

# WELCOME!



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00am and 11:00am

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00am

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am – Noon

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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**Jenny Leitnaker**  
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Director of Worship & Music Ext. 228

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**Merrill Leslie** Housekeeper  
**Caryn Ginter** Pianist

**Cindy Swartz** Housekeeper/Caregiver  
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**Stephanie Richardson** Nursery Caregivers  
**Sarah Leitnaker** Nursery Caregivers  
**Sandy Boylan** Bookstore

**Jamie DeLong** Play-N-Learn

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# THE PATHWAY

MAY 21, 2017

A CHANGING CHURCH FOR CHANGING TIMES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Sunday Schedule

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee, Connect & Learn
- 11:00am Worship

### **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY @ 12:00pm – every Tuesday**

In Room 326 every Tuesday for discussion of the prior Sunday's sermon. Weekly study sheets are available on the Information Table.

### **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS – Today**

At the Heritage Room Information Center.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 9:50am – Today**

We meet to elect Deacons and Elders for a three-year term, and one at-large member to the Nominating Committee. Held in the Sanctuary.

### **HEDGES SCHOLARSHIP FORMS – Due by June 15**

The scholarship fund was established by Esther Hedges Strickland in memory of her sisters, Helen and Golda. Having dedicated their professional lives to teaching, the scholarship team will give special consideration to Education majors. Students must have **completed at least one year of college**. Applications are available through the Office. (Contact Jenny Leitnaker at [jleitnaker@firstpbc.org](mailto:jleitnaker@firstpbc.org))

### **FOUNDATION DINNERS @ 3:30 - 5:00pm – CONNECT**

Sat, May 27 Thurs, June 15

Mon, May 29 Thurs, June 29

Five people are needed for these and other dates. Signup at Heritage Room Info Center. (Contact Marsha Russell, 740-215-4797 or [mbr-jar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbr-jar@sbcglobal.net))

### **NOTE FROM CATHY SCHMIDT**

*Ecclesiastes 3 begins with these words: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" ...and later in v. 11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time".*

*My beautiful season for directing the early service choir is almost over...but my time for being and singing with the choir is about to continue as I will transition to being a member of the choir. I have served the choir for 20 years...years filled with much joy for the privilege of knowing and working with a very dedicated body of singers. We have always been "small but mighty" – faithfulness has been the key to commitment.*

*I leave this directorship in full confidence that Music and Worship Director, Nathan Ogg also has new and exciting plans for this small choir. And so, it is not really an end, but a new beginning for us all. Going forward, I will continue to be involved with this, my church. This encouraging congregation is my home – you just may see more that my back in the future when the choir sings. I have loved serving alongside you all!*

*~ Cathy Schmidt*

## MISSION & MINISTRY



### MALAWI WATER PROJECT – CONNECT

The Mission Team is sponsoring a water well in the sub-Saharan African nation of Malawi where Jim Gray went on a mission trip last August. While there, he learned that an average household must walk nearly 4 miles for water.

In Lancaster terms, that would be the distance from First Pres to Sonic on Ety Rd., lugging about 41 pounds of water on the return trip. Such a trip is made daily, usually by women or children.

With our help, a well will be installed in one village changing drastically the lives of hundreds of villagers.

The Youth have bottles of water available for a donation of \$1.00 each. Empty bottles may then be used to deposit loose change for a further donation. (Contact Bobby Havlicek at [hartsgrovia@yahoo.com](mailto:hartsgrovia@yahoo.com) or Anetta McNurlin at [atammcnurlin@aol.com](mailto:atammcnurlin@aol.com))



## CLASSES AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY MORNING

### NURSERY

**Infant through 3 years** // Sundays 8:45am – Noon // Room 225 (Main Level) // Caregivers Sarah Leitnaker and Stephanie Richardson // Questions, contact Director of Family & Children's Ministries Doug Devor at [ddevor@firstpbc.org](mailto:ddevor@firstpbc.org)

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Preschool ages 3 through Kindergarten** // **Focus:** The Life of Paul // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Room 211 (Main level) // Teacher: Sarah Leitnaker // Questions, contact Director of Family & Children's Ministries Doug Devor at [ddevor@firstpbc.org](mailto:ddevor@firstpbc.org)

**Grades 1 through 5** // **Focus:** The Life of Paul // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Faith Village (Lower level) // Teachers: Tiffany & Jamie Culver // Questions, contact Family & Children's Director Doug Devor at [ddevor@firstpbc.org](mailto:ddevor@firstpbc.org)

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Middle School & High School - Grades 6 through 12** // **Focus:** Sticky Faith // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Youth Room // Teacher: Matt Wood // Questions, contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org)

### COLLEGE/CAREER FELLOWSHIP

**Focus:** This group will resume later in the year // Teacher: Jason Foster // Questions, contact Jason Foster at 614-260-6521. Like the Facebook page at "Launch:first pres college and after group". Text Jason to be notified by text/GroupMe

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Bible Encounters** // **Focus:** Study Series based on Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Please bring your Bible. // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Room 319 (Upper level) // Leader: Betty Davis // Questions, contact Betty Davis at [bdavis43148@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bdavis43148@columbus.rr.com)

**Breakfast Club** // **Focus:** Study of Sampson's Life – How not to waste our life. Study by Chip Henderson // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Room 324 (Upper level) // Teacher: Barb Callahan // Questions, contact Barb Callahan at [callahanjb@gmail.com](mailto:callahanjb@gmail.com)

**Christ, Conversation & Coffee** // **Focus:** Sermon Based // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Dining Room (Lower level) // Teacher: Jim Gray // Questions, contact Jim Gray at [mendysjim@gmail.com](mailto:mendysjim@gmail.com)

**Singers & Others** // **Focus:** Learning from the Convictions of the Martyrs // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Room 326 (Upper level) // Teacher: Martha Pool // Questions, contact Martha Pool at [poolfam@frontier.com](mailto:poolfam@frontier.com)

## OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK

- **Pastor's Bible Study** – Tuesday @ 12n, Room 326
- **Cracked Pots Women's Bible Study** – Sunday @ 6p, twice/month
- **Loyalty Circle** – 3rd Wednesday @ 9:30a, Room 325
- **Small Group Bible Studies** – Monday & Thursday @ 7p, various homes
- **Women At The Well** – 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 1p, Ann Kitzmiller's
- **Women Of A Great Inheritance** – Tuesday @ 9a, twice/month, Parlor

Visit our website [www.firstpbc.org](http://www.firstpbc.org) for details on each of these course opportunities.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS TODAY

### For Elders:



#### Marjory Trishman

(second 3-year term through June 2020)  
Favorite Bible verse I live by: Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Matthew 5:3-12, known as the Beatitudes, also. Member since October 1972. Enjoys spending time with family and friends, volunteering, design, art, music and reading.



#### Jeff Brymer-Bashore

(first 3-year term through June 2020)  
Favorite Bible verse I live by: Colossians 3:12-17: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience....*  
Member with wife, Anna, since 2003. Children Joe and Zoe are also active with Children and Family Ministry, running and working with the church Youth Group.



#### Mary Ann Boone

(first 3-year term through June 2020)  
One of two favorite verses: Psalm 18:1-2: *I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* Member with husband, Bill, for 26 years. Enjoys so many things including tennis, music, family, cooking, entertaining and learning more about God and His purpose for her.



#### Mark Loy

(first 3-year term through June 2020)  
Favorite Bible verse is John 3:16: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* He has been a member for over 10 years and as the Church Office Manager for over six years and serves on Finance and Building & Grounds. Supports children Logan and Tori in their activities and wife, Betsy, in her teaching position at St. Bernadette's.

### For Deacons:



#### Sue Smith

(first 3-year term through June 2020)  
Favorite Bible verse I live by – Psalm 46:1: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.* Confirmed here at First Pres and returned five years ago with husband, Ron. Enjoys family times, playing piano and knitting.



#### Bill Haase

(first 3-year term through June 2020)  
Favorite Bible verse I live by – Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.* Member with wife, Sally, for years. Enjoys cooking, gardening and his pets.

### For Nominating Committee:



#### Kent DeLong (first 3-year term through June 2020)

Favorite Bible verse I live by—Hebrews 11:1: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* Member with wife, Jamie, for over 10 years; three children attend also. Enjoys fishing and bicycle riding.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRADULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

#### High School

Evan Hendrickson – Lancaster High School  
Rachael Leitnaker – Lancaster High School  
Dillan Maloney – Fairfield Union High School  
Alyssa Tobin – Lancaster High School

### YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sundays 6-8:00p – Senior High Youth Group** (last one for the school year is **tonight**)
- **June 1-5 – Kids Club Camp**  
Register on line.
- **June 9 @ 6:00pm – D.M.B**  
Dinner, Movie, Bible Study for college age youth. (Contact Jason Foster at [jfoster@ohiopatent.com](mailto:jfoster@ohiopatent.com))
- **June 19-23 – Vacation Bible School** (see below)
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- **July 11-12 – Summer Lock-In**  
9pm to 9am; \$5
- **July 19-22 – ALIVE Music & Outreach Festival**  
**Atwood Lake Park / Mineral City, OH**  
For Sr. High & College-aged Students / \$200 Cost / \$50 deposit due by May 28 / Limited to 13 people  
(Contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org))

### KIDS CLUB CAMP 2017 – June 2-5

## THE RESCUE

@ Camp Otterbein

- ❖ Faith-based camp for all children (completed 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade), youth (completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older) and families
- ❖ \$100 (confidential scholarships available)
- ❖ Ropes Course / Boating / Swimming / The Blob! / Water Trampoline / Hiking / Family Night
- ❖ Bible studies / Music and Singing / Vespers

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/kidsclubcamp2017>.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 – June 19-23



6:00 – 8:00pm  
Family Dinner  
@ 5:30

*Hero Central* takes kids on awesome adventures along with some of their favorite Bible heroes and reveals the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. Registration - in the Office or: <https://goo.gl/forms/zB6y3hwS1WepTY7D3>  
(Contact Karienne Havlicek at [khavlicek23@gmail.com](mailto:khavlicek23@gmail.com) or Kendra Brown at [kenlynbrown@icloud.com](mailto:kenlynbrown@icloud.com))

## EVENT CALENDAR

May 2017 

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### TODAY

12:00pm	Deacons Meeting	Room 326
12:45pm	Girl Scouts	Room 319
6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group	Youth Room
6:00pm	"Cracked Pots" Women's Bible Study	Parlor

### MONDAY – MAY 22

11:30am	Care First Team	Prayer Chapel
8:00pm	AA Group Meeting	Room 319

### TUESDAY – MAY 23

9:00am	Women of a Great Inher.	Parlor
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Conference Rm
12:00pm	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 326
7:00pm	Cub Scouts	Room 116

### WEDNESDAY – MAY 24

9:00am	Rose Quilters	Colonial Room
9:00am	Wednesday Quilters	Room 324
6:30pm	9:00am Choir Practice	Choir Room
7:30pm	11:00am Choir Practice	Choir Room

### THURSDAY – MAY 25

10:45am	WD52	Conference Rm
5:30pm	Celebration Ringers	Room 318
7:00pm	Boy Scouts	Room 116
7:30pm	LHE Bell Practice	Room 318

### FRIDAY – MAY 26

No Events Scheduled

### SATURDAY – MAY 27

3:30pm	Serving at Foundation Dinner	Foundation Dinners
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### SUNDAY – MAY 28

8:45am	Nursery Care	Nursery 225
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00am	Coffee & Connect	Heritage Room
10:00am	Children 3 & 4	Preschool Rm
10:00am	Children's Sunday School	Faith Village
10:00am	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
10:00am	Adult Sunday School	Various
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee & Connect	Heritage Room

**NOTE:** Please check the calendar on the website [www.firstpbc.org](http://www.firstpbc.org) for up-to-date cancellations and changes [http://firstpbc.org/FPC\\_calendar.html](http://firstpbc.org/FPC_calendar.html).

Prayer is the link  
that connects us

with God.

## REV MATTHEW'S SERMON SERIES: LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

<b>April 23</b>	Learning to Pray	Psalm 137 // Luke 11:1-4 Matthew 6:5-13
<b>April 30</b>	Praising God in Prayer	Psalm 148 // Mark 14:3-9
<b>May 7</b>	Good Memories	Luke 22:14-23
<b>May 14</b>	Offering Your Life to God	Psalm 16 // Luke 19:1-10
<b>May 21</b>	Praying for Your Needs	Psalm 25 // Luke 11:5-13
<b>May 28</b>	Breathe (series break)	Ezekiel 37:9-10 // John 20:22
<b>June 4</b>	Where Is Jesus?	John 16:12-22
<b>June 11</b>	Confessing to God	Psalm 32 // Matthew 18:21-35
<b>June 18</b>	Praying for Others	Psalm 124 // Mark 10:46-52
<b>June 25</b>	Praying with Confidence	Psalm 43 // Luke 18:1-8

Sermon videos may be viewed on our website at

[http://www.firstpbc.org/FPC\\_sermons.html](http://www.firstpbc.org/FPC_sermons.html)

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS - CONNECT

Prayer needs or requests to join the prayer chain may be sent to [jlwysong37@yahoo.com](mailto:jlwysong37@yahoo.com).



### PRAYER CHAIN ON FACEBOOK

If you are on Facebook, this is another way to receive prayer requests through this Private Group. (Contact Jenny Leitnaker at [jleitnaker@firstpbc.org](mailto:jleitnaker@firstpbc.org) or 740-653-1594)



### YOU NEED TO KNOW!

First Aid Stations are conveniently located on each floor of the church facility.

Lower Level: Faith Village, Main Kitchen, Colonial Room Kitchen

Main Level: Nursery, Preschool Classrooms, Heritage Room Kitchen

Upper Level: Office Workroom

### CALENDAR OF CARING FOR CHILDREN - CONNECT

Place this month's donated items for Operation Christmas Child bin located in the Narthex: hair accessories, washcloths, brushes, and combs.

**COLLECT THESE IN  
MAY – Hygiene Items**



### Care First Team

The Care First team meets every Monday to update a confidential list of FPC members who are burdened by illness, grief, or need support. If you would like the Care First Team to know of a need, call:

Rev. Matthew Richardson	740-777-7972	Judy Snyder	740-654-5344
Ed Pool	740-407-1514	Alice Waits	740-687-1087
Marsha Russell	740-215-4797		

### Session Members

Alan MacLaughlin – 2017  
David Norby – 2017  
Marjory Trishman – 2017  
Mary Beth Young – 2017

Jason Foster – 2018  
Mandy Greenwood – 2018  
Linda McDonald – 2018  
Brian Plank – 2018

Muriel Ballou – 2019  
Merwyn Bowdish – 2019  
Jamie Culver – 2019  
Matt Johnson – 2019

### Deacons

Kent DeLong - 2017  
Matthew Smith – 2017  
Molly Hampshire – 2017  
Brian Hendrickson – 2018  
Donna Persohn - 2018

Sandy Schroer – 2018  
Melissa Davis – 2019  
Sue Redman – 2019  
Debbie Zenoby – 2019