

**First Presbyterian
Church**

Church Services

In Person:

**Sunday
Mornings
10:30 a.m.**

**Followed by
Fellowship**

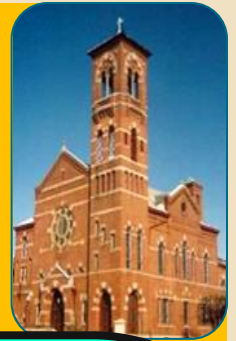
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THE CALL

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Ask a person the question, "What do you want concerning _____ {blank}?" and the response tends to be, "I want the best _____ {blank}." For example:

I want the best car;
I want the best lawn-mower;
I want the best restaurant experience;
the best preschool or college or retirement facility.

The challenge is, the word best is subjective AND it changes based on many differing factors.

Even more important than naming the "best," is buying in. By buying in we mean devotion, dedication, giving oneself over to a matter, idea, or cause.

For First Pres. Greensburg particularly, devotion to what we've shared we want to be: a place that encourages expansive beliefs so ALL experience welcome.

That ALL includes a lot, one of which is people of diverse ages, including children.

We share this with you all today because this Fall, Sept 12 to be exact, we're kicking off the re-start of our Christian Education program with a curriculum titled, "Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living." You've spoken...and now we are acting with an intergenerational program for 2 -years-olds to 102 and beyond. There's something for everyone.

Marena and I are excited about the restart of the Christian Education Program!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ♥ **THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO GIVE TO THE BREAD OF LIFE CAMPAIGN !**
- ♥ Rain or shine ice cream will be served at Kingston Church on Sunday, July 25th at 2:00PM. Bring your appetite & a lawn chair if it's a "dry" day- otherwise we'll be in the fellowship hall at Kingston.
- ♥ Weiner Wednesday will be held at Marilyn & Ron Woods house July 28th at 5:30pm this month! **1619 N. Oakmont Ave, Greensburg IN 47240.. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, & a yummy covered dish!**
- ♥ Pastors Marena & Garret will be on Vacation during Sunday August 8ths service...Come for an energizing hymn sing!
- ♥ Join the celebration of the baptism of Leo Sechrest (son of Arielle & Nicholas Sechrest & grandson of Don & Melanie Mobley) which will take place during worship on August 1st. Please sign their special baptism book with an encouraging word and/or scripture on July 25th or on Aug 1st. If you like to sing, you are welcome to join in the special anthem for the day with a brief rehearsal after worship on July 25th and before worship on August 1st at 9:45am.



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There are so many opportunities for conversation, laughter, hands-on activities, and growing as a church family. We believe offering classes for all ages supports the purpose statement this congregation wrote together. Yet we know that even with the "best" program and the "best" teachers, it won't fly if you aren't a part of it!

So...please join us! Give a class a try...invite friends to participate...invite grandchildren to give it a try...volunteer some time to one of the wide variety of activities that will be part of the program...open your heart to the possibilities...pray that we can touch the lives we are meant to...and be understanding and perhaps even thrilled about the kids in the church and the different ways they'll participate in worship from time to time.

If we're not having fun and getting something meaningful from these classes then we will not continue! But for now...we've SAID it's important...let's SHOW it by coming together to see how God moves when we ALL "buy in!"

We'll see you before September 12th AND we'll see you ON September 12th with all the family and friends you will invite!

Blessings and courage to you all,

Pastors Garrett and Marena

PRAYER FOCUS FOR AUGUST

THROUGH IT ALL

Dennis Shepherd

A song composed by Andrae' Crouch begins with "I've had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow...But in every situation God gave blessed consolation That my trials come to only make me strong...Through It All...I've learned to trust in Jesus...I've learned to depend upon His Word." (1971. Manna Music, Inc.)

O how we can relate to these lyrics, especially in recent memory. Our church, our community, our world, and each as individuals have faced unheard-of and unprecedented challenges. Our lives have been challenged; our trust has been challenged; our faith has been challenged. Yet, through it all, we have learned to depend upon the Word of Christ our Redeemer.

Throughout this month of August, let us meditate and concentrate upon Scripture passages that teach us about prayer. Let us find consolation in talking honestly with God about every sorrow, question, and situation we face. Choose a concern relevant to our congregation's ministry or an individual in our congregation to pray for; choose one for each day in August. **Together, with depending upon the Holy Spirit, may we pray and trust for God's mercy and grace through it all.**

This month we are highlighting the ideas from our congregation for All Ages. Education was a big one! Thank you again to Dennis for our beautiful prayer.

-Pastor Marena

IDEAS FROM FPC FOR ALL-AGE MINISTRIES

- ♥ Education for all ages
- ♥ Book club
- ♥ Wednesday night class exploring the importance of Mary Magdalene
- ♥ Wednesday night program exploring various religions and beliefs
- ♥ Single's Ministry
- ♥ Alzheimer's Support
- ♥ Transition Support (What one needs to know/do when a loved one passes)
- ♥ Basic Tech Training—Social Media/ Photos/ etc

PRAYER FOR ALL AGES MINISTRIES by Dennis Shepherd

O God of Every Generation: Show us, individually and as a congregation, inspirational avenues to reach those in our congregation and in our community. Show us the needs that might be hidden or are not obvious but can be addressed in our ministry to every person. Show those who have the abilities to plan and instruct just how to choose the most helpful opportunities to our congregation as a whole. Show us simple events that are of interest to the different groupings and personalities who gather at our church. Show us the deep concerns of each individual; show the specific programs that will help provide instruction, insight, and information each person needs. May our church be the best resource that will bring each person a deeper confidence of the Spirit's constant presence and provision for their every need and concern. Amen.





Starting September 12 at 9:45am.

Led by a Variety of Teachers and Guests

A blurb about Follow Me:

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey where we learn and do what Jesus said and did. It takes more than the head, checking off boxes of belief. It even takes more than the heart, feeling deeply about another person or a cause. Following Jesus is about these things and more. It is also about doing. And it takes practice. And practice. And more practice. We are not practicing for perfection, however, but practicing to put faith and love into action. As we explore faith practices, we are diving into the essence of what makes us Christian, those who follow the one who practiced what he preached!

How does it work?

The whole church will explore the same faith practice each week. Worship will enhance what is explored in weekly classes. Each faith practice will be explored for a month.

September: Welcome All (Hospitality)

October: Follow Jesus

November: Confess

How are the Classes Divided?

Adults: Cafe' Conversations in the Memorial Room

Share a cup of something hot (choose coffee, tea, cider, hot cocoa), as we explore the topic. Questions and diverse beliefs are encouraged.

Faithful Follower TOTS (ages 2-5) and CHILDREN (6-10) in the Education Wing

Play, cook, do art, spend time in nature, hear Bible stories, enjoy music and movement, and take part in dramas. Multiple teachers who specialize in each area will work with our kiddos to make the program full of joyful learning!

Faithful Follower YOUTH (ages 11-18) in the Reception Hall Library

Grow in faith using numerous mediums, including tech, to explore faith practices. This is a safe place to ask questions, challenge social norms, and be supported.

A HUGE thanks to Mike Chapman for restoring the children's play kitchen!



First Christian Church in Columbus had to end their children's program. They donated countless items to us, one of which was a beautiful wooden play kitchen.

They ended the program with great sadness, but the items they donated take on new life for us as we re-start our children's program.

We are so thankful to this congregation.

Our very own, Mike Chapman, lovingly refinished every piece of the play kitchen to make it fresh and safe for our kiddos. He said, "They just don't make furniture like this any more. It was a pleasure to work on."

Thank you so much, Mike, for sharing your gifts in such a generous way!



Welcome to
the world
Lainee Sue!
We are SO excited to
meet you!
Born on July 22





Members of Session

Darleen Fox
 Polly Matlock
 David Narwold
 Terri Pleak
 Judy Rust
 Mary Stradley
 Pastors— Revs. Garrett & Marena
 Vittorio-Schindler

Revs. Garrett and Marena Vittorio-Schindler

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Church News

Our Mask Mandate has been lifted for
 all who have had their covid-19
 shots.

VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE!..Now
 with updated church events, wedding
 vows, and more!



Session Committees

Trustees, Finance, & Stewardship

Chair: Mary Stradley
 Members: Jerry Fox, Roy Simpson,
 Terri Pleak, David Schlemmer, and
 Dennis and Susan Wilson

Care of Parish

Chair: Polly Matlock
 Members: Doreen Wilkison, Dennis
 Shepherd, and Mary Narwold

Worship & Music

Chair: Jeff Lincourt
 Members: Cathy Lincourt, Mike
 Gommel, and Greg and Judy Rust

Mission, Outreach, & Marketing

Chair: Judy Rust
 Members: Dennis Shepherd, Carrie
 Shumaker, Greg Rust, Jeff Lincourt,
 and Mike Gommel

Personnel

Chair: Terri Pleak
 Members: Greg Rust, Cathy Lincourt,
 and David Schlemmer

Christian Education

Chair: Marena Vittorio-Schindler
 Members: Carrie Shumaker, Laura
 Abrel, Linda Simpson, Doreen
 Wilkison, Darleen Fox, Cathy and Jeff
 Lincourt, Dena Vittorio, and Pastor
 Garrett

Anyone wishing to join or be taken
 off a committee please contact the
 committee chair.



Our Purpose

*To encourage expansive beliefs
so all experience a vibrant
welcome!*

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Rev. Marena Vittorio-Schindler

Sending Healing Prayers



Prayer Requests

Greg Rust
Jean Stutz
Larry Adkins
Robin Johnson

Mike Gommel
Larry Star
Dan Scheidler
Sharon Ellis

Betty Zillick - Betty Zillick shared the good news that she will NOT have surgery on July 22. She will have physical therapy on her shoulder. Betty is very happy to not have the surgery and she is back at her house!

Prayers for the family and loved ones of Tracy Kixmiller who joined the Church Triumphant July 8th, 2021.



A thank you
from
Bread of Life.