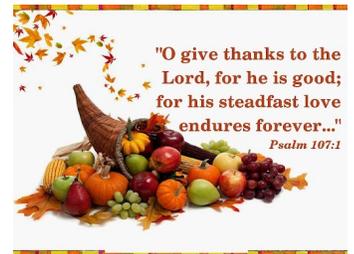


First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio



Thoughts from Ian...



"I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe."

Mary, Queen of Scots

If you celebrated Halloween this year, I hope you enjoyed it. The boys will likely be dressing up as Captain America and Batman (see picture with grandma Brenda below). We have carved pumpkins. We put up some decorations. We may trick-or-treat.

Did you know there is a day called "Reformation Day"? On October 31st, many Christians celebrate Reformation Day as a time to remember the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. Martin Luther, and many other reformers, boldly affirmed that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone. They desired the Bible to be translated into the common language so more people could read it for themselves. They thought all Christians should be allowed to take both elements of the Lord's Supper. For these reasons and others, they not only risked their



lives but many died for these things.

If you rejoice in knowing that you are saved through faith, reading the Bible in your first language, or taking full communion, then thank the reformers!

Every year, both holidays (Reformation Day and Halloween) are on the same day. So, I celebrate both. This year I celebrated Reformation Day by carving my pumpkin with the image of the Scottish reformer John Knox. In the early 1540s, Knox was persuaded by the teaching of the reformers. He became a pastor, preaching fiery sermons against the abuses of the Catholic church of his time.

Knox's life was not easy. He was imprisoned, enslaved in a ship's

galley, and sometimes forced to flee for his life from his home country. Eventually, Knox was able to pastor in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he shaped the developing Protestant church there.

Knox was not perfect, but he was a man of great courage. One man standing before Knox's open grave said, "Here lies a man who neither flattered nor feared any flesh." Knox's legacy is large: his spiritual progeny includes some 750,000 Presbyterians in Scotland, 3 million in the United States, and many millions more worldwide."

Let us thank God for those who give their lives for God's kingdom. And may we speak the truth in love, neither flattering nor fearing any flesh.



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			<b>First Wednesday Meal</b>  <b>Presby Praise Singers 7:00</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Communion</b>		<b>Ladies Do Lunch 10:30 am</b> <b>At Grounded Coffee &amp; Crumbs</b>	<b>Presby Praise Singers 7:00</b>	<b>NA meets at 7:30</b>		<b>Men's Breakfast 8:00 am</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Pastor's Welcome Class following the service</b>		<b>Writers' Group 10:30 am</b>  <b>Session 7:00</b>	<b>Presby Praise Singers 7:00</b>	<b>NA meets at 7:30</b>		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Anniversary Sunday Lunch following</b>		<b>Decorate for Christmas 9 to noon</b>	<b>Presby Praise Singers 7:00</b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <b>NA meets at 7:30</b>		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
			<b>Presby Praise Singers 7:00</b>	<b>NA meets at 7:30</b>		

November Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> - Audrey Stechschulte

8<sup>th</sup> - Art Razo

15<sup>th</sup> - Megan Reineck

17<sup>th</sup> - Imogene Kochenour

17<sup>th</sup> - Jessica St. John

21<sup>st</sup> - Linda Reineck

27<sup>th</sup> - Judy Robinson

28<sup>th</sup> - Brent Fishbaugh

28<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Summers

29<sup>th</sup> - Jane Nice

Nov. Anniversaries

8<sup>th</sup> - Dick and Sue Paulus

8<sup>th</sup> - Darwin and Darla Cline

13<sup>th</sup> - Paul and Kari Searing

16<sup>th</sup> - Doug and Rhonda Smalley

## Session Highlights

### October Highlights:

The October regular Session meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of Paulding First Presbyterian Church (EPC), in Paulding, Ohio at 7:00pm.

### Noteworthy Events

- The 39th Annual Women's Retreat is Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, featuring the "Weaver" girls. What a great day of fellowship it will be!
- Our second "First Wednesday of the Month" meal will be Nov. 3, provided by the Fergusons and followed by a short message. It is our hope to reach out through this ministry and become a stronger family of Christ. We appreciate those willing to host these events!
- Communion will be served November 7, 2021.
- Pastor Ian and Doug Radel will be hosting a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 13. Watch for more details to come!
- Pastor Ian is offering a Pastor's "Welcome to New Membership" class (including a lunch!) to be held after church services Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to be offering this opportunity to anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family! Please contact Ian for more information.
- On November 21<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating our church's 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (it was 145 years old in 2020, but due to Covid-19 no celebration was held). This may present a wonderful opportunity to recognize and welcome any new members into our church family!

### Old Business

Property updates:

- We are awaiting roof repairs in the main entrance hall, the plastering and sealing of

the 3 other entrances, and caulking of the south window in the sanctuary.

- Several other projects will be addressed in the spring.

### New Business

- Directory Updates/Serving questionnaires have been passed out to congregants. If you did not receive one, or perhaps lost your original copy, Pastor Ian has more. This information will help not only in updating the directory, but will also help guide us toward serving God using each person's strengths, talents, and interests! We are eager for your feedback!
- The Nominating Committee has been successful in obtaining nominees for the 2022 positions of one Elder (to serve on Session) and two Deacons. Praise God for providing us with these willing volunteers!
- Our church will be participating in the Angel Tree ministry once again. As the holidays approach watch for updates from Jane Nice, our contact person.



### An update from Brent Fishbaugh

We've added a large number of non-fiction books to the library in the last month. Most are featured on the

table next to children's area.

Many come from the Terry & Marlene Buehler collection. All are from reputable authors with many books under their belts, including some new era classics we'd been missing from the library.

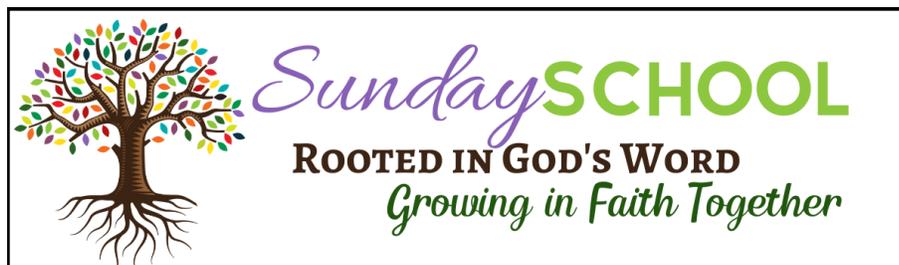
Hopefully, I will begin to update the fiction section and complete and add to some of the series we have on the shelves in the next month or two. If you have favorite authors, please let me know.

## The Lighthouse Library



*Mr. and Mrs. John Dill*

Megan Riley married John Dill and at the reception used their Grandma Ruth and Grandpa Harold Eschbach's cake topper on their wedding cake. The cake topper was from Ruth and Harold's wedding cake in 1949. Megan and John asked Grandma Ruth to cut the first slice of cake, gave her the first bite, and then kissed her. It was a special moment. Megan is the daughter of Linda and Joe Riley. Linda sent us these photos.



Adult class at 9:00 am each Sunday

FINANCIAL TIDBITS FROM AUGUST		
Designated Gifts:		
Amount	Purpose	
\$3.64	Checking interest	
\$200.00	Drug Court	
\$2,500.00	Food Pantry Building Project	
\$1,240.00	Lifewise Academy	
\$7.00	Income from 127 garage sale	
\$151.24	Nicelley investment dividend	
\$72.00	Per Member Asking offering	
\$85.00	In memory of Jim Smith	
Notable Expenditures:		
Amount	Payee	Purpose
\$690.00	Uline	Picnic table for patio area
\$597.28	Ohio & Indiana Roofing	Roof repairs
\$2,500.00	Caring Sharing Food Pantry	Donation to food pantry building project
\$750.00	Don & Perrys furniture	LG 65" Smart TV
\$423.00	Wally Daniels	Kitchen cabinet and window repairs at Cottage
\$3,300.00	Nathan J Zehr	Seal parking lot
\$1,240.00	Lifewise Academy	Donation to Lifewise Academy
Budget vs Actual Income:		
\$107,418.39	Budgeted Income	From treasurer, Carol Razo
\$133,949.71	Actual Income	
\$26,531.32	Difference	



**Ladies Do Lunch** Ladies! Ever been to the new coffee shop, Grounded Coffee and Crumbs in Paulding? If yes, you want to go back. If no, you've been meaning to do it! Tuesday, Nov 9 (the 2nd Tuesday of the month), Presby ladies and their friends will gather at Grounded at 10:30 am. Order any amazing coffee drink, or just plain coffee. Order a scone or a cinnamon roll or a muffin (oh, my!) and enjoy some comfort food and fellowship.

It's not exactly 'lunch food' and it's not exactly 'lunch time', granted, but you may not need lunch after your treat.

Grounded is located at 215 E Perry, just off the southeast corner of the courthouse square, where they are working on renovating the Masonic building for the new bank. Come on down at 10:30 am and enjoy. No sign up needed.

Then, mark your calendar for the second Tuesday in December, Dec 14, and see what will happen for Ladies Do Lunch then.



### Men's Breakfast, November 13<sup>th</sup>

All men are invited to a time of fellowship on Saturday, 11/13, at 8:00am in our fellowship hall. This is a FREE breakfast (pancakes, sausage) with a video devotional based on Andy Stanley's series "Guardrails."



### **Prepare Your Heart for Christmas!**

On Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas. This takes many willing hands, but helps us prepare for the wonderful, beautiful Christmas season.

Work will begin at 9:00 am and continue until noon under the direction of Jill Straley. Usually by the time we meet to begin, she has convinced both husband Dan and son Alex to set up the big tree and do a few other difficult tasks. Please write this

### Pastor Welcome Class,

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to join us for this fall's Pastor's Welcome Class. Whether you want to learn more about our church or interested in membership, you are welcome. After church on Sunday, 11/14, we will have lunch together and spend a few hours eating and chatting. Those interested in membership will be invited to meet Session on 11/16 and possibly join on 11/21.



on your calendar and plan to lend a hand

On Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Women's Ecumenical Dinner and Christmas Program will be hosted by the women of Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Since this had to be cancelled last year (COVID, don't ya know) it will be a grand evening as we catch up with our Christian friends from other churches. Please put this on your calendar also.



From your Property Elders:

Please! Please! Please let us know if you see something around the church (inside or outside) that needs repaired, replaced, discarded or whatever. We can't fix it if we don't know about it. Help us take care of God's house.



You can leave a note with the secretary, drop a note in a collection box, or in our mailbox (on the wall in the small room off the annex) or just tell us. Thanks for your help in this

Sue Crossland Matt Reineck

Operation Christmas Child “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”, Mark 10:14, ESV

Starting Sunday November 7th, the Mission Committee invites the Congregation (and friends and family of) to participate in Samaritan’s Purse “Operation Christmas Child”.

Last year we successfully delivered 20 plus shoe boxes full of simple gifts to be delivered around the world. This year the Committee has ordered 50 shoe boxes (and is willing to order more).



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan’s Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

A table will be set up with shoeboxes, lists of age-appropriate gift ideas, and boy and/or girl tags (everything you need except the gifts!). Simply take a box or more, fill it up, and return it labeled with gender and age. The suggested postage will be covered, so no need to pay postage, maybe fill an additional box. Final date to fill and return the shoebox is Sunday November 21, 3:00 p.m. The boxes will then be delivered to the Nazarene Church drop off location.

If you would like more details, ask a Mission Committee Member (Doc Fishbaugh, Dave and Jane Nice, Carol Razo, Darla Cline, or Ian Ferguson) or please visit the Samaritan’s Purse website.

### **First Wednesday Meal**

Since 2019, we have having First Wednesday meals for the second time. Join your church family on Wednesday November 3rd, supper served at 5:30, followed by a brief meditation presented by Pastor Ian, followed by Presby Praise Singers rehearsal.

Our hosts for the evening will be the Ferguson’s



## Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

The Mission Committee's t-shirt tote bag project was a big success! We recently delivered the final shipment of totes. The grand total was 150 reusable tote bags! Pictured above from left to right are Board Members Alice Lawson and Laurie Barnes, Carol Razo, and three student volunteers.



The food pantry building project is progressing steadily. The property has been purchased and site preparation is underway. The new food pantry will be located on Walnut Street in Paulding next to the old Hartzog Lumber building. The project has an estimated cost of \$500,000 - \$600,000.

The Mission Committee will be discussing a potential donation to the food pantry building project at our next meeting. If you have an interest in missions, or just want to learn more about the mission projects we are supporting, feel free to contact anyone on the Committee. Current members are Larry Fishbaugh, Dave Nice, Jane Nice, Darla Cline, and Carol Razo. Pastor Ian also attends every meeting.

Come join us!! We are always looking for new members 😊.

You are invited to our Anniversary Sunday Celebration on November 21, 2021.

We have so much to be grateful for...

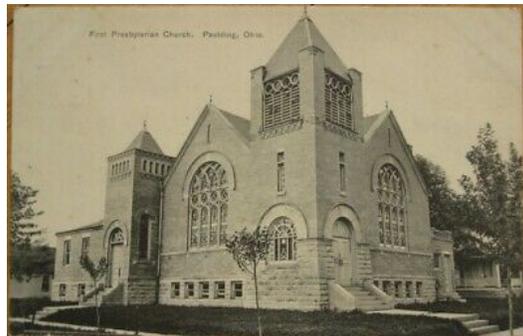
- the ability to gather in person
- our 50 year members
- our church's 146th anniversary

All of this will be celebrated during worship that Sunday, and afterwards the celebration continues with a lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

We will provide turkey, mashed potatoes and green bean casserole, as well as drinks and table service. You are invited to carry in sides and desserts, or just stay for food and fellowship.



Please invite your friends and family to join us in our day of Thanksgiving.



## Missionary Update – Tim and Karen Mindling

Our church has supported Tim and Karen Mindling for several years. The Mindlings are currently in the Detroit area building relationships with Afghan families. Their work, already strained due to the COVID pandemic, recently took another turn with the political turmoil in Afghanistan. They are dealing with a sudden influx of Afghan refugees in their area.

As if that weren't enough, their son-in-law's parents, lifetime Afghanistan residents, are attempting to leave the country due to the unrest. Tim departed for Pakistan on September 27 in an attempt to help expedite the process. The most recent information we have indicates the couple has made it as far as Pakistan, but are still dealing with paperwork issues.

The Mindlings are asking us to pray for the following:

Tim's health as he travels and during his stay in Pakistan

Favor and wisdom in Tim's conversations with the authorities he encounters

God's oversight of logistics and travel checkpoints for the returning Afghan couple

Mercy and grace through the bittersweet emotions of leaving behind one life and stepping into a new but unknown future

At our last meeting, the Mission Committee made a commitment to pray for the Mindlings through the end of the year. We also unanimously agreed to send a \$1,100 donation to help them through this very difficult time in their ministry.

We hope you can join us in our prayer vigil over the next few months! Stay tuned for more updates.



## Compassion Child Updated Photo!!

Our church's relationship with Henry Herrera Herrera began in 2015 when he was sponsored by Solid Rock Youth Group. A few years later when the youth group stopped meeting, the mission committee agreed to continue sponsoring Henry until he graduates from the program.

Henry turned 19 this past May and is slated to remain in the program until age 22. We recently received a new photo of Henry as shown above.

Henry lives in the South African country of Columbia. His home is the neighborhood of Paraiso Mirador in the City of Bogota. Most adults in this area make a living as factory or construction workers earning a monthly income equivalent to \$184.

Our sponsorship allows Compassion to provide Henry with Bible teaching, food, health screenings, hygiene training, tutoring, computer classes, field trips, career guidance, vocational training, soccer tournaments, music activities, community service opportunities, and leadership development.

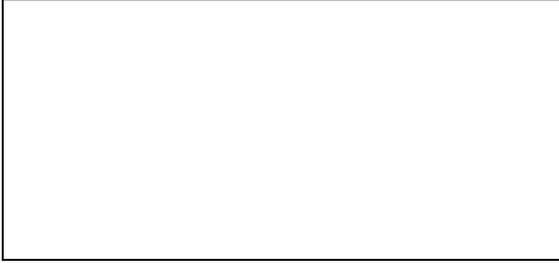
The mission committee is seeking someone willing to provide Henry with written encouragement and inspiration on a regular basis. Letters, cards, and notes can be easily sent online through today's technology. However, paper letters can be sent in the mail if you are more comfortable with that option. If this sounds like something you might want to do, please contact Carol Razo by email at [5razos73@gmail.com](mailto:5razos73@gmail.com) or cell phone at 419-438-1433.

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