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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

The question is sometimes asked, "Is the term 'church member' is still relevant?" The church doesn't own it. Even respectable charities tout givers as "members." There are several reasons why the church needs to claim, retain, and proclaim "membership."

*It is biblical.* The Apostle Paul uses the term "member": "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV). To be a member of the body of Christ, the church, is to belong to an incredible gift given to us by God.

*It is a metaphor for contributing.* Paul highlights the diversity of gifts of the members and emphasizes the absolute mandate for every member to function and contribute in the way that is appropriate for them — through praying, giving, teaching, serving, visiting, leading, singing, using their God-given, Spirit-filled gift.

*It is a metaphor for caring.* Because church members all belong to the same body, they are motivated and mandated to care for one another. Paul states: "...there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for each other" (1 Cor. 12:25).

*It is a metaphor for unity.* Church members are members of something greater than themselves, the body of Christ. "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it (emphasis added).

*It is the church's culture, not the world's.* While we recognize that some people will think of membership in the sense of country club membership, we in the church need to reclaim its biblical intent. Church membership does not mean we get perks and privileges because we "pay our dues." It means we are privileged to care, give, sacrifice, and serve.

Thank you for your membership.

*Pastor Rick*

## This Month in the Church

**Thursday, October 1 - 2:00 p.m.**  
Advent Sub Committee Mtg.

**Sunday, October 4 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class-Mauri Smith "Neo-Orthodoxy  
And the Canon Scripture

**10:45 a.m. Worship Service with  
World Communion (Deacons' Off.)**

**Monday, October 5—7:00 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday, October 6 - 3:45 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 7 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Circle Meetings: **Esther** will meet at the  
home of Pat Penrose, 326 Robin Rd.  
Pat will also lead the Study.  
**Martha Mary** will meet at the home of  
Jean Frank, 358 Wendy Lane-Irene Clark  
will be the Study Leader.

**Thursday, October 8—10:30 a.m.**  
Evangelism/Mission Committee Mtg.

**Sunday, October 11 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class with Mauri Smith  
"Inspiration, Infallibility and Inerrancy"

**10:45 A.M.** Worship with Bob Getty  
Preaching "Affluence"

**Monday, October 12 - Columbus  
Day—Church Closed**

**Tuesday, October 13 - 3:45 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 15 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Communion at Bristol Health Care

**Sunday, October 18 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class with Mauri Smith "Jesus and the  
Word of God"  
**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**Monday, October 19 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday, October 20 - 3:45 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 21 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Session Meeting

**Sunday, October 25 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class with Gary Baker - A 5 week  
Series on "The Proclamation of the Gospel  
For the Salvation of Humankind"

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**Monday, October 26 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg.

**Tuesday, October 27 - 3:45 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

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**IN MEMORY**

**Ben Lane - September 19, 2015**



**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be made  
through the Church Office by calling 740-  
947-2905 or E-Mail  
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## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR-**

Beginning with the September 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday the Fellowship Committee is trying something a little different. On the last Sunday of each month, Donuts, Sugar Free Cookies, Juice and Coffee will be provided. There will be a Donation Cup on the table for anyone wanting to donate towards this.

The Chart to sign-up for the other Sundays will still be posted on the Kiosk.

People using the kitchen will need to make sure they take their dirty dish towels home to launder and return to the kitchen. Please make sure things are wiped off such as counters and carts.

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR OCTOBER:**

**October 4 - Communion (No Coffee Hour)**

**11 - Cay and Dick Roberts**

**18 - Terry Smith**

**25 - Donut Sunday**

## **OCTOBER FLOWERS:**

October 4 -

11 -

18 -

25 - Bud Hobday

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## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

October 3 - Jackie Barnes

5 - Ann Oyer

7 - Bill Hanson

12 - Bob Neely

21 - Don Kerry

22 - Kitty McCollam (Address) 4000 Lakeview Crossing C1 Groveport,  
Ohio 43125-9066



There are no Wedding Anniversaries for this month that we are aware of. If you would like to add a special date please notify the Church Office 740-947-2905

## Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, October 2015

October 4	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; <b>Mark 10:2-16</b> Pastor Rick: "The Disruption of Peace" Communion will be celebrated; Deacons Offering will be received.
October 11	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31 Pastor Bob: "Affluence"
October 18	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost We will be hosting a neutral pulpit for another church's pastor search committee
October 25	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; <b>Mark 10:46-52</b> Pastor Rick: "Life Without the Blanket"

### HOW IS GOD CHANGING LIVES?

#### NOVEMBER 8, 2015: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING!

November 8<sup>th</sup> is the day First Presbyterian Church, Waverly, will show our thanks to God by giving to this PW Thank Offering. Juliana Boamah-Acheampong is our PW Global Exchange representative from our Presbytery of Scioto Valley and will share her experiences in being part of our PC(USA) 2014 Global Exchange to the Caribbean. Juliana has, also, served as our PW of PSV Vice Moderator for Mission Interpretation..

Juliana's theme will be One Love, One Heart and One Community.. Her emphasis will be on the different projects she visited—especially in Curacao where her group was assigned.

Come and hear some of the many ways our PC(USA) is working through our Presbyterian Women to provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women, and so much more.

**GOD IS CERTAINLY CHANGING LIVES.  
COME AND WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> .**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



“All of you who are thirsty, come to the waters” Is. 55:1

It is time to meet on October 7 in our Circles for the second lesson of our new Bible Study “Come to the Waters”. Bruce Henderson gave us an excellent start and Karen and Nel led a very helpful workshop for leaders so we are ready and eager. This lesson is about the sacrament of Baptism. How many of you remember your Baptism or have been told about it?

Another PW event coming in October is the Gathering of PW in the Presbytery on the 24th at Central College Church in Westerville. Mark and Jenny Hare will speak. The theme for that day will be Mission. A Young Adult Volunteer will describe her experiences helping others. You may give your reservation to your Circle Leader. The cost per person is \$10 which includes lunch. More information is on the kiosk at the church.

Horizons, the magazine of PW Churchwide, is offering us 5 free subscriptions of 3 issues each. This is an excellent way to become acquainted with this special publication. If you are interested let me or your circle leader know and we will send in your request.

The Coordinating Team decided at their last meeting to keep our budget for the 2016 year the same as it has been for this year. This will be pledged to the PW in the Presbytery if approved by the Circles at their Oct. meeting. It is the same as the one in your orange book for 2015. When you give your mission money at Circle this is the pledge which you are supporting. We are grateful for your giving in the past and will welcome your gifts toward this new budget.

Our annual Thank Offering opportunity will be coming up on November 8. Karen has an article about that day elsewhere in this newsletter.

Grace and Peace,  
Evelyn Baker, Moderator

### **October Circle Meetings, Wednesday the 7th**

Martha Mary will meet at the home of Jean Frank. Study Leader is Irene Clark  
Esther will meet at the home of Pat Penrose. Pat will also lead the Study.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2015</h1>						
				1 2:00 p.m. Advent Sub- Com. Mtg.	2	3
4 9:30 Adult. Class 10:45 Worship <b>World Communion</b> Deacons Off	5 Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.  Barbara on vacation 10/5- 9	6 Choir - 3:45 p.m.	7 <sup>8 a.m.</sup> Sleeve Tuggers  1:30 p.m. Circle Mtgs.	8 10:30 a.m. Evangelism/ Mission Mtg.	9 Pastor Hays gone Oct. 9- 13 to Polity Conf. Portland, Oregon	10
11 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class  10:45 a.m. Worship Bob Getty	12 <b>Columbus Day Church Closed</b>	13 3:45 p.m. Choir Pastor Getty away Oct. 13- 19	14 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers	15 10:30 p.m. Communion Bristol Health	16	17
18 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class  10:45 a.m. Worship	19 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  Nov. "Courier" Articles Due	20 3:45 p.m. Choir	21 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers  3:00 p.m. Session Meeting	22	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class  10:45 a.m. Worship	26 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous	27 3:45 p.m.	28 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers	29	30	31

*The Great Ends of the Church*  
Adult Bible Study for October 25-November 22

All Presbyterians should know what they are and what they mean for us. Thus, we will pursue a study of the Great Ends during our Adult Bible Class. The Great Ends are found in our Book of Order. A participants book is available for each participant. The church is covering the cost of the materials. Each participant should get a copy of the Participant's book at the church no later than Sunday, October 18. Gary Baker will lead the class.

The Great Ends are as follows:

1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
3. The maintenance of divine worship;
4. The preservation of the truth;
5. The promotion of social righteousness; and
6. The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

You will notice that we have only five Sundays to deal with the six Great Ends. Therefore, we will include the sixth Great End in the other five weeks. "The Great Ends of the church offers a needed corrective, a comprehensive check-up that provides us with a faithful way to examine our life together." Our materials are written by Joseph D. Small who served as director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Theology and Worship from 1989-2011.

# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 23, 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

### Class of 2015

Betsy Hall

Ann Oyer

Dick Roberts

Tom Patterson

### Class of 2016

David Bell

Robert Neely

Glenn Noble

Paula Hays

### Class of 2017

Jim Clark

Dimitry Sergay

Charles Van

Person

Elaine Zingg

## Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Evelyn Baker

Kitty Neely

Anne Young

## Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

## Ministers Serving from Home

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 4569

Jeanne Barron-105

Maryanna Cassady-14

Virginia Dixon-313

Patty and Earl Todt 106

Virginia Hartwell-102

### The Gardens

Betty Jenkins-207A

### At Home Mack and Jean Earnhardt,

Marlene Voorhes

### Other Places

Judith Harrell, Kitty McCollam, Max Russell

## October Worship Assistants:

October 4 - Nel Huck

11 - Cay Roberts

18 - Irene Clark

25 -

## October Greeters:

October 4 - Anne Young & Elinor Hodder

11 - Florence Vonderohe & Irene

Noble

18 - Wanda & Lew Stratton

25 - Evelyn and Gary Baker

## October Counters

October 4 - Mike Milam & Robert Neely

11 - Jim Clark & Kay Weir

18 - Betsy Hall & Nancy Seward

25 - David Bell & Anne Young

## October Ushers:

October 4 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,

David Bell, Ralph Strickland

11 - Ann Oyer, Terry Smith,

Wanda Stratton

18 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,

Ivan Sumej

25 - Ann Oyer, Terry Smith,

Wanda Stratton

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## Amen Corner

The Rev. Joe LoMusio wrote a book called *If I Should Die Before I Live* to help people avoid getting the following epitaph engraved on their tombstones:

“HERE LIES \_\_\_\_\_

“DIED AT 35, BURIED AT 68”

“So many Christians,” LoMusio says, “are cold and lifeless. They adopt this attitude when they picture God as stern and distant. The stern view of God has become so ingrained in many congregations that a Christian who is alive to God’s Spirit, enjoying God and having fun in the faith is generally treated as unscripturally emotional. Why is it that those who continually demonstrate joy are the ones who must defend their position? The excuses ought to come from the joyless and lifeless.”

An old, retired professor of church history at Yale was on his death bed. Waiting relatives anxiously gathered around him.

After a time of silence one man quietly said, “I think he’s gone.”

Another relative, standing at the end of the bed, felt the old man’s feet and said, “No, his feet are still warm. No one ever dies with warm feet.”

The eyes of the old professor blinked open. He raised his head up from the bed and looked around at his family.. “Joan of Arc did!” he whispered. He gave a little chuckle and died. — *Jeris Bragan*

The most important prayer in the world is just two words long: “Thank you.”  
— *Meister Eckhart, 1327*