

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Sunday, September 17**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Youth Group,  
and Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 18**

**Tuesday, September 19**

**Wednesday, September 20**

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. – Stewardship and Memorials  
Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. – P.R.A.Y.

4:00 p.m. – Mission Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education  
Committee Meeting

7:15 p.m. – Worship and Music Committee  
Meeting

**Thursday, September 21**

**Friday, September 22**

**Saturday, September 23**

**Sunday, September 24**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal

**Last Week – September 10:**

**8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship**

Attendance: 8:30 a.m. 42/11:00 a.m. 112

Online Views: 30

Total Giving - \$3,995.00

2023 Per Capita to date - \$5,618.99

(Per Capita per member - \$33.00)



The Food Pantry is one of the missions of our church to provide for those in need in our community. Anyone may drop in during office hours for a free bag of groceries. If you would like to help in this mission, we would appreciate monetary donations or donations of non-perishable goods. If paying by check, please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church (write 'Food Pantry' in the memo).



**Josh Heikkila**  
**visits Lake Erie**

Rev. Josh Heikkila (PCUSA World Mission Co-worker, Ghana; West Africa Liaison) will be in Lake Erie Presbytery in November. He will be attending the

Presbytery Meeting on Nov. 14th in Utica. Josh recently visited our Ghana Partners in the Upper Northern Presbytery, so he will have lots of first-hand news to share. He will also have news on some changes happening within PCUSA World Mission. Josh will be attending several events throughout the Presbytery while he is here. Rev. Heikkila will be preaching during worship on November 19.



**September Women's Mission**

**Project:** We are collecting laundry supplies, paper towels, tissues, razors, shaving cream, body wash (3 in 1 for men), deodorant and dental supplies for St. James Haven and Women's Services. Please place your donations in the PW bin in the church office. The items will be delivered at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 17, 2023**

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available downstairs in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

### SERVING THIS MORNING

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Chuck Jones.
- **The Liturgist** today is Nancy Smith.
- **The Greeters** today are Lois Kafferlin at 8:30 a.m.; and Jerry and Madalyn Davis at 11:00 a.m.

**The Chancel Flowers** today are given by Marilyn Shannon to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Robert Shannon.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Dr. Priscilla Suntay, Linda Bennett, Mary Truran, Bonnie Murphy, Ruth Cooper, Darrell Sivik, Kathy Sivik, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Harold Mumau, Janet Koller, Marilyn Robb, John Robb, Becky Jordan, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **Sympathy to Jean Lundahl** on the death of her husband, Richard Lundahl, on September 8.
- † **Sympathy to Tim and Luann Kirkpatrick** on the death of Luann's brother, Larry Blair Prenatt, on September 4.
- † **Please pray safety for Elijah Boyd's nephew**, Armoni Foster, playing for a professional basketball team in the Ukraine.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Union City and Mill Village Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert Willert; Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom and Rev. Rick Cepris, Honorably Retired.
- † **Service Personnel:** Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau, and Kloe Peterson.
- † **"The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center."** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Czech Republic - Along Side Ministry Int.), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Rev. Bill Lawrence (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children - Carlos and Mimine (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Migration and Human Trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).**

**PLEASE BE AWARE** that until we hire an evening custodian, you will have to enter via the East Cherry Street entrance if you are attending an evening meeting. Thank you!

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



### “PRAYING FOR CHILDREN” (MOMSINPRAYER.ORG):

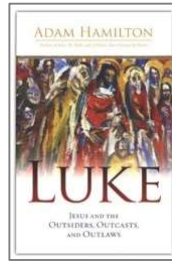
Ready.... Set.... Pray! We will resume meeting for the new school year on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. If you have a prayer concern for your children and/or their schools, please email Laurel at [hlporter20@yahoo.com](mailto:hlporter20@yahoo.com) or join us any Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. in the library. All prayers are confidential, and all are welcome! Every child and every school needs a praying Mom, Grandma or friend!



### STEPHEN MINISTRY:

If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer. Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. We can visit with you by way of phone calls, virtual connection, or social distancing. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Doris Foster. She can be reached at 814-336-2575.**

**Communion Education for Youth** – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Corll will be instructing youth grades 3 through 8, about the sacrament of communion. It will be during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 a.m. This is a tradition that had taken place for years in our church. Parents and eligible youth should receive a letter inviting the children and parents to attend.



**Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws.** Jesus came to lift up the lowly. In the Gospel of Luke, a first-century portrait of Jesus, we find stories of Jesus’s ministry with ordinary, unexpected people. They weren’t perfect. Whoever they were, Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. That includes you and me. **Please join us today in the Culbertson Room at 9:30 a.m.** Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke.



An early invitation to take part in our Advent Devotional Booklet is extended to all. The Stephen Ministry requests devotional meditations for an annual Advent Booklet each year. For over ten years, members and friends of the church have offered their thoughts and meditations for the booklet. The theme for 2023 is *“Sentiments for a Sacred Season”*. You are invited to reflect on what Advent and Christmas means to you and create a write up for the devotional. Deadline is November 3, so that it can be compiled and ready for distribution for the Advent Season (December 3-December 25).

If you would like offering envelopes for 2024, please notify the church at 814-333-2161 or drop a note in the offering plate. We will be ordering envelopes in October.



**THE WINS PROJECT:** Thank you for your generous donations. Please continue to save clean, intact plastic grocery bags (but not from the Wine and Spirits store) at home this summer. There is a collection bin across from the church office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**THE PRAYER LIFELINE** is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at [hlporter20@yahoo.com](mailto:hlporter20@yahoo.com). All requests will be kept confidential.



**Librarian’s Picks for September:** “Reading is how people install new software into their brains!” Come into the Library or check out the Library or check out the Library Table and see all the possibilities that are available! Come In and Check Them Out!



Our next *Soulstice* gathering will be on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Join us in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence.



**Mission Study Committee update:** The congregational surveys have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the Church office as soon as possible. There is a large, stamped envelope, included in your packet for you to insert your completed surveys. The return envelopes are labeled to return to JL Nick Consulting and should be in the mail no later than Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Once the survey opinions are compiled and analyzed, JL Nick will deliver the results to the committee for explanation. These results will then be made available to Session and the congregation. Shortly after this process is completed, the Mission Study will complete our work and with Session approval deliver our study to Presbytery for approval. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress.



Do you have the gift of being welcoming and hospitable? Then we would love to have you greet our members and visitors on Sunday mornings. If you are able, please call the church office at 814-333-2161 or write on your attendance card that you would like to help in this ministry.