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OUR MISSION

We, the First Presbyterian Church of Waverly, a congregation of dedicated believers in the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to share this faith in worship and to express it through serving the community.

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Parson's Perspective

As the season of Advent approaches it behooves us to review the significance of this blessed time in the church year. A good approach is to consider the symbolism of the candles lighted each of the four Sundays of Advent. The colors of the candles are three purple candles, and one pink candle. One candle is lighted the each Sunday of Advent. The Scripture readings, prayers, lighting of the candles, the participation of worshipers in the service, all are geared to unfolding the story of redemption through God's grace in the Incarnation. The candles of Advent are associated with different aspects of the Advent story. The sequence for the four Advent Sundays might be Prophecy, Shepherds, Angels, Mary, or expressed as Hope, Peace, Joy, Love.

The light of the candles itself becomes an important symbol of the season. The light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace to others (Isaiah 42:6). The progression in the lighting of the candles symbolizes the various aspects of our waiting experience. As the candles are lighted over the four week period, it also symbolizes the darkness of fear and hopelessness receding and the shadows of sin falling away as more and more light is shed into the world. The flame of each new candle reminds the worshippers that something is happening, and that more is yet to come. Finally, the light that has come into the world is plainly visible as the Christ candle is lighted Christmas Eve, and all rejoice that the hopes and promises of long ago have been realized.

The first candle is traditionally the candle of Expectation or Hope. This draws attention to the anticipation of the coming of an Anointed One, a Messiah, that weaves its way like a golden thread through Old Testament history. Peace as announced to the shepherds is the expressed with the second candle. The third pink candle symbolizes Joy at the soon Advent of the Christ. The fourth candle expresses the Love of Mary and all of us as the coming of the Christ child nears. The center white candle is called the Christ Candle that is lighted on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The central location of the Christ Candle reminds us that the incarnation is the heart of the season, giving light to the world.

Pastor Bob

This Month in the Church

Sunday, November 1—DAYLIGHT

SAVINGS TIME ENDS (set clocks back one hour)

9:30 a. m.

Adult Class - Gary Baker - "The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God"

10:45 a.m. Worship

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

(Pledge Cards for 2016 to be received)

Monday, November 2—7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 3—3:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 4—1:30 p.m.

Circle Meetings: Esther Circle

Will meet at the home of Karen Henderson, 347 Wendy Lane-Nel Huck will lead the study

Martha Mary Circle will meet at the home of Irene Clark, 218 Robin Road

Thursday, November 5—2:00 p.m.

Advent Sub-Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 8—9:30 a. m.

Adult Class - Gary Baker - "The Maintenance of Divine Worship"

10:45 a.m. Worship (Thank Offering)

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Guest Speaker: Juliana Boamah-Acheampong

(See special article in this "Courier")

Monday, November 9—7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 10—3:15

Member Care Meeting

3:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11—1:30 p.m.

P.W.C.T. Mtg. at the home of Evelyn Baker, 613 E. Seventh St.

Thursday, November 12—10:30 a.m.

Evangelism/Mission Committee

2:00 p.m.

Worship Committee

Sunday, November 15—9:30 a. m.

Adult Class - Gary Baker - "The Preservation of the Truth"

10:45 a.m. Worship

Dedicate Pledge Cards for 2016

Monday, November 16—7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 17—3:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18—3:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

Pastor Rick will be away November 18—22 attending a Mid Council Financial Mtg. in San Antonio, Texas

Thursday, November 19—10:30 a.m.

Communion at Bristol Health Care

Sunday, November 22— 9:30 a. m.

Adult Class - Gary Baker - "The Promotion of Social Righteousness"

Alternative Gifts

10:45 a.m. Worship with Bob Getty

Preaching "Praise to Christ Our King"

Communion (Deacons' Offering)

Monday, November 23—7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 24—3:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27—Church Closed

Sunday, November 29— 9:30 a. m.

Adult Class - Otto Zing - "Misconceptions Regarding the Nativity"

Alternative Gifts

10:45 a.m. Worship

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 30—7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Verbalizing Our Faith

My faith journey began with the United Presbyterian Church in Ben Avon, Pa., a suburb of Pgh. on the Ohio River. I attended Sunday School, sang "Jesus loves me", attended Thursday fellowship dinners, and was in a Youth Group. Much later I put my faith to work as a Boy Scout leader. During my years as Scoutmaster of Troup 76, sponsored by my church, I helped teen boys mature while enjoying camping, hiking, canoeing, and many nature experiences with them including community service activities such as food drives distributing food bags to front doors to be filled and picked up a week later. One scouting experience that had a profound impact was a tour of COSI in Columbus with the troop where I saw a display of fetuses, 'real fetuses' not just pictures at evolving stages of development. To me it was a religious experience. It illustrated God's power and majesty and led to my conclusion that abortion is murder. More recently, I have served on our new church's Building Committee, became an Usher, Deacon, Ruling Elder, Treasurer and Counter. All have richened my faith as has my witnessing our Grand-daughter's recovery from a life threatening heart defect for which your prayers were appreciated.

Bob Neely

Alternative Christmas Gift Sundays, November 22 and 29, are approaching quickly. Please study this year's beautiful Giving Catalog from the Presbyterian Mission Agency and consider which of your family and friends would be honored to receive such a gift. Then mark your list, "check it twice", and bring it with your payment to church on one of those Sundays. Mission committee members and volunteers will be ready to collect them from you after church and to return to you a receipt and as many gift cards as you need. If you are away on those dates, just bring your list to the church office before the end of November and Barbara will help you.

If you have questions or need more materials, please contact one of the members of the Mission Committee: Sandy Llasten, Bruce Henderson, or Paula Hays. Or you can ask Pastor Getty or Barbara. We will be glad to help.

Alternative Christmas has been very popular with our congregation for many years. This 2015-16 Presbyterian Mission Agency catalog contains a variety of wonderful choices. The members of your Mission Committee are excited about it. We hope you will be, too.

OUR CHURCH SESSION AT WORK

At the September Session meeting, the Ruling Elders approved of a proposal to set up an incentive program under the name "The Least We Can Do is to Give More" to address the decline in the PCUSA's missionary support. Details of this proposal will be presented in a separate *Courier* article.

Another proposal approved at the September Session meeting was to have a Donut Sunday the last Sunday of the month. This idea came up to help address the difficulty Fellowship Committee is having finding members willing to take on the challenge to provide for coffee hours following the morning worship services.

At the September meeting it was also reported that Damp Chasers were installed in the pianos (cost \$760) and mold in the choir room had been cleaned up (cost \$1,661.48).

Finally at the September meeting it was reported that Calvary Methodist Church did not renew Welfare House's lease. At the October Session meeting it was reported that Welfare House (which we help fund as part of our mission giving) is now located in a garage at 901 Main St. in Piketon. It was not known whether there will continue to be a Waverly location for dropping off in-kind contributions.

At the October Session meeting a motion was made, discussed, and passed to accept Pat Penrose's request to receive no pay and to continue playing the organ as a volunteer during calendar year 2016.

At the October Session meeting it was reported that the trees on the manse property have been trimmed (cost \$2,000), and that per donor request the \$10,100 remaining in the Bell Tower Memorial Fund will be transferred to the Voice Music Lesson Plan, a program that provides for our church paying for private voice lessons for high school students who sing in our church choir.

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, November 2015

November 1	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – All Saint's Day Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; 1 Timothy 6:17-19 ; John 11:32-44 Pastor Rick: "A Good Foundation for the Future"
November 8	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Sunday Speaker: Julianna Boamah
November 15	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8 Pastor Rick: "Wait for It"
November 22	Last Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ Sunday 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8 Pastor Bob: "Praise to Christ Our King" Communion will be celebrated. Deacons Offering will be received.
November 29	First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16 ; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36 Pastor Rick: "Life in a Minor Key"

Presbyterian Women

“As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God” PS 42:1

In October as we thought about the imagery of life-giving water in our baptism. Our Circle study for November will take us to those times when there is a shortage of water. Read lesson 3 as you prepare for your Circle meeting this month.

November Circle meetings, Wednesday, November 4

Esther will meet at the home of Karen Henderson. Nel Huck will lead the Study.

Martha Mary will be at the home of Irene Clark. Jean Frank will lead the Study.

The special committee for writing new by-laws will present their work at the individual circle meetings in November for discussion and vote.

Remember the annual Thank Offering service coming up on November 8. This is an opportunity for all of us to give to the special needs presented by the Thank Offering Committee.

May we all live in the knowledge of God's love for each of us and be surprised by the joys of creation.

Evelyn Baker
PW Moderator.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2015</h1>						
1 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Daylight Savings time ends	2 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.	3 Election Day Choir Rehearsal 3:45 p.m.	4 Sl. Tuggers 8:00 a.m. Circle Mtgs. 1:30 p.m.	5 Advent Sub-Com. Mtg. 2:00 p.m.	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Thank Offering	9 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.	10 Member Care Mtg 3:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 3:45 p.m.	11 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers Veterans Day 1:30 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg.	12 Evangelism/ Mission Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m.	13	14
15 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship	16 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.	17 Choir Rehearsal 3:45 p.m.	18 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers Pastor Hays away Nov. 18-22 Session 3 p.m...	19 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Off Alt. Gift Mkt.	23 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.	24 Choir Rehearsal 3:45 p.m.	25 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	26 Thanksgiving Church Closed	27 Church Closed	28
29 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Alt. Gift Mkt.	30 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.					

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR NOVEMBER:

November 1 – Irene and Glenn Noble
8 – Elaine and Otto Zing
15 – Evelyn and Gary Baker
22 – Communion (No Coffee Hour)
29 – Donut Sunday

NOVEMBER FLOWERS:

November 1 – Barbara and Tom Patterson
8 –
15 – Rick and Paula Hays
22 –
29 –

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

November 5 – Lewis Stratton
16 – Jeanne Barron
21 – Bud Hobday
25 – Shirley Pryor
29 – Gerald Barnes

***THE PW THANK OFFERING
COMING TO WAVERLY FPC ON NOVEMBER 8TH***

November 8th is the day we are honored to have Juliana Boamah-Acheampong, our representative for the October Global Exchange to Jamaica, as our speaker.

Our Thank Offering will be collected that Sunday. (Thank Offering envelopes may be found in your offering box. Extras are available on the desk next to the food pantry box)

Forty percent of this offering is used to support hospitals and community health programs. The remaining 60 percent is used for new creative ideas for mission.

Give generously. Experience God's work through you—in helping the people of God's Kingdom live healthy, full and joyous lives.

NOTE: There will be a "pay your own" luncheon at the China One after the November 8th service. We will "Meet and Greet" our guest speaker, Juliana. Save the Date!

CRISIS IN CHRIST'S MISSION!

In Presbyterian churches, how much of every dollar in the weekly offering plate goes to support Basic Mission work? A quarter? Fifteen cents? A dime? A penny? The answer in 2014 was: ***one-third of one penny!*** In 2004, the answer was: just over two-thirds of one cent. The declining support for the Presbyterian Mission Agency has reached a serious crisis. If this declining trend is not reversed, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will have to ***recall 45 missionaries*** (out of 162) during the next two years.

How can First Presbyterian Church, Waverly, Ohio, help solve this crisis?! The Session has already approved one plan to give all of us an opportunity during 2016 to face this challenge.

Watch for more information soon. Meanwhile, please pray about your own commitment to Christ's Great Commission to all his followers. [Matthew 28:18-20]

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
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Betsy Hall	David Bell	Jim Clark
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Ann Oyer	Robert Neely	Dimitry Sergay
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Dick Roberts	Glenn Noble	Charles Van
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Person

Elaine Zingg

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Evelyn Baker	Kitty Neely	Anne Young
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Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rose & Anika Estela Hare –
Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church – Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St. Waverly OH 45690

Jeanne Barron-105

Maryanna Cassady-14

Virginia Hartwell-102

Patty and Earl Todt-106

The Gardens

Betty Jenkins-207

Helen Heinmiller-202

At Home

Louise Netzley, Oscar and Janet Marsh, Mack and

Jean Earnhardt, Marlene Voorhes, Virginia Dixon

Other Places

Judith Harrell, Kitty McCollam, Max Russell

For addresses, call the church at 947-2905, or
email bpattersonpresbychurch@yahoo.com

November Worship Assistants:

November 1 – Paula Hays

8 – Cal Tysen

15 – Audrey Tysen

22 – Juliet Getty

29 –

November Greeters:

November 1 – Demetri Sergay and
Dave Bell

8 – Betsy Hall and Nancy
Seward

15 – Dick and Cay Roberts

22 – Ivan and Betty Sumey

29 – Ruth Karner and Bill
Johnson

November Counters:

November 1 – Mike Milam & Robert Neely

8 – Jim Clark & K

15 – Betsy Hall & Nancy Seward

22 – David Bell & Anne Young

29 – Mike Milam & Robert Neely

November Ushers:

November 1 – Robert Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell, Ralph Strickland

8 – Ann Oyer, Terry Smith,
Wanda Stratton

15 – Bud Hobday, Dimitry
Sergay, Ivan Sumey

22 – Robert Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell, Ralph Strickland

29 – Ann Oyer, Terry Smith,
Wanda Stratton

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Thanksgiving Quotes - *The Huffington Post*

E.P. Powell "Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude."

Meister Eckhart "If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice."

Marcel Proust "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

O. Henry "There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American."

William Faulkner "Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Albert Einstein "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Buddha "Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful."

Doris Day "Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty."

Charles Dickens "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some."