

First Presbyterian Church  
211 Garfield Ave, Box 226  
London, OH 43140



**CHIMES**



**JULY**



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for voting for me to continue serving as your pastor. You are truly a wonderful church family, and I really love this church. My family is excited about becoming part of the London community, too. We are now in a time of transition as we continue down the path of making London our home. Here is what is going on:

We are moving quickly to put our house in Pickerington on the market. It is taking us longer than we intended to get the house ready because we have not been able to take much time off from work because of the changes at the PCC. For now, we must continue to travel back and forth between Pickerington and London.

As some of you already know, we bought a house in London. Yet, we will be tearing that house down and building a new one. Because we are still in the process of designing the new house, we do not yet have a tear down date.

Of course, this whole plan is a little scary because even as we are moving we know that the house we are moving into right now will soon be torn down. We are hoping not to end up homeless during the transition! As soon as we get a tear down date, we will be looking for a rental in London. Please let us know if you hear of any because I hear that rentals go really, really fast right now. We are looking for a three-bedroom house.

This is the toughest move that I have ever done because we are having to go through everything to determine if we can live without it for a year or more. We want to move our full household only once, so we are putting everything that we can live without for a year into pods.

In the meantime, we moved Devin to London as soon as school let out. He is living at our house here in London and attending the PCC. We have enrolled him to play football in the fall with London Youth Football and Cheer. He will be attending London Elementary School in the fall.

As you can imagine, moving is very stressful. Please keep us in your prayers during this time of transition. We are looking forward to living full time here in London.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Désirée

## Life lessons from a butterfly:

Let go of the past  
Trust the future  
Embrace change  
Come out of the cocoon  
Unfurl your wings  
Dare to get off the ground  
Ride the breezes  
Savor the flowers  
Put on your brightest colors  
Let your beauty show

(Author unknown)



## PCC NEWS

The PCC has seen a lot of changes this month. The biggest has been the departure of Stacey Oty as the PCC Administrator. She was sent off with a Harry Potter themed lunch, and lots of hugs and tears. She is deeply missed, but we wish her the best in her new venture. So, if you know of ANYONE who might be interested in the PCC administrator position, please have them go to the PCC or church website for more information on the job, and submit their resume to [londonfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:londonfirstpres@gmail.com).

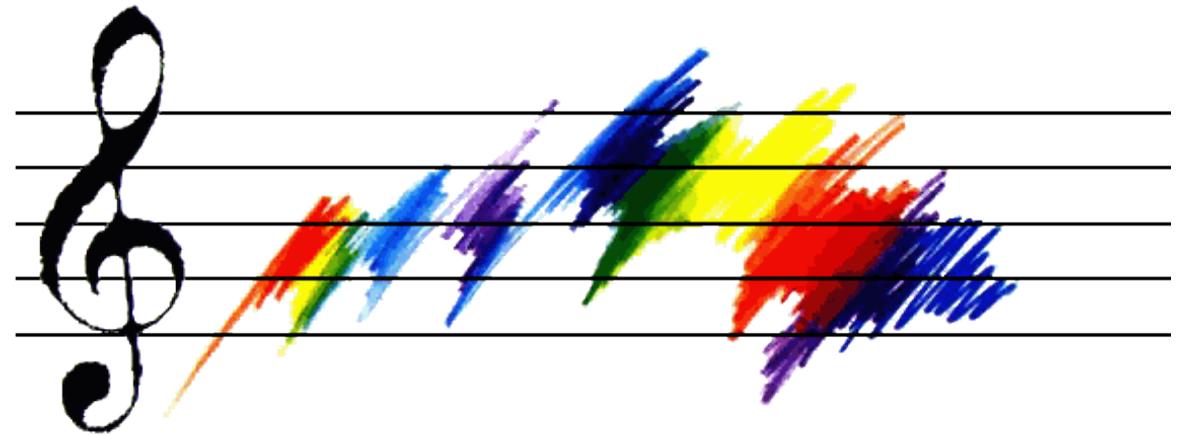
The PCC has been planning lots of activities to keep the kids (young and older) occupied during the hot weather that decided to visit in June. The kids have especially enjoyed their splash days, which went a long way in cooling everyone off. We are still working on some field trips and ironing out the details.

Thank you to all who helped support the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Jessica Martin. The dinner raised over \$800. Thank you!

### CONCERT ON THE CHURCH LAWN

London Silver Cornet Band Concert will be performing on the church lawn on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in front of the church.

Plan to come for an enjoyable musical evening!



### HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 150

The church is hosting the Loving Kindness meal on Monday, July 18th. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

- ◆ 11 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)
- ◆ 2 pounds of elbow macaroni
- ◆ 124 applesauce cups
- ◆ 19 pkgs hamburger buns (8 count)
- ◆ 4 SERVERS (2:00-4:30).

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help (email [dblaho@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dblaho@columbus.rr.com) or call (614) 736-5126. Please have donations to the church by Saturday, July 17th. Thank you.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

### MASKS ARE OPTIONAL FOR WORSHIP

If you choose the in-person services, masks are now optional! As long as Madison County has less than 50 new cases a week, you may choose to wear a mask in worship or not.

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 4: The church office will be closed

July 16: Cruise In for Jess, at the church from 1-5:00 pm

Pastors Desiree and Mark will be on vacation ...

- June 30—July 4

- July 18—26

- August 5—13

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Blood pressure check will be Sunday, July 10, immediately following the worship service.

### CRUISE-IN FOR JESS

The Mission Committee is looking for items to be donated for the silent auction and/or door prizes. Items will need to be delivered to the church by July 10.

If this is something that you would like to do, please contact Stephanie Huddleston at 740-506-0012 or [rshuddleston@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rshuddleston@columbus.rr.com) with any questions. Thank you!

### LOOKING FOR A NEW PCC ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking for a new Administrator for our child care center. The job description can be found at <https://www.londonfirstpres.org/about-4> (our church website) Please send resume to [londonfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:londonfirstpres@gmail.com).



# Cruise-In for Jess

First Presbyterian Church  
211 Garfield Ave., London, Ohio (close to fairgrounds)  
Saturday July 16, 2022 from 1-5

All proceeds go to the Jessica Martin fund. Jess is a young mother and teacher at the Presbyterian Childcare Center and has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

This is a cruise-in, no registration fee. There will be music by “Hotdog” Dick Ryman, food, door prizes, a silent auction and activities for the kids. Come out and see some beautiful classic cars and bring a chair to enjoy the music.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## Opportunities for You!

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) would like to make you aware of the following upcoming events/programs:

### Matthew 25 at the Polls

This will be the topic of a zoom conversation on Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. which will explore what's on the ballot for folks in Ohio. This conversation is sponsored by the Matthew 25 Task Group from the Commission on Nurture and Outreach, Register on the zoom link on the calendar at [psvonline.org](http://psvonline.org).

### An Update on Presbytery Mission Work Trips

The mission work trips are scheduled for October 17-21 in Hampden, WV, and October 24-28 in Colcord, WV.

These mission work trips, sponsored by our PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach, will be hands-on basic construction work in poverty relief areas in Appalachia. The sites are two projects of the West Virginia Ministry Advocacy and Work Camps, Inc. (WVMAW).

Cost for each person will be \$350 for adults eighteen & over. PSV hopes to have 15-20 participants per team. You will travel by cars, trucks, or church vans. You will stay in group housing with shower facilities and equipped kitchens. If you are interested in joining one of these work teams, contact the Presbytery Office to receive an application form.

Scholarships are available. For questions, email: [Jeannie@psvonline.org](mailto:Jeannie@psvonline.org).



### PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at [shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com](mailto: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)

The RNCS is facing many challenges.

They have started to branch out in Guinea Conakry. Their church planter is relocating to this area of Guinea Conakry, which is called COYA. Pastor Abou is asking for prayers for this man and his family.

The work in Nigeria is getting done, but not without many challenges for the members. The area is not stable and the preacher is becoming frustrated. Please pray that God's guidance, strength, and peace will be given to this minister during this difficult period.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Many people think we celebrate the Fourth of July because it is the day we received our Independence from England. While those people are thinking along the right track, that is not the entire reason that we celebrate the Fourth of July, nor is it the reason that the Fourth of July holiday came about.

In the 18th century, our country was comprised of 13 colonies, and we were an extension of England. People left England in search of religious freedom, and new opportunities as early as 1607 which is when Jamestown was settled. Eventually differences in life, thought, and interests began to develop which caused a rift between England and America.

When the colonies were first settled, they were allowed to pretty much develop freely with little interference from England, but things abruptly changed in 1763. England was deeply in debt due to the Seven Years' War, and decided that the colonies would become their new revenue source through taxation. The Stamp Act of 1765 was England's first attempt of taxation. Needless to say, many in the colonies did not agree. They felt that since they were not represented in Parliament that they shouldn't have to pay any taxes to the mother country ... and the saying "no taxation without representation" was born. England continued to tax the colonies and the First Continental Congress was formed in the hopes of persuading the British government to recognize their rights.

The First Continental Congress failed to persuade Britain to recognize those rights, and things began to heat up. Many people who were both moderates and radicals had decided that enough was enough and that any kind of taxation without representation was considered tyranny. John Adams, Samuel Adams, and Ben Franklin, as well as a group called the Sons of Liberty, decided that it was time to unite all of the colonies and to stand together against England.

This was not an easy transition as there were still those who were loyal to England. The Sons of Liberty used any means possible to try and force England to listen. One of the earliest victories of the Sons of Liberty was the attempt to stop the Stamp Act by forcing stamp collectors to resign through intimidation. The Stamp Act was repealed in 1766, but England issued a Declaratory Act to reaffirm its authority to pass any colonial legislation as it saw fit. The Sons of Liberty's most famous act was the destruction of 92,000 pounds of tea in the Boston Harbor in 1773. This act became a key event that led to the Revolutionary War. On April 19, 1775, the war began with "the shot heard round the world".

During the course of the American Revolution, a second Continental Congress was formed. It is this group that adopted the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was originally drafted by John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman. It was revised by Ben Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson before it was sent to Congress for approval. All thirteen colonies stood behind the Declaration of Independence and adopted it in full on July 4, 1776.

This is where the Fourth of July holiday comes in. Our Fourth of July is known as Independence Day because that is the day that the Second Continental Congress adopted the full and formal Declaration of Independence. Even though we had declared that we were independent, the American Revolution War continued until 1783.

Regardless of the ongoing war, in 1777 the people in Philadelphia celebrated the first Fourth of July. Celebrations on July 4th during the American Revolution continued, but were modest.

After the war ended in 1783, the Fourth of July became a holiday in many places. The celebrations included speeches, military events, parades, and fireworks. To this day the Fourth of July is the most patriotic holiday celebrated in the United States.

WHAT  
CAN  
WE  
DO  
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Where do you want to start! Water parks, amusement parks, picnics, fireworks, star gazing in the backyard, local festivals and county fairs.

Let's start with Columbus Picnic with the Pops. Concerts will be held on July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 29 & 30. You can find more information on the church bulletin board.

July 1: RED WHITE and BOOM in Columbus

July 9: Soul of Columbus Food & Art Festival

July 9-16: Madison County Fair

July 15: North Market Night Market II in Columbus

July 16: Our own CRUISE-IN for JESS at the FPC from 1-5:00pm

July 22-24: Columbus Jazz & Rib Fest

Ohio State Fair will be July 27—August 7, 2022.

Take a day, and rent a cabana at Zoombezi Bay, pack a picnic and go to the Columbus Zoo. For those who like the rush, head to Kings Island or Cedar Point. Take a day and go fishing. Spend time with family and have a backyard barbecue with a bonfire and smores, and enjoy the night sky. Don't forget about Metro Parks ... You can picnic, hike, ride your bike. Just sit back and RELAX!

JULY FUN FACTS

Born between July 1 - 22, your zodiac is Cancer  
Born between July 23 - 31, your zodiac is Leo.  
The stunning red ruby is the official birthstone of July.  
July's flowers are the waterlily (symbolizes lightness of heart) and the larkspur (represents sweetness).

The 1st bikini debuted in Paris on 7-5-1946 at the famous Piscine miltior swimming pool

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 launched

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon!

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the 2nd & 3rd presidents, died on the exact same day, just hours apart ... July 4, 1826.

They were fellow patriots, then adversaries, then friends, and the last surviving members of the original American revolutionaries.

On July ...

6th—National Fried Chicken Day

7th—Chocolate Day

13th—National French Fries Day

21st—National Junk Food Day

20th—National Hot Dog Day

27th—National Scotch Day

The original 13 colonies declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776

# HAPPY anniversary

Tony & Elaine Stuthard 7/2

Rob & Cindy Newman 7/8

Michael & Laura Madden 7/14

Phillip & Bonnie Frame 7/17

Timothy & Shauna Good 7/29

## Marriage

If you want something to last *forever*,  
You treat it differently.

You SHIELD it and PROTECT it.

You NEVER abuse it.

You don't expose it to the elements.

You don't make it common or ordinary.  
If it ever becomes tarnished,

you lovingly polish it

until it gleams like new.

It becomes special

BECAUSE YOU HAVE MADE IT SO,

AND IT GROWS

more beautiful and precious

AS TIME GOES BY.



July-born have a tendency towards the bombastic when under pressure, but it's only a thin veneer. Poke it and the illusion will fall, revealing a rather sensitive individual underneath. Those born in July are surprisingly philosophical and introspective.

If you can get them to calm down – people born in July are wonderful conversational partners, tending to listen just as well as they speak. They are also exceptionally good with cooking and eating.

If you are born under the sign of Cancer, you are known to be emotionally intelligent and caring. If you were born under the sign of Leo, you are known to be outgoing and confident.

Famous people born in July are Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Alexander the Great.

David Kennedy	7/1
Susan Miller	7/2
Neil Studebaker	7/3
Harriet Dana	7/5
Kevin Mack	7/6
Phillip Frame	7/7
Diane Hankins	7/9
Wendy Bobo	7/10

Carol Remley	7/12
Bob Dexter	7/17
Becky Buell	7/18
Randy Avery	7/19
Bob Dana	7/19
Kelsey Mack	7/20
Roger Morris	7/20

# JULY 2022

Cherie & Steve on Vacation		Pastors Desiree & Mark on Vacation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Sunday School</li> <li>10am Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Silver Comet Band practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm Stephanie / Cruise In meeti</li> <li>6pm Nominating Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm PCC Leadership Meeting</li> <li>12:30pm PCC Administrator Inte</li> </ul>
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