

The Cornerstone News

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Thoughts from Ian...



Have you ever attended a Tin Caps game? Our church family, along with others from Paulding, did last week (Saturday the 27th). It was my first time to see the Tin Caps, but it was not my first baseball game.

Growing up, my family went to the old Bush Stadium to watch the St. Louis Cardinals. I hope you all don't hold that against me. I heard that one year the Post Office had to recall their stamps in Ohio because they had pictures of Cardinals on them and people didn't know which side to spit on. (just joking!)

In St. Louis, we love our baseball players. You may have heard that Albert Pujols returned to St. Louis for a game for the first time since 2011. Even though Pujols was on the other team, Cardinal's fans stood and cheered to welcome him. Cardinal players are so beloved, it would not surprise me if someone was caught impersonating a Cardinal player. It would not be the first time someone attempted such a feat!*

You can buy the jersey, ball cap,

and bat. You can practice catching and hitting. But unless you have been drafted onto the team, you are not a Cardinals' player. You need to join the team! Being a Christian is a similar experience. You can buy a Bible and cross necklace. You can practice your Bible verses and sing along with Christian songs on the radio. But unless you have joined God's family through faith, you are not yet a Christian. Like baseball, Christianity is not a solo sport.

We all know that we are saved graciously by God through faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast." But the good news does not stop there! When we are saved, we become children of God and part of the larger family of God (John 1: 12-13). We become citizens of God's kingdom and join God's team (Philippians 3:20). In both Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, Paul speaks of all who have accepted Christ as their Savior as being new creatures in Him and members of His body.

One way that this truth is realized on this world is through the church. We see in Acts how Christians were never intended to live the life of faith in isolation. When people were saved, they became part of a community of faith. For example, in Acts 2: 47, "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." People were saved and they became part of the saved community.

It is within this saved community that

we learn to live out the life God calls us to. We learn together from God's Word. We worship God together in spirit and truth. We learn to serve one another. We learn to forgive one another. We do this, not only because it is the manifestation of the truth of our union in Jesus Christ, but because each of us is an important part of the living body of Christ.

If you have not "joined the team" I pray that you do. Accept God's free gift of salvation made possible because of Jesus' death on the cross for your sins! If you have "joined the team", I am so grateful you are here. Let's play ball!

* In 2009, Oscar Corral, 41, was caught trying to impersonate Florida Marlins relief pitcher Kiko Calero! (http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/news/man-arrested-in-impersonation-of-mlb-player/article_c8bed32b-c3af-5036-9e32-3affb03112ea.html)



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> August 1 through 3 (in our parking lot) US 127 Garage Sales </div> <p style="text-align: center;">N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 90%;"> Community Bible School at Nazarene Church—Nazarene, Lutheran and Presbyterian </div>					
	Nominating meeting at 5:00 pm	Ladies Do Lunch Fiesta Habenario Noon		N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	Drug Court graduation lunch noon	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Danielle Pennington Haas, Author At Paulding County Library 6:30		N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ministerial Assn presents Mike Zeedyk YFC 6:00		Session 7:00		N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge		Membership/Get to Know the Church class
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Writers' Group 7:00	Choir practice begins for the year 7:00			

August: Birthdays
 3rd - Stan Searing
 3rd - Sherie Summers
 6th - Jillene McMichael
 11th - David Beatty

13th - Jacob Fife
 17th - Jaden Verfaillie
 17th - Alex Straley
 26th - Barb Searing
 28th - Samuel Henson

29th - Jamie A. Smith (Jim & Doris Smith son)

August Anniversaries:
 5th - Carol and Art Razo
 7th - Don and Ruby Crossland
 14th - Scott and Danielle Haas
 20th - Joel and Joy Coughlin
 28th - Dan and Dianna Karlstadt

Session Highlights

At the July 16th Session meeting, elders:

-were updated on plans of the Congregational Life committee to create a coffee area for folks to enjoy as they arrive at worship each Sunday morning. This will entail some moving around of cabinets and the purchase of a coffee 'island'. The area is proposed to be in the hallway near the elevator and the missions table. Elders were most agreeable to give this a try. Women's Board has offered to purchase the coffee cart and the air-pump-type pots for this area.

-heard in the Pastor's Report about 1) Pastor Ian's trip to General Assembly, especially about Andrew Brunson's talk. 2) Pastor Ian's plan for a membership/'get to know the church' class on Sat., August 24th. The class is for those who have been attending and are considering becoming members. After the class is over, people can choose whether they wish to go forward with membership. 3) Pastor Ian's intention to lead Bible studies in the fall.....one for men, one for women.....probably on a week-day evening. Stay tuned for details.

-approved several dates for use of the building:

*Help Me Grow Tuesday, July 16th (nursery and youth lounge)

*Living Free Training Sat., July 20 (Fellowship Hall)

*Drug Court graduation Fridays, July 26th and August 9th (Fellowship Hall)

*127 garage sale Thurs. - Sat., Aug. 1-2-3 (parking lot & Fellowship Hall)

*5th Quarter events Fridays Sept. 6 & 27; Oct. 11 & 18 (parking lot)

-heard of receipt of a bequest from Becky Fishbaugh's trust. Larry and Brent Fishbaugh will be suggesting designation of this generous gift.

-approved secretary Sue Paulus's request to adjust her work hours. Sue will now be in the office Mondays 10 am - noon; Thursdays and Fridays 9 am - 1 pm.

-tabled the decision where funds raised at the ice cream tent will be applied.

-asked Rhonda to check on what our church is being asked to provide for Community VBS at the Nazarene Church Aug. 5-9.

-were reminded of our Paulding Summer Blast activities on Friday, July 19.....the ice cream tent all evening, and



Ladies Do Lunch

June

~~Wednesday June 5th, lunch at the Pancake House at noon. No reservations required.~~

~~Tuesday June 18, leave church at 9:00 to travel to Angola IN to Four Corners Gallery for a demonstration by Steve Smith, as well as a tour of his gallery. Steve also works with Potters For Peace~~

July

~~Monday July 8, lunch at Fiesta Habaneros at noon. No reservations required.~~

~~Later in month, we will be visiting Sue and Phyllis Crossland at their cottage in MI, 90 minutes away. Brunch and a ride on the water are scheduled, tentative dates are July 15th with a rain dates of the 17th. Watch for more detail.~~

August

~~Tuesday August 6, lunch at the Pancake House at noon. No reservations required.~~

~~In the last half of August, Darla Cline is planning an outing at CJ Natural Meats where we will learn about making cheese, watch for news and dates soon.~~

the dinner being served to the Vietnam veterans after they are honored in the parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

Paulding County Carnegie Library Presents:

Danielle Pennington Haas will hold her first solo author talk and book signing on Tuesday August 13th at 6:30. Danielle grew up in this church, many of us have known her practically since her birth. Her first novel *Bound by Danger* (romance/suspense genre) was published this past year. Her 2nd is coming out soon. She was won or is in the running for several competitions for authors in the genre. Great job Danielle!



Paulding Ministerial Association Presents:

Mike Zeedyk at the First Presbyterian church in Paulding on Sunday evening August 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Mike will be sharing some information on Campus Life/Youth For Christ, as well as showing us how we can be prepared to share our faith with others. This is a community event that you won't want to miss.



Bud Koenig as he preaches on June 30th making us aware of how of the story of Gideon speaks to this congregation.



Where: First Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday August 24

8:00 am until noon

Child care provided

You are invited to the Pastor's Welcome class! Pastor Ian will share about who we are, what we believe, and how we are organized. Hear from our pastors and some of our elders about their faith. If you have questions about our church, we have answers!

Brunch will be provided.



Chuck Visits Family

In June, Chuck Lutz visited son David Lutz and his family, on right, wife Brenda and daughter Gina beside son Josh. Gina was nominated for Student of the Year for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society of Huston TX. Gina is in total remission at this time, we celebrate with you and your family Chuck.





Remember that our spaces are available only through Saturday, not through Sunday

WORLD'S LONGEST GARAGE SALE

Paulding – Tired of dusting around nameless knick-knacks? That newly minted college kid's room becoming a home gym? Attic on the verge of cave-in from one too many Christmas decorations? The US 127 Yard Sale runs from July 31-August 4, and some prime real estate to display and monetize your long forgotten and unused wares is available just off the square of downtown Paulding courtesy of the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, Ohio.

This year for the first time the big yellow brick church on 114 West Caroline is excited to be offering booth spaces in its parking lot. Spaces are available from Wednesday, July 31 through Saturday, August 3, with setup beginning at 4pm on Tuesday, July 30. 20-by-20 foot and 20-by-30 foot spaces are available and rent for \$25 and \$35 respectively. Table rental is also available.

This high visibility site, located on the corner of US 127 and West Caroline Street, is sure to draw shoppers with its prime location next to the House of Love BBQ and Fiesta Habaneros. Drinks will be available in the air-conditioned fellowship hall as well as quarts of the World Famous First Presbyterian Homemade Ice Cream. Baby-changing and phone-charging facilities will also be offered. Proceeds from the 127 Yard Sale will go to support scholarships for mission trips.

Interested renters should contact Event Coordinator Brent Fishbaugh at (419) 378-2068 or the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, Ohio at (419) 399-2438. Renters may also stop in to the church Thursdays and Fridays from 9am-2pm to pick up a rental agreement and reserve a space.

FINANCIAL TIDBITS FROM JUNE		
Designated Gifts:		
Amount	Purpose	
\$100.00	5th Sunday offering for Agape Fund	
\$6,000.00	Bricks N Boiler Fund	
\$50.00	Library Fund	
\$200.00	Weaver Camp Fund	
\$1,000.00	Women's Board	
\$100.00	In memory of Wilberta Iler	
\$100.00	In memory of Chris Corwin	
\$29,300.00	Becky Fishbaugh Estate	
Notable Expenditures:		
Amount	Payee	Purpose
\$175.00	Barb Searing	DQ gift cards for Fathers' Day
\$130.00	Classic Land Design	Mowing for May
\$932.61	Paulding County Treasurer	Property taxes and curb assessments
\$275.00	Lima Pipe Organ	Semi-annual service for pipe organ
\$100.00	Ron Schumacher	Guest speaker fee
\$231.74	Deluxe	New checks



Dino in Concert!

On Saturday September 14th, Dino—famed Christian pianist—is in concert at Maranatha Bible Church North of Findlay.

From their Face Book page: Come join us for a wonderful

evening of music, by World Renowned Pianist, Dino Kartsonakis!

Prelude music by Findlay's very own Susan

Kayser. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Please call our ticket Line:
567-208-7347

Maranatha Bible Church
10965 St Rte 613
Van Buren OH 45889





Our church honored Summer Blast Parade Grand Marshalls with a meal spearheaded by Rhonda Smalley on Friday, July 19 after the parade. Twenty Vietnam Veterans and their families enjoyed home-made ice cream after their meals. Included in this group was our own Jeff Riley. A huge “Thanks” to all of you! Your sacrifice means our nation is still free.

Paulding Summer Blast!



Our veterans, photo of four women in the kitchen, some ice cream workers waiting in the heat for the crowd after the parade, a



Thank you for the delicious meal you made for us and the recognition of those who were not welcomed home after the Vietnam War.
Tom & Rita Diaz

thank you note from a veteran and his wife...what a successful evening for First Presbyterian Church. Thank you each and every one for all that you did to contribute to this wonderful time.





Dear People at Church,

Thank you for giving money to the camp so that I could go to Camp Rejoice!

It really means a lot to me! I love the people at camp, they are so kind and loving.

We were all so connected with everyone, that it was like we were one person. I love the activities, food, people, places, and the counselors!

I've already been here for 3 years and this place is already in my history book!

Terry, you were one of the greatest counselors I've ever had! I wouldn't ask for a better counselor.

I remember the first time I was at Camp Rejoice. I was only 10. My buddies were Daniel, Aidan, and Jackson. And my counselor was CJ. I was nervous and kind of homesick. But a couple days later, I was used to it.

I love Camp Rejoice so much that I would almost spend 2 weeks there!

Marie Jane, I love your bible study stories. They were so interesting and fun! Camper Dave, I love your hikes (kind of) even though I was super sweaty and about to pass out.

I would also thank my cousins Kacie, Kristen, Erin, and Anna. I wouldn't have been in Church Camp without them.

I'm just writing this note because I thank the church and my cousins for giving me this opportunity at Camp Rejoice.

Love, Adam Leever



Thank You to our Church Family:

We received thank you notes from two campers this year, one from a Junior High boy, the second from a student after her 10th and final year as she heads off to college.

My Church Family,

Thank you all for such an amazing opportunity to go to my most favorite place in the world for 10 years in a row. I have learned so much that I am taking into my next chapter of life! Kirkmont means so much to me...it was hard to say goodbye this year.

Without all of you, there never would have been a hello.

Thank you again for allowing me to go back year after year.

Love Kristen Razo



Group picture of the seniors celebrating their last year at camp. Pictured are three of our own: Breydon Buehler, Erin Karlstadt and Kristen Razo.



This wonderful photo of Terry Buehler and grandson Breydon is in celebration of their final year at camp. Terry has been a counselor for many years, and has spent the last ten years of his time there working with Camp Rejoice. Terry is retiring from his position there, Breydon just attended for his last year. Thank you, Terry, for caring about our kids!





**Ladies
Do
Lunch
and a lot more!**



Thanks to Sue, Ruby and Phyllis for hosting this wonderful day at the lake. Thanks to God for the beauty of His creation shared by the women while there. Thanks for the calm that let Baby Henry sleep while his mama enjoyed the boat ride. Lunch was good, fellowship was great, weather was perfect though on the warm side. Watch for more of the fantastic things planned for Ladies Do Lunch!

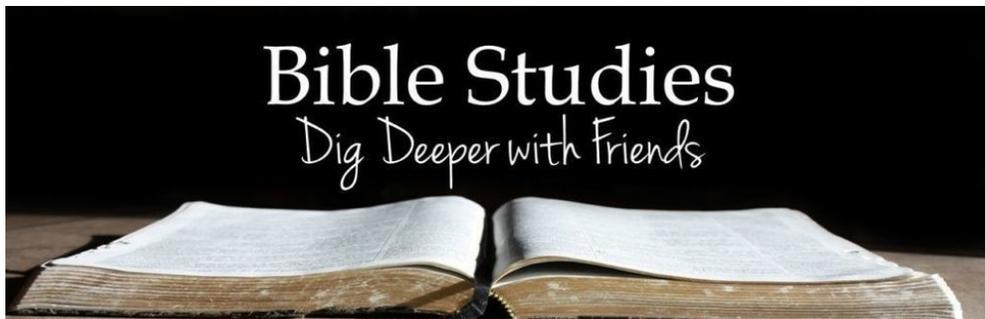




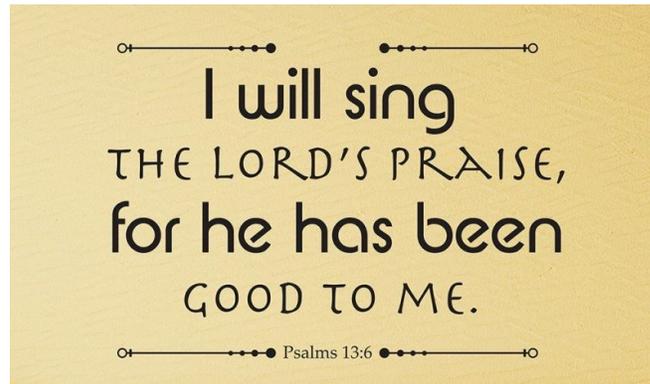
New Coffee Cart

The Women's Group recently purchased a cart to use in a designated area for coffee and conversation in the hall outside of the Fellowship Hall. Should be available by fall.

Thanks ladies and Richard the assembler.



Watch for information on Bible Studies coming this fall.



Choir Practice Begins

Once again rehearsals begin in August to prepare for the upcoming choir and worship season. Please join us on Wednesday August 28th to lift your voice in praise to the Lord.



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Praise Music 9:15
Worship Service 9:30

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.
In All Things, Charity.

