



The MESSENGER

October 2022

Inside this issue ...

Birthdays and Anniversaries	6
Deacons	3
From the Minister	2
October Calendar	7
Memory Lane.....	5
Mission in Motion.....	4
Upcoming Events.....	6
Worship	3

Staff

the Rev. Jeffrey Lang

Amy

Director of Music and Organist

Kate

Choir Director/Vocalist

Paisley

Videographer

Maya

Vocalist

Deborah

Administrative Assistant

the Rev. Dr. Dawn

Parish Associate

Logan

Vocalist

Items for the November edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through 9:00AM, Monday, October 24, 2022.



Early submissions are joyfully accepted.

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

Homecoming

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Worship begins at 10:30AM

Former pastor the Rev. Dr. Bruce Archibald, Honorably Retired, will share personal reflections of his time at FPCG, and will offers prayers.

The Rev. Thom Shuman will bring the message and pronounce the benediction.

Former members of the church and Glendale dignitaries will be in attendance.

Worship music will be enhanced with violin and cello.

The Choral Introit is an old favorite and the Choral Response will gently send us out into the world at the close of the service.

Homecoming services are often held in early autumn.

Homecoming can be an occasion for members to re-gather after summer travels and to welcome back those with past relationships to the church, including former ministers. Typical features of a homecoming service, which will happily be a part of our own, include preaching, special music, and lunch.

The choral introit at the October 9 service will be the old hymn "The church in the Wildwood". The opening stanza is: "There's a church in the valley by the wildwood; No lovelier place in the dale; No spot is so dear to my childhood; as the little brown church in the dale".

Homecoming is a time to connect and reconnect with church friends and reflect on the blessings of God we have experienced in the fellowship of this special congregation.

The reasons for why we do what we do might not always be readily apparent to those looking at our lives from an outsider's perspective.

"The Lawn According to God is a purported dialogue between God and St. Francis of Assisi. In the exchange, Francis explains, or tries to explain, the peculiar behavior of a tribe Francis calls Suburbanites to God. This tribe of people has strange customs and practices. They mow down fields of flowers and then plant grass to replace the flowers. They proceed to mow the grass and pay others to haul away what they have mowed down.

One snippet of the conversation follows:

SAINT FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

SAINT FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away."*

Francis goes on to explain that when the Suburbanites need to replace the protective cover of fallen leaves that they had removed from around the base of trees, they purchase mulch to spread to create a new cover to protect the base and roots of trees - made of pulverized trees!*

Individually, or as members of various tribes, our lives include ways of doing things that may look peculiar to an outsider.

The Bible explains also that God's purposes are not always clear to human beings. It may be that the human mind cannot apprehend the unfolding of God's plan in this world.



From the Minister's Desk

God says through the prophet Isaiah, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* (Isa. 55:8,9)

Though we may not always be able to penetrate the 'why' of life in this world, the twists, turns, and peculiarities in which we find ourselves involved, we are yet called to place confidence in God.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5,6)

In 1 Corinthians 13, the Apostle Paul tells us that in this life we '*see through a glass, darkly*,' but that there will come a day when we will understand the whys and wherefores of life. That day of clarity and answers makes it apparent that God's love has been behind the purpose and meaning of everything.

However, before that day arrives, we "*know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*" (Romans 8:28)

We may not understand God's purpose and plan, but we can trust that love is the source and goal of all.

*Source:
the-compost-gardener.com/god-and-lawns.html.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

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, Marianna, Jane, and Susy (Moderator).

Diane and Mike B
William B
Levi C
Jackie O
Desmond's mother



Worship Committee

The month of October is right around the corner. The music component of our worship experience is active once again. With the able leadership of Amy and choir director Kate our choir is preparing for a rich and varied musical season.

On Homecoming Sunday, October 9, the music throughout the worship service will include both choral and instrumental offerings. We welcome back our vocal section leaders,

Logan and Maya, who will, without a doubt, enhance our overall efforts! Handel will be featured during several parts of this special service.

Please join us on October 9! A special service of worship followed by a welcoming pig roast lunch is a great way to meet folks and to get reacquainted with old friends.



Mission in *Motion*

September food offering

One hundred and six pounds of food and personal care items were delivered to Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center.

Thank you, everyone, for helping to feed and care for our neighbors in need.



Did you know that this church is the only Glendale church partnering with the Glendale Police Department to provide Thanksgiving Boxes to our neighbors in need?

Inside each empty box, available in the Narthex, you will find a detailed list of items to include. We hope this will make your shopping a little less stressful and will provide peace of mind that you are meeting the needs of your neighbors who need a little extra help during the holidays. Please read the list carefully and provide only the items listed in the amount suggested.

Thanksgiving boxes will be available Sunday, October 30 and Sunday, November 6. Filled boxes should be returned to the Narthex no later than Sunday, November 13.

Remember to find the number on your box and write your name beside the corresponding number on the sheet on the table.

Thanks to your generosity, 25 Glendale families receive a box of food and a Kroger gift card (supplied by the Mission committee) so they can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.



Our 25th Annual Golf Outing in memory of Tom and Sylvia was held on Saturday,

September 17, 2022, at The Winton Woods Mill Course. Thirty-five (35) golfers teed it up on that beautiful late summer day that included a box lunch, prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, along with prizes for the longest drive, and closest to the pin for both men and women. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine, along with twenty-plus (25) raffle prizes concluded the event.



We sincerely want to thank our fifty (50) plus hole sponsors, our prize donors and merchant supporters, those who purchased raffle tickets, and our golfers. In addition, we thank Dave Mike who have continued to chair this event year after year. Debbie, in our church office, did all our programs, brochures, and posters, as well as received and tracked funds. Matt deposited all our receipts and checked in every golfer at the course. Pastor Lang and his family, along with Mary, assisted where needed at the event and were very much appreciated. God could not have provided a prettier day. This was definitely a total FPCG effort. Thank you to all!



Proceeds will be divided between Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center, The Fischer VA Guest House, The William Breidenstein Fund, and The Andy Caress Melanoma Foundation.



Let's take a
stroll down



Coffee Hour Instructions

I. SET UP:

- A. Can be done either on Saturday or early Sunday before worship service. The setting up should be finished on Sunday morning by 10:10 a.m. when the choir uses the room for warm-up. If you can come over on Saturday, be sure to check that the Church House is open. Tom Mann, Chairman, has a key (742-0361).
- B. The polyester table cloths, that are used on Sunday morning, are in the cupboard near the southwest door. (on hangers)
- C. The centerpiece for the table (and for the children's table) is not absolutely necessary.
- D. Cups, saucers; silverware and napkins can be brought from the kitchen via the large metal roll cart. Place a few ashtrays around the room.
- E. Supplies such as tea bags, sugar, napkins and children's cups can be found in the right cupboard on the west wall.

II. REFRESHMENTS:

- A. Coffee is provided by the church and will usually be made by one of the Sunday School teachers, but hosts should check at 10:15a.m. to be sure it has been plugged in since the urn requires 55-60 minutes for perking. (The ration for making the coffee is 80 cups of water to 1 pound of coffee). Coffee is to be served in the silver carafes only!
- B. Water for hot tea should be boiled by hosts in the kettles. Tea bags are provided by the church and we suggest two tea bags per carafe. Tea is to be served in the copper carafes only!
- C. Two cream pitchers and two sugar bowls can be found in the cabinet to the right of the double sink and should be filled by hosts. Sugar is provided, but hosts are responsible for buying the cream, (one pint is usually sufficient for an average Sunday). About two dozen teaspoons should be put on the serving table.
- D. Children's drink is to be provided by hosts and served in paper cups found in the kitchen. Two 46oz. cans of drink are adequate.
- E. Baked goods for adults and children are to be provided by host. We suggest at least two "bites" per person, based on approximately 125 people, including children. Platters on which to serve the food can be found in the cabinet under the silverware drawers.

III. CLEAN UP:

- A. Use metal roll cart to collect dirty dishes and transport them back to the kitchen where they will be washed by the custodian.
- B. Tablecloths should be removed and left in the kitchen for laundry pick-up.
- C. Check to be sure the stove is turned off. All tables should be wiped off and kitchen left in order.

Hosts are encouraged to attend worship. If you set up on Saturday or before the service and leave the church after the sermon, there will be ample time for last minute transferring food and drink to the serving tables. Water for the tea can be put on simmer and left during the service then turned to full boil before serving.

Your participation in this fellowship of the church is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please call the Coffee Hour Chairman, Tom Mann, 742-0361.



<i>Pam and Ken C</i>	3
Carolyn C	6
Alison H	9
Paisley L	12
<i>Kate and Will K</i>	12
Catherine K.....	18
Donna L	18
Dave C.....	21
Robert C	30



Gentle Yoga

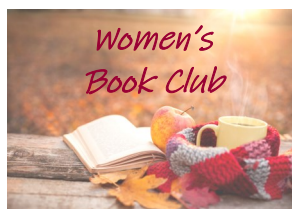
Gather in the church library, Thursdays
October 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00am.
No experience necessary!



Music Live at Christ Church!

Thursday, October 6 at 12:05PM
in the Historic Church

The *Bacchanal Steel Band* is Cincinnati's premier Caribbean ensemble, featuring instruments made from 55-gallon oil barrels. Since 1998, the band has been entertaining and educating around the tri-state and beyond with it's combination of calypso, soca, reggae, pop, and classical music.



Wednesday, October 12
10:00AM, church library

The Keeper of Lost Things, by Ruth Hogan.

A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

Wednesday, October 12



All men are invited to lunch at Gold Star Chili on Springfield Pike in Springdale. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.

A Service of Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 16 at 5:00PM
in the Historic Church

A Parish Choir of Christ Church sings the 16th century Anglican service of Evensong, as sung daily in the great cathedrals of England. This contemplative 45-minute service is led primarily by the choir, supplemented by two scripture readings and a hymn. A great way to end your week! Canticles by Dyson, responses by Robertson, and the anthem by Boyle. Dr. Tyler W. Robertson, conductor with Shiloh Roby, guest organist.

All concerts are free to the public; however, Christ Church does accept donations toward local shelters and food banks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30AM - Worship Donuts and Coffee	3	4	5	6 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 10:30AM - Worship Homecoming	10 9:00AM- Session reports due	11	12 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch (Gold Star) 6:00PM- Session mtg	13 Office Closed 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 10:30AM - Worship Food Offering	17	18	19	20 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 10:30AM - Worship	24 9:00AM- November newsletter items due	25	26 6:00PM- Elemental Churches mtg	27 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 10:30AM - Worship	31	<p>This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website (firstpresbyterianglendale.org) for the most accurate calendar. Please call the church office with calendar updates.</p>				



First Presbyterian Church of Glendale

155 East Fountain Avenue
Glendale, OH 45246

513-771-6195
glenpres@fuse.net
firstpresbyterianglendale.org

the Reverend Jeffrey Lang

Sunday, September 11, 2022-Sunday, June 4, 2023
worship begins at 10:30AM

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday

Shared with you in Christian love



Where are your wings?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks.
Does it remind you of anyone?



In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.