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GOOD NEWS!!

As we celebrate Tom Boone's 50th anniversary as our organist at First United Presbyterian Church, it seems only fitting to learn more about him.

Tom is now 75 years old, and he began his career as organist here when he was 25 and a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University where he majored in clarinet after beginning as a keyboard major. Additionally, one of Tom's major thrusts in college was musical theater.

While Tom has been a life-long Methodist, he came to 1st UPC in 1971 to sing in the choir at the invitation of friends who were also choir members. Eleanor Hess was the organist at that time, and when she became ill in early 1973, Barbara Witt, the choir director asked him to play the organ. Tom was extremely well qualified for the position since he had studied piano with Florence McKinney from grades 2-11 and had taken organ lessons from May Eichmeyer since he was a senior in high school.

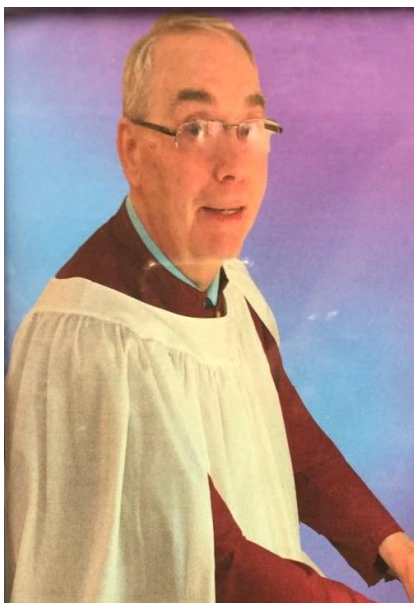
Tom graduated from Bowling Green in 1971 where he had directed many musical theater productions, and he continued that when he returned to Bellefontaine, His first musical here was SHOWBOAT at the Holland in 1971, and he followed that with DO-RE-ME at BHS. Tom did musicals at 1st UPC from 1975 to 1986 and has continued to direct, accompany singers, and play in the orchestra at the Holland since it became a legitimate theater in 2000.

In addition to his job at the church, Tom taught school for eight years, worked in the music retail business, served as activity director for the Friendly Senior Center, and worked at Best Door and Window.

Tom jokingly says that he is basically a piano player, but "faked" his way into an organist. While we see Tom at the console which contains the keyboard and pedals, the organ is actually in a room behind the decorative pipes above the choir loft. The organ was installed in the late 19th century, renovated in 1929, and had tonal revision after Tom became the organist.

Tom plans to continue to play the organ here as long as he is physically able, and I think everyone joins in me in hoping and praying that he has many more years to do so.

Our Minister of Music - THOMAS W. BOONE

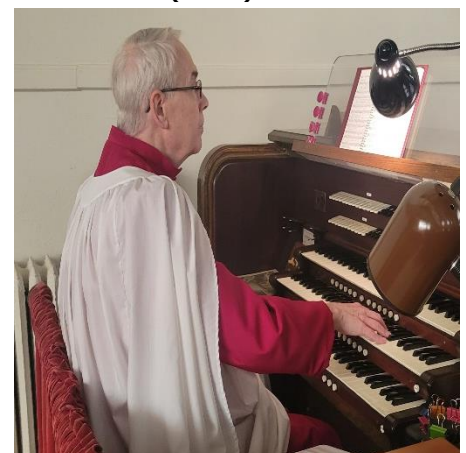


Thank you for your service to our congregation!!

(then)



(now)





Graduation



Sophie Adelsberger is the daughter of Eric and Krista Adelsberger and the granddaughter of Bud and Mona Eichholtz.

Clubs: French Club

Music: Marching, symphonic, district & pep bands, Willy Wonka & Sister Act Musicals, Symphonic Choir

Sports: Cross Country (Top first year runner award, Top female runner award.

Honors and Awards: NHS, French Honor Society, Outstanding Academic Award for Sr English, Outstanding academic award for level III in world language, Sr of the month, Heart of a Chieftain award, Honda breakfast award for French, Academic excellence award, Fourth year varsity award, Honda breakfast award for algebra II, 2020-2021 Central Buckeye Conference Academic Honors, 2021-2022 Central Buckeye Conference Academic Honors, Central buckeye conference second team award.

Future Plans: I will be attending Ohio University to major in Pre-Physical Therapy.

"I am so blessed to have grown up in such a wonderful congregation and am grateful for all of the opportunities that this church has given me like mission trips, youth group, Sunday school, and vacation Bible school. Thank you for providing me with the tools necessary to grow in my faith and thank you for all of the long-lasting friendships and memories which this church has given me."

Sophie has also been awarded the following scholarships:

- *Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education
- *Logan County Electric Cooperative Children of Members Scholarship
- *Dewey VanHoose Memorial Scholarship



Jordan Butler is the daughter of Mark and Jill Butler and the granddaughter of Marge Hines.

Clubs: Key Club, AGAPE, DARE, Chieftain Leaders

Music: Musicals, Symphonic Choir, Les Fons, Marching, Symphonic, Pep bands,

Sports: Volleyball, Most Improved Volleyball Player

Honors and Awards: National Honor Society, Academic Scholar Award (4 years), CBC All Academic (2 years), Heart of a Chieftain Award, Honda Academic Honors Breakfast, Rotary Academic Scholar, Senior of the Month, Rotary Scholarship Recipient, University of Cincinnati Century Scholarship Recipient; Sophomore Homecoming Attendant.

Work: Hoffman Pool Lifeguard (3 yrs)

Church Activities: Mission Trips, Dinner @ the Prez, Christmas Eve, Mission trips & camp; Preparing Christmas Baskets was the most rewarding because it provided me the opportunity to serve God by helping others in need. As I head off to college in these next couple of months, I plan to find a church that is the best fit for me. There, I hope to grow in my faith with new people and learn more about God's word.

Future Plans : *My educational goals are to pursue a career in the field of occupational therapy at the University of Cincinnati , focusing on assisting youth with physical disabilities. Having lived in this community all my life, it is my hope to complete my degree and return to Bellefontaine to give back a part of what it has provided for me.*

Jordan has also been awarded the following scholarships:

- *BHS National Honor Society
- *Bellefontaine Moose Scholarship
- *Bellefontaine Rotary Scholarship



Graduation



Mekenzie Flora is the daughter of Brad and Laura Flora.

Clubs: French Club (President)

Société honoraire de francais (Pres)
DARE(Pres), National Honor Society, Chieftain Leaders, Envirothon, Interact, Model United Nations

Sports: Volleyball

Service: Church mission trips, holiday food boxes, gifts, and dinners, working with younger Bellefontaine school children in activities and talking about positive lifestyles; Fundraisers with Interact (K9 unit) Bellefontaine Relay for Life

Honors/Awards:

Honda Breakfast of Achievement (English, 21 & 22; French 2023); Athlete of the month award Iron City Sports Bar Nov 2022), Outstanding Academic Awards each year from academic boosters, Heart of the Chieftain award, (exemplary service in the community; 2021+2022: totaling ~ 250 hours of service combined

Work: Babysitting & Gloria's Tumbling

Future Plans: This fall, Kenzie will be attending Ashland University, with a double major in Social Work and Political Science.

"Thank you for everything that you have done for me and helping me grow up"



Nova Merrin is the daughter of Steve and Andrea Merrin.

Activities: Scouting (11 years), Life Scout, patrol leader, scribe, Historian

Music: Orchestra (Bass) 1 year, plays bass and guitar and enjoys making electronic music.

Service: Participated in church mission trips and active in Sunday School and youth group.

Work: Kirkmont Center

Future Plans: Nova will possibly attend Kent State University but has not yet finalized these plans.

"While I didn't grow up in this church, I feel like I have a history here too! I have enjoyed the Mission Trips, Youth Group and Sunday School and am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of it all. Thank you for providing these great opportunities and for your acceptance, love and support."

Mekenzie has also been awarded the following scholarships:

- *American Legion/ H. Kerr Post Scholarship
- *BHS National Honor Society Scholarship
- *Bellefontaine Moose Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club Scholarship
- Susie Parker Memorial Scholarship
- Earl & Marion Spain Memorial Scholarship



The Bellefontaine Intermediate School third graders, taught by **Beth Powers** recently participated in a field trip to downtown Bellefontaine!

Their travels took them to historic sites in town, including the Holland Theatre, the Logan County Historical Society, McKinley Street (the shortest street in America), the Auditor's Office, Courthouse Square and the courtroom of Logan County Family Court Judge Natasha Kennedy.

During the field trip, the kids learned about local history, government and the arts.



Retired Bellefontaine Chief of Police, **Brandon Standley** and Logan County Family Court Judge **Natasha Kennedy** were two of the many presenters at the BHS Scholarship Night which awarded nearly \$1.1 million in scholarship money to deserving graduates.

Graduation Day honored the 181 most recent alumni, who were encouraged to enter the world and find their passion.



Members of the Highland Ringers Hand Bell Choir recently traveled to the Church of the Master United Methodist Church in Westerville to hear their bell choir concert.

Our choir plays four octaves of hand bells, they play eight. We have three octaves of chimes, they play six!!

What an amazing feat for this small group!!



Standing gracefully in the chancel area of the church and proclaiming a promise from the Book of Exodus is the newest banner our church is proud to display!

Our church Youth who participated in the Tween Club chose the theme of Ordinary time with the predominant color of green to show off our hands together doing great things.

Congregation members were asked to trace their hands to be added to the tree. The kids were to memorize the books of the Old Testament, one being Exodus, which is where the scripture was found.

Thank you to everyone who worked on making this beautiful banner! We will proudly display it for years to come!



THANK YOU'S

To my Church Family, Many thanks for the Birthday Wishes!! They are appreciated!!
~Nancy Stokes



THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS...

Evie Merrin

Nancy Scouten

Kim Reames

Joyce Core

Riley Suman

Jadyn Plaughter

Joan Smith

Michelle Suman

Makayla Brandyberry

The Albanos

The Amidons

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



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY!

June 1: Gary McKenzie

June 4: Nancy Farrington

June 5: Nate Weber

June 8: Cole McClelland

June 10: Emma Merrin

June 12: Joe Forsythe

June 14: Warren Taylor

June 15: Nancy Wisse

June 16: Emma Suman, Julie Stephens

June 20: Scott Costin

June 21: Tara Bair

June 22: Robbie Robinson

June 23: Dana Heydinger, Tom Ark

June 24: Brad Flora

June 26: Caroline Notestine



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...

June 10: Sandi and Michael Chervenak

June 14: Jamie and Matt McClelland

June 15: Linda and Jim Hilliker

Krista and Eric Adelsberger

June 20: Judy and Bill Wical

June 21: Woody and Katie Amidon

June 22: Mark and Molly Amidon

June 28: Elaine and Jim Thompson



COMMITTEE CALENDAR...



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 June are:

Katie Amidon.....Tara Bair

Karen Brady.....Anne Brienza



Family Progressive Dinner – Sat, June 24, 5:00 pm
Spend time with family and friends at our Family Progressive Picnic. We will start at 5:00 at Nancy Wisse’s House for appetizers and salads, then travel to Anne and Beth’s for main dishes and sides (with beef and chicken sliders provided), We will end this wonderful fellowship gathering with dessert at Sue Crawfis’ Pine Ridge Court Party House. Bring the whole family for fabulous food, fellowship and fun! Kids are invited and encouraged! Share a ride with friends!

Registration is encouraged and let us know what you plan to bring!

Name	Number of People Attending	Email
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What are you bringing?

Appetizer/Salad; Main Dish/Side; Dessert

Beginning at 5:00pm...

Nancy Wisse 312 Ashbrook Dr. 937-593-0586 Appetizers & Salads

Anne and Beth 3091 County Rd 11 937-935-0989

Main Dishes (beef & chicken sliders provided) & Side dishes

Sue Crawfis Pine Ridge Court Party House Desserts

ONLINE SIGN UP WILL BE COMING SOON IN THE VIEW FROM THE PEW!



DINNER AT THE PRES IS BACK!

For the June 27 dinner we will offer a picnic style meal! Volunteers are needed to help serve!!

Serving runs from 4:30 – 6:00pm. Any questions? Please contact Vicky Shields or any member of the Mission Committee!



MEETING IN JUNE...

The CE Committee meeting time is to be determined.

The Deacons meet Tuesday June 13, 5:00pm in the Library.

The Mission Committee meets Tuesday June 13, 6:00pm in the Church Office.

The Worship Committee will not meet in June.

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

The Church Growth and Member Care Committee meets Monday June 12, 5:30pm in the Library.

The Book Club meets Tuesday June 20, 6:30pm in the home of Betty Lloyd. The selection for this month is "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Taylor Brown.

The Session meets Thursday June 15, 7:00pm in the Library.

The Property Committee meeting time is to be determined.



SERVING IN JUNE...

Deacons On-Call: Betty Lloyd, Brenda Oda

Welcome Team: Karen Brady, Jack Costin, Sue Crawfis, Woody Amidon

Speakers:

June 4: Pat Ortli

June 11: Kathleen Burslem

June 18: Bridget Hawkins

June 25: Kathleen Burslem

Worship Leaders:

June 4: Beth Powers

June 11: Anne Brienza

June 18: Ruth Bowden

June 25: Ben Stahler

Angels explained by Children....

I only know the names of two angels. Hank and Harold. -Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. -Olive, 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. -Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. -Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows. -Jack, 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. -Daniel, 9



FINANCIAL FOCUS

May 7, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 22

Sunday School Attendance: 46 Sunday School Offering: \$63.00

Worship Attendance: 73 Weekly Giving: \$3,566.00

Received To Date: \$68,300.38

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$79,306.00

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May 14, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 9

Sunday School Attendance: 26 Sunday School Offering: \$29.00

Worship Attendance: 46 Weekly Giving: \$3,385.34

Received To Date: \$71,685.72

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$83,480.00

-\$11,794.28

May 21, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 16

Sunday School Attendance: 26 Sunday School Offering: \$49.00

Worship Attendance: 87 Weekly Giving: \$2,406.00

Received To Date: \$74,091.72

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$87,654.00

-\$13,562.28

May 28, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 3

Sunday School Attendance: 24 Sunday School Offering: \$26.00

Worship Attendance: 43 Weekly Giving: \$5,139.34

Received To Date: \$62,412.38

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4174.00

Needed To Date: \$70,958.00

-\$12,596.94

Angels explained by Children....

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. -Katelynn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. -Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. -Sarah, 7



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.



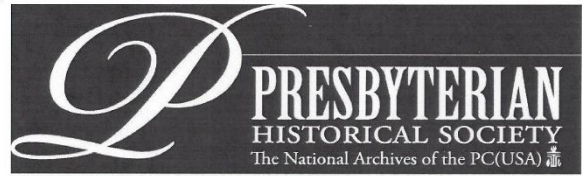
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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
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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



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 are:
Bonnie Conley.....Becky Coy
Nancy Farrington.....Patty Fitzpatrick

Coming in July!! Vacation Bible School will be a group effort this year, between us, First United Methodist, First Lutheran and First Christian Churches!

The First Christian Church will be hosting our youth beginning Sunday July 16 through Wednesday July 20 with evening sessions that will include dinner.

For any other information, please contact Kyle Lentz or any member of the CE Committee.



Registration will run July 14-21 for anyone interested in seeing the Holland Show **"Church Basement Ladies"** which will be presented August 6. A block of tickets will be purchased for those that register. After the performance we will return to the church for dessert! For any other information, please contact Beth Powers or any member of the Church Growth Committee.



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.



Angels explained by Children....

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado. -Reagan, 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter. -Sara, 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. -Adrian, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta' wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. -Antonio, 9



Each month, the **Board of Deacons** encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1st 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! We are coming back!! A trial dinner will be held in June to see what the needs are for the community. 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 1st 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. Log in or set up a new account. Our "NPO" (non-profit organization) ID number is **HD313** and is listed as First (not 1st) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, 1st UPC folks who have named 1st 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!

