



# The MESSENGER

July / August 2021



The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated

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Sunday, July 11  
Sunday, August 1  
Sunday, September 5



## Worship Committee

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Items for the **September** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, August 23, 2021.**

*Early submissions are  
always joyfully accepted!*

Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.

The Worship Committee has been working on the continued transition back to a more normal pattern of worship following the impact of Covid on our gatherings.

A variety of preferences for summer worship venue have been communicated to the committee, slightly modifying earlier plans. In response to feedback, the basic structure of worship this summer now generally looks like: June (Church House), July (Sanctuary), and August (Outdoor).

We will not gather for in-person worship on Sunday, July 4, but will return to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 11. Included in that and subsequent services will be congregational hymns. We will remain in the Sanctuary for worship on Sundays, July 11, 18 and 25.

We will move to outdoor worship on the church lawn in August. Outdoor worship will take place Sundays, August 1, 8, 22, and 29. On August 15, we will have a special guest speaker, Lisa A., the executive presbyter of Cincinnati Presbytery and anticipate moving into the Sanctuary for that service.

Outdoor worship will conclude on Sunday, September 5.

We will return to regular worship on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30AM. The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship on that date.

Christopher Klein in an article titled, *When Teddy Roosevelt Was Shot in 1912, a Speech May Have Saved His Life*: “Theodore Roosevelt’s opening line was hardly remarkable for a presidential campaign speech: ‘Friends, I shall ask you to be as quiet as possible.’ His second line, however, was a bombshell.

‘I don’t know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot. ...’

The horrified audience in the Milwaukee Auditorium on October 14, 1912, gasped as the former president unbuttoned his vest to reveal his blood-stained shirt. ‘It takes more than that to kill a bull moose,’ the wounded candidate assured them. He reached into his coat pocket and pulled out a bullet-riddled, 50-page speech. Holding up his prepared remarks, which had two big holes blown through each page, Roosevelt continued. ‘Fortunately I had my manuscript, so you see I was going to make a long speech, and there is a bullet — there is where the bullet went through — and it probably saved me from it going into my heart. The bullet is in me now, so that I cannot make a very long speech, but I will try my best. ...’

X-rays taken after the campaign event showed the bullet lodged against Roosevelt’s fourth right rib on an upward path to his heart. Fortunately, the projectile had been slowed by his dense overcoat, steel-reinforced eyeglass case and hefty speech squeezed into his inner right jacket pocket.”

—Christopher Klein,

“When Teddy Roosevelt Was Shot in 1912, a Speech May Have Saved His Life,” *History.com*, July 21, 2019.

The story of Teddy Roosevelt delivering a political speech with a bullet newly lodged in his chest has passed into history as an illustration of his stamina determination, and perseverance.



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

As such, it serves as an example to those Americans who come after him who might be inclined to emulate those same virtues.

The Bible points us to a doctrine of perseverance. Apart from God’s saving love in Christ, we are estranged and alienated from God by sin. After we come to saving faith, the New

Testament’s call is to pursue holiness, practice good works, and cultivate a variety of virtues.

The scriptures tell us that, in spite of our best efforts, human beings can neither initiate nor maintain a saving relationship with God. Salvation comes from outside of us as God’s unilateral action.

We are kept in right relationship with God by the Holy Spirit. God gives us the gift of faith, enlivens our will, and enables us to turn to Him in repentance, trusting in Christ for salvation. The Holy Spirit perseveres with the believer who can never finally fall or turn away from God. Reformed theology describes this idea as the perseverance of the saints.

Jesus offers assurance and comfort to God’s people: *“My sheep hear my voice, and I shall know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.”*  
(John 10:27-28)

Paul wrote about the perseverance of the believer: *“For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*  
(Romans 8:38-39)

The little epistle of Jude exults in God’s faithfulness to keep and preserve God’s people: *“Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and*

*to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."*

(Jude 24,25)

God is faithful in keeping us in right relationship to Him. Nothing and no one can cut us off from God's love, even our own bent toward sin, our wandering, and our unbelief.

*"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*

(Ephesians 4:30)

Teddy Roosevelt's oversized speech saved his life. His determination to deliver the speech even after being shot is surely an example of perseverance for the ages. As Christians, we are saved by the cross and resurrection of Christ and are then called to a life of faithfulness. But, when we stumble or are less than faithful, when we are unable to persevere in faith and holiness, God's love perseveres with us through every circumstance to bring us safely home to God's love.

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* communicates this happy assurance with the words:

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be,  
Let that goodness like a fetter;  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love,  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above.*



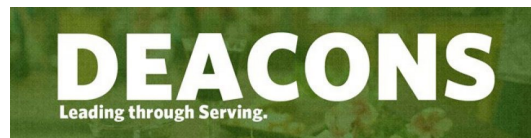
## *We had a wonderful time!*

Twenty-six members and friends of the church enjoyed a delicious Fellowship Dinner at The Meritage Wednesday, June 16.

Fellowship events give us an opportunity to gather together, visit, and share conversation with one another at various locations and events.



Watch for more fellowship activities coming soon—a pig roast and our annual Golf Outing, to name a few.



The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S serving as Moderator.

William B  
Levi C  
Dottie and Howard E  
Fern E  
Jacquie O



# S P O T L I G H T on M I S S I O N S

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Thank  
You!



*Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual*

*Fill the Glendale Village Square with  
Food event was a great success!*

Saturday, June 12 turned out to be a great day despite the rain we'd had all week. The clouds parted, the sun shone, the rain stayed away, and donations poured in!

A substantial amount of food, personal care items, and cleaning products was collected and shared with Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center in Lockland and The Princeton Closet. Donations of cash and checks totaled \$1,521.57.

Our sincere thanks to all who donated and helped with the day. Your donations and efforts are so essential to families in the Valley area and the Princeton School District. You can be proud of the accomplishments of the First Presbyterian Church of Glendale!

Dave C puts his special skills to work organizing Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food every year. He certainly knows how to get it done successfully!



Remember how much fun you had filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes last year? Let's do it again this year!

You may pick up a shoebox or boxes (label and gift suggestions inside each box) in the hallway outside the church office on Sundays July 11 and 18. Follow the instruction signs on the windows and return your box on or before Sunday, July 25.

Your filled 25 boxes last year. Will we do it again this year?

Watch for more details in the Sunday worship bulletin and Thursday e-blast, or contact Tom S or the church office.

## 24th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, September 18



... in memory of our friends Sylvia and Tom Allen. Our non-golfing members and friends are invited to the awards and refreshments afterwards.

More details will be available in the Sunday worship bulletin and Thursday e-blast as the date approached.







# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Norman O .....	1
Westi B.....	2
<i>Barbara and Craig W.....</i>	3
Connor C.....	10
Megan H.....	25
Kate G.....	29
Sarah H.....	29



## It's Skyline Time!

*All men* are invited to lunch at Skyline on Springfield Pike in Woodlawn; Wednesday, July 14. Lunch begins at 12:30PM.




# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>Amy and John D.....</i>	3
Jeffrey L.....	4
Carol F .....	12
Diane L .....	12
Bob S.....	12
<i>Linda and Tom S.....</i>	12
Emma H .....	17
<i>Mary and Craig S.....</i>	17
Carol M.....	19
Karen R.....	19
Bob J .....	19
Mike F .....	19
<i>Carol and Bill F.....</i>	20
<i>Jacqueline and Richard O.....</i>	26



**Wednesday, August 11; 12:30PM**

All men are invited to lunch at Gold Star Chili on Springfield Pike in Springdale.

Good food and fellowship -  
a great way to spend your lunch hour!





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3
4  <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> <i>Day</i> (Virtual worship on website)	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>2:00PM-</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Service</b>
11  <b>10:00AM-</b> <b>Worship</b>	12	13	14 <b>12:30PM-</b> <b>Men's Lunch</b> at Skyline	15	16	17
18 <b>10:00AM-</b> <b>Worship</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <b>10:00AM-</b> <b>Worship</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 Check the website for the most accurate calendar.  
 (firstpresbyterianglendale.org)  
 Please call the church office with calendar updates.

# August

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1  <b>10:30AM-</b> Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>10:00AM-</b> Worship	9 <b>9:00AM-</b> Committee reports to session due	10	11 <b>12:30PM-</b> Men's Lunch at Gold Star <b>6:00PM-</b> Session Meeting	12	13	14
15 <b>10:00AM-</b> Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <b>10:00AM-</b> Worship	23 <b>9:00AM-</b> September Messenger items AND Annual Reports due	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>10:00AM-</b> Worship	30	31				

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Sunday, June 13-Sunday, September 5  
in-person worship begins at 10:00AM

### ***Church Office Hours***

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM  
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM  
Friday, closed

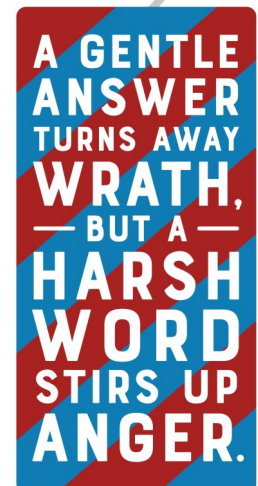
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As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. “I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too,” he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. “But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I’m asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want.” The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (15:1, NIV).



PROVERBS 15:1, NIV