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DID YOU KNOW??



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS!

Thank you for your sacrifices, for your valor, for the things you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights. Thank you to all our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.



Established 1926

R. A. Boone

Father of Tom Boone

Michael A. Brienza – Captain

Father of Anne Brienza

Raymond Wical – Staff Sargeant

Father of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman



Established 1775

Raymond Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

Russell Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

John Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

Roland A. Brady – Sargeant

Father of Michael Brady

Carmel Conley – Military Police

Father-in-law of Bonnie Conley

Edward K. Core Jr.

Husband of Joyce Core, Brother of Nancy Wisse

Robert W. Core

Brother of Nancy Wisse, Brother-in-law of Joyce Core

John Dearwester – Corporal

Husband of Sue Dearwester

Lawrence Hildreth – Master Sargeant

Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman

Burr Hines

Father-in-law of Marge Hines

Grandfather of Julie Stephens, Jon Hines, Jill Butler

Robert Hlavin – Captain

Uncle of Joanne Ritter

Christopher Jenkins – Sargeant 1st Class

Son of Edson and Cindy Jenkins



Whitney Jenkins – Warrant Officer

James C. Kennedy – Sargeant

Michael L. King – KIA

Richard Kramer – Admin. NCO

John M. Matthews - Sargeant

Gary McKenzie

Charles E. McKenzie

Joseph Messner – Corporal

Roger Powers

Russell Prater – Staff Sargeant

Jerome (Jerry) Ritter – Private 1st Class

Roger L. Vickers – 1st Lieutenant

Luke Waugh

John P. Webster

Jim Wical

Robert Williams

Ronald Wisse

Daughter of Edson and Cindy Jenkins

Father of Karl and Lisa Kennedy

Grandfather of Andy and Natasha Kennedy

Friend of Gary McKenzie

Father of Karen Baldwin

Uncle of Holly VanBuskirk

Husband of Lois McKenzie

Brother of Gary McKenzie

Father of Joliece and Rick Reed

Grandfather of Finley and Jameson Reed

Father of Beth Powers

Father of Pam and Tom Ark

Husband of Joanne Ritter

Brother of Sue Crawfis

Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman

Uncle of Nancy Wisse

Brother of Bill Wical, Susan Wortman

Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman

Husband of Nancy Wisse



Established 1947

David Bob – Colonel



Robert A. Day – Staff Sargeant

Bridget Hawkins – Master Sargeant

Robert Kerch – Tech Sargeant

Jenni Amidon Mann – Major

Harold Miller – Captain

Pamela Robinson – Master Sargeant

Joseph R. St. Louis – Tech Sargeant

Son-in-law of Bill and Judy Wical

Brother-in-law of Bob and Debbie Day

Son of Bob and Debbie Day

Grandson of Bill and Judy Wical

Wife of Robert Kerch

Husband of Bridget Hawkins

Daughter of Woody and Katie Amidon

Husband of Vera Miller

Sister of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

Cousin of Karen Baldwin



Established 1915

Richard H. Ortli – Petty Officer
William S. Shafer – Machinist Mate

Husband of Patricia Ortli
Stepfather of Karen Baldwin



Established 1775



Corbin Messner – Gunnery Sergeant

Brother of Joliece and Rick Reed
Uncle of Finley and Jamison Reed



Christina Rose-Messner - Sargeant

Sister of Joliece and Rick Reed
Aunt of Finley and Jamison Reed

Dr. F. Blair Webster
Joseph Williams

Uncle of Nancy Wisse
Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman



Established 1798

Michael Chervenak - Lieutenant JG
Rexanne Wilgus Cole - Staff Sargeant
Rick Conley
Donald T. Harris – Petty Officer
David O. Hesson – Lieutenant JG
April Hawkins – Chief Petty Officer
Christopher Hawkins – Petty Officer
John (Jack) Hines

Husband of Sandi Chervenak
Daughter of Nancy Stokes
Husband of Bonnie Conley
Father of Holly VanBuskirk
Father of Karen Brady
Sister of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch
Brother of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch
Husband of Marge Hines
Father of Julie Stephens, Jon Hines, Jill Butler

Jon C. Hines

Son of Marge Hines
Brother of Julie Stephens, Jill Butler

Edson Jenkins – Electronics Tech

Husband of Cindy Jenkins



Chad McKenzie – Captain

Son of Gary and Lois McKenzie



Anthony Hawkins-Propst – Petty Officer Nephew of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch
 Robert L. Stahler Father of Ben and Sara Stahler, Robyn and Andy Wunderle
 Charles Webster Uncle of Nancy Wisse



Currently serving our country.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Proud of our nation, they answered her call,
 Defending the freedom and safety of all.
 On land or on sea, or in jets high above
 They went out of duty, and honor and love.

But however they served, Lord, wherever they went,
 Please bless them and help them to know what it meant.
 And help us to thank them, on Veterans' Day
 For we owe them far more, than we ever could say.



newsletter

The December Newsletter will include your LETTERS TO SANTA as well as stories, memories, poems, recipes or whatever you want to tell about Christmases past, present or future!!

All submissions should be into the Church Office
 no later than Monday, November 27.



THANK YOU VETERANS



GOOD NEWS!



Ben Kennedy, son of **Karl and Lisa Kennedy**, will be starting the New Year in a different role as a Bellefontaine Firefighter.

With the retirement of an Assistant Fire Chief, the 23-year veteran has taken up that role with great pride.

Mayor Ben Stahler remarked "We thankfully could turn to Ben to take on this role. He is a well-respected member of our First Responder Team as well as our community."

THANK YOU, Mr. Kennedy, for your continued service to our city!!



The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** sponsored games in front of the church during October's First Friday downtown! Cornhole, light sabers and the ever popular Drop a Clothespin games were a hit!

Mystery bags were passed out to all the participants!



Congratulations to Emily Taylor, granddaughter of **Warren and Celynn Taylor**, who has been named "Senior of the Month" at BHS for October!!



The 2023 Women's Fall Retreat!! A GREAT time was had by All whether it was walking the labyrinth, crafting or yoga!!





**CONGRATULATIONS
EMMA COSTIN!!**

**BHS
HOMECOMING
QUEEN
2023!!**

Oodles of Noodles





Congratulations to **Kelley Forsythe**, who was recently inducted into the Benjamin Logan High School National Honor Society!!!



Here is our dear **Byron Fullerton**, who is currently residing at Logan Acres! He was recently visited by Betty Lloyd with whom he shared that he is being well taken care of!!

He enjoys visitors and would love to take you for a walk when you visit!!



Congratulations **Finley Reed!!**

Finley was recently named a Bellefontaine Intermediate School Student of the Week!

Along with six others, these students are always looking to Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner, and Be a Chieftain.

Keep up the great work Finley and friends!!

*Happy Veteran's Day !
Thank you all !*



THANK YOU'S!

Hello from Top of Ohio Cruisers! We are writing to you to thank you for your involvement in the 2023 Cruise In. It was a beautiful day, the sun did come out and the temperature was perfect. Your participation contributed to another great year. Your presence and participation always guarantee that we will have success for the evening's activities. We had 314 cars this year raising \$7000.00 that will be distributed to seven local charities. We hope to see you there for an even bigger year of Hot Summer Nights in 2024!
Thank you, Arlene Beaty

Dear Mission Committee of First United Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for the donation of pants for our clinic! We are so very grateful. Your support for our kiddos means so much! Thank you again!! -Bellefontaine Elementary School Staff and Students

Dear Members of the PWA,
Thank you so much for the purchase of two new vacuum cleaners for use in the church!!



THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS...

The Albanos- Sue and David, both with health issues
 Jadyne Plaugher- Nephew of Gary and Lois McKenzie, leukemia Currently in remission, Praise the Lord!
 Nancy Scouten- Mother of Linda Costin, health issues
 The Amidons- Our ENERGIZER BUNNIES, prayers for continuing health
 Tina Deardurff- health issues
 Carl Wunderle- Brother of Andy Wunderle, cancer
 Sherri Ullom- Friend of Jill Butler, health issues
 Kathy Jo Putt- Daughter of Ralph and Kathy Morrison, effects of head trauma
 Vicki Shafer- Friend of Karen Baldwin, health issues
 Ralph Morrison, health issues
 Rose Gunkle- Aunt of Michelle Suman, health issues
 Kris Sutterfield- Mother of Michelle Suman
 Mark Brienza- Brother of Anne, leukemia
 Linda Hanson- health issues



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
 Marcella Neeld 541 Center St. Belleft. 43311
 Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311



CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER...

November 2: Edson Jenkins	November 18: Dorothy Snapp, Emma Costin, Ella Costin
November 7: Krista Adelsberger	November 21: Becky Lentz
November 8: Bob Carter, Ben Sailors	November 23: Kyle Lentz
November 9: Julie Caughenbaugh	November 25: Linda Hilliker
November 15: Deacon Lloyd	November 29: Jordan Butler
November 17: Jim Hilliker	November 30: Reed Kennedy



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER...

November 10: Holly and Jeff Core

November 15: Rod and Tara Bair

November 25: Mark and Jill Butler



COMMITTEE CALENDAR!



The Season of Pledging is upon us! If you have not received information from the Stewardship and Finance Committee outlining how you can pledge for the coming year of 2024, please contact the Church Office.

The rebuilding of our church is going to be up to all of us! We can work together to make this church all that we want it to be!

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.



The PWA has been hard at work to make noodles for the **ELECTION DAY LUNCH!** The big day is **Tuesday November 7!** Volunteers are appreciated for all areas of the day! Any questions may be directed to Anne Brienza or any member of the PWA!



HOOPS AT THE PRES!!

Sponsored by the **Church Growth and Member Care Committee**, kids are encouraged to come and join the Open Gym, Sunday November 12 and 19, time 3:00 – 4:30! There will be concessions available for purchase!

If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Standley or any member of the Church Growth Committee!



The **PWA** will take up a Thank Offering on Sunday November 19. Show your appreciation for our PWA who do many good works with your dedicated offering!



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.

November 20

Katie Amidon.....Tara Bair
Karen Brady.....Anne Brienza



MEETING IN NOVEMBER!

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

The **Stewardship and Finance Committee** meets Monday November 13, 12:00pm in the Library.

The **Church Growth and Member Care Committee** meets Monday November 13, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Deacons** meet Tuesday November 14, 5:00pm in the Library.

The **Mission Committee** meets Tuesday November 14, 6:00pm in the Church Office.

The **Worship Committee** meets Tuesday November 14 7:00pm in the Library.

The **Session** meets Thursday November 16, 7:00pm in the Library.

The **PWA Leadership** meets Sunday November 19, 12:00 in the Library.

The **Book Club** meets Tuesday November 17, 6:30pm, location to be determined. The selection for this month is "Xxxx Xxxxx" by Xxxxxx Xxxxx.

The **Property Committee** meets Wednesday November 22, 7:00pm in the Gym.



SERVING IN NOVEMBER!

Deacons On Call: Nancy Farrington, Michelle Suman

Worship Leaders:

November 5: Holly VanBuskirk November 12: Betty Lloyd November 19: PWA
November 26: Woody Amidon

Welcome Team:

Vicky Shields, Steve Cox, Jim Wical, Ruth Bowden

Church Open and Close:

November 5: Beth Powers November 12: Anne Brienza
November 19: Anne Brienza November 26: Beth Powers

Communion Team:

November 26: Anne Brienza, Kyle Lentz, Vicky Shields, Nancy Wisse

Church Elder On-Call:

November 5 – 11: Anne Brienza November 12 – 18: Nancy Wisse
November 19 -25: Mark Butler November 26 – December 2: Sara Stahler



FINANCIAL FOCUS...

October 1, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 2

Sunday School Attendance: 29

Worship Attendance: 45

Received To Date: \$139,508.72

Sunday School Offering: \$52.25

Weekly Giving: \$5,528.95

-\$27,451.28

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$166,960.00

October 8, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 8

Sunday School Attendance: 29

Worship Attendance: 58

Received To Date: \$143,049.74

Sunday School Offering: \$20.00

Weekly Giving: \$3,541.02

-\$28,084.26

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$171,134.00

October 15, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 5

Sunday School Attendance: 30

Worship Attendance: 82

Received To Date: \$146,054.74

Sunday School Offering: \$36.00

Weekly Giving: \$3,005.00

-\$29,253.26

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$175,308.00

October 22, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 5

Sunday School Attendance: 26

Worship Attendance: 54

Received To Date: \$147,850.74

Sunday School Offering: \$26.25

Weekly Giving: \$1,796.00

-\$31,631.26

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$179,482.00

October 29, 2023

On-Line Attendance: 11

Sunday School Attendance: 30

Worship Attendance: 66

Received To Date: \$153,211.49

Sunday School Offering: \$59.00

Weekly Giving: \$5,360.75

-\$30,444.51

Needed Weekly: \$41.50

Needed Weekly: \$4,174.00

Needed To Date: \$183,656.00



LOOKING AHEAD!



We will celebrate the kickoff of the holidays with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday December 3! We will light the Advent Candle of Hope



Our youth will present the Christmas Musical on Sunday December 10, during the Worship Service! The Advent Candle of Peace will be lit during the Worship Service.

This will be interactive, as the congregation will be asked to participate during the singing of the carols!



Also on December 10, we will enjoy a Church Family Potluck Lunch after the Worship Service. Meat, rolls and drinks will be supplied, we just ask that you bring a side dish for sharing and you own tableware.



The Mission Committee will be putting together and distributing our seasonal Christmas Food Baskets on Saturday December 16. Volunteers are greatly appreciated as help for this endeavor. More information to come concerning the time!



Many of our members will be joining in conjunction with the choir from First United Methodist Church to bring this year's Christmas Cantata, "Tapestry of Light". Sunday December 17, we will sing at the FUMC church for their 9:00am service and then perform for our church during our usual 10:45am service. This cantata is full of beautiful Celtic music. You don't want to miss it! In addition, we will be lighting the Advent Candle of Joy.



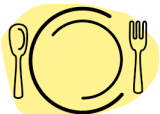
Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

December 18

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



This year the Presbytery will be featuring an on-line service for the Christmas Eve a.m. service. The Session has approved that to be our morning service with our evening service beginning at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We will light the Advent Candle of Love and the Advent Christ Candle at the evening service.



There will be no Dinner at the Pres for the month of December.



Sunday, December 31, we will end our year with a HYMN SING!!



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! Plans are being made for the next dinner, Tuesday November 28!! 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 1st UPC's Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

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!



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up."

