



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WOOSTER

TOWER TIDINGS

AUGUST 2025

Dear Friends,

Friends, this summer I am realizing what a pivotal transitional month August is. After several months of slower schedules, a sustained break from school, vacation planning and execution, extra traveling and possibly hosting, we are on the brink of preparing for the beginning of fall and the return of the structures the next season brings. For our church life, the commencement of another program year means worship changes, resuming our robust educational offerings, the reappearance of long treasured and newly developing opportunities.

The 2025-2026 Program Year officially begins on Rally Day, which occurs on September 7, and a special morning of activities and worship are being planned for that day. In the meantime, we will close our summer with events for our youth and ongoing times of fellowship for adults.

One highlight of this past month was an initial educational gathering introduced by the Resource Development Ministry Team to facilitate a legacy program for the growth and financial development of our church as we look toward the future. In the months ahead, more of these gatherings will be coming with invitations for all of us to participate, and I look forward to sharing these times with you.

May your next weeks round out this season for you and bring much anticipation for what lies ahead.

Blessings and Peace,

David



Greetings from the Resource Development Ministry (RDM)

The RDM Committee is continuing to develop a Legacy program for First Pres. We recently had an educational gathering at the home of Kris Evans. Presenters were Jeff Musselman on the legal aspects of supporting your church through the tax code and Tom Rumbaugh on the tax uses of the Minimum Mandatory Distribution from a qualified IRA. Some very helpful ideas were shared which can help fund the work of First Pres and maximize the available tax provisions for donor use.

Blessings and Peace,

Tom Rumbaugh, Chair

Dana Brooks, Laura Neill, Stewart Miller, Mark Gordon,

Jeff Perkins, Steve Logiudice, and David Rice, Pastor



Check out the calendar below for events.

If you have a special activity you would like to do, please let me know!

Upcoming events

These dates are subject to change based on weather, so watch your email/text for updates.

August 3rd

Youth Family Cookout @ Baxstrom's 6:00pm

August 12th

Back to School Tie Dye! 6:30pm

**September 7^t -
RALLY DAY!!!**

September 13th

Scavenger Hunt 4:00pm

September 14th

1st Sunday School!

September 27th

Quarter Auction Fundraiser





This Program Year we will be introducing Community Groups. These groups of church members and friends will meet monthly when it is convenient for them, for study, fellowship, and prayer. These Community Groups will provide the opportunity to get to know others in our church, invite friends who are looking for a safe place to learn and worship, and grow in our own spiritual journey. To begin these groups, I am looking for 4-5 people who would be willing to facilitate a group. All materials and activities will be provided. Please prayerfully consider leading one of these groups and let Amy Baxstrom know. A sign up to join these groups will be sent out later.

Back to School Tie Dye Event
First Presbyterian Church
August 12th @ 6:30pm
Bring a t-shirt to tie dye and a friend!
Other craft activities will be provided.
RSVP to Amy Baxstrom
abaxstrom@firstpreswooster.org

@reallygreatsite



Mixed Company will meet Friday August 8th at 5:00 pm at the home of Mimi Lewellen, 1760 West Smithville-Western Road. The dinner will be pulled pork. The cost is \$10.00 cash per person. Please let Kathy Turning know if you are planning to attend by August 6th (kathrynturning@gmail.com).



The church office hours are
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am—4:00 pm

Wednesday & Friday by Appointment.

If you would like to meet with any staff member,
please call the church office to set-up an appointment

330-264-9420



Fall Rummage Sale - Saturday, November 1, 2025

Save the dates! October 28 through November 1

The Rummage Sale is an *all-hands-on-deck* project which earns funds for FPC Women's Fellowship. The proceeds are used to support FPC youth programming and scholarships, community outreach, mission, kitchen maintenance, and building improvements.

This is a great way to get involved, get to know others in the congregation, and fellowship with old friends. Please consider volunteering for this worthy project. Able bodied helpers are especially needed Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and late Saturday afternoon for clean-up. Many hands make light work.

The Rummage Sale is an opportunity for the entire congregation to have those unwanted items in your home moved along. Before recycling, consider reducing and reusing. Your *no-longer-wanted* items will be treasures to others. Feel free to ask friends, family members, and *anyone* to contribute stuff.

You can price your own stuff – if you want! Other than items with standard prices (most clothes and books), you are welcome to mark suggested prices on your miscellaneous items, or we'll take care of it.

- ☐ Starting Sunday, Oct. 26, drop off sale items in the gathering area near the hallway to the parlor. (If you need to bring things earlier, please contact us-see below).
- ☐ Tue., Oct. 28 from 4-6 pm – set-up racks and tables in Bruch Hall; move items from 2nd-floor storage to Bruch Hall
- ☐ Wed., Oct. 29, 9 am-noon - arrange sale items on hanging racks and tables.
- ☐ Thu., Oct. 30, 9 am-noon – help price items.
- ☐ Fri., Oct. 31, 9 am-noon – we'll finish up what needs to be done to take a day off!
- ☐ Sat., Nov. 1 - The sale will run from 9 am to 3 pm. Help will also be needed from 3-5 pm to place remaining items in Goodwill bins, tear down racks and tables, and cleanup.

Your participation in as many ways as possible will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact myself (Carla Hall; cell 614-761-3906, carlahall2000@gmail.com) or Shannon Foster (cell 330-439-8376, shannonfoster4353@gmail.com) with questions



HALL'S COMPOST PILE IN THE WOODS



Shredding Guidelines

ALL PAPER, to include:

(small paper clips and staples do not have to be removed)

- Accounting Ledger paper
- Adding machine tape
- Advertisements
- Booklets, Brochures
- Copy machine paper
- Colored paper - 20 lb.
- Computer paper
- Envelopes
- Faxes
- Manila File folders - bleachable
- Greeting cards
- Laser printer paper
- Legal pad paper
- Post-it Notes
- NCR paper
- Receipts
- All types of white paper

NO, these products can't be shredded . . .

- Newspapers, Phone Books
- Magazines
- Binders
- Books
- Plastic folders
- Food & candy wrappers
- Waxed paper
- Napkins
- Styrofoam containers

Wooster Milltown Free Community Shred Day

Saturday, August 9, 2025

9AM - NOON

All residential and businesses welcome!

Behind the Wooster Buehler's Milltown store
3540 Burbank Rd.



Questions? Concerns? Call us.
Geri Shie 330-345-5908 x2907
or Hope Murray 330-345-5908 x2908



GATEWAY RECYCLING

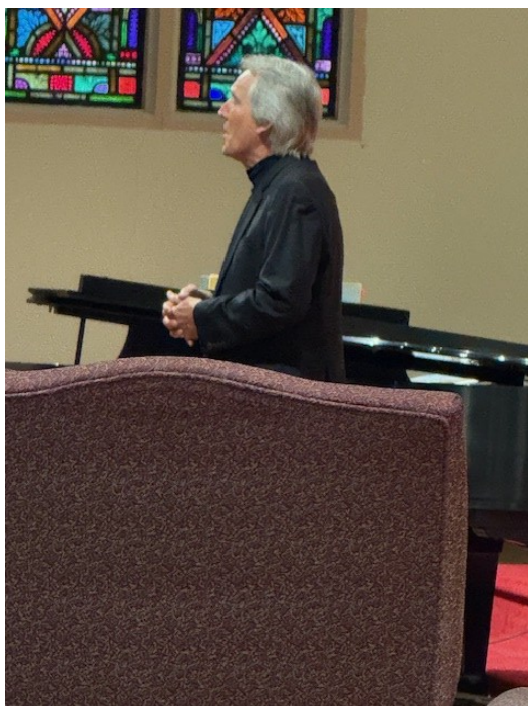
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Kenneth Barnard, Bob Nielsen, Scott Murphy
August 3	William Gastier, Cate Strong, Emma Strong
August 4	Andrew James
August 6	Mary Stockton, Dottie Schmid
August 7	Walt Kearney, Rhona Black
August 8	Matthew Earley
August 9	Sophia Baxstrom
August 10	Helena Gastier
August 12	Aaron Edmiston
August 13	Ben Rumbaugh
August 14	Lindsey Conrad
August 15	Zach Miller
August 16	Ashton Dunlap
August 17	Nancy Young, Karina MacMillan
August 18	Tyler Gordon
August 19	Abigail Earley, Shanna Springer, Russ McQuate Rhonda Masci, Carl Short, Paula Abrecht, Jill Kelly, Ashley Compton
August 21	Lorraine Hancock, Abigail Harrington
August 23	David Rice
August 24	Jeff Musselman, Elaine Peterson
August 25	Bill Mapel
August 28	Sara Reith
August 30	Laura Neill, Ruth Ann Odenkirk, Elizabeth Rice, Kathy Zink
August 31	Conrad Kennedy



LITURGIST SIGN-UP - YEAR 2025 IN THE SANCTUARY

If you or a member of your family (all ages are welcome)
would like to sign-up to be a liturgist during the 2023 year,
please sign-up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/liturgistsfpc>

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP YEAR 2025

If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory
of a loved one in the Sanctuary
on Sunday mornings during the year 2023,
please sign-up at the following link:

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/sanctuaryflowers>

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