

# Presbyterian Press



July 2023



DID YOU KNOW??



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 16—20

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

215 E. SANDUSKY AVE.

Register participants use this link: <https://forms.gle/rETDtyaXwNnoKvnj8>

Volunteers needed! Use this link: <https://forms.gle/NPj85F5M5iFSHiWp7>

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego



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Daniel



# GOOD NEWS!



Keeping time as she makes her way through the downtown portion of the Memorial Day Parade with the Bellefontaine High School Marching Band is **Ella Costin**.

Also a member of the parade was Mayor Ben Stahler who spoke at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Bellefontaine Cemetery, his speech dedicated to the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of the USA.

Closing out the program is **Emma Costin**, playing "Taps".



Congratulations to our Youth who ended their 2022-2023 school year on the Honor Roll!!

BHS- Sophie Adelsberger, Jordan Butler, Mekenzie Flora, Emma Costin, Ella Costin, Kaeleigh Flora, Emma Merrin BMS- Deacon Lloyd, Zoe Jervis BLHS- Kelley Forsythe, Hailey Kennedy BLMS- Lauren Kennedy.  
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!



Bellefontaine High School has announced the DARE Club leaders for the 2023 – 2024 school year!

Included are **Emily Taylor** (second from left) who will represent the District Outreach portion of the group, and **Emma Merrin** (second from right) who will represent the High School Impact portion.

Congratulations to all!!

Congratulations to **MEKENZIE FLORA**, NAMED SENIOR OF THE MONTH AT BHS!!



Name: Mekenzie Flora

Parents: Brad and Laura Flora

Address: Bellefontaine

School activities and awards: Volleyball, French Club President, Société Honoraire de Français Président, DARE President, National Honor Society, Chieftain Leaders, Envirothon, Interact, and Model United Nations.

If I were principal for a day: I would give everyone a free period for them to do what they need to do, mainly nap.

Favorite school memory: La Boite de Mystere in Madame's class.

People who have been an inspiration to me: My family and my teachers.

Lately I've been reading: The Poppy War Trilogy by R.F. Kuang.

My advice to parents: It'll be okay and let your kids feel their way through their life decisions and make their own mistakes!

My biggest regret: Not getting involved sooner.

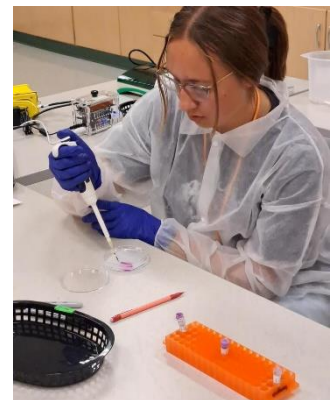
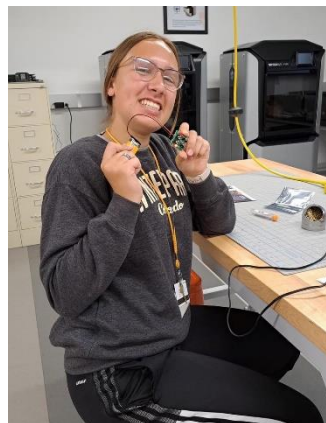
Next year: I will be attending Ashland University to study social work and political science.

Ohio Northern University recently hosted two summer academic camps for high school students entering their Junior or Senior year, encouraging them to delve deeper into their potential career options.

Attending the week dedicated to STEM programs was **Kelley Forsythe**! Activities encompassing science, technology, engineering and math began with the question of "What can I do with a degree in one of these fields?"

The weeklong residential camp gave these students the opportunity to explore different paths of study within the STEM domain. They worked with ONU faculty on multi-disciplinary projects and experienced hands-on instruction in science, technology, math and engineering topics.

They also engaged in laboratory experiences and interacted with practicing engineers and scientists hoping to develop their knowledge about future careers in the STEM world.





## A STANDING OVATION FOR TARA BAIR!!

Community Health & Wellness Partners is a member of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC), along with 58 other Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) – totaling nearly 500 locations in Ohio.

After years of organizational growth for Community Health & Wellness Partners, both in geographic areas served and more than 100 employees hired, CHWP President and CEO Tara Bair now represents all FQHCs as the chairperson of the OACHC Board of Directors.



Bair was voted board chair for the OACHC April 21 and will serve for two consecutive two-year terms, for a total of four years.

The 13-member Board of Directors meets monthly to advocate and support the 58 members from throughout Ohio.

“Although serving as different organizations, Ohio Health Centers work together – mission focused,” Bair said. “We share best practices and growth experiences to better serve communities across Ohio.

“It is an honor and privilege to be elected by my peers to serve and represent all of Ohio’s community health centers.”

In 2010, Bair saw the need for healthcare in her rural hometown community and submitted an application for health center grant funding from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Today, Community Health & Wellness Partners (CHWP), a not-for-profit organization, has four Community Health Centers: Bellefontaine, Indian Lake, West Liberty and Urbana; four School-Based Health Centers: West Liberty-Salem, Benjamin Logan, Indian Lake and Riverside Schools; and a Mobile Health Unit.

The OACHC is a not-for-profit membership association, representing Ohio’s FQHCs, with a mission to ensure access to high-quality affordable health care for all Ohioans through the growth and development of Ohio’s Community Health Centers.

Ohio’s community health centers are required to provide primary and preventive care to all patients regardless of a person’s insurance status or ability to pay. In 2021, the Ohio team of over 7,800 care and support personnel had over 3.7 million patient visits.

An OACHC Membership provides health center staff with educational and networking opportunities, including annual conferences, workforce development, web-based programs, and training. Savings on supplies, software, and other products and services are offered. Publications including newsletters, weekly updates, upcoming event invitations, funding opportunities, relevant news and more are all provided.

Community Health & Wellness Partners offers patients a team-based approach to their care, representatives noted. The patient can experience a more well-rounded approach to addressing their health care needs by receiving primary care, integrated ancillary services including behavioral health care, pharmacy services, nutrition services and more.

CHWP is currently accepting new patients, and delivers care to patients regardless of their age, gender, income level, insurance, or ability to pay. For more information, visit [CHWPCares.org](http://CHWPCares.org).

This health center is a grantee of funding awards supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).



Although our Presbyterian loyalties lie with the recently retired Chief of Police Brandon Standley, his successor has been named and sworn in!

Mayor **Ben Stahler** had the recent pleasure of swearing in Chris Marlow as the new Chief of Police for Bellefontaine. Citing Chief Marlow's twenty-six (and counting) years of dedication, the Mayor continues looking forward to his maintaining of excellence in serving our city.

Congratulations to Chief Marlow!



# THANK YOU'S!

Church Family, Thank you for your generous donation to me furthering my education. I appreciate everything the church has done for me. I hope to find a strong church family like this one as I head to Cincinnati.  
~Jordan Butler

Dear Congregation:

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to anyone and all who attended or had any hand in planning this event. Thank you also to all those who sent a card or offered kind words or contributed in any way to such a wonderful day. I also thank you for allowing me to share in the Presbyterian worship service in my small way. I shall always be grateful. Sincerely, Tom

I don't have enough words to say all of the things our Church Family has done for me. The excellent meals, the calls, and cards of encouragement!! The concern has been very special to Celynn and I. Thank you for your love, support and prayers!!  
~Warren and Celynn Taylor

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I greatly appreciate your support in all of my educational and social endeavors. Your help and influence have ensured that I succeed in life and college. Thank you again!  
With love and thanks, Olivia Eader

Thank you so much for the gracious scholarship. I am forever grateful for the love and support you all have given me throughout the years. I have just finished up my first year at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. This summer I will be taking Greek! In the fall, I will begin my internship at University Presbyterian Church here in Austin, Texas. I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue my studies at APTS (Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary). I can't wait to come back to my home church soon!  
Blessings, Caroline G. Eader

Dear Deacons of FUPC,

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance! Your act of open-hearted giving blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them to find hope in the midst of chaos, and making tangible the promise of a life filled with the Spirit, who is both our Comforter and our Teacher in the way of Christ.

In Christ's Peace, The Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



## THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS...

Evie Merrin  
Carl Wunderle  
The Albanos  
Warren Taylor

Tina Deardurff  
Mona Eichholtz  
Wanda Stahler

The Amidons  
Nancy Scouten  
Makayla Brandyberry



## WITH US IN SPIRIT...

Sue Albano 1409 Whispering Pines Lane Belleft. 43311  
Lois Ashworth 209 E. Glen Belleft. 43311  
Janet Brunke 4888 Co. Rd. #55 Belleft. 43311  
Barbara Bradford 221 School St. Belleft. 43311  
Bob Carter 6559 US Rt 68 S Memory Unit W. Liberty 43357  
Joyce Core 2450 Co. Rd. 118 Rushsylvania 43347  
Bud & Mona Eichholtz 1328 Omaha Belleft. 43311  
Anne Heinlen 741 E. Sandusky Ave. Belleft. 43311  
Talma Heydinger 709 Iroquois Rd. Belleft. 43311  
Jo Mustaine 2739 Co. Rd. #91 \*326 Belleft. 43311  
Marcella Neeld 541 Center St. Belleft. 43311  
Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311



They would love to hear from you!!



## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JULY...

July 5: Chloe Lloyd  
July 7: Tracy Brady  
July 8: Mona Eichholtz  
July 11: John Lawrence, Rick Reed

July 12: David Ritter  
July 16: Marge Hines  
July 18: Bess Standley  
July 19: Janet Brunke

July 23: Robyn Wunderle  
July 24: Ruth Bowden  
July 30: Michael Brady  
July 31: Vivian Eader



## CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JULY...

July 1: Lisa and Karl Kennedy  
July 3: Shawn and Jeannie Lloyd  
July 9: Sara and Ben Stahler  
July 19: Michael and Tracy Brady  
Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

July 20: Celynn and Warren Taylor  
July 25: Carla and Brian Murdock  
July 26: Sue and John Dearwester



# COMMITTEE CALENDAR...



What: Daniel's Courage in Captivity!

When: JULY 16 – 20

Where: First Christian Church 215 E. Sandusky Ave. Bellef.

How:

To register participants, use this link <https://forms.gle/rETDtyaXwNnoKvnj8>

To volunteer, use this link: <https://forms.gle/NPj85F5M5iFSHiWp7>



**Our Daily Bread Bakers** deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Our upcoming Daily Bread Bakers for July 17 are:

- Bonnie Conley.....Becky Coy
- Nancy Farrington.....Patty Fitzpatrick



The Mission Committee has a new project underway! Beginning with the month of July, we will be collecting your spare change to be used for some future projects to benefit the church!

Change receptacles will be set out around the church for you to drop your spare change into!! Thank you in advance!

Some members of our **Kids Talk** group learned how to play the chimes!! Expertly guided by Cindy Jenkins!!







# MEETING IN JULY

The **CE Committee** meeting time is to be determined.

The **Deacons** meet Tuesday July 11, 5:00pm in the Library.

The **Mission Committee** meets Tuesday July 11, 6:00pm in the Church Office.

The **Worship Committee** meets Tuesday July 11, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** meets Monday July 10, 6:00pm in the Library.

The **Stewardship and Finance Committee** meets Monday July 17, 12:00pm in the Library.

The **Book Club** will not meet in July.

The **Session** meets Thursday July 20, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Property Committee** meeting time is to be determined.



# SERVING IN JULY

**Deacons On-Call:** Sue Crawfis, Phyllis Lyons

**Welcome Team:** Vicky Shields, Steve Cox, Jim Wical, Brenda Oda

**Speakers:**

July 2: Terry Kukuk

**Worship Leaders:**

July 2: Sue Crawfis

July 16: Karen Brady

July 18: Nancy Wisse

July 23: Mark Butler

July 30: Vicky Shields



July has more holidays than just Independence Day! Maybe you'd like to celebrate these too!!

July 1: American Zoo Day, Canada Day!

July 12: Etch-a-Sketch Day!

July 2: World UFO Day!

July 17: World Emoji Day!

July 5: National Bikini Day!

July 30: International Day of Friendship!

July 10: Pina Colada Day!

July 31: Harry Potter's Birthday Day!

July 11: Slurpee Day!

July 14: Shark Awareness Day! (Shouldn't this be every day??)



# FINANCIAL FOCUS

June 4, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 9

Sunday School Attendance: 27

Worship Attendance: 75

Received To Date: \$82,639.06

Sunday School Offering: \$33.00

Weekly Giving: \$3,408.00

**-\$13,362.94**

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$96,002.00

June 11, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 0

Sunday School Attendance: 17

Worship Attendance: 45

Received To Date: \$84,864.06

Sunday School Offering: \$27.00

Weekly Giving: \$2,225.00

**-\$15,311.94**

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$100,176.00

June 18, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 6

Sunday School Attendance: 21

Worship Attendance: 47

Received To Date: \$86,809.44

Sunday School Offering: \$25.00

Weekly Giving: \$1,945.38

**-\$17,540.56**

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$104,350.00

June 25, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 7

Sunday School Attendance: 31

Worship Attendance: 45

Received To Date: \$88,300.44

Sunday School Offering: \$45.00

Weekly Giving: \$1491.00

**-\$20,223.56**

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$108,524.00



Where were you when Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon??



# FROM THE PRESBYTERY...

Participants must attend both days of the session they choose to receive credit for completing the program and shall submit a copy of their course completion certificate to Stated Clerk Lynn Bova: statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org.



### Austin College announces full-tuition scholarships for Presbyterian students

Austin College, Sherman, TX, has announced the largest single gift in the college's history, a \$20 million bequest, which will fully fund the Westminster Scholarship Program for Presbyterian students to attend the College with full tuition paid, beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. The fund will additionally cover room and board for children of PC(USA) clergy and staff.

Austin College was founded in 1849 as a Presbyterian institution, and is the oldest college in Texas operating under its original charter. The gift comes on the eve of the College's 175th year.



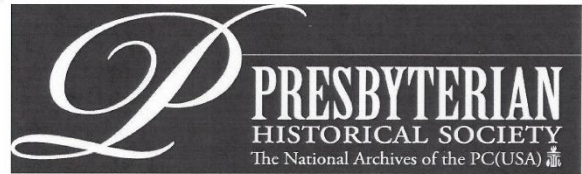
## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Synod Presbyterian Women's Gathering**  
**August 4-5 in Findlay, Ohio**

The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant will hold their Annual Gathering, August 4-5 at First Presbyterian Church, Findlay. This year's theme is "Shining the Light on the PW Purpose."

The keynote speaker will be Presbyterian Women Mission Associate **Cheri Harper**.

More information and registration will be coming.



### Get to know your Presbyterian Historical Society

Organized in 1852, the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) is the oldest denominational archives in the United States and serves as the national archives for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its predecessor denominations. The collections include archival records, published materials, and artifacts documenting the history of the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition in America.

#### What types of records does PHS collect?

The Presbyterian Historical Society is home to over 40,000 cubic feet of records and 250,000 published titles that reflect Presbyterian, Reformed, and ecumenical history. The collections are expansive and include paper records that document the work of the denomination; photographs, sound and video recordings; a postcard collection of congregations around the country; and a museum collection filled to the brim with communion tokens, commemorative pins and medals, and more.

PHS is located in Philadelphia, but it has an extensive online collection available for viewing and download.

**ONLINE**

# BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Sponsored by  
Presbytery of the Miami Valley  
and The Synod of the Covenant

FREE OF CHARGE  
AND AVAILABLE TO ALL  
MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Choose from dates in  
April, October, or November

### 2023 Boundaries Training to Fulfill Required Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training

Three sessions of boundaries training will be offered during 2023 through a partnership between the Synod of the Covenant and its member presbyteries. The boundaries training will be presented by LeaderWise.

The cost of the training is free and available to all members of the presbytery. The cost of the training is covered by the Synod of the Covenant through per capita dollars and by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley (PMV) through connectional support dollars.

#### CHOOSE YOUR SESSION AND REGISTER

October 2-3, 2023, 6:00 to 8:30 pm ET  
[Register Here for October](#)

November 7-8, 2023, 1:00 to 3:30 pm ET  
[Register Here for November](#)

Completing this boundaries training fulfills the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Sexual Misconduct Training requirement for ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are members of the PMV; commissioned ruling elders serving at the direction of the PMV; certified Christian educators serving within the PMV; employees, officers and agents of the PMV; and any other persons working for the presbytery in connection with any of its programs, ministries, organizations or activities, whether paid or unpaid. This training is required at least every five years.



# LOOKING AHEAD...



The annual Hot Summer Nights Cruise In is slated for Saturday, August 12 and once again the **Mission Committee** will be selling hot dogs, brats, shredded chicken, **PIE** and other goodies!!

We are in need of donations of bottled water as well as homemade PIES to serve!! We will also need a few volunteers to help us reach out to the crowd!! If you are available to help in any way, please

contact Vicky Shields or any member of the Mission Committee! THANK YOU!!



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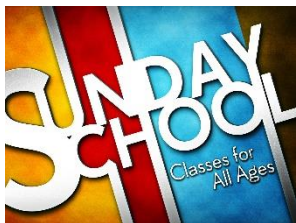
Our upcoming Daily Bread Bakers for August 21 are:  
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Mary Jane Lane.....Betty Lloyd



August 26 will be Putt Putt Golf/Movie Night! You can enjoy a round of golf at the Putt and Play Golf Center (each person pays their own fees) and then return to the church for Movie Night complete with popcorn and punch!!



If you have a suggestion of a movie, please contact Beth Powers or any member of the Church Growth Committee.



The Kickoff for Sunday School 2023 – 2024 is September 10!!!

More information to come!!



The **Progressive Picnic** was a HUGE SUCCESS!!



# HANDS & FEET

SERVING CHRIST | SERVING OTHERS



Each month, the **Board of Deacons** encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1<sup>st</sup> UPC family through your donation to our **2-Cents-of-Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their effort to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 cents (or more) for every compassionate thought you have had in the last month and place it in the "2 Cents of Compassion" envelope included in Sunday's bulletin.

**Our Lord Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."**

**DINNER AT THE PRES!** Plans are being made for the next dinner, Tuesday July 25!! A sponsoring Committee is needed! If your Committee would like to step up, please contact Vicky Shields! In the meantime, Our Daily Bread will need our help with serving on the last Tuesday of each month. Four or five volunteers are needed. If you are available to help, please contact Evelyn at 937-592-6325!



**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.**



Through the **Community Cash Program**, shop at Community Market (2 locations, North Main St. and East Sandusky Ave.), bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the sanctuary (Narthex) or in the Fellowship Hall. A portion of your sale will support 1<sup>st</sup> UPC's Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

**Use your Kroger Reward Card and support Youth Mission Trips!**

To make an automatic donation with your Kroger Plus Card, go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). Log in or set up a new account. Our "NPO" (non-profit organization) ID number is **HD313** and is listed as First (not 1<sup>st</sup>) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, 1<sup>st</sup> UPC folks who have named 1<sup>st</sup> UPC as their charity contribute \$800-\$1000 a year to support our youth mission trips.



**It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps our community a lot!**

