

# COURIER

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1842 - 2018

176<sup>th</sup>

Church Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Special Worship Service

Dinner on the Grounds following worship

2:00 p.m. Period Concert by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer

Infantry Regiment Band



## JOE'S NOTES *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing some have entertained angels without knowing it." (NRSV Hebrews 13:2)*

A few years ago, I heard my former Executive Presbyter Alan Thames deliver a sermon entitled "The Holy and the Practical: What You and I Should be doing in Evangelism" quoted the above scripture. I recalled my grandmother who often quoted it to us grandchildren after she had extended some kindness to a stranger. For me it has been more than just a scripture quotation I accepted it as a sort of a personal challenge. So since then I have kept a sort of record of those stranger angel encounters. What follows is a sort spiritual narrative for your consideration.

Not so soon after in the course of one day, there were three separate opportunities to extend "hospitality" to an angel unaware. The first occurred when some one told me there was a man outside yelling to be let in so that he could pray as he put he needed to "talk with God." He was in need of help he needed some food he needed someone to listen to him he needed some one to offer prayer for him and with him. As we sat down and talked, I could see that from his agitated state he began to relax and began to feel more comfortable. I offered him the sanctuary to pray in; he said he would just stay there in the narthex. As he told me his story, I shared a bit of my own with him. I offered him some food from the table there. We prayed and he left.

The next was a young man whose car ran out of gasoline just across from the church. I offered to take him to a Gas Station to buy some gas he shyly had to admit that he had no money to pay for the gas. I told him the offer still stood and I would be happy to help him if he made a promise to me. He said, "What's that?" I smiled and replied: "The next time you run across someone in a similar situation and you are in a position to help remember me helping you and you help them." He smiled back and assured me that he would.

Later on that evening at another event about half way through a pitch in dinner an older man wandered in think that our gathering was another meeting (which was scheduled for the next evening). He seemed embarrassed some one invited him to eat and he smiled and began filling his plate. After greeting him and as the group was clearing the room to go up into the sanctuary. I sat down beside him at the table and we just talked and got to know one another better. Nothing serious nothing heavy just family, work, who do you know that I might know sort of conversation. After a while, he stood up and extended his hand, we shook hands, and as he was leaving, I made a point to invite him back again.

The best thing about trying to extend hospitality to strangers among who indeed may be angels unaware is that both of us leave the encounter feeling blessed. Therefore, as Alan challenged me that day I also challenge you to be on the lookout for those quite common moments where we can honestly reach out and for at least a moment make a difference in the lives of those who God has sent to us.

Until next time, keep me in your thoughts and prayers and know I will be doing the same.

See You in Church!

Joe



# THIS MONTH

**Sunday, September 2 - Fall and Winter Worship Time Begins 10:45 a.m.**

**Monday, September 3 - Labor Day  
Church Closed**

**Tuesday, September 4 - 3:45 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal**

**Wednesday, September 5 -  
10:30 a.m.** Circles will meet at the Church

**Thursday, September 6 - 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Committee Mtg.**

**Sunday, September 9 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Church School Class  
Gary and Evelyn Baker "Covenant Gathering"

**10:45 a.m.** Worship  
Followed by Special Committee  
"Listening Sessions"

**Monday September 10 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Special (Discernment) Committee

**7:00 p.m. "AA" Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 11 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Evangelism/Mission Committee Mtg.

**3:45 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 12 - 10:00 a.m.** - Nominating Committee Mtg.

**11:30 a.m.** Prayer Group

**1:30 P.W.C.T. Mtg.**

**Thursday, September 13 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Worship Committee Mtg.

**Sunday, September 16 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Church School Class  
"Covenant Gathering" Led by Gary and Evelyn Baker

**10:45 a.m.** Worship followed by  
Listening Sessions

**Monday, September 17 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Special (Discernment) Committee

**7:00 p.m.** "AA" Mtg.

**Tuesday, September 18 - 3:30 p.m.**  
Presbytery of Scioto Valley Mtg.  
Grove City

**3:45 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 19 - 11:30 a.m.** Prayer Group  
**3:00 p.m.** Session Mtg.

**Sunday, September 23 - 176<sup>th</sup>  
Church Anniversary Celebration**

**Monday, September 24 - 7:00 p.m.**  
"AA" Mtg.

**Tuesday, September 25 - 3:45 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 26 - 11:30 a.m.** Prayer Group

**Sunday, September 30 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Church School TBA  
**10:45 a.m.** Worship - Listening  
Sessions following worship

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MUSIC DECISIONS

Our First Presbyterian Church Worship Committee has made two decisions concerning the function and use of music in our worship services.

One decision concerns the choir's singing during our 176th Celebration on September 23rd. We want our worship that Sunday to represent as authentically as possible the worship that was celebrated at FPC during its founding year of 1842.

While researching the use of choirs in worship, we discovered that the first choir was formed in 1846 in Salt Lake Valley. So we know that there would not have been a choir helping to lead worship here in 1842. Therefore, during our 176th worship celebration, our choir members will each be a part of the larger choir (our congregation!) rather than singing as the Chancel Choir.

The second decision concerns a debate that has continued for over two years in our congregation. This involves the function and use of an instrumental postlude for our weekly worship services. While some think of the postlude as an "Amen—So Be It" part of worship that sends us out into the world, many others think it simply lets us know the service has ended. Still others consider the postlude as a performance.

Considering all of these perspectives on the use and function of the postlude, we have decided that the Choral Benediction will serve as the actual postlude (at least for now) and there will be no instrumental postlude.

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**PIKE COUNTY OUTREACH** food of the month is "**Soup**". There is a cart by the front door of the church for food donations.

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

September 5 - Lois Hardy

6 - Tom Patterson

12 - Elaine Zingg

13 - Betsy Hall

Patty Todt

16 - Cay Roberts

22 - Dimitry Sergay

23 - Gary Baker

Audrey Tusen

26 - Sue Brodt

27 - Tracy nTyusen

28 - Dick Roberts

30 - William Niebling



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2018</h1>						1
2 10:45 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Off.	3 Labor Day Church Closed	4 3:45 p.m. Choir Reh.	5 10:30 a.m. PW Circles	6 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Mtg.	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Ad. Church School 10:45 a.m. Worship Listening Session	10 10:00 a.m. Special Discernment) Mtg. 7 p.m. "AA"	11 1:30 p.m. Evangelism/ Mission Mtg. 3:45 p.m. Choir	12 10 a.m. Nom. Com. Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 1:30 P.W.C.T.	13 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg.	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Ad. Church School 10:45 Worship Listening Session	17 10 a.m. Special (Discernment Mtg. 7 p.m. "AA" Mtg.	18 Presbytery Mtg. 3:30 p.m. Grove City 3:45 Choir Reh.	19 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 3:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	20 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	21	22
23 10:45 a.m. 176 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Celebration With Meal and Concert at 2 p.m.	24 7:00 p.m. "AA" Mtg.	25 3:45 p.m. Choir Reh.	26 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group	27	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Ad. Church School  10:45 Worship/Liste ning Session						



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SEPTEMBER 2018

Presbyterian Women will open the 2018-19 Program Study and activity year this **Wednesday September 5, 10:30 a.m. at the Church.**

The meeting will begin with business and then move into study and information. The new pattern of Monthly meetings will begin with some changes. One change means we will receive a combined offering toward the \$1500 PW Mission Pledge and the Least Coin. All loose change will be designated to Least Coin. Our 2018-19 Program books will be available.

At **11 a.m.** Barbara Pettit, PW Secretary, will share from The August PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville and then lead us in the **opening study from GOD'S PROMISE.** Extra study books are available at \$10 if you would like one.

A **Potluck FINGERFOOD** lunch will follow.

## OCTOBER 3 BEGINS NEW PATTERN FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

We begin a new pattern of monthly meetings in October with study continuing in Circles and business, planning and of course refreshments with Circles together. Meetings will be on the First Wednesday at 1:30 at the Bristol Village Residents' cottage. Circle Hostesses will work together on refreshments and Esther and Martha Mary Circles will study separately.

### What is PW?

We are all women committed to study, faith and outreach. We're not all Presbyterians. If you want to know more about PW join us as our guest on opening day. For more information call Kay Puckett, 947 0335, or ask one of our members. We have two Circles, Esther and Martha Mary.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Wed. Sept. 5** Opening meeting 10:30 at the Church.

**Wed. October 3 1:30** Both circles

at Bristol Village Residents' Cottage

**Sunday November 11** Annual Thank Offering Worship with special speaker, Bryce Weibe, General Assembly Special Offerings Coordinator





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: OCTOBER 7**  
**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the **Season of Peace** which ends on World Communion Sunday.

**HOW IS MY GIFT USED?**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Envelopes will be at the door.

**PEACE**  
**at all TIMES**  
**in all WAYS**

Your Mission/Evangelism committee voted to give the 25% from the upcoming Peace and Global Witness Offering to Hope Clinic in Waverly. This clinic helps those folks who do not have health insurance because of cost or other reasons. See the kiosk for information on that Clinic. In addition, the committee will be asking groups in the church to help provide a meal twice a year for the volunteers that serve the Clinic. Bob and Pat Penrose represent our church there. Other volunteers are always needed. See Bob if you wish to help with a dinner.

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**IF YOU WEAR YOUR NAME TAG ON SUNDAYS AT CHURCH YOU  
SHOW VISITORS THAT YOU WELCOME THEM.**

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Bridgehaven, the homeless shelter in Waverly, is scheduled to close at the end of the year. The food pantry will remain open with Autumn Topping in charge.

## MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

August 31, 2018

### Ministers for Community: Every Member

Pastor: Joseph Fields, Jr.

Secretary: Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Susan Thomas

### Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session:

#### Class of 2018

Elinor Hodder

Barbara Patterson

Audrey Tysen

#### Class of 2019

Evelyn Baker

Don Netzley

Bob Penrose

#### Class of 2020

Tom Hlasten

Tom Patterson

Barbara Pettit

## MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Irene Clark

Bud Hobday

Ann Oyer

## MINISTERS SERVING IN OTHER PLACES

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Mark, Jenny, Kella Rosa & Anika Estela Hare Papay,  
Haiti

Esther Wakeman, Payap University, Chiang Mai  
Thailand

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St. Waverly, Ohio 45690

Jackie Barnes - 123

Tom Frank - 309-A

Virginia Hartwell - 3

Shirley Pryor - 14

Earl Todt - 117

Irene & Glenn Noble - 113

Patty & Ralph Strickland - 106

### The Gardens

Lois Hardy - 202

Patty Todt - 212

At Home Bud Hobday, Mack and Jean Earnhardt,  
Janet and Oscar Marsh, Irene Noble, Wilma Boyer

### In Other Places

Judith Harrell, Kitty McCollam,

In Military Service - Sarah Kolb, and Kacie Lee

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## September Worship Assistants:

September 2 - Cal Tysen

9 - Dimitry Sergay

16 - Kay Puckett

23 - Bill Johnson

30 - Irene Clark

## September Greeters:

September 2 - Evelyn and Gary Baker

9 - Judy and Allen Wollenberg

16 - Iva and Maurice Bailey

23 - Barbara Pettit & Kay Puckett

30 - Barbara Patterson & Tom  
Patterson

## September Ushers:

September 2 - Kitty Neely, Barbara Patterson,  
Marge Russell

9 - Iva Bailey, Ann Oyer &  
Volunteers

16 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,  
Ivan Sumey

23 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,  
Ivan Sumey

30 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,  
Ivan Sumey

## September Counters:

September 2 - TBA

9 - Jim Clark and Kay Weir

16 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

23 - Don Netzley and Barbara Pettit

30 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

## September Coffee Hour Hosts:

September 2 - Donut Sunday

9 - Special (Discernment) Com.

16 - Special (Discernment) Com.

23 - Anniversary Celebration

30 - Special (Discernment) Com.

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## September Flowers:

September 2, 9, 16, 23 are available dates.

September 30 - Tammy and William

Niebling

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**October "Courier" Deadline is Friday,  
September 21st.**

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**Beginning Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday the Church Office will be closed for a "Work Day".** That means the Secretary will not be answering phones or receiving people in the office that day of the week.



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**FAMILY CIRCUS**



“... Jesus said, ‘White, whole wheat or rye?’”