

First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

## Thoughts from Ian...



### July 2023 Newsletter

Last week, I attended the annual General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This meeting of our denomination is an important time to worship together, learn together, and accomplish the work of the EPC at large.

Yesterday during worship, I gave a Biblical explanation of why this time was important. For example, in 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul describes the church as the global body of Christ consisting of all those who have received the Holy Spirit. We need one another, not just locally, but globally, to accomplish God's work. There is a strong Biblical case to embrace the connectional-ism the EPC makes possible.

Outside of the theological case, there is also a practical case for being a part of a denomination like the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Let me give a few practical reasons:

**To Ensure Pastors Are Called By God And Meet Biblical Standards:** Pastors can be a source of great harm or great blessing to a local church and its people. This is the reason we find in Scripture high qualifications for someone to hold such a leadership position. Because of this, there should be a rigorous, time-tested, Biblically-faithful process by which people are ordained as pastors. Denominations provide a process to confirm someone's sense of calling to ministry.

**For Accountability:** The Biblical example (see Acts 15) and the example in the early church history is one where local churches have accountability over them. If a church doesn't belong to a denomination or some other organization that can reprimand and/or discipline them, how can that local church say they are a Biblically based church because we find accountability being practiced in the Bible and lived out in the early church? Just as God created individual believers to belong in community with other believers to faithfully live out the faith, God calls community of believers (churches) to be in community with other churches to function faithfully.

**To Protect** the pastor from church-abuse and to protect a church from pastor-abuse. Also, to protect churches from abusive pastors. It is a sad reality, but the safeguards are needed.

**For Shared Mission:** More can be done together. For example, many churches cannot fully support a missionary or plant a church. When we partner together to do these things, we can do what is impossible for us to do alone.


**For Legal Protection:** Official positions taken by a denominational on hot button issues can answer why we can't do "x, y, or z", and it can provide legal protection if someone challenges a local congregation in court.

**For Mutual Encouragement and Support:** Every pastor and church needs to know they are not alone. Fellowship with other pastors or with other churches should be a benefit found in being part of a denomination. Of course, this is only found if one participates.

**For Assistance/Resources for ongoing training:** This is a benefit a denomination can provide, though too often pastors and local congregations may not take full advantage of what is available. Best practices can be shared as we learn best from one another.

We are better together and I am thankful for a church family who understands the benefits of being a part of the global Christian church.

# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 Worship Service	3	4 	5	6  NA meets 7:30	7 Drug Court	8
9 10:30-Worship Service Communion  3:00- Herb Monroe Park	10	11 9 AM-Deacon's Church  LDL-Do Good Rest., Osgood, Ohio	12	13  NA meets 7:30	14	15
16 10:30-Worship Service	17	18  Session-7PM	19	20  NA meets 7:30	21 Drug Court	22
23 10:30-Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:30 - Worship Service	31			NA meets 7:30		

# who was HERB MONROE?

event  
sponsored by



*drinks & refreshments provided*

OUR PARK IS NAMED AFTER HIM.  
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY?

## HERB MONROE COMMUNITY PARK

**SUNDAY  
JULY 9TH  
3:00PM**




### JULY BIRTHDAYS

12-Isaac Nice  
16-Kacie Karlstadt  
18-Ruth Eschbach  
20-Ethan Hill  
25-Ruby Crossland  
25-Rachel Razo  
28-Becky Hurtig

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

15-Chris & Gretchen Futey  
17-Jeff & Becky Riley  
18-Clete & Audrey Stechschulte  
21-Rick & Becky Craft  
25-Dave & Jane Nice  
30-Dan & Susan Kayser





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1	<b>FINANCIAL TIDBITS FROM MAY</b>		
2	<b>Designated Gifts:</b>		
3	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
4	\$200.00	Agape Fund	
5	\$100.00	Fellowship hall rental	
6	\$200.00	Missions	
7	\$169.12	Nicelley investment dividend	
8	\$40.00	Per member asking	
9	\$500.00	To offset property maintenance costs	
10	<b>Notable Expenditures:</b>		
11	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
12	\$295.00	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Registration for General Assembly conference
13	\$135.00	Manz Web Design	Web site maintenance
14	\$858.00	Midwest Presbytery	2023 per member asking
15	\$1,518.00	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	2023 per member asking
16	\$1,868.20	Schlatters	Furnace repairs
17	\$492.18	Jeffrey Beam	Paint entrance railings, paint & caulk windows
18	\$600.00	Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center	Additional mission allocation
19	\$600.00	Gods Share Program	Additional mission allocation
20	\$100.00	Compassion International	Birthday gift for Compassion child
21	\$472.00	CCLI	Copyright license renewal
22	<b>Budget vs Actual Income:</b>		
23	\$66,540.53	Budgeted Income	
24	\$66,979.45	Actual Income	
25	\$438.92	Difference	



From  
Treasurer  
Carol Razo

## **HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*Men's Breakfast will not be meeting in July.

\**Who Was Herb Monroe?* July 9th at 3 PM at Herb Monroe Park. Drinks and refreshments.

\*Deacons will meet on Tuesday, July 11th (second Tuesday this month) at 9AM at the church.

\*LDL will meet on Tuesday, July 11th (second Tuesday this month) to travel to the Do Good Restaurant and Ministry in Osgood, Oh. Contact Becky Craft @ 419-786-0021 to reserve.

\*Session will meet Tuesday, July 18th at the church, convening at 7 PM.

\*Drug Court will meet this month on July 7th and 21st.

\*Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28th for the Women's Fall Retreat. Then watch for details through out the summer.

\*There are N.A. open meetings on Tuesdays at 6PM at the Antwerp Community Church, as well as in our Presbyterian Church basement every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM.

\*The designated Deacon for July is Martha Panches. However, any of the Deacon's may be approached for questions or concerns.

**\*While you are cleaning out the closet or garage, or even the barn, keep in mind that the 127 Garage Sale is coming up August 2-6. (It will be here a whole lot quicker than you think.) As always, our church is hosting a sale with Brent Fishbaugh overseeing the sale of your donated wares. For full details, see article on page 8.**

No Session highlight, as the Session did not meet in the month of June.



If you need that little extra help to attend our services, Sue Crossland has added another handicap parking space. During the summer months (and usually all throughout the year), Sue is at the church taking care of issues that we don't even know exist or take for granted. Sue, thanks for the tireless energy you give the church that usually goes unnoticed.

#### **NOTES FROM SUE CROSSLAND, PROPERTY**

The decision to dispose of the last of our older refrigerators has been made. It has been sitting empty for a year with no use, but is plugged in and appears to be fine. It is available to anyone for a donation. Please contact Susan Crossland if interested.

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The external daily chimes have been sent in for repair in case you have missed hearing them for the past year. We were unable to keep them going after the renovation project.

#### **HAS GOD BLESSED YOU OR HELPED YOU THROUGH A TOUGH TIME ?**

Consider sharing your praise or even a favorite Bible verse with the congregation during a Sunday Service in June, July or August. Just a three minute (or less) share. There is a sign-up sheet at the top of the stairs or leave a message for your chosen Sunday on the church's voicemail and we will sign you up.

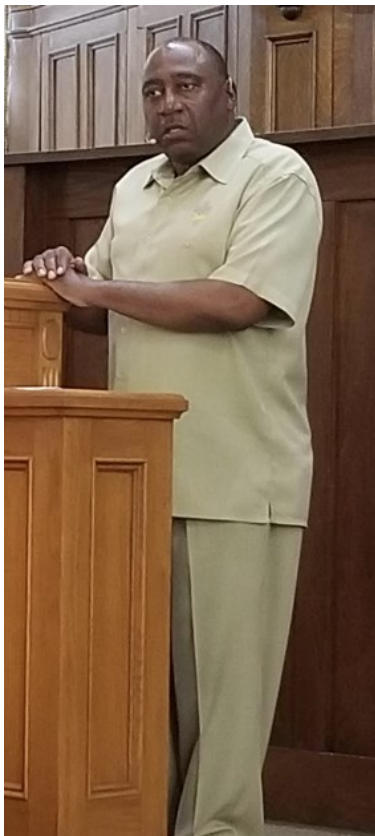
***“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16***





On Tuesday, June 6th, Ladies Do Lunch met at the Past Time Café for some good food and conversation.

**Pictured left to Right**– Rhee Adams, Erin Karlstadt, Jane Nice, Becky Craft, Martha Punches, Becky Riley, Barb Searing and Sue Paulus. **Front and center at the table and pictured above** is Quinn Morrison (Sue P.'s great-granddaughter) and stuffed friend 'Pugg'.



On June 4th, Pastor Dwayne Richardson (**left**) was guest speaker. Sue Crossland (**above**) shared a special story and Bible verse with the congregation.



**Above**–You guessed it– that is Deacon Doug...jack-of-all-trades cleaning out our suppression system AGAIN after our latest bird incident. Birds seem to like hanging out in our church. Must be the awesome people that frequent the place.

Ladies Do Lunch are gathering to do lunch at the **Do Good Restaurant and Ministry** on Tuesday, July 11th (second Tuesday this month), in Osgood, OH. Call or text Becky Craft @ 419-786-0021 for details and a head count.







**Top left**– Amber checking out some of the goodies. **Above**– This baby girl will be well dressed and well stocked with diapers for a while. **Middle right**– Phyllis Crossland handing out some grandmotherly advice to Amber. **Below**– The ladies looking over the articles bestowed upon Amber.



Sunday, June 25th, the congregation presented Jeremy and Amber Litchfield with an abundance of baby gifts and necessary baby items to welcome their baby girl (you may have guessed that by all the pink) into the world in August. A light lunch was also served.

Amber was absolutely thrilled by the generosity of the church. *She and Jeremy wants to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts that will be well used in the upcoming months. The welcome that they have received from the church and the kindness extended has been awesome.*

## DONATIONS FOR 127 YARD SALE BENEFITTING CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY BUILDING FUND

### ***Brent Fishbaugh***

*The good news:* We're expecting a lot of community donations so I'll be hassling you (just a little bit) less.

*The bad news:* We're expecting a lot of donations so if you can avoid the fellowship hall for pretty much the entire month of July...

We'll try to sell pretty much anything. All donations are appreciated. Please clean all items. No broken/dangerous items.

Unsold items will be donated to area Goodwill/Salvation Army in the weeks following the sale.

Please pull up to alley door of the Fellowship Hall. Door will be unlocked (during the specified donations times).

We have space available for oversized items; however, it is appreciated if these items begin to arrive the weekend of Friday, July 28 for storage considerations, unless absolutely necessary.

Donating early is appreciated, allowing as much time as possible for setup.

### **Scheduled Donation Times (beginning July):**

*Sat. July 1, 8, 15 Sat. 10 am-12 pm	*Sun. July 30 2-6 pm
*Fri. July 7, 14, 21, 28 3-7 pm	*Mon. July 31 11 am-6 pm
*Thu. July 27 1 pm-7 pm	*Tue. Aug 1 11 am-6pm (last resort)
*Sat. July 29 11 am-6 pm	

### **Sale runs Wed-Sat Aug 2-5. No donations during the sale if possible, please.**

If you need to donate during alternate times, please contact Event Coordinator Brent Fishbaugh at (419)-378-2068. If you have a building key or want to donate during church hours, you can leave donations in the marked area in the fellowship hall. Oversized/outdoor items can be left in the Caserta garage.

**CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:** We are expecting quite a lot more donations than previous years due to community outreach and the benefits going to the food pantry building fund. To this end, we are not planning to rent tables this year. If possible, please refrain from borrowing tables from the church and garages during this timeframe, as I suspect we will need all that we have. This may change depending where we are on July 30. Also, for you early pickers— please refrain from taking/setting aside items until setup is complete. We will have some kind of early showing for church members, but until then, please window shopping only. Thanks for your support.



If you have been to a luncheon or church dinner, you have experienced some of the fabulous dishes that the Presby ladies have served up. If you have a recipe that you have been hankering to try, let us know and will try to get the recipe in print.

### Marinated Carrots

By Martha Punches

*Prepare two days ahead of event*

#### Ingredients:

Veggies:

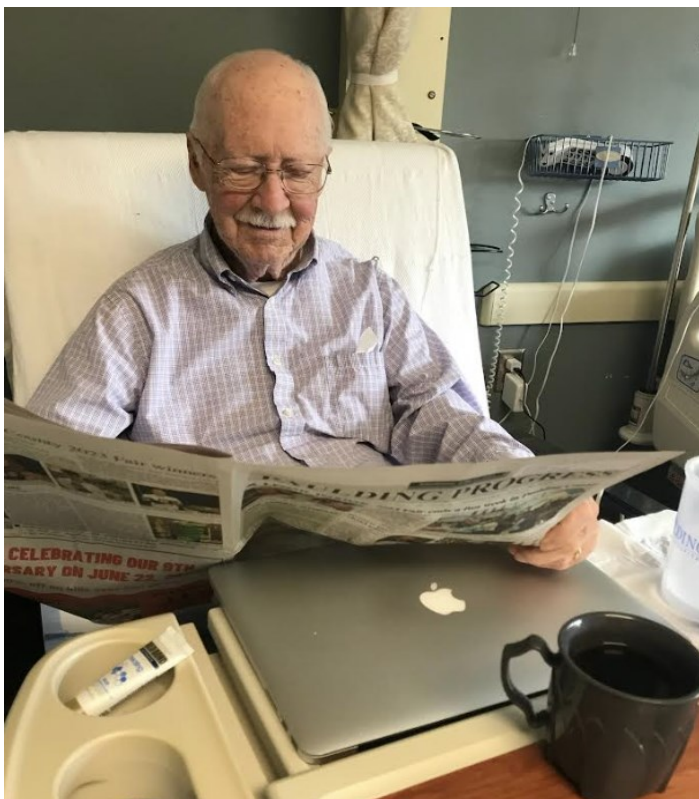
2 # carrots, sliced thinly or cut using  
a food processor  
1/4 onion, sliced thinly  
1/2 green pepper, chopped into small chunks

#### Sauce:

1/2 cup oil  
1/2 cup white vinegar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 t. Worcestershire Sauce  
1/2 t. salt  
1/2 t. black or white pepper  
1 T. ketchup  
1 t. mustard

Boil water in a large pan and add carrots. Boil 5 minutes or until carrots are crunchy, not raw. Drain and pour into storage/serving bowl. Add green pepper and onion. Stir. Set aside.

In a mixing or measuring bowl, combine the sauce ingredients and stir well to blend. Pour over veggies and stir well. Cover and refrigerate for up to three days before serving before serving, stirring often. The longer they marinate, the better they become.



**Left-** Looks like Stan Searing has all he needs to recuperate from recent surgery to amputate his left leg above the knee. He is spending some time in the 'swing bed' at the Paulding County Hospital. Stan (and the family) wants to extend thanks and praise for all the love/ concern/prayers/cards/visits... *and did we mention prayers!...from everyone.* Mr. Stan also wants you to know that if you ever need therapy/rehab, choose PCH for great attentive, excellent small-town care. Hope you 'spring' from the 'swing' bed soon, Stan. We all miss you and we are keeping the pew warm for you.

**Sunday School at 9:00**

**Worship Service 10:30**

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

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