

First Presbyterian Church
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Chimes



Dear Church Family,

I was given the rare opportunity to serve as Commissioner of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley at the General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah. The first 3 days of the General Assembly was conducted by Zoom on June 25, 26, 27, with my Polity Committee, and June 29-July 4 was on location. Why they chose me for Polity I am not sure, but God works in mysterious ways! The committee was a diverse group of Presbyterians of all ages and from all over the United States and South Korea.

The first day on Zoom, we had 8 Overtures to discuss and vote on as a 40-member group. Two Overtures, POL-9 and POL-10, were handed over to another committee.

On the second day on Zoom, we divided into breakout rooms of 6 members each. During this same time, I was part of a three-member worship team for morning prayers and scriptures, and evening worship. This brought me great joy to be part of the worship moments that helped solidify the controversial discussions of this day. Most of my focus will be on Overture POL-1. This involved amending the Book of Order to include sexual orientation and gender identity among the categories against which the Church does not discriminate.

The Overture was broken up into 2 parts ... Part A and Part B

POL-1 A

The propose amendment is as follows (F-1.043) [*The change is in brackets.*]

“The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church’s membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism, regardless of race , ethnicity, age, sex, [*gender identity, sexual orientation,*] disability, geography, or theological conviction There is therefore no place in the life of the Church to discriminate against any person. The Presbyterian Church (USA) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership. No member shall be denied participation or representation for any reason other than those stated in this Constitution.”

POL-1 B

Proposed amendment be amended as follows (G-2.0104b) [*The change is in brackets.*]

“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (F-102). The council responsible for ordination and /or installation (G-2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.03060) shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.0404) [*and in the principles of participation, representation, and nondiscrimination found in F-1.0403.*] Councils shall be guided by Scripture and confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”

We spent most of the day debating this two-part overture. During the first part of the morning, we listened to 26 pastors and members of Presbyteries who were in support and against the Overture. Each person had three minutes for comments. Later, individual questions could be asked of the Presbytery of Olympia who brought forth the Overture to the 226th General Assembly.

After much discussion and a vote, the Polity Committee passed Part A.

The afternoon and part of the next morning were spent in debate and discussion on Part B. There was an approved amendment to strike out the word nondiscrimination as follows: [*and in the principles of participation, representation, and ~~nondiscrimination~~ found in F-1.0403.*] The reasons for this amendment was due to redundancy and for those who believe it is a matter of conscience, rather than discrimination. The hope of those that put the Overture forward is that Presbyterians would open the door for more discussion and understanding, and allow openness on both sides of the issue.

The Polity Committee presented this Overture, and after further debate, it was approved by the GA. This Overture, along with many others, will be sent to the Presbyteries for their vote in November 2024 or February 2025.

I want to thank the Presbytery and FPC London for supporting me as a first time commissioner of the 226th General Assembly.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



PCC NEWS

With all of our field trips and pool days, July was very busy! The school agers had a lot of fun going to COSI, the London City pool, and the bowling alley!

With summer winding down at the PCC, the kids will get to enjoy an 'End of Summer Bash' on August 8. They will have a special lunch and take part in several fun activities that the teachers have planned.

On Friday, August 9, the teachers will have their second in-service day. We are planning to have a CPR and First Aid class for all of our teachers. We will also take part in an active threat training course.

Believe it or not, London City Schools begins on August 14! We wish the best of luck to all of our school agers who are going back to school and to the kindergarteners who are starting school.

We also wish good luck to our college helpers ...

Ms. Lydia, Ms. Elli, Ms. Kate, and Ms. McKinzie! Their help over the summer was very beneficial to the PCC and to our summer program. Each one will be missed.

- Abbey



PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou sends his thanks for all our prayers.

Please continue to pray for the RNCS church planting work in west Africa. Keep their mission teams in your daily prayers, protecting them from harm. It is only through the Holy Spirit that this work will be successfully accomplished.

Please pray for a breakthrough in the church planting efforts within the various communities where difficulties and obstacles are being faced.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 4: Nominating Committee meeting
- August 8-17: Pastors Désirée & Mark are on vacation
- August 21: Session
- Sept. 5: Choir rehearsal resumes

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group lunch will be on Thursday, August 8 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Los Mariachi's in London. Hope you can come!

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting

August 20, 2024

3:30 -6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 13 Mead Dr., Chillicothe
Elder Commissioner: Gina Wells

HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 150

The church is hosting the next Loving Kindness meal for the Help House on **Monday, August 19**. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

- 13 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)
- 3 bags of brown sugar
- 3 bottles of ketchup (24 oz)
- 15 boxes of elbow macaroni
- 3 jars of mayonnaise (48 oz)
- 1 bag of granulated sugar
- 1 bottle of yellow mustard (20 oz)
- 2 COOKS for baked beans (recipe and ingredients provided)
- 3-4 SERVERS (2:00 - 4:00)

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help ... call (614) 736-5126 or email dblaho@columbus.rr.com.

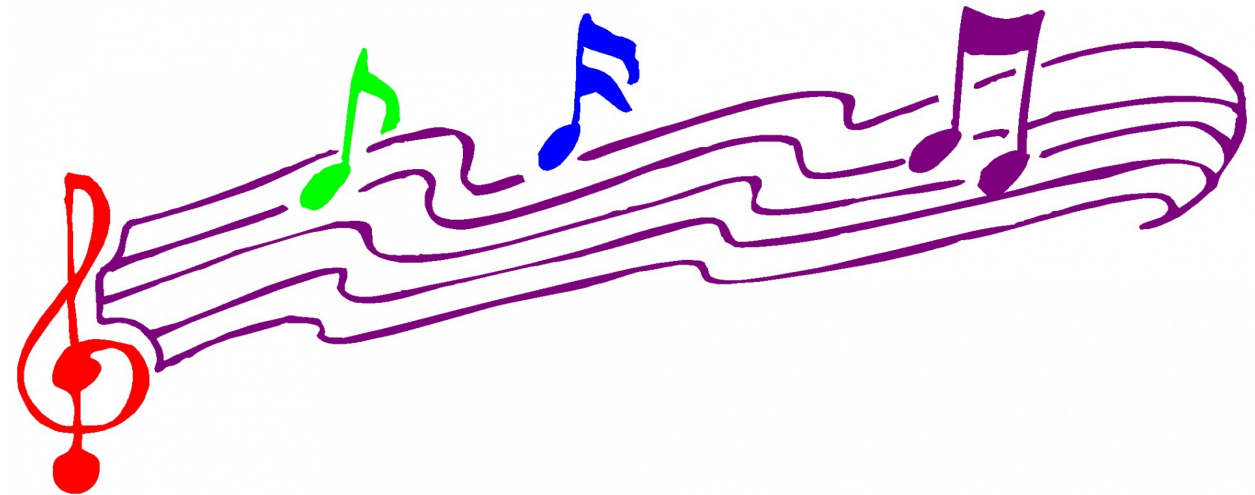
Please have donations to the church by **Sunday, August 11**.

SPECIAL EVENTS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF AUGUST

Feeling a bit bored? August has many events happening. Starting the first weekend of the month you will have two to choose from.

On Aug 2, 3 & 4, St. James Lutheran Church will be hosting the 40th Bratwurst & Crafts Festival, located at 5660 Trabue Road, Columbus (just off of Rome Hilliard Rd). Admission is free. Enjoy authentic German food, arts & craft fair, games, German music and dancing. Visit www.stjameslutherancolumbus.com for more information.

On August 2, 3 & 4, ignite your Irish spirit and stop by the Dublin Irish Festival. Immerse yourself in food, music, games, and more. There is something for everyone. For more information and tickets, visit dublinirishfestival.org. The festival is located at Coffman Park, 5200 Emerald Pkwy, Dublin.



SILVER CORNET BAND CONCERT

On Monday, August 12, come to Cowling Park's gazebo to hear the Silver Cornet Band perform from 7-8:00 pm. You are guaranteed to have a very enjoyable evening.

Plan to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the church.

Sisters In The Lord Saturday August 10th 1-3pm



THEME: 🎵 **SINGING & 🖐️ SIGNING THE SCRIPTURES**



**PRAYING
PRAISING
SINGING
AND LUNCH**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

211 GARFIELD AVENUE, LONDON

2024 BENEFIT CRUISE IN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**** CRUISE IN BENEFIT proceeds will go to... ****

TARA PERRY family

Tara's husband, Michael, died as a result of a car accident in March 2024, leaving four daughters under the age of six. Helping with expenses.

SEAN SABULSKY family

Sean died in May 2024 at the age of 17 after battling cancer for four years. Helping the family with medical bills.

JESSICA MARTIN family

A teacher at our daycare, Jessica was diagnosed with brain cancer. She is a single mom with two children. Helping with expenses.



**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**



**FOOD * 50/50 RAFFLE * BUCKET RAFFLES
CARS / TRUCKS / MOTORCYCLES * AND MORE**

No Entry Fee - Donations Only

The first 60 participants will receive a Dash Plaque

WHAT IS THAT COMMITTEE ALL ABOUT?

The Stewardship Commission is a commission of the session responsible for the oversight of the stewardship campaigns and financial affairs of the church.

Responsibilities of the Stewardship Commission include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Reviewing monthly income and expenditures and making a monthly report to the session.
- ◆ Providing an annual report to the congregation that accounts for the church's income and expenses over the previous year and the current balance of the church's funds.
- ◆ Arranging for an annual review of the church's financial records by three qualified individuals or an accounting service.
- ◆ Overseeing and directing the work of the treasurer (and financial assistant).
- ◆ Considering and acting on requests for special offerings and fund-raising projects and accounting for the proceeds of such offerings and projects and their disbursement.
- ◆ Providing full information to the congregation concerning decisions about special offerings and fund-raising projects.
- ◆ Designating and authorizing at least two persons to make deposits and sign checks.
- ◆ Overseeing capital campaigns of the church.
- ◆ Developing and carrying out a year-round emphasis on faithful stewardship.
- ◆ Overseeing the annual stewardship campaign.
- ◆ Handling special gifts such as wills, bequests, and memorial gifts.
- ◆ Developing and recommending the annual budget.
 - Notice shall be sent to all commissions and committees in September to submit budget requests to the Stewardship Commission following the October commission or committee meetings.
 - Following the stewardship campaign, the Stewardship Commission shall recommend a budget to the session no later than the December session meeting.
- ◆ Making recommendations on an investment policy for funds controlled by the session and managing the investments according to the strategy approved by the session.

Stewardship Commission Members

Chair - Gina Wells
Marge Daniels
Joe Blaho

Pastor Mark A. Johnson
Pastor Desiree Youngblood



JEFF & BARB NIEMEYER
AUGUST 2

FRANK & NANCY POWELL
AUGUST 2

BOB & RHONDA MILLER
AUGUST 6

**"MAY YOUR MORNINGS BRING JOY
AND YOUR EVENINGS BRING PEACE.**

**MAY YOUR TROUBLES GROW FEW
AS YOUR BLESSINGS INCREASE.**

**MAY THE SADDEST DAY OF YOUR FUTURE BE NO WORSE
THAN THE HAPPIEST DAY OF YOUR PAST.**

**MAY YOUR HANDS BE FOREVER CLASPED IN
FRIENDSHIP AND YOUR HEARTS JOINED
FOREVER IN LOVE.**

**YOUR LIVES ARE VERY SPECIAL,
AND GOD HAS TOUCHED YOU IN MANY WAYS.**

**MAY HIS BLESSINGS REST UPON YOU AND
FILL ALL YOUR COMING DAYS."**



If you were born between August 1-22, you are a Leo. Those born between August 23-31 are a Virgo.

In general, August babies tend to be confident, strong and organized. They are

known to be bold, have charisma and are loyal, traits that help to make them trailblazers. The August baby is kind-hearted. They can easily talk to people and get along well with others. They are also empathic listeners. August born can be stubborn and impatient.

Leo babies are thought to be creative, theatrical, and passionate. Leos tend to make great leaders. They have outgoing personalities.

Virgo babies are pragmatic, logical, and down-to-earth. They give acute attention to detail and are the people most likely to dedicate themselves to serving. Virgos are loyal, hardworking and analytical.

Some famous people born in August are Neil Armstrong, Lucille Ball, Halle Berry, Napoleon Bonaparte, Kobe Bryant, Robert DeNiro, Chris Hemsworth, Katherine Johnson, Jennifer Lawrence, Madonna, Barack Obama, Mary Shelley and Orville Wright.

AUGUST'S BIRTH FLOWERS ARE THE **GLADIOLUS** AND THE **POPPY**.

AUGUST'S PRIMARY BIRTHSTONE IS **PERIDOT**, WHICH IS SAID TO SYMBOLIZE STRENGTH AND HEALING POWER

FUN FACTS

In August 1762 the sandwich, as we know it, was created when the Earl of Sandwich requested meat between two pieces of bread. As the story goes, he requested it as he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.

The Perseid meteor shower reaches its maximum between August 11-13. But you can still see it from now until August 22.

This is the first Supermoon of the year

August's full moon is called the Full Sturgeon Moon. It will reach peak illumination on August 19.

- Folklore for the Season
- As August, so February.
 - Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.
 - If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.
 - So many August fogs, so many winter mists.

August 24, 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city of Pompeii, burying the city under 7 ft of molten lava.

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous "I have a dream" speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

- August 1: Lammas Day. "After Lammas Day, corn ripens as much by night as by day".
- August 10: St. Lawrence's Day. "Fair weather on St. Lawrence's Day presages a fair autumn".
- August 24: St. Bartholomew Day. "At St. Bartholomew, there comes cold dew".

Roger Hamrick	8-4	Bob Miller	8-17
Jeffrey Schrock	8-8	Carol Ansel	8-18
Joyce Lloyd	8-10	Cindy Newman	8-20
Marci Bogenrife	8-11	Jeff Niemeyer	8-22
Melissa Canney	8-11	Roselyn Justice	8-28
Ruthanne Johnson	8-11	Alice Phillips	8-30
Branden Miller	8-13	Carol Welk	8-31
Eileen Arikawa	8-17		

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

A Time for Everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV)

To everything there is a season,

And a time to every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born,

And a time to die;

A time to plant,

And a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill,

And a time to heal;

A time to break down,

And a time to build up;

A time to weep,

And a time to laugh;

A time to mourn,

And a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones,

And a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace,

And a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get,

And a time to lose;

A time to keep,

And a time to cast away;

A time to rend,

And a time to sew;

A time to keep silence,

And a time to speak;

A time to love,

And a time to hate;

A time of war,

And a time of peace.

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79. A Time for Everything

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DIE
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TOGETHER
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AUGUST 2024

31	SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
	<div>Pastors D & M on vacation</div> <div>• 10am Worship</div> <div>• 11am Deacon Meeting–Cruise In</div>	<div>Abbey Vacation</div>		<div>• 1pm POC Leadership Meeting</div>		<div>Pastor Steve & Cherie - off</div>	
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<div>NO Deacon meeting</div> <div>• 8:45am Nominating</div> <div>• 10am Worship & Communion</div>	<div>• 7pm Cornet Band rehearsal-Tom</div>		<div>• 1pm POC Leadership Meeting</div> <div>• 5pm Christian Education Zoom M</div> <div>• 7pm POC's Noah's Ark</div>	<div>Pastors Desiree & Mark on Vacation</div> <div>• 4:15pm Mission Committee mee</div>		
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<div>Pastors Desiree & Mark on Vacation</div> <div>• 10am Worship</div>	<div>• 7pm Silver Cornet Band concert</div>				<div>• 3pm Stewardship Commission</div>	<div>• 10am CRUISE-IN</div>
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<div>• 10am Worship</div>	<div>Help House Meal</div> <div>• 11am POC Leadership Meeting</div>	<div>• 3pm PSY Meeting / Chillicothe</div>	<div>• 1pm POC Leadership Meeting</div> <div>• 4:30pm Session Meeting</div>	<div>• 11am Session Review</div>		
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<div>• 10am Worship</div>	<div>• 6pm LLAMA</div>		<div>• 1pm POC Leadership Meeting</div> <div>• 5pm Generation to Generation Fu</div> <div>• 6pm POC Committee Meeting</div>			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED