

August 2016 "Olde First" Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

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Please give a warm welcome
to our 28th Pastor of FPC of Pataskala:
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick.
We are blessed to you have her in our midst and look
forward to an exciting future together!

**FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:
Rev. Turick at 740-739-1109 or 740-929-1118.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Sarah Tinon-Smith, *Dean & Cheryl Buri*
- 8 Emily Blake, Kathy Nader
- 12 Victor & Connie DeRose, Edith Smith
- 13 Tom & Martha Tykodi
- 14 Greg Kimble
- 15 Amanda Lord
- 17 Aimee Mauger
- 19 Jim Charles, Greg Nader, Sylvia Page,
Frank & Doris Laughlin
- 24 Sean Rice
- 25 Trista Kosch
- 26 Don & Leslie Crawford
- 29 Don & Diane Kristoff
- 31 Dawn Rice

Staff Members

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick
Choir Director: *Thomas Kimble*
Custodian: *Timothy Klinker*
Organist: *Dr. Thomas Veregge*
Nursery Attendant: *Linda Flowers*
Secretary: *Denise Metzger- Kelling*

Corporate Officers

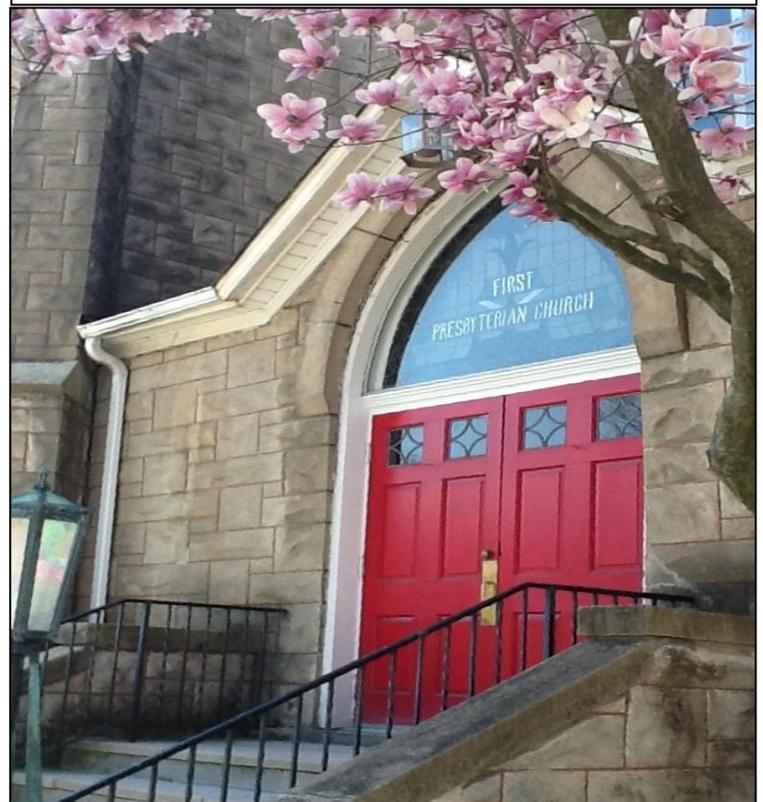
Treasurer: *Tom Johnston*
Assistant Treasurers: *Don Crawford & Pat Morrison*
Co-Financial Secretaries: *Linda Glenn & Chuck Long*
Recording Clerk of Congregation: *Jim Boggs*

Board of Elders

Class of 2016: *Linda Glenn, Curt Hungerford*
Class of 2017: *Don Crawford, Sally Kean, Jean Peters*
Class of 2018: *Jim Boggs, Tom Kimble, Mat Mauger*

Board of Deacons

Class of 2016: *Karen Davis, Mary Fickle, Diane Kristoff*
Class of 2017: *Pat Landis, Sherri Mauger, Sarah Wolfe*
Class of 2018: *Jamie Bowlby, Teri Charles, Genie Dixon*



CARE & PRAYER LIST

If you have a prayer update or addition, please call Denise in the Church Office (740-927-4796) or send an email to her at pataskalachurch@embarqmail.com

Prayers stay on the list for 6 weeks. Please also keep in mind that hospitals do not call the church to inform us of any type of emergencies . . . have a family member or loved one call to inform us.

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- Praise for Karen Johnston who is now walking without a cane!
- Paul Bordon (Jamie Bowlby's friend) ICU in Alburn, Alabama;
- Philando Castille, who passed away / pray for his family in Minnesota; Alton Sterling who passed away / pray for his family in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; The 12 Dallas Police Officers (5 killed) pray for their families in Dallas, Texas; (submitted by Rob Rawls)
- Tom DeBold (Church friend) recovering from wrist surgery;
- Ron Heinze (Laughlin's neighbor) recovering from surgery;
- Grace Laughlin (Laughlin's granddaughter), low blood count;
- Mandy Lord (Dick & Nancy's daughter) migraines & vertigo;
- Carolyn M. (O'Toole's friend) liver cancer / 2nd round of chemo;
- James Moore (Laughlin's friend) pancreatic attack recovery;
- Rob Rawls & Family as Rob's cousin, Dr. Paul Henry, was killed in the mass shooting in Orlando;
- Ron (Leslie Crawford's brother) recovering from heart cath /stents;
- Billie Ritchey, now home and doing much better after short hospital stay / not feeling well;
- Tony Rugh (Edith Smith's grandson) 35, brain surgery went well but will be a long recovery; *Thank you all for your prayers! Edith*
- Dale Seiberling, eye surgery on Monday, August 1;
- Brian Stuck (Laughlin's friend) hospitalized / ICU;
- Praise for Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother) who is now cancer-free!
- Bill Vawters (O'Toole's friend) heart problems / Riverside Hosp.;
- Sharon Wise (Jamie Bowlby's sister) knee replacement recovery;
- Sympathies to the family of Audrey Berger (longtime church member / shut-in) passed away on Tuesday, August 2; Calling hours will be at Kauber Funeral Home, Sunday, August 7 2-4 p.m. and Funeral Service on Monday, August 8 at 10 a.m.

Church Family & Friends with Cancer

Joanne Cox (Tiffanie Chalfant's friend), lung cancer;
Janice Hammond (Betty Gieseck's Sister-In-Law), breast cancer;
Darlie Hart (Dick Lord's Sister) Breast Cancer;
Barb Witt leukemia; Jane Wildman (Wildman's grandmother) lung cancer;

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon, Barb Witt



A NEW ADDRESS DIRECTORY IS IN THE MAKING:

If you have a new mailing address, phone number or email – please let Denise know. You can call the church office and leave a message (740-927-4796), email (dmkelling@gmail.com or pataskalachurch@embarqmail.com) or text to (614-560-6022).

The directory will be printed the last week of August! Thanks! ☺

Introducing The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick

As many of you know, our wait is over! Our Pastor Nominating Committee worked long and diligently to find the right match for a new Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala. The PNC reviewed 106 Personal Information Forms (resumes in Presbytery format) from potential Pastoral Candidates and emailed and interviewed 25 candidates within the Presbytery Church Leadership Connection ("Presbytery system"). The PNC reviewed an additional 6 resumes and interviewed one candidate outside of the Presbytery system making it a total of 112 resumes reviewed and 26 potential candidates contacted and interviewed.

On May 22, 2016, the PNC voted to call Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lynne Turick as our pastoral candidate to present to the congregation of First Presbyterian of Pataskala. Reverend Turick brings to our church 35 years of Ministry experience providing emphasis in pastoral care with training in family systems, group systems and conflict management. She earned her Doctorates in Ministry, her Masters in Divinity and her Bachelor of Arts with a triple major in Religion, Psychology and Sociology. She believes the Bible to be the "unique, authoritative and sufficient witness to Jesus Christ" (the Word) and the biblical words are not to be construed to fit the ever changing social norms. She is joining us with great enthusiasm to get to know each one of us personally and to encourage us to be the persons we are meant to be in Christ.

*We look forward to growing together with Rev. Turick here in the heart of Pataskala!
Below is a little history about her:*

I am the middle child of five born to two incredibly awesome parents, Linda & Dick Ellsworth. Dad is a second career minister (he started out as a mechanical engineer). But by the time of my birth, he had experienced God's irresistible call and had entered the ministry. (Dad went to seminary full time, served three yoked churches and taught both at Capital University and the local high school.) Both of my parents are extraordinary and they have definitely been a team together in ministry.

One of the things my father emphasized is that we were a "family in minister together." This may not be popular with those therapists who insist upon individual separation and self-delineation, but I have found it is a true understanding of the nature of ministry. Perhaps this is so because ministry is a life style rather than a job description.

I received my Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and my Doctorate from McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

I have learned about faithfulness from each church I have served. Perhaps the most memorable was the church I served while in seminary - the West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church. They taught me about faithfulness. They were a small group, 43 in number. And they were all older than 65. The area of Columbus where the church was located was one transformed by shifting demographics. The members of the church had moved to the suburbs, but rather than abandoning their church, they were committed to being faithful wherever God called them. They developed needed programs for the changing neighborhood: a tutoring program, a preschool program, a clothing room, youth groups partnered with the local police, and a food pantry. This first church taught me that one is to be faithful wherever God calls one, even if it isn't convenient.

The second church I served was a merger church which still hadn't resolved the issues around the merger. Both churches felt – and to a great extent they were right – that the merger had been forced upon them. So during my fifteen years with the Hill Top Presbyterian Church I learned a lot about conflict and its resolution. We also began constant adult bible study utilizing the Bethel Bible Series and Kerygma. These were happy times for me. The church grew and built a new sanctuary. (The new sanctuary was significant because it fulfilled one of the promises made during the merger. The promise had been that they would not use one sanctuary and not the other, but rather they would build a new sanctuary for the merger church.)

My ten years in Florida serving the Community Presbyterian Church have been the happiest years in ministry. This church was larger and therefore had a greater support staff. This freed me up to do what I do best: preaching, worship planning, pastoral care, empowering church leaders (especially the Session). Once again we outgrew the sanctuary and so we began a capital campaign and building program. My two experiences with building programs have left me hoping that I will not be called to do a third one. But the lessons the experiences have taught me are priceless. Whenever we are looking for someone within the church to do a specific task, it is imperative that we recognize that person's spiritual gift and call them to minister out of that gift. I understand about budgets (and I am of the opinion that one cannot spend more than one is taking in.) I understand about surprises and the need to be flexible (Hurricane Charlie hit right in the middle of our building phase and it inflated the cost of building supplies and also made it difficult to acquire those same needed supplies.) I think I could have happily stayed with the Community Presbyterian Church forever. However, any Florida church runs with a "seasonal effect." From November until April 15th we would triple in size. Each year I would wonder if I could make it in terms of my energy. By the end of the ten years I was exhausted. (And this is an admission which is difficult for me to make. I want to believe I can do anything in Christ. But in Florida I learned that even Christ sets limits.) My next call was to have been to Charlotte, NC, but all of a sudden this church in Missouri came along and swept me off my feet. The opportunity offered by the First Presbyterian Church of Fulton was to do both a traditional worship service along with a contemporary worship service. Over the two years I spent there, we were wonderfully successful. We offered two different worship experiences. If a person would choose to come to one, the experience was complete in itself. However, if an individual choose to come to both services, the one service built upon the other. It was also exciting to see our young adult ministry and college ministry grow.

The Aberdeen First Presbyterian Church had been having conflict and tension for years. They had just severed their relationship with their interim pastor giving only thirty days' notice. One of the Presbytery leaders asked me if I would consider coming here and serving the FPC of Aberdeen. (Because of the churches I had served in the past, I have a great deal of training in conflict management. I do want to say quickly that having the training and being able to be effective in a moment of crisis are two very different things.)

However, my five were good. I felt loved and my daughter was able to attend and graduate from high school in the same town. They were wonderful years for Moriah!

I have been pleasantly surprised by a lack of conflict in this church. But here is my hunch about churches and conflict. What truly matters is building a relationship with the members of the church. Once I get to know each individual, I know how much they have to offer and also how much I can learn from them. Every member is important. No body counts unless everybody counts. And

everybody counts. This forms a strong bond of trust between me and church members. And when trust is present, one finds you can disagree on certain issues but it doesn't become personal or divisive because you know each other and can trust each other.

Our daughter, Moriah, went off to college which left me free to relocate to be nearer to my parents. I fell in love with First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala the Sunday I visited and the Rev. Dennis Witt gave me a NAS Bible. He signed the front of the Bible and it is dated February 8, 2009. Rev. Witt knew I was lonely and he began to write me letters of encouragement.

I was humbled by this man's faith and grateful for his ministry to me. Now as I visit members of our church I delight in the stories you tell me about how Rev. Witt touched your lives. What a wonderful Pastor! Truly his love for Jesus was evident in all that he did and said!

Then last August, I had an opportunity to preach here. I had always loved this church, but on that Sunday it seemed that my passion for the FPC of Pataskala became quite focused. You are centered in God's Word. You care for one another. And you have cared so lovingly for my family. You are blessed with beautiful children and youth!

Anyway, this Church is the very first church which I have ever self-referred myself to the PNC. And your PNC was wonderful. I am so grateful to God for the joyous privilege to be called as the Minister of this wonderful church. I look forward to getting to know each one of you. I am excited about the future God has in store for us in the years ahead!

To God be the Glory!

THE MINISTER'S PAGE

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER DURING AUGUST

Sunday Morning, August 7, 2016

“Praying the Psalms: When Your Soul is Parched”

Psalm 42

Do these words sound familiar to you? “If only . . .” Finish the sentence anyway you wish. “If only there was a cure.” “If only I could find a job.” “If only my spouse would change.”

We seem to live always hoping that the next person, the next thing, or the next accomplishment will take care of our desire.

We were created thirsty. But we thirst not just for water. At a deeper level we yearn for something to set us free from the disoriented state of yearning. Of reaching for something or someone just beyond our grasp. The Bible states that this thirst is a physical reminder of our far deeper yearning for God. “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.” *Psalm 42:1*

May our exploration of Psalm 42 help give voice to our own deep longing for God.

*“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my Help and my God.” Psalm 42:11*

Sunday Morning, August 14, 2016
“Praying the Psalms: The Wings of Refuge”
Psalm 56, 57:1

Do you have a dream? I think most of us do. I also believe that together as a Church, we have a dream. As the First Presbyterian of Pataskala we want to make a difference for Christ in our growing community. But, along with our dreams come our anxieties. Especially at night as one tosses & turns in bed. What if we have not planned well? What if a critical leader leaves us? What if someone we count on dies?

During the night, our fears mount up, as the hands on the clock march toward dawn. Each passing minute silently screaming that you are running out of time to make your dreams come true. When it is daylight, we can stay busy and keep ourselves distracted and thereby avoid this anxiety over what can destroy our dreams. But late at night when we are alone and undefended by distractions, the fears return like monsters who wait beneath our bed. Sometimes the fear is so great, a silent tear runs down our face. A tear no one sees. No one but God.

*In words of the psalmist David: “O God, you have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.” Psalm 56:8*

Sunday Morning, August 21, 2016
“Praying the Psalms: Fearing No Evil”
Psalm 23

The 23rd Psalm is one of the most familiar passages of Scripture. It has led us in the paths of comfort all the days of our lives. But sometimes it is the things which are closest to us that have the hardest time being heard. This morning we will hear a great sermon because our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Ellsworth. We also celebrate the Baptism of Edith Smith. What a day of joy for our church family!

Sunday Morning, August 28, 2016
“Praying the Psalms: Praying Our Gratitude”
Psalm 118

Some of the Psalms express fear, lament, anger, and sometimes even anger at God. Other Psalms remember God’s faithfulness and tender care for us in times of need. This Sunday we focus on Psalm 118 which is a Psalm of praise and thanksgiving.

This Psalm, Psalm 118, belongs to a collection known as the Hallel Psalms, or songs of praise. The best known verse of this Psalm claims: “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” These words were taught to the Hebrew children who had them memorized. Whenever Jewish adults were in trouble, these words would roll off their tongues. The Psalm was as familiar to the Hebrew people as are our hymns like “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” or “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” These affirmations of Faith were buried deep within the Hebrews minds & hearts as they waited for the day when God’s chosen One would come in the name of Lord.

Do any of us have to work very hard to find reasons to be grateful? Look around you and just see how blessed you are. And yet, sadly enough, many people refuse to give thanks. They choose instead to focus on what life has not given them. That is their choice. Complaint is not natural and neither is gratitude. What is natural is that life often gives you what you do not expect. What comes next is always up to you – complaint or gratitude. Often this is your only choice. Those who choose gratitude, choose never to be a victim. They determine their own response to the volatility of life, and they defy their disappointments by finding reasons to be grateful.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting!” Psalm 118:1

This Sunday we will recognize in morning worship the achievement of our youth & children as they receive their God and Church and God and Me Awards.

Sunday Morning, September 4, 2016
“Praying the Psalms: How to Wait”
Psalm 130

The Psalmist begins by saying, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.” *Psalm 130:1*
We may not use these words, but we all know this prayer. The prayers from the depths are not for a little extra help for goals we try to accomplish on our own. They are prayers in which we confess that we are completely dependent upon God.

What happens after you finish a prayer from the depths? According to the psalmist, what happens is that you then wait upon God. “I wait for the Lord,” the psalmist says. “My soul waits, more than the watchman for the morning.” Then he repeats himself: “More than the workman for the morning.” *Psalm 130:5-6*

There is nothing in the Bible that promises God will make the waiting shorter for those who pray. To the contrary, the Bible consistently confronts us with stories of individuals who are caught between how it is and how it ought to be.

What the Bible is concerned about is not how to get God to move more quickly for us, but how we can do well with waiting. Are we still learning & growing? Do we know how to receive today's blessings? How is our heart?

*“O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is loving kindness,
And with Him is abundant redemption.”*



PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

if you haven't done so lately.

We are noticing that there are several weeks this summer that are still open and we need volunteers. Thank you SO MUCH!

**Ocean Commotion VBS 2016
Was a Complete Success!!!**

We want to thank everyone who volunteered, gave their time, donated supplies and blessed us with your presence each night!!



“If We can make a difference in one child's life . . . it changes their world for the future!”

PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are now available in the Sanctuary during Worship.
To find out more and for instructions, please see Sally Kean, Curt Hungerford or Don Crawford.

**STREET FAIR is COMING SOON
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Here is a list of items we need for Street Fair 2016



Please donate your time!

SIGN-UP SHEETS are in fellowship hall after church each Sunday, and / or you can donate any of the items listed below:

CASH: Make checks payable to the church with Street Fair donation listed on the notation line.

DRINKS: Water, Pepsi/Diet, Coke/Diet, Mt. Dew/Diet, Code Red, Dr. Pepper/Diet, Sprite & Sierra Mist/Diet, PLEASE NO OTHER KINDS OF POP!

PIES: Apple, Apple Crumb, Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, or any other type of fruit, Rhubarb, and Pecan. PLEASE NO CUSTARD TYPE PIES, Like Pumpkin

BROWNIES: With or without nuts.

CHICKEN BROTH

College Inn and Swanson have the best flavor for our purposes, but other brands will help. But please buy the large size cans.

All donations may be left in the kitchen, but please attach a note to hold for street fair.

**If you have any questions please contact
Betty Gieseck or Sarah Wolfe**



Meet Beau! He is Denise's dog (the church secretary) . . . he's a 4 year old Basset Hound . . . and some may laugh . . . but he was a \$40 Facebook Rescue! He is playful, sweet and totally adorable (minus a few slobbers)! Totally worth it!

NEW FEATURE: "Family Share" is a new feature of our Newsletter. We are asking for families to share photos with your Church Family. These can be entire families, vacation photos, pet photos, etc. We just wanted to add a fun element to the Newsletter and let everyone share!

Just email your photos to Denise at pataskachurch@embarqmail.com or dmkelling@gmail.com

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