

# The Call



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**First Presbyterian  
Church**

## Church Services

**In Person:**

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

**Followed by  
Fellowship**

**Services are  
recorded  
to be shared  
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## Sunday Conversations Class



## **A NOTE FROM GARRET**

Off and on Marena and I have lifted up the power of the words we use. I was reminded of this when I was listening to Ray Archuleta, Certified Professional Soil Scientist with the Soil Science Society of America and has over 30 years experience as a Soil Conservationist, Water Quality Specialist, and Conservation Agronomist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Ray was making the point that we should move from desiring to be sustainable farmers to be regenerative farmers. To illustrate this point he said he often asks people, "How's your marriage? Sustainable?" He then went on to say a sustainable marriage isn't what he desires. He wants a marriage that is always renewing, always creating new growth, a marriage that is re-generative.

As I was listening to Ray, I wondered what a church would look like, what a congregation would look like, what we as humans would look like if we focused on re-generativity over sustainability. By this I'm not talking about our belief in farming practices, rather the ways we practice being the church, being the body of Christ, being brothers and sisters to all of humanity.

Some may look at the way things are and be thrilled for sustainability. I, on the other hand, look at the way things are and long for re-generativity. Not that everything I see is awful, but everything definitely isn't as glorious as I desire. I don't think I'm alone in this.

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FRIENDSHIP & TALENT

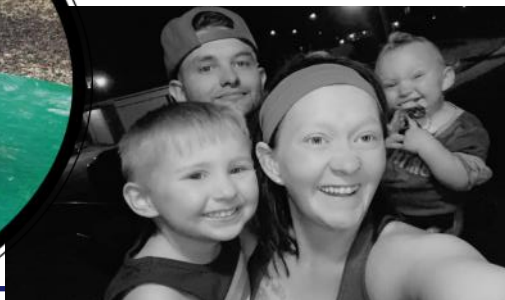
The next Friendship & Talent luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 at noon. Darleen Fox will prepare our meal for the June lunch, and Jean Long will provide the dessert. As usual, the meal will only be the cost of a \$3.00 donation. Lunch will be followed by devotions and a short meeting.

Moving forward, the meals will be prepared by a core group of women, and the PW will ask for volunteers to provide dessert for each luncheon.

## MEET MISS BRITTANY & FAMILY

We are so thrilled to welcome Brittany as our new Office Administrative Assistant. Brittany grew up in Greensburg and attended St Mary's for school. She is so grateful for the support and encouragement of her adoptive parents who many of you might know: Tim &

Carol Blasdel. She has two sons, Jace who is 4, curious, sweet, and smart; and Calvin (a great name for Presbyterians), who is 1 1/2 and is overflowing with smiles and energy. We are so happy for Brittany and Tyler as they prepare to welcome a precious girl, due in August. It has been a joy to have Brittany, Tyler, and the boys worship with us, too. They are full of life and love and especially enjoy time together swimming. We look forward to seeing where God continues to guide this congregation. Welcome, Brittany.



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Back to farming for a moment. Re-generative practices as Ray teaches them is to understand that the soil is living, it's not something that we just pump things into and take things out of without consequence. The best practices are to emulate nature as best we can. When we look at nature that hasn't been touched by human hands we see more diversity, less disturbance of the soil, and more wildlife moving about the land.

Turning this back to the church, to our congregation, to ourselves what being regenerative looks like to me is to emulate Christ as best we can. Be loving, merciful, open, and compassionate to all. Staying focused on God and God's work. Not judging others, not condemning others, and not treating others different because of their skin, their gender, their appearance, their past, and more. Christ truly did not buy into the way of the world.

When we do these things, when we emulate Christ the best we can, it's my belief we'll experience, a church, a congregation, a life that is renewing, a life that is creating new growth, a life that is regenerative.

May it be so.

Blessings,

Rev. Garrett Vittorio Schindler

### PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

#### Taking Time

Life, in general, requires us to take time to set aside portions of each day for specific tasks. Our schedules might be demanding and hectic; they may have moments open for leisure and spontaneous fun. At times, we must perform a balance act in order to fit appointments, chores, visits and relational quality times, household duties, and personal care in our 24-hour frame.

There can come unexpected situations, like a flat tire or a traffic jam that interfere with our schedule. Sometimes, our good intentions are hindered merely because time gets away from us. These types of changes can happen at home, at work, at events, at church, and at the most inopportune hour.

At any given moment, we may need to block out the sounds and activities surrounding us; we might need to stop and merely take a deep breath. Taking time:  
for a brief statement to God for a repose;  
for an intervention that the Holy Spirit will calm our nerves;  
for a moment that God will give us direction;  
for a quick expression of thanksgiving that tasks are being accomplished;  
for a "Breath-Prayer" of "Help me, God."

Throughout the month of June, throughout the day, -every day- let us focus our hearts to take time -moments by moments- to turn to God for our needs, our family's and friend's needs, and our Church's needs.

DENNIS SHEPHERD  
Care Of Parish Team



## ***GOD IS FAITHFUL***

*As we celebrate dads this Father's Day, the following is an inspiring story from a fellow Christian who is experiencing his first Fathers Day as a dad. His story helps us remember that God is faithful, even in brokenness.*

Two years ago, my wife and I officially started the process to adopt a child from Uganda. We started the paperwork, raised thousands of dollars for adoption fees, and were matched with a smiling little 3-year old boy. It's a boy!

We got to that point by saying, "Yes," to God. We had a passion to serve those in need. We had a love for the nation of Uganda. **We knew the words of James 1:27: "Religion that God accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."** We knew the stories of the faithful saints in the Bible who lived by faith and were honored in **Hebrews 11**. We were ready to start a family, and we felt called to grow our family through adoption.

My wife traveled to Uganda to meet the boy who would become our son. We had only seen pictures of him for several months, and now was her chance to bond with him before I arrived to start the legal process. After spending a week with him, due to events beyond our control, my wife was informed by our attorney that we could **not** adopt him. Just like that, it was over, and my wife was on a plane back home the next day.

For the next several months, we wrestled with so many emotions – disappointment, resentment, apathy, disbelief, impatience, fear, anger, anger, and anger. Should we give up? Maybe it wasn't meant to be? Why did this happen? How was this God's plan? We were near the breaking point to call it quits, but we chose to keep going...

On Father's Day last year, I sat in church holding back tears as the preacher asked all of the dads to stand and be recognized. ***I should have been one of those standing, because it should have been my first Father's Day.*** I cried for my wife, because she fell in love with this little guy and had to drive away from an orphanage and leave him standing at the gates. I cried for that little boy, because we had no idea how he was doing or what would happen to him. I had never felt brokenness like I felt that day.

The next day, we got an email from our adoption agency with pictures of a one-year old boy. Once again, we said, "Yes," and we started the process again. We signed more papers, got everything in order, and waited for 4 more months.

In November, we got on a plane and flew east. Even when we landed in Uganda, we still had doubts. Surely, the same thing won't happen twice, right?

I was only able to stay in Uganda for 2 weeks, but my wife stayed there for the duration of the process – two and a half months. Finally, in January, my wife and our son, Wyatt, came home.

It has been a wild transition to go from having no children to chasing down a two-year old. (Parents of toddlers unite, am I right?) It's been wild, yes, and it's also been a really awesome transition into fatherhood. **There's something really special about hearing the word, "Daddy!" for the first time.** Teaching your son how to throw a football and helping him shoot baskets are all kinds of fun. Having your son say, "Love you!" is enough to make a grown man melt.

**As a dad, I am reminded that the fierce protection and immense amount of love I feel for my son doesn't even compare to the protection and love Jesus offers.**

When I think back over the year, I feel grateful to be celebrating Father's Day this year. It's been a long road getting here, so when I think about this weekend, I think about how thankful I am to have my son under my roof this year. I think about how excited I am to have what I wanted a year ago.

**I think about how grateful I am to know that God is faithful.**







**FRIENDSHIP & TALENT LUNCHEON**



**WHAT WILL WE DO WITHOUT YOU?!**



**Grad Sunday!**



**Happy 4th Birthday Kaleb !**



**STORY-TIME FROM REV. MARENA**



**SETTING UP NEW NURSERY**



**PARTY TIME !**



**95, GO MARY!**



**Very focused !**

### **Members of Session**

Darleen Fox  
 Polly Matlock  
 David Narwold  
 Terri Pleak  
 Judy Rust  
 Mary Stradley  
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 Vittorio-Schindler  
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### **Church News**

Our Pentecost Offerings brought in a total of \$500. \$200 of that amount will stay with the church to help us jumpstart our youth program. The rest will go to Presbytery to benefit youth across the country.

The **Gideons** International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and women dedicated to telling people about Jesus and their primary activity is distributing copies of the Bible free of charge. This Bible distribution is a worldwide enterprise taking place in around 200 countries. Gideons will be at our church service on June 13 asking for our support.

PW are collecting donated items, or money to purchase items, to fill baskets for foster families. Each basket will have a different theme (movie night, game night, maybe a cooking theme, etc. as far as your imagination can reach). A box has been placed in the Reception Hall for all donations.

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

The pastors do not automatically receive the email sent to the church. If you are sending email specifically for them, please send to their email address at: pastorsfpcgburg@gmail.com

### **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 Life Journey Together- Dennis and Susan Wilson

Dennis Wilson was born in Logansport Indiana in May of 1944 to Art and Lois (Felder) Wilson. His father served in the military in Europe and was absent the first year and a half of his life. The family moved to Bremen Indiana where Dennis grew up and where both parents were school teachers. Dennis' hobby was putting together models of all kinds. After graduating high school, Dennis went to Hanover College in 1962.

Susan Viehe was born in Lansing Michigan in November 1945. Her parents are Bob and Phyllis (Link) Viehe. Her father was in the service, in California, where he was a doctor who examined soldiers coming back from war, and her mother was a nurse. Susan grew up in Indiana, Colorado, Montana, and back to Colorado where she graduated high school. Susan's hobbies were skiing, hiking, and camping. From there Susan moved to Indiana and started college at Hanover in 1963.

Susan and Dennis met in a shared Economics class in 1963 and it was there that they heard of the shooting of President John F. Kennedy. Dennis invited Susan to a Ski Lodge Dance that his fraternity was putting on, and they dated for one and a half years before getting engaged. Eventually, they were married at the Hanover Chapel by Rev. Bill Clemenson in 1966. Susan still had another year of college, and Dennis taught Math at Southwestern High School.

After Susan finished her senior year of college, they moved to Greensburg Indiana where they had received job offers. Dennis taught Physics and Math, and Susan taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science. They spent the next four summers attending Purdue University earning their Master's degrees.

In 1970, they bought their first and only house. They did most of their own renovations, and when Dennis went to tear down the chimney, Susan was afraid he would be stuck in the shaft. But Dennis, being the creative person that he is, built his own ladder out of the wood

from the fireplace framing he had just torn down and was able to climb out.

Their first child, David, was born in 1974, followed by their daughter, Kathy in 1975. Susan took a temporary retirement for 11 years to stay home with the kids while Dennis' job was expanding, drivers education and computer science were added to his teachings. They were both kept hopping for years as both kids were involved in school and church activities, plus various athletic endeavors.

Dennis was raised in the Methodist Church and Susan was raised Presbyterian. They attended the Greensburg Presbyterian Church from the day they moved to Greensburg in 1967. Dennis became a member of Session early on when there were fifteen members, and was on Session off and on several times over the years. Susan became Treasurer in the early days, and she continued this position off and on and still holds that position today. She was also on the Pulpit Nominating Committee in 1971 when Rev. Bill Clemenson was called to our church. Both of their kids were raised in the church and enjoyed being a part of the Sunday school classes and the other church activities.

After a combined 58 years of teaching, they both retired in 2001. After retirement, they traveled to Bolivia, Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, and New England; and made many cross-country motorcycle trips. Retirement also brought a more relaxed lifestyle and more opportunities to volunteer their service to the community.

When asked about her favorite scripture, Susan quoted Psalm 121: *"I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* When Susan lived in Colorado they were surrounded by mountains. She imagined God watching over her from the highest point and this scripture reminds her of that time.

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## Our Purpose

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

**2021 Per Capita  
\$41.42 per person**



## Please Keep These People In Your Continued Prayers: Shut-ins

### **Sending Healing Prayers**



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## Prayer Requests

Greg Rust  
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Betty Zillick  
Carol Madden  
Larry Starr  
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Rev. Darrell P'Poole  
Doug Chamberlain  
Larry Adkins  
Delbert Martin  
Dan Scheidler  
Diane Hart-Dawson  
Robin Johnson  
Pat McKee

**Prayers for  
Peace and Serenity  
throughout the world!**