

# 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

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# THE PATHWAY

JANUARY 14, 2018

A CHANGING CHURCH FOR CHANGING TIMES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE @ 1:00pm – January 15

The Black Interest Group of Lancaster and Allen Chapel will conduct a Martin Luther King Jr. Service at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 15 in the Sanctuary at 1:00pm.

### LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY ~ Tuesdays @ 12:00pm in Room 326

Join in for a weekly Bible study. Topics will change weekly. (Contact Dave Brennan at 740-422-8452 or John Rahter at 740-277-6339)

### WEDNESDAY TOGETHER @ 5:45pm – begins January 17

- ❖ 5:45pm Dinner Donation
  - ❖ 6:30pm Children Bible stories and games
- Jr. High Youth Group  
Adult Classes *Overview of the Bible* – Dining Room Annex  
*Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas – Heritage Room  
Childcare available  
Choir practices

During the coming Wednesday Together term, meals will be *donation only*. This will reduce administration and help us grow in faith. Pray in advance how you might bless others and/or be blessed by others, and make plans to attend the fellowship meal and the studies following without concern for cost. Proceeds from the meal on January 17 will go to the Shoebox Ministry and on February 7 to Kids Club Camp.

**Overview of the Bible** Whether you are new to the faith or have been a Christian for decades, you probably would like to know the Bible better. But sometimes the Bible seems so overwhelming. Many followers of Jesus know we should study God's Word, but don't. Feelings of guilt result. Believers of all levels of maturity are invited to a Bible overview that explains in plain language how the parts of the Bible fit together. This video series is a chance to learn about God's Word from a *big picture* perspective, and see connections where there seem to be disconnected people and events. This overview will shed new light on Scripture for everyone from new believers to Bible scholars. This will continue from last session, but it is easy to *jump in* if you have not attended before. Meet in the Dining Room Annex.

**Sacred Marriage** study and discussion. Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. Yet, what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy...but holy? And, what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God? In the book *Sacred Marriage*, Gary Thomas discusses how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. A study and discussion of this book will continue this term, and all who are married and unmarried are invited to participate. Meet in the Heritage Room.

### CARDS TO JANE ANN YOUNG

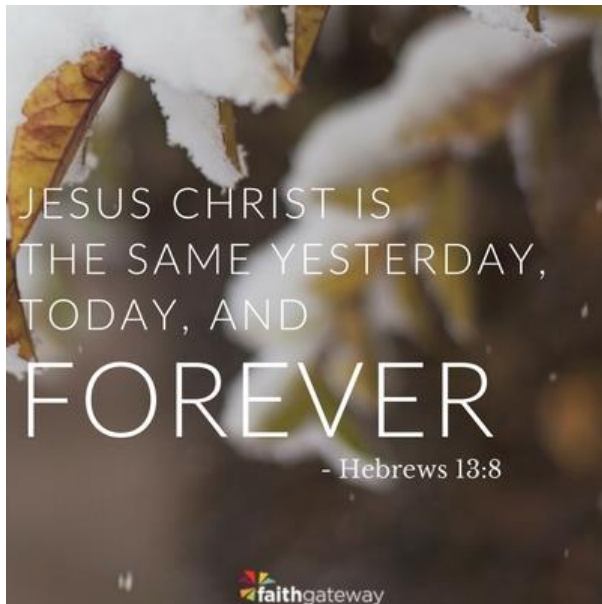
Jane is now home and would love to get cards and notes.

537 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Lancaster, OH 43130

## MISSION & MINISTRY

### DISASTER RELIEF ON CALL – CONNECT

When a need arises, the people on this list are contacted. Groups have traveled to Louisiana, West Virginia and most recently Texas. It is a wonderful opportunity for *hands-on* serving. A trip is currently being planned for this fall. (Contact Bob Heath at [bob@partnersnpackaging.com](mailto:bob@partnersnpackaging.com))



### KEEP THEM COVERED

Donations of the following to Maywood Mission are appreciated throughout the winter:

- Diapers
- Powdered Formula
- Socks
- Baby Wipes

Thank you for your continued support to this mission! A donation container is located in the Narthex. (Contact Carolyn Hoyt at [carolynhoyt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynhoyt@sbcglobal.net))

### FOOD DONATION BOX FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the month. These donations help to replenish the shelves of our local food pantry at Community Action. A donation container is located in the Narthex. (Contact Ken Culver at [kenculver@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kenculver@columbus.rr.com))

### EXTRA 2018 CALENDARS – CONNECT

Place them in Heritage Room **mailbox A3**. They will be delivered to the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Please, no calendars with spiral tops. (Contact Ron Bezouska at 740-687-4535)

## CLASSES AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY MORNING

### NURSERY

**Infant through 3 years** // Sundays 8:45am – Noon // Room 225 (Main Level) // Caregiver: Sarah Leitnaker // Questions, contact Tammy Witham at [twitham@firstpbc.org](mailto:twitham@firstpbc.org)

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Preschool ages 3 through Kindergarten** // **Focus:** *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Room 211 (Main level) // Teacher: Sarah Leitnaker // Questions, contact Tammy Witham at [twitham@firstpbc.org](mailto:twitham@firstpbc.org)

**Grades 1 through 5** // **Focus:** *Women of the Bible* // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Faith Village (Lower level) // Teachers: Tiffany & Jamie Culver // Questions, contact Tammy Witham at [twitham@firstpbc.org](mailto:twitham@firstpbc.org)

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Middle School & High School - Grades 6 through 12** // **Focus:** *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee // Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am // Youth Room (Main level) // Teacher: Matt Wood // Questions, contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org)

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Bible Encounters** // **Focus:** *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee // 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:** *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee // 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:** *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee // 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:** The story behind hymns we love and sing // Sundays 10:00am – 10:45am // Room 326 (Upper level) // Teacher: Martha Pool // Questions, contact Martha Pool at [poolfam@frontier.com](mailto:poolfam@frontier.com)

### COLLEGE/CAREER FELLOWSHIP

**Focus:** D.M.B. – Dinner, Movie, Bible Club // Next meeting time: tba // Leaders: Jason Foster and Matt Wood // Questions, contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org)

## OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK

- **Lunchtime Bible Study** – Tuesday @ 12:00am, Room 326
- **Cracked Pots Women's Bible Study** – Sunday, 6p, twice/month, Parlor
- **Loyalty Circle** – 3rd Wednesday @ 9:30a, Room 325
- **Small Group Bible Studies** – various times
- **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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Youth Group – Jan. 7-24**  
**Sundays – Sr. High 6-8 pm**  
**Wednesdays – Jr. High 6:30-8pm**  
Social Media – the impact that it can have in our lives, both good and bad.

(Contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org))



### ANNUAL YOUTH SUB SALE

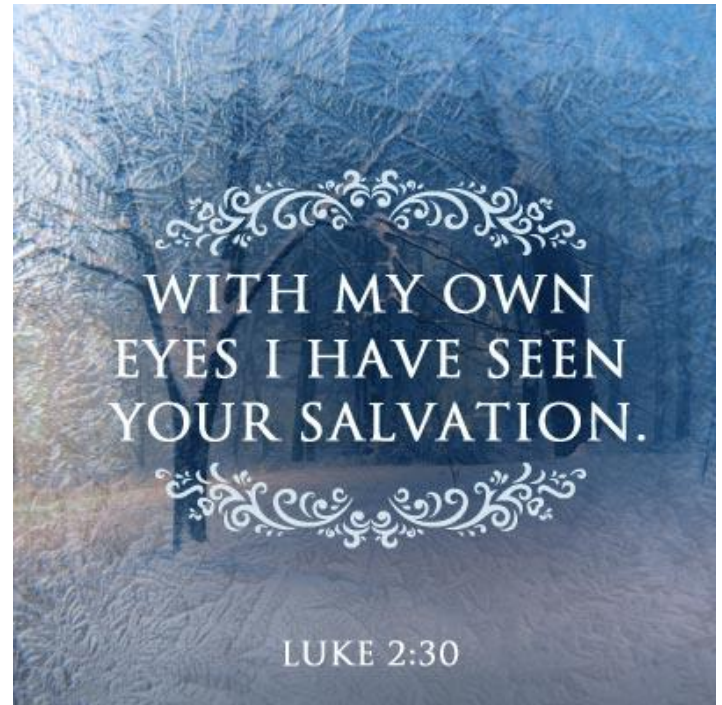
- All subs are \$5
- Ham / Turkey / Italian
- Orders are due – Wednesday, January 31
- Pick up date – Sunday, February 4 in the Dining Room  
10:00 – 11:00am  
12:00 – 12:30pm
- Order forms are available from any Youth or in the Office
- All proceeds are going to help fund the next themed Youth Bible Study

(Contact Matt Wood at [mwood@firstpbc.org](mailto:mwood@firstpbc.org))

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CARE & CONCERN TEAM NEWS

If you or someone you know is going to be or is in the hospital, please contact Marsha Russell (740-215-4797) as the primary person to activate our Care Team. Contact anybody else on the team for other needs. Members are listed on the back page of the Pathway and on the bulletin Connect First Card.



### PRAYER CHAIN - CONNECT

Prayer needs or requests to join the prayer chain may be sent to Lyndel Taylor at [fir.pres.prayer.request@gmail.com](mailto:fir.pres.prayer.request@gmail.com).

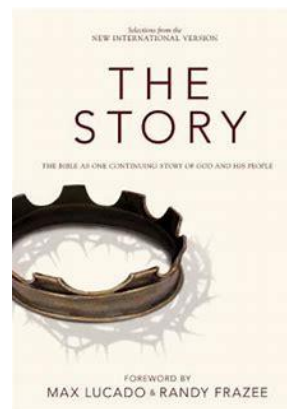
### PROGRAM CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

Please check the calendar on the website [www.firstpbc.org](http://www.firstpbc.org) for up-to-date cancellations and changes.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee is the basis for Sunday School classes preschool through adult. As we look forward to further growth in our Biblical studies, through this resource, we're reminded of God's love and the plan He has for each of our lives. This curriculum is offered in Bible Encounters class, Breakfast Club class, Youth Sunday School, Children's Church and Preschool Sunday School. To learn more about it go to [www.thestory.com](http://www.thestory.com). (Contact Tammy Witham at [twitham@firstpbc.org](mailto:twitham@firstpbc.org))



# EVENT CALENDAR

January 2018 						
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

12:30pm	Camp Comm. Meeting	Conference Rm
6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group	Youth Room
6:00pm	"Cracked Pots" Women's Bible Study	Parlor
7:00pm	Women's Book Club	Library

## MONDAY – JANUARY 15

11:30am	Care First Team	Prayer Chapel
1:00pm	Martin Luther King Jr. Service	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Deacons Meeting	Room 326
6:45pm	Churchwide Comm. Mtgs.	Sanctuary
8:00pm	AA Group Meeting	Room 319

## TUESDAY – JANUARY 16

10:00am	Staff Meeting	Youth Room
12:00pm	Lunchtime Bible Study	Room 326
6:00pm	Alpha Delta Kappa Mtg.	Room 319
7:00pm	Cub Scouts Pack 5	116/Faith Village Dining Room

## WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 17

9:00am	Rose Quilters	Colonial Room
9:00am	Wednesday Quilters	Room 324
9:30am	Loyalty Circle	Room 325
5:45pm	Wednesday Together	Dining Room
6:30pm	Overview of the Bible Class	Dining Rm Annex
6:30pm	Sacred Marriage Class	Heritage Room
6:30pm	New Life in the New Year	Faith Village
6:30pm	Jr. High Youth Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	9:00am Choir Practice	Choir Room
7:30pm	11:00am Choir Practice	Choir Room

## THURSDAY – JANUARY 18

10:45am	WD52	Conference Rm
1:00pm	Women at the Well	Ann Kitzmiller's
3:30pm	Serving – <b>CONNECT</b>	Foundation Dinners
5:30pm	Celebration Ringers	Room 318
6:30pm	Session Meeting	Conference Rm
7:00pm	LHE Bell Practice	Room 318
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Troop 5	Room 116

## FRIDAY – JANUARY 19

No Scheduled Events

## SATURDAY – JANUARY 20

No Scheduled Events

## SUNDAY – JANUARY 21

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
6:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group	Youth Room

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## MEMORIAL FLOWER SIGN UP FOR 2018

Open dates:

January 28	February 4,18,25	March 11
April 15	June 10	July 1,15,22
September 2,9,16,23	October 14,28	November 11,25
December 2,16,23		

Sign-up forms for 2018 Memorial Flowers are available on the Information Table in the Heritage Room and in the Office. Cost is \$25.00 each. Date selection is on a first come, first served basis. (Contact Jenny Leitnaker at [jleitnaker@firstpbc.org](mailto:jleitnaker@firstpbc.org))

## CHURCHWIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, January 7, most of the adult Sunday School classes, the Youth and Pre-School classes began using *The Story*, a video and discussion of Scripture and God's great overarching purpose and the way that it intersects with the story of our lives.

Developed by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee *The Story* opens with *Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It* (which the authors call "The Upper Story") and continues throughout the Scriptures to connect God's vision for human kind with our personal stories (referred to as *The Lower Story*).

Study of *The Story* will continue as we explore God's efforts to accomplish his plans, through unexpected people and in ways that surprise us.

Join us for this back to basics approach to Bible Study, and discover that God can do great things through anyone—including us.



## WORDS OF THANKS

Dear First Presbyterian Congregation,

*Wanted to let everyone know how grateful I was to receive my monetary goodbye gift. It was greatly appreciated. I feel very blessed to have worked at the church for many years. Hope everyone has a healthy and blessed 2018.*

God bless, Cindy Swartz

### 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:			
Molly Hampshire	740-653-4355	Marsha Russell	740-215-4797
Ed Pool	740-407-1514	Judy Snyder	740-654-5344
		Alice Waits	740-687-1087

## Session Members

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

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

Jeff Brymer-Bashore – 2020  
Mary Ann Boone – 2020  
Mark Loy – 2020  
Open – 2020

## Deacons

Open – 2018  
Donna Persohn – 2018  
Sandy Schroer – 2018  
Melissa Davis – 2019  
Sue Redman – 2019

Debbie Zenoby – 2019  
Bill Haase – 2020  
Molly Hampshire – 2020  
Sue Smith – 2020