



**We are a Community,
seeking to be in stride with Christ.**

PASTOR'S CORNER

As I write this column, I sit in the pastor's study at Moberly, surrounded by boxes, all ready to move. My standard last sermon is borrowed from Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! This time paired with Ephesians 3: 14-21, the great benediction reminding us that in Christ and Christ's work within us, God is able to do abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. I remind them that yes, I am leaving, but Church, you are the ones who are going places. Keep the faith, live in hope, share the love of Jesus Christ.

Not a bad inaugural message either. I look forward to entering into your journey of discipleship as we begin ministry together. All of us have brains in our heads and feet in our shoes. Let's pray that we will grow to use all the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ to go places in ministry together. I look forward to learning about your ministries and discovering with you where else God is calling us. Oh, we may find ourselves in slumps and waiting places, or in a lurch from time to time, and while Seuss reminds us that un-slumping ourselves is not easily done, in Christ, all things are possible. Those waiting times and lurches are part of the discipleship journey- but on we will go, even though the Hakken-Kraks howl.



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SAVE THE DATE:
Aug. 17th, From 5 to 8.

PASTORS CORNER, cont.

How? Through the faith we cling to in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom God can do abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. I once had a 3 year old friend who told this joke, “What is the biggest nation?” “The Imagi-nation!” Those of us ordained to service as ruling elders, deacons and clergy have vowed to use our energy, intelligence, imagination and love to serve God and God’s people- to use the brains in our heads, the feet in our shoes, our hearts, strength and soul for God’s purpose. Together, new patterns for mission emerge, and old patterns are strengthened. Through prayer, worship, study and service, we learn together what God imagines for us in ministry.

I will see you soon and look forward to the journey- Oh, the places we can go!

Pastor Ann Wasson

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

LET’S WELCOME THE WASSONS – The Rev. Ann Wasson, our new pastor, will be in Defiance and preaching starting August 5. On that day after worship there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall to welcome her and her husband, the Rev. Norm Wasson. Please plan to stay to greet them and to share a morning snack. We will be looking for some strong help to move Pastor Ann’s office materials into the church when they arrive in town. This will happen on the evening of August 2. Please see Marsha Karr for details. There are other events in the works to help us all get to know the Wassons. Details will be shared soon. In this time as we wait, please continue to pray for Pastor Ann and Norm as they do the physical and mental work of leaving, of saying goodbye to those they love and who love them, and as they prepare to join us and lead us in our walk together, as we strive to share God’s love.

FAMILY FUN FEST – has been rescheduled for August 17th, from 5 to 8 at Pontiac Park.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – now’s a great time to be looking for backpacks and school supplies to go on sale. It’s such a blessing to be able to help the children in our community as they get ready to start back to school.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER TEAMS ARE FORMING

— Many of the team leaders from last year are back and ready to serve again this year. And be prepared to answer YES when asked to be part of a team.

Each person should only say YES to one team! Thank you!



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OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Outdoor worship, all church picnic, fun and fellowship!

See you all at Putt Putt Golf and Games at 08830 St. Rt. 66 N
on Sunday, August 19 for worship starting at 10:30 am.

The message will be shared by our new pastor, the Rev. Ann Wasson!
(It's a great time to come meet the Wassons if you haven't already.)

Then we will eat and play!

Table service and water will be provided. Foyle will be frying fish! Bring your
great Presbyterian potluck dishes to share. Games will end at 1 pm.

Invite your friends, bring chairs if you'd like, and let's have a great day together
as we

let all creation praise!

Celebrate!

Hannah Jean Smith was born to **Jeremy and Margaret Smith** on July 17, 2018.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Jeff and Jane Barber, great granddaughter of Paul and Ruth Fitzenrider, sister of Morgan and Lauren, and niece of Peter Barber, Meredith Micky, Megan Barber, Maureen Killion and families.

Ruby Jane Roehrig was born to **Donnie and Molly Roehrig** on July 19, 2018. Ruby is the granddaughter of Cindy and Steve Kreider, and sister of Brandon, Nathan and Nolan Morgan and Brennen Roehrig.

Congratulations to the both families, and welcome to the world, little ones. What a blessing you are!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Richards and Emmanuel Kingau**, who were married at Oak Openings Lodge on July 27, 2018. Jennifer is the daughter of Craig and Lora Richards, sister to Curtis, granddaughter of Linda and the late Don Richards. We are so happy for you and pray God's blessing on your marriage!

New Home--Linda Richards recently moved to Toledo. Her address is **Genesis of Toledo, 2429 South Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43614**, if you'd like to send her a card. We'll miss you, Linda, but wish you every happiness in your new home.



In loving memory of Betty Hill.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Betty Hill. Betty passed away on July 14, 2018. A memorial service will be held in her honor on August 25, @ 1:00 pm here at the Church.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR FRIENDS

LoisAnn Zimmerman

Joanne Parker

Alton Myers

Peg Graham

Betty Seibel

Joan Gearing

Sheron Lee

Ruth Fitzenrider



Glenn Park

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Kingsbury House

The Laurels

Health Concerns

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August Birthdays

01 — Hanna Phillips

02 — Ruth McCarthy

21 — Marc McBride

22 — Sharon Elliott

22 — Ella Sigg

26 — Jeffrey Barber

29 — Megan Pueler

August Anniversaries

09 - Sandy & Vic Dunlap

14 — Floyd & Ann Culver

22 — Peg & Gary Arigiropoulos

29 — Barb & Larry Florke

30 — Rich & Pam Reid



Thank you to **Floyd & Ann Culver** for sponsoring the August newsletter.

This enables us to print the newsletter in color.

There are a few more months open. Sign up on the bulletin board if you'd like to support this ministry.

YOUR SESSION AND BOARDS REPORT

Session Minutes

Regular Meeting and Work Session July 11, 2018

The regular meeting of session was held at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This meeting was also a working meeting, focusing primarily on editing the Manual of Operations and completing an exit interview with Pastor Lynn. Ruling Elders Chuck Fitzenrider, Pam Reid, Jean Ziegler, Marsha Karr, Beth Sigg, Nancy Meyer, Craig Richards and Foyle Solether as well as Rev. Lynn Bova, Moderator were present. Pam Reid led us in devotions from d365 titled "Three in One" which dealt with saying goodbye and opened the meeting with prayer. The group enjoyed a pizza dinner together.

Clerk's Report--Pam Reid

Rev. Lynn Bova presided at communion on July 1, 2018. Her last Sunday with us as pastor will be July 15, which is also a communion Sunday. Lynn is planning a worship service that will incorporate music and a variety of aspects of her ministry here and that will involve elements of welcoming Pastor Ann. The session will host a farewell lunch afterward.

Communications: Pam reported that the Rev. Ann Wasson plans to be here to preach on Aug. 5 (arriving on Friday, Aug. 3 with some items to move into the office) and will stay while her husband returns to Missouri to supervise their move. Their son will help with the move. The Wassons will close on their new home on Aug. 6 and will move in on Aug. 16th.

Board and committee reports

All groups are planning to have their next meetings at a time when Pastor Ann can attend. Deacons (5:15) and worship (7:00) plan to meet on August 9.

Christian Education will meet on August 14, also at 5:15.

Creative Concepts will meet on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:15 to plan for the arrival of the Wassons and to finalize logistics for the outdoor worship on Aug. 19.

The deacons delivered the Staples from the Summer Stable to six families on July 9.

Thank you to the congregation for generously supporting this work.

Old business

Pam projected the compiled Manual of Operations and the group looked at the parts that needed interpretation and editing. Session decided that it would be appropriate to send the separate sections back to the committees to discuss, after which time the document will be approved. There is still work to do and a few sections to add.

New business

Pastor Lynn led us through a series of exit interview questions regarding her time here. Pam will compile these answers, send them out to the group for approval and get the document to Lynn. The conversation was heartfelt and encouraging. We as a church are so grateful for Pastor Lynn, for her time here with us. We will continue to pray for her and her family and all that God has in store for her.

Marsha Karr will substitute for Pam Reid as liturgist on July 22. She will also open and close the building.

The meeting was adjourned, and Pam closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Reid
Clerk

Rev. Lynn Bova
Moderator

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FAMILY FUN FEST

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POLICE K-9
PHOTOBOOTH
AND MORE!**

NEW DATE!

**5-8 PM
AUGUST 17TH
PONTIAC PARK**

GENEROUSLY UNDERWRITTEN BY:

- **JOHNS MANVILLE**
- **MIDWEST COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**
- **MERCY HEALTH**
- **DPOA**
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Scenes from Pastor Lynn's last day with us.
 We are grateful for her and her time here.

Photo creds— mostly Chuck Fitzenrider, Sheryl Bigley, Pam Reid

AUGUST 2018

Sun

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Sat

			1 Group Meeting 9am to noon AA—12pm	2 Taekwondo 6pm	3 AA—12pm AA—7:30 pm	5
5 Worship—9:30 In the Chapel Welcome Pastor Ann	6 AA—12pm	7 Group Meetings 9am to noon Taekwondo — 6pm	8 Group Meetings 9am to noon AA—12pm	9 Deacons—5:15 Taekwondo 6pm Worship—7pm	10 AA—12pm AA—7:30pm	11
12 Worship—9:30 In the Chapel	13 AA—12pm	14 Group Meetings 9am to noon CE—5:30pm Taekwondo— 6pm	15 Group Meetings 9am to noon AA—12pm CE—5:30pm	16 Lion's 12pm Taekwondo— 6pm	17 AA—12pm AA—7:30pm	18
19 Outdoor Worship @ Putt Putt 9:30am	20 AA—12pm Friends of the Library—6pm	21 Group Meetings 9am to noon Taekwondo— 6:00	22 Group Meetings 9am to noon AA—12pm	23 Session—6pm Taekwondo— 6pm	24 AA—12pm AA—7pm	25 Betty Hill Memorial—1pm
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