



TOWER TIDINGS

September 2018

Dear Friends,

In anticipation of the beginning of our 2018 – 2019 Program Year, a touch of early fall weather has graced the end of our summer! This year kicks off on Sunday, September 9, with the return of two worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 and the Rally Day Carnival celebrating the many ministries and educational programs of our church continuing during the Sunday school hour at 9:15 a.m.

The pages of this month's Tower Tidings contain a wide variety of articles highlighting the work of First Presbyterian and offering opportunities for all ages to get involved. As we have experienced in recent years, Sundays in September bring some special guests with timely messages for us.

On September 23, Brian Ellison, Executive Director of Covenant Network of Presbyterians, will be our guest. He will speak about this organization, of which First Presbyterian is a member, and also about the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the recent General Assembly and beyond.

The following Sunday, September 30, will feature this year's International Peacemaker, Manolis Ntamparakis from Greece. Manolis is the Director of Social Action for the organization NAOMI Ecumenical Workshop for Refugees, which is working to care for and resettle refugees and asylum-seekers from war-torn areas.

Our celebration of World Communion Sunday and the reception of the Peacemaking Offering comes on October 7. Leading us in worship that day will be Bala and Cheryl Khylllep, who used to minister in our congregation some years ago. Currently, Bala serves as Associate Director the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and it will be a joy to welcome both of them back to Wooster.

As this new program year begins, I invite you to participate in the abundant life of our church.

Blessings and Peace,

David

RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

RDM Happenings.....

The Resource Development Ministry (RDM) continues their work to ensure the financial health and funding of our church missions now and into the future.

One of our projects this year is to gather our endowments assets into one actively managed investment account. Our portfolio manager (Farmers Trust Company) is overseeing the assets under the guidelines of the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster Endowment Investment Policy as adopted by Session last year.

The foundation of our investment policy is a balanced allocation mix of approximately 2% cash, 48% bonds, and 50% stocks. This allocation mix should provide our church with a continued, long-term earnings flow to help us fund current and future missions and projects. With less than one year of management, assets trickling in, and the expected volatility of the stock and bond markets, the return so far this year has been somewhat flat to positive.

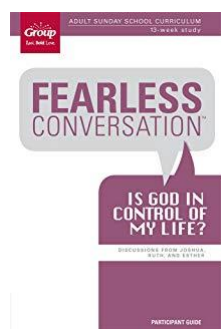
Another goal of the RDM is to manage the endowment portfolio with the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2018 General Assembly Divestment List in mind. Effective January 1, 2018, our General Assembly produced a list of corporations and urges divestment due to their involvement in military related involvement, tobacco, human rights violations, and operating for-profit prisons. FPC of Wooster strives to join our General Assembly and not financially support and benefit from the corporations that profit from these activities.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the RDM with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

Sarah Baker, Dana Brooks, Stuart Miller, Laura Neill, David Rice, and Tom Rumbaugh

Resource Development Ministry



Join our Adult Ed class in Room 1 downstairs starting on Sept 16th at 9:15 a.m. We will be studying Fearless Conversations, “Is God in Control of My Life? Topics include “Does God expect me to be strong and courageous?”, “Why are imperfect people a part of God’s plan?”, and “Why does God’s plan seem so complicated?” Through thoughtful conversation on the books of Ruth, Joshua and Esther we will work in small groups to delve into each topic! As always snacks and coffee are provided! See you on September 16th at 9:15 a.m.!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Christmas Joy Offering	\$1,755.00
Disaster Relief	\$3,800.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$2,127.50
Peacemaking	\$1,581.00
Pentecost	\$ 385.20
Presbyterian Hunger	\$ 200.00
Thank Offering	\$1,297.00
South Sudan	\$6,355.00
Super Bowl of Caring	\$ 218.25
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$19,218.95

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER TO PREACH

MANOLIS NTAMPARAKIS, this year's International Peacemaker, will be our guest on Sunday, September 30, when he will preach at both our 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services and lead our adult education classes at 9:15 a.m.

Manolis lives and works in Thessaloniki, Greece, where he heads the NAOMI Ecumenical Workshop for Refugees. The mission of the Workshop is to provide emergency aid for refugees in the northern region of Greece and to help them with integration into a society which is not always welcoming. Manolis is deeply concerned with the world-wide refugee crisis and is eager to learn and share with American Christians.

A native of Athens, Manolis studied physics at the University of Thessaloniki. He holds a Master of Divinity degree in theology and pastoral studies from Trinity Theological Seminary in Amsterdam, as well as a Master of Theology degree in Bible translation and Eastern Orthodox theology from the University of Amsterdam.

For six years, Manolis served as a pastor in the Greek Evangelical Church where he worked largely with young people, their families and communities. He served as a staff member of CRU International for ten years, where he was national coordinator for Church Planting and Evangelism.

During his brief time in Wooster, Manolis will meet with members of the three Presbyterian churches and spend time with various groups in this area. Stay tuned for announcements of these opportunities during the weekend of September 29-30.

WHAT WENT ON AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

The 223rd General Assembly was held this year in St. Louis, and it was an important event. From June 16 through 23, 538 commissioners, aided by approximately 200 advisory delegates, made decisions that will affect us all in the years to come. Long recognized as one of the most perfect examples of representative democracy in our country, the long Assembly days and longer nights tested the stamina and fortitude of everyone. But extraordinarily joyful worship, the making of new friends, and opportunities to grow spiritually permeated each day.

It's worth taking a look at G.A.223, and we will have a chance to do that during the adult education hour on Sunday, September 16, in the church parlor on the first floor. A video that greeted commissioners on the first day, the Program Book, daily newspapers, and other items from the Assembly will be on hand, and there will be lots of time for questions and sharing. Come, listen, learn, and share!



Join us on Sunday, September 9 for the annual Rally Day Kick-off!

Bruch Hall will once again be transformed into a carnival where each ministry team will be able to showcase its special interests. Look for sign-ups, information, and other goodies on upcoming events! See you at the carnival at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday September 9!

We return to two Worship Services Sunday, September 9th.



WE'RE MIXING IT UP AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER!

Singles of every kind – younger, older and in-between are invited to join Mixed Company as we gather in September on Saturday the 15th at 6 p.m. at T.J's. We'll have a relaxing dinner with new friends and old as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year.

Please see or call Clara Ann Fain at 330-264-5436 by September 9th.



All kids AND their parents are invited to join us for our first Kids ROC on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the church and head over to Danbury where we will play games and be active with the residents there!

Wear your red shirt if you have one!!



**Thursday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. will be our first GNO. It will be at the home of Amy Baxstrom. Bring a dish to share!
RSVP to Amy at amybaxstrom@gmail.com**



**September 23rd @ 4:30 p.m. will be our first Confirmation gathering.
We will meet in the Youth Center.**

**September 23rd @ 5:30 p.m. will be our next youth group outing at
Putt-N-Stuff. Bring \$10. Please let Amy Baxstrom know if you
plan to attend.**



Join us on Sunday September 30th after the 10:45 service for our 5th Sunday Potluck.
A sign-up sheet is hanging in the gathering area.

COVENANT NETWORK LEADER TO PREACH

Brian Ellison, Executive Director of The Covenant Network, will visit our church on Sunday, September 23, preaching at both services and meeting with adult classes. Selected to lead the Network in 2012, Ellison travels widely throughout the country, interpreting its work and making new friends for its goals of gender openness, inclusiveness and unity.

A native of Puyallup, Washington, Ellison graduated from Harvard College and Princeton Theological Seminary, beginning his pastoral ministry in 1999 at the Parkville, Missouri Presbyterian Church, near Kansas City. In recent years he has served as moderator of both the General Assembly Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment and the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee. In addition, Ellison has been a director of the Board of Pensions and a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

Ellison has broad interests which have resulted in his being a regular host on the NPR affiliate, KCUR-FM, and continuing as an avid fan of the Kansas City Royals.

While a student at Princeton Seminary, Brian served as a student assistant, and later as a full-time resident intern, in the New Jersey congregation where Charles Cureton served as pastor.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTIONS

Thank you to everyone...women, men, and youth...who have helped with the receptions in Bruch Hall following our recent Memorial Services. Whether you baked cookies, were part of the set-up team, prepared fresh fruit platters, made cheese balls to accompany trays of crackers, created lovely fresh floral centerpieces, joined the clean-up crew, ran the dishwasher, laundered the soiled linen, or served as a greeter or hostess...everyone's help was needed and is much appreciated! Volunteers are always welcome...if you would like to be contacted when a reception is being planned, please contact Mimi Lewellen.

SUMMER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PROJECT

First Presbyterian's Church gardens are growing! Thanks to the support from Women's Fellowship, the garden surrounding the First Presbyterian Church sign on Beall Avenue is being transformed by Yoder's Nursery and Landscaping. The installation will be complete by early September and will create an attractive entrance to our church!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS AND EVENTS raise funds for church youth programming and scholarships, community outreach, missions and building improvements. An upcoming fund-raising event will be our Fall Rummage Sale. Watch for the sign-up sheet if you can help and also begin to gather items from your home to donate for this important church and community project.

Submitted by: Marian Cropp

The Church extends its sympathy to the following who have lost family members recently. They are:



Tom and Jane Buch on the passing of Tom's Father Rev. Guy Buch.

Lois Bruch and family on the passing of Tom Bruch.

Fran Curtis and family on the passing of LeRoy Curtis.

The family of Ellen Alter.

THANK YOU

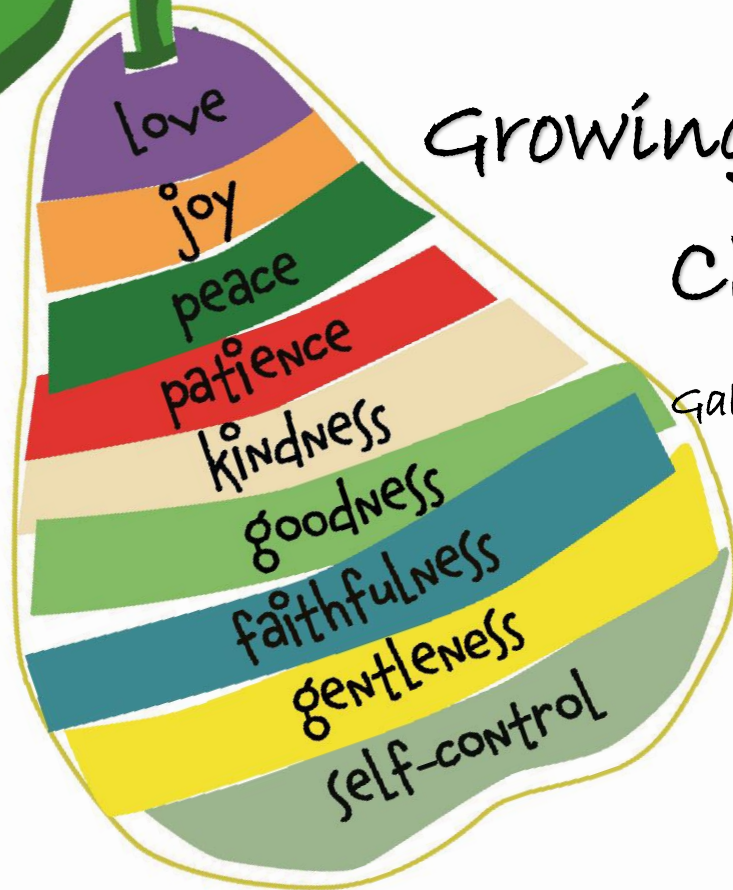
Fran Curtis, Lois and John Immel would like to thank everyone for the cards and visits at the passing of our husband and father, LeRoy. Thanks to Mimi and all the ladies who provided a very nice luncheon. A special thank you to Pastors David, Charles and Jim. Thanks also to Eric for his music. You as a congregation have made it so much easier to deal with the passing of our husband and father.

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Senior highs are invited for pancakes and fellowship in the youth center during the Sunday school hour on September 16. We'll welcome 9th graders to our class, share stories of summer, and take a look at what's happening this fall. The following Sunday we'll begin a study of how we as Christians understand other faiths and interact with people who do not hold our faith. Together we'll explore the questions such as "Do all paths lead to the same God?" and "What do other religions believe about Jesus?" using the PC (USA) curriculum Faith Questions. Please join us this fall!

Melanie Garcia, John Scott, and Carol Gates, Senior High Sunday school Teachers

Fruit of the Spirit



Growing Godly
Character

Galatians 5:22-23

Children's Music @ FPC

Join us during Sunday school for musical fun through song, dance, games, and instruments!



How is it September
already?

Welcome, Autumn!

School is back in full swing at Wee Care. We would like to welcome Miss Alia Shedron to our Wee Care family, and say congratulations to Miss Emma Ankeny for her move into the Pre-K as the new co-teacher. Miss Emma is very close to her AA in early childhood education and has dreamed of being in the classroom. Miss Alia is taking over as our office administrator, and Wee look forward to having her in our family!

Some Important Dates to Remember This Month:



Monday, September 24-28 - Scholastic Book Fair Week



Wednesday, September 26 - Parent Show and Tell, 6:30pm, Bruch Hall



Friday, September 28 - Grandparents' and Special Person's Luncheon

Wee have only a few openings in our classrooms! Come check us out!

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM will meet
Tuesday, September 11 at 4:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

A SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTE

Congregational members who write letters to members of Congress as part of the Bread for the World program may sometimes wonder what effect, if any, their words may have. It's worth noting that Bread for the World reports the passage by a unanimous Senate of the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act. The bill, with 100 bipartisan sponsors in the House, now awaits action by that body. To date, none has been scheduled. Some more letters and phone calls from around the country – including Wooster – may help!

Submitted by: The Social Justice & Peacemaking Ministry Team

ATTENTION BICYCLISTS!



Have fun and get some exercise on a church-wide bike ride through the beautiful Holmes County countryside on Sunday, September 16. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. We'll be biking a section of the Holmes County Rails to Trails path and will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the former Edge Trailside Restaurant at 7501 State Route 83, just south of Holmesville. Riders can bike to Millersburg (about 9 miles roundtrip), Killbuck (about 19 miles roundtrip), or as few or many miles as they'd like. A stop for ice cream on the way back to Wooster will round out the afternoon. Please sign up in the Gathering Area so we know how many to expect. For more information, contact Carol Gates at 330-264-3413.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP will not meet during the Fall Season.



On Monday night, 09/10/18, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library the **GOOD BOOK CLUB** will begin its fall season. Members will report on books they read during the summer and recommend which ones the Good Book Club members should read for future discussion.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

As the fall semester begins we want to remember our college students this year. They are:

Baldwin Wallace	Madison Hancock
Case Western	Emma Strong
College of Wooster	Scott Perkins
Eastern Michigan	Claire Lanham
Findlay	Hanna Morgan
Indiana University	Jack Neill
Kent State	Gabe Walker
Ohio State University	Helena Gastier
	William Gastier
	Peter Gooch
University of Akron	Seamus Kearney
University of Toledo	Will Walker
<u>Graduate School</u>	
Ohio University	Dana Brooks, III

OHuddle is a nonprofit mentor organization started by educators of Wayne County in response to the increasing features of trauma and poverty impacting our students. OHuddle stands for Odyssey Huddle and our mission is to awaken youth to their unique value through hope filled relationships and one to one mentorship. Life is an odyssey, rife with hurdles and challenges. Who will huddle around you to raise you up?

OHuddle presently serves almost 200 students with some form of asset development programming and uses the research-based 40 Developmental Asset approach to improve student outcomes. Presently working with students K-12 in seven different school sites, OHuddle is in need of invested adults who will engage for one hour a week with our youth. If you are interested in serving as a mentor for OHuddle, please contact ldupalin@ohuddle.org to find out more about OHuddle's Impact, visit www.ohuddle.org.

This year we are serving Smithville, Wooster, Triway, and Orrville schools.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWAITING
OHUDDLE MENTORS IN WOOSTER:

43

CAN YOU HELP?
SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

OHUDDLE IS SEEKING MENTORS TO ASSIST
OUR YOUTH WITH ASSET DEVELOPMENT
CAN YOU SPARE 30 MINUTES A WEEK?
CONTACT KMULLEN@OHUDDLE.ORG

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Lois Immel and Marilyn Snoddy
September 2	Bill Ross
September 4	Lois Bruch, Linda Bush, and Ann Gastier
September 5	Madison Hancock, Mary Ann Szarka, and Tom Vestal
September 7	Julie Bogner
September 8	Rick Gabriel and Paul Nielsen
September 10	Bob Hesser, Patrick Kearney, and Dick Wenger
September 11	Kaitlyn Baker and Chris Hyser
September 12	Pat Richard and James Webster
September 14	Elaine Arnold, Roy Hancock, II, Elizabeth Hooker, Melissa Lanham, and Chandra Loess
September 15	Scott Hannan and Ken Schuesselin
September 16	Elva Kennedy
September 18	Jim Burrill
September 20	Virginia Good and James West
September 21	Frank Rasmussen and John Somogy
September 22	Tracy Clyde
September 23	William Walker
September 24	Clara Ann Fain
September 26	Karen Short and Martha Whittier
September 27	Carrie Gordon, Bill Hall, Dana Schmidt, and Gary Underhill
September 28	Darla Campbell
September 29	Nancy Anderson and Pearl Grosjean

DATE	GREETERS	SOUND TECH	LITURGIST	DRIVER	USHER
September 2	Lorraine & Roy Hancock, II	Jacob Gooch	Emily James	Mark Gooch 330-465-9857	Kent Murphy, Bryan Bigley, Jon Neill, Timothy Walker
September 9	8:30 Iva Byler 10:45 Anne and Nigel Brush	Jack Neill	8:30 Sue Madick 10:45 Janet Calhoun	Scott Murphy 330-201-4268	Kent Murphy, Charles Baker, Fred Short Susie Slack
September 16	8:30 Mimi Lewellen 10:45 Laura and Jon Neill	Scott Murphy	8:30 Jean Philippi 10:45 David Earley	Tom Rumbaugh 330-621-3592	Scott Murphy, Darla Campbell, Dena Morgan, Ruby Newcomer
September 23	8:30 Ken Starling 10:45 Diana Day	Jacob Gooch	8:30 Ashton Dunlap 10:45 Ann Gastier	Bryan Bigley 330-201-5103	Kenzie and Roy Hancock, III, Neil Edmiston, Zach Miller, Henry Perkins
September 30	8:30 Will and Karen Brenner 10:45 Clara Ann Fain	Fred Short	8:30 Mimi Lewellen 10:45 Lee Patterson	Jack Miller 330-465-3525	Pamela Giffin, Shanna Springer, Jim Black, Roy Hancock, II

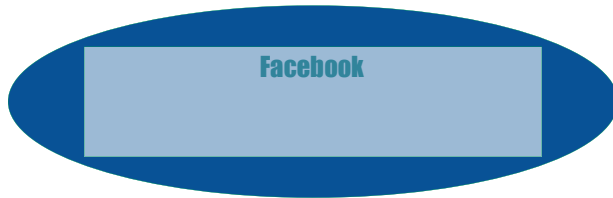
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 Al-Anon 12:00-2:00 WACPAC - Sanctuary 6:00 AA
2 10:00 Worship/ Sanctuary	3 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Ecumenical Pastors 12:00 Kiwanis 5:30 Wee Care Board 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 WACPAC	5 7:00 Faith and Nurture	6 5:00 – 9:00 WACPAC Sanctuary 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8 9:00 Al-Anon 9:00 – 10:00 Rally Day Setup 10:00 Kids ROC 12:00-2:00 WACPAC 6:00 AA
9 8:30 Worship/ Communion/ Chapel 9:15 Rally Day Carnival - Bruch 10:45 Worship/ Communion/ Sanctuary	10 11:30 Sr. Men's Luncheon 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Admin 7:00 – 9:00 WACPAC 7:00 Good Book Club	11 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Library 10:00 WF Mfg. 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 Prayer Shawl 4:15 Social Justice 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 WACPAC	12 12:00 Theologs 7:00 Faith and Practice	13 5:00 – 9:00 WACPAC Sanctuary 6:00 GNO – Cookout - Amy Baxstrom 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15 9:00 Al-Anon 12:00-2:00 WACPAC 6:00 Mixed Company – TJ's 6:00 AA
16 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary	17 12:00 N Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Admin 5:30 Faith & Worship 7:00 – 9:00 WACPAC	18 8:30 Bible Study 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 Travelers 6:00 Inky's 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 – 9:00 WACPAC	19 5:15 Personnel 7:00 Faith and Structure 7:30 Academy of Religion – COW	20 5:00 – 9:00 WACPAC 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22 9:00 Al-Anon 10:00 – 4:00 WACPAC 6:00 AA
23 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Youth Group 30 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 12:00 5 th Sunday Potluck 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous	24 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Admin 7:00 – 9:00 WACPAC	25 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Library 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 WACPAC	26 12:00 Chamber Safety Mfg. 6:30-8:00 Wee Care Show & Tell - Bruch Hall 6:00-10:00 WACPAC 7:00 Session 7:30 Academy of Religion – COW	27 5:00 – 9:00 WACPAC 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29 9:00 Al-Anon 12:00-2:00 WACPAC 6:00 AA

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Deadlines

FPC News Flash
Tower Tidings
Bulletin
Session
Session Packets

Submission Deadline

Wednesday by noon
15th of each month
Wednesday
2nd Monday of the month
2nd Monday of the month

Approximate Delivery

End of Week
End of Month
Weekly
4th Wed. of each month
3rd Sunday of the month