the Brimfield Bread Oven's free bread ministry, to thank them for the scones on Mother's Day.
- Heard the Government's PPP loan was forgiven.
- Approved the April Finance Reports.
- Approved donations to the Preschool and the Eagle Scout Project.
- Approved the local 40% portion of the Pentecost Offering to go to the Salvation Army's Summer Food Program.
- Approved Building Requests.
- Gave permission for meetings to be held in the church.
- Approved a New Members' Class.
- Approved the Western Reserve Brass for Memorial Day Sunday and one Sunday in July.
- Heard an up-date from the Preschool Board.
- Elected Elder Mark Flake as Commissioner to the June 1 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.
- Heard the alley through the parking lot has been vacated and new signage will be posted.
- Designated July 2 as the July 4 holiday.
- Offered Intercessory Prayers for our church family and friends.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university attending, and course of study, if known. The deadline is June 30.



Salem Community Foundation Ministerial Scholarship Application and Guidelines are now available on the Salem Community Foundation's website located at www.salemcommunityfoundation.org and also by calling the foundation office weekday mornings at 330-332-4021. This scholarship aid assists persons who will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This program is extended to those who wish to enter the fields of the Ministry, Christian Education, Youth Ministry, or a closely related field. Applications must be received by Wednesday, June 2, 2021 for scholarships to be awarded for the following year.

Zimbabwe Well Project

Many of you may recall hearing Rev. Lydia Neshangwe from Zimbabwe talk to us about mission in her country. Zimbabwe has been in a 7-year drought and the majority of their population is involved in farming. Lydia and her husband Paul live on a Presbyterian farm with two deep wells, and are the faces behind our Mission Giving. There is a Presbyterian community next to them that is just starting and Paul has been appointed as the first minister of the new church. The church property is where the well will be drilled. It will be accessible to the entire community. Please consider helping in this wonderful way. We have received \$4,072 towards our goal of \$11,300. Please make checks out to the church and write 'Well Project' on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Team

Eagle Scout Project for the Church

My name is Elizabeth Gillis. I am a Life Scout in Troop 3 and one of the founding members of our girls troop. As many of you know, for my Eagle Scout service project I am building a gazebo near the church's peace garden over Memorial Day weekend. I chose to do a service project that benefits the church as a way of saying thanks to the church for your continued support for our Scouting program. I am asking for the church's support in the form of volunteers for construction and monetary donations to cover the costs of materials and supplies. We are hoping to raise \$3,500 to cover the cost of project supplies by the intended build date. Any money collected that is beyond the cost of the project will be donated to the church. Donations can be made to the church office with the designation for the Gazebo Eagle Scout Project.

May

- 26 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 27 / Thurs **7:00 Preschool Board of Trustees** *via Zoom*
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Adult Sunday School Class (107)
10:30 In-Person Worship
- 31 / Mon *Memorial Day — Church Office Closed*

June

Happy Birthday!

Jim Laughlin (1), Bill McCormick (2),
Phil Tetlow (14), Harvey Mason (23)

- 1 / Tues 2:00 Presbytery Meeting *via Zoom*
5:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
6:00 Mission I and S (110)
- 2 / Weds **7:00 Christian Education** *via Zoom*
7:00 Property & Maintenance (107/Library)
- 3 / Thurs **7:00 Worship, Music, Arts** (107/Library)
- 4 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107/Library)
- 6 / Sun 9:00 Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 Prayer Meeting *via Zoom*
- 7 / Mon **7:00 Board of Deacons** (107/Library)
- 10 / Thurs **7:00 Finance/Administration** *via Zoom*
- 13 / Sun 9:00 Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 Prayer Meeting *via Zoom*
- 14 / Mon **7:00 Congregational Care** (107/Library)
- 17 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 18 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107/Library)
- 19 / Sat 1:00-3:00 Meal Distribution in Parking Lot
by Columbiana County Connections
6:30 Suzuki String Rehearsal (FH/L)
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 Prayer Meeting *via Zoom*



- 27 / Sun 9:00 Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
10:30 In-Person Worship
5:00 Prayer Meeting *via Zoom*

July

- 2 / Fri Church Office Closed for July 4 Holiday
- 4 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
- 6 / Tues **8:30 am Investment** *via Zoom*
10:00-4:00 United Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)
- 11 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
- 16 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)
- 18 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 21 / Weds 6:30 Suzuki String Rehearsal (FH/L)
- 25 / Sun 10:30 In-Person Worship
- 30 / Fri 9:00 Quilt Group (107)

Beaver Creek Church Camp

Family Camp, July 1-4: Family units stay together in cabins. Cost is \$300 for a family.

Elementary Camp, July 11-16: for those who finished Grades 2-5. Families can choose to have their children stay overnight in cabins, or bring the children each day for day camp. Cost is \$190.

Middler Camp, July 18-23: This camp will be for those who finished Grades 6-8. This camp also can be used with the children staying overnight in cabins, or coming each day as day campers. Cost is \$190.

Family Camp, July 30-August 1: Family units will stay together in cabins. Cost is \$300 for a family.

Alumni Day, August 1: All former campers and counsellors are welcomed to come and enjoy the beauty of the camp. There is no charge for this day.

For more information call Ronnie Chipps, 740-424-3882,
<http://www.beavercreekcamp.com>.

Beaver Creek Camp is also looking for the following three paid positions: Camp Cook, Licensed Lifeguard, Youth to help with cleaning and sanitizing. Volunteers are needed for the weeks of July 11-16 and July 18-23, camp director, camp counsellors. If you know of anyone interested for these positions, please contact Steve Cramer at rev.stevecramer@yahoo.com, or call 330-921-1115.