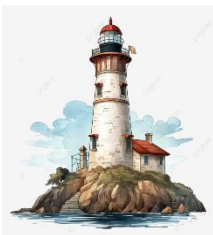


Presbyterian Press



August 2024



A Note From the Pastor...

It is hard to believe that it is August already, soon the leaves will be changing, and temperatures will be cooling, all evidence of the continuously creating power of God. This summer has been both beautiful and productive for our church and our community.

One of the things that has made things beautiful this summer, which I sincerely pray will continue is the provision of special music in our service. Huge thanks to all who have participated so far, and thank you in advance to all who might be inclined to help in continuing to provide this meaningful aspect of our worship service.

My personal favorite productivity is also something beautiful. We had 47 kids and over 30 volunteers for Bible School. It was fun, and the kids learned a lot (so did the adults) and we were able to continue to build relationships with two of the other churches that share the downtown space with us. It is always a blessing to Bible School when we have adults who are willing to get a little silly to make things fun, and a double blessing when three of those silly adults are the pastors of the three churches.

Our mission study team is hard at work, developing questions that collect data that can be analyzed in order to help better define what the mission of our church is, and how this church fits into the community, while also helping to define the character traits that are desirable in this church's pastor. Please continue to support this effort in any way you can.

We are so blessed as a community, and a congregation to have wonderful people to share our mission and life with, and to have the resources to support that which is important to us. We are blessed with a building that although it is at an age where repairs are necessary and sometimes costly, it also stands as a reminder of the dedication of our predecessors. Each Sunday that I walk into the sanctuary, I am reminded of the dedication and effort it took to build this house of worship.

What it means to be Presbyterian:

We have now finished our sermon series on the Six Great Ends Of The Church. I hope that you have enjoyed this sermons series, I certainly have. It has been informative, and inspiring to dig a little deeper into these foundational statements. As I reflect on what we have talked about for the last 7 weeks, I cannot help but to focus on the plain fact that our church has decided to found itself on the principles of "love God, love others." That each of the six statements centers itself on a way that we as a church can honor God by loving more fully all of God's children. For me, one of the powerful ways that these statements can be used in my own life and ministry is to use them as one might use a mission statement. In other words, when faced with difficult decisions, or when experiencing struggle and difficulty, we can go back to these statements and ask ourselves, is this decision or situation in line and agreement with these statements. Simply put, are we loving God and loving others?

Grace and Peace
Pastor Greg



Did you know?

Lighthouses have long been used as beacons to call seafarers home, so boats could safely find their way into port.

The inaugural lighthouse in the United States was constructed in 1716. The "Boston Light" in Boston Harbor was the first in a long line of lighthouses built along the marshy coastlines from Delaware to North Carolina. They were generally made of wood. As to the round shape of the lighthouses, the explanation is as follows; "The circle is considered one of the strongest shapes because stress is evenly distributed along the arc instead of concentrating it at one point."

First lit on June 11, 1764, the "Sandy Hook Light" is the oldest surviving lighthouse in what is now the United States. Financed by a lottery, it was built by the Colony of New York to keep ships safe as they passed by Sandy Hook on their way to and from New York Harbor.

March 3, 1851, The U.S. Congress passed an Act Making Appropriations for Lighthouse, Light Boats, Buoys, etc. which led to the creation of the United States Lighthouse Board as the governmental agency responsible for the construction and maintenance of all lighthouses and navigation aids in the U.S.



Screw-pile lighthouses were used in the Chesapeake Bay and along the Carolina coast. A screw-pile version is a lighthouse which stands on piles that are screwed into sandy or muddy sea or river bottoms. They became popular after the Civil War when the Light Board approved a policy to replace lighthouses in the interior. Around one hundred of these complex structures were built on the Atlantic coastline spanning from Delaware to the Florida Keys and Gulf of Mexico.

In 1883, the "Stannard Rock Lighthouse" was completed on a reef twenty-four miles off the coast of Lake Superior in the Michigan area. It is a desolate beacon guarding against an underwater mountain, a place so unrelentingly grim that it has been dubbed the loneliest place in the world.

Fun Fact: The Statue of Liberty, given to the American people as gift from France, operated as a lighthouse from 1886 - 1901. The statue could be seen by ships 24 miles away. It was closed due to operational costs.

The year 1939 brought an end to the era of keepers who lived in the lighthouses they were charged with when the Coast Guard stepped in. Since that time, the Guard has continued to oversee American lighthouses, updating and modernizing them.

The "Charleston Light" of South Carolina, known locally as Sullivan's Island Lighthouse, was commissioned on June 15, 1962, as the last onshore lighthouse to be built in the United States. While it is the youngest lighthouse in our nation, it is also the only one that contains an elevator.

In 1989, Senator Ted Kennedy sponsored a bill that required the Boston Light to remain permanently manned making it the only legislatively protected lighthouse in the United States. It was manned by the Coast Guard until 1998 and now is served by volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary "keepers" whose primary role is to serve as interpretive tour guides for visitors.

There are currently more than one thousand active lighthouses in the United States. All of these lights have been automated and many others have been eliminated in the past, when they were no longer considered essential to navigation.



Good News...



KIDSTALK!

Sue Crawfis teaches the planting of the "Three Sisters"!

The crops of corn, beans, and squash are known as "The Three Sisters". For centuries these three crops have been the center of Native American agriculture and culinary traditions. It is for good reason as these three crops complement each other in the garden as well as nutritionally.

The tradition of calling these crops the "Three Sisters" originated with the Iroquois who planted in the order of corn, beans and squash to ensure they will grow and mature together and will not grow at the expense of another Sister.

The corn provides tall stalks for the beans to climb so they do not surrender to the sprawling squash vines. The beans are nitrogen fixers, meaning they host rhizobia on their roots that can take nitrogen from the air and convert it into forms that can be absorbed by plant roots. The large leaves of squash plants shade the ground which helps retain soil moisture and prevent weeds.



Our
KIDS TALK
OLYMPIANS!





KIDSTALK learns yoga, with **Karen Brady**.

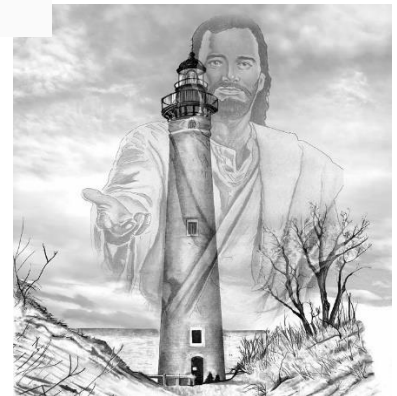
JESUS IS THE LIGHTHOUSE

There's a lighthouse on the hillside, That overlooks life's sea.
 When I'm tossed it sends out a light, That I might see.
 And the light that shines in darkness now, Will safely lead us o'er.
 If it wasn't for the lighthouse, My ship would be no more.

It seems that every one about us says, "Tear that old lighthouse down.
 The big ships just don't pass this way anymore, so there's no use in standin' round."
 Then my mind goes back to that one dark, stormy night, when just in time I saw the light.
 Yes, it was the light from that old lighthouse, that stands up there on the hill.

And I thank God for the lighthouse, I owe my life to Him.
 Jesus is the lighthouse, And from the rocks of sin,
 He has shown a light around me, That I might clearly see,
 If it wasn't for the lighthouse, Tell me where would this ship be.

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LOGAN COUNTY FAIR!



Fair Week was very good to the Lentz kids!! Scarlett placed in the Livestock Judging, Junior Division. All three girls participated in the Wardrobe Wranglin' event. Nora found her calling as the "Steer Whisperer", and Benny found a nice warm place to take a nap!



Judy Bozman, center, was successful at the Logan County Fair as she received the overall sweepstakes award for the most points received in the Flower Show Contest.

Judy was awarded Best of Show in the Container Plants portion of the show. That container, pictured to her right, contains superbells, supertunias, and several other plants!

CONGRATULATIONS JUDY!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

dreamstime





Thank You's...

Dear Church Family, Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers for my family upon the passing of my mother, Kathy Powers. It is comforting to have the love and support of my church family.

~Beth Powers

A BIG Thank You and Great Job, to all who were involved with planning, serving, clean up, and food donations for the family of Bob Lentz's funeral dinner.

"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and Yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

~ Saint Teresa of Avila

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and mice cards while I was recovering from my fall. They were a real lift to my spirits! On the mend and heading to the Lake July 10th!!

~God Bless, Caroline Notestine

Dear Fellow Churchgoers, Thank you so much for the "Hope you're feeling better" poster. I really enjoyed reading everybody's names. Thanks to all for your thoughtfulness and kindness. It is much appreciated and made my day!

~ Anne (Baker) Heinlen

A very grateful THANK YOU to Sara Stahler!! Without your leadership before and throughout the week of Vacation Bible School, we would not have had such fun with all these children. You are a godsend, and we are so grateful for you!!

~The Indebted Volunteers

Dear Church Members, Thank you so much for the scholarship! I'm incredibly honored to receive it! Special thanks to Sara Stahler for letting me know about this opportunity!

~ Sincerely, Regan Ross

Deacons of First United Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine, On behalf of Stop Soldier Suicide, I extend our deepest gratitude for your generous gift. Your support reflects your compassion for our veterans and active duty members, ensuring no soldier or veteran is left behind against mental health challenges. Your contribution is already making a significant impact allowing us to provide confidential counseling and crisis intervention tailored to the military community. Your gift inspires us! Thank you for helping us move our mission forward.

~ Warmly, Crystal Clark,

Senior Director of National Donor Engagement

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through One Great Hour of Sharing. With your generous gift of \$2155, you have spoken the language of love in a tangible, impactful way, offering a gift that helps to bring renewed hope and joy to those individuals and communities suffering from disaster and its aftermath.

~Rev. Edwin Gonzales-Castillo

Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

A holy life will make the deepest impression.

Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.

~ D. L. Moody



Those needing our continued prayers...

Ciara Ericksen
Sherri Ullom
Mary Jane Baker

Vera Miller
Vicki Shafer
The Deardurff Family

David Ritter
Karen Primavera

Dottie Cost
Carl Wunderle
Roxanne Fisher

Larry Paver
Anne Heinlen



With us in spirit...

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Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311



A phone call or card
would **mean the world** to them!



Donna Williams

If you were a superhero: Tinkerbell

Boat name: Charlotte

Craziest Relative: Oldest Son

Famous for: Baking, decorating





Celebrating a Birthday in August . . .

August 3: Betty Lloyd, Matt McClelland

August 5: Sue Crawfis, Evan Standley, Rob Shields

August 8: Andy Pulfer

August 16: Jeannie Lloyd

August 17: Celynn Taylor, Jill Butler

August 21: Katie Amidon

August 22: Mac Smith, Eva Rinehart, Jon Hines

August 23: Andy Wunderle, Karen Brady

August 24: Debbie Day

August 26: Holly VanBuskirk

August 27: Evelyn Lentz

If we have missed your birthday,
please call the Church Office,
(937) 592-6611.



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August . . .

With this ring

August 1: Lauren and Michael Burkhardt

August 4: Kyle and Becky Lentz

August 10: Andy and Robyn Wunderle

August 15: Vicky and Rob Shields

August 20: Art and Betty Lloyd

If we have missed your wedding anniversary, please call the Church Office, (937) 592-6611.



Patty Fitzpatrick

Boat Name: Gone Fishin'

Favorite Commercial Jingle: Oscar Meyer

Favorite Color: Pink

Famous for: Compassion, raising grandkids, gardening





Committee Calendar . . .



Say hello to Tiny Jesus! He is always among us and is watching over you! But where is he watching from? He could be anywhere in the church and if you happen to find him, you can bring him to the Church Office and win a prize!

You will know he is the one you want to find because he will have a black mark on the bottom of one foot.

If you find his helpers, Tiny Jesus at the Pulpit, Tiny Jesus enjoying the bells, or Tiny Jesus listening to Tom play the organ, please do not get too excited. Those Tiny Jesus helpers are not eligible for a prize.



If you are a scholarship recipient, please have your check picked up no later than Thursday August 1.



August 10, 2024! The Hot Summer Nights Cruise-In returns!! Our Mission Committee will be set up in front of the church, selling hot dogs, brats, shredded chicken sandwiches, **PIE** and more!! You won't want to miss a chance to see the classic cars! Be there or be square!!

Fun fact: We are the cheapest meal in the downtown area!



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

August 19, 2024

Patty Fitzpatrick Bridget Hawkins
Natasha Kennedy Betty Lloyd



Pastor Greg would LOVE to put together a Youth Sunday and give our kids another chance to lead the service!! If your kids would be interested in participating in a Sunday, please contact the Church Office!! The more the merrier!



If you are interested in providing flowers for the Communion table on a Sunday, to honor someone, or just because, please contact Holly in the Church Office (937) 592-6611 or secretary@bellefontainepres.com for more information.



Volunteers to help in the nursery are always welcome!! You can spend time with our little ones, coloring or playing games! Brenda Jenkins, our Nursery Attendant is happy to have you during the time of the Worship Service.



If you are fascinated by those who serve as Worship Leaders on Sunday morning, and want to take a leap of faith to help out, please contact Anne Brienza for availability dates!



The more Special Music, the BETTER!! We are looking for anyone and everyone who would like to participate in special music for our Worship Services! You can do just about anything!! Sing alone, sing in a group, play an instrument!! Age doesn't matter, we want everyone to enjoy being a part of the musical section of the service! If you are available to participate, please contact the Church Office for more information!



Weekly Bulletin - 12:00pm the Preceding Tuesday Newsletter - July 29
View from the Pew - 12:00 the Preceding Tuesday
Postcards - 2 weeks before mailing Committee financial statements - 1 week ahead



How we love to see our acolytes bringing the Light of God and the Holy Bible each Sunday morning! This is not just an activity for the young ones, we would like to see our adults active in this part of the service! We would especially be happy to have family members working together! For more information, contact Sue Crawfis!



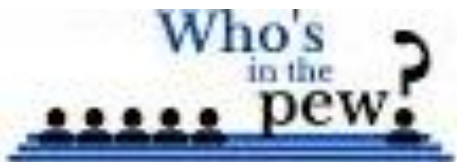
Our AED is located in the Fellowship Hall, in the event of an emergency.



We have large print hymnals and bibles for use! You can find those at the bulletin tables. Hearing devices can be acquired from our Sound System attendant!



Copies of The Upper Room Devotional are available at the Bulletin table



Karen Brady

Boat Name: Unsinkable Favorite restaurant: Don's

Create your own holiday: Octoberfest Best Known for: Energy





Meeting in August...

The Mission and Outreach Team meets Tuesday August 6, 5:00pm.

The Property Team meets Tuesday August 6, 5:30pm.

The PWA Leadership meets Sunday August 11, 12:00pm.

The Deacons meet Tuesday August 13, 5:00pm.

The Stewardship and Finance Team meets Wednesday August 14, 12:00pm.

The CE Team meets Wednesday August 14, 5:00pm.

The Session meets Thursday August 15, 6:00pm.

The Book Club meets Tuesday August 20, 6:30pm.

The Church Growth and Member Care Team will not meet in August.

The Worship Team will not meet in August.



Serving in August...

Deacons On-Call: Pat Ortli, Michelle Suman

Welcome Team: Bridget Hawkins, Cindy Jenkins, Pat Ortli, Holly VanBuskirk

Worship Leaders:

August 4: Mr. James Dean

August 11: Warren Taylor

August 18: Lentz Family

August 25: Ruth Bowden

Church Open and Close:

August 4: Betty Lloyd

August 11: Betty Lloyd

August 18: Betty Lloyd

August 25: Betty Lloyd

Nursery Assistants:

August 4:

August 11:

August 18: Sue Crawfis

August 25:

August 4 Coffee Hour Hosts: Church Growth & Member Care, Stewardship & Finance





Financial Focus...

July 7, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 0

Sunday School Attendance: 23 Sunday School Offering: \$24.00

Worship Attendance: 81 Weekly Giving: \$5,860.30

Received To Date: \$112,049.80

July 14, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 16

Sunday School Attendance: 12 Sunday School Offering: \$24.00

Worship Attendance: 68 Weekly Giving: \$3,382.00

Received To Date: \$115,431.80

July 21, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 6

Sunday School Attendance: 28 Sunday School Offering: \$21.00

Worship Attendance: 80 Weekly Giving: \$2,661.57

Received To Date: \$118,093.47

July 28, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 15

Sunday School Attendance: 17 Sunday School Offering: \$44.00

Worship Attendance: 64 Weekly Giving: \$4,716.01

Received To Date: \$122,809.48

***As each one has received a special gift,
Employ it in serving one another as good stewards
Of the manifold grace of God.***

~ 1 Peter 4:10



Looking Ahead . . .



ENDOWMENT FUND

In the coming months, our church will be looking at some significant expenditures due to weather damage, age and regular maintenance. These things can be costly and we are so fortunate to have many endowments that help us keep these needs under control. We may be under the impression that the endowments are able to be used for everything.

Unfortunately, many of them are set up in a specific way that hinder us from being able to use them for things in general. This can be quite confusing to many. We are lucky to have a Stewardship and Finance Team that can accurately explain the exact points of how our endowments work. If you have questions about how the money we've inherited from many generous givers, please contact the Church Office and one of the members of the Team will be happy to discuss this with you.

When you look around at the many fine qualities of our big, beautiful building and then remember the many who have passed through it, please also remember, we are a mere four years away from our 200th anniversary. How proud we can be that this building and its occupants have stood the test of time and have **always** managed to pick ourselves up and carry on.



Anyone can leave a legacy to the church in their will whether it be an endowment, a monetary gift, or a memorial. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office and information will be sent to you.



Ice Cream Social

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024!! This will be a slight change in the date of our Coffee Hour for September, so please note the date! The congregation will enjoy a gathering for an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** immediately following the Worship Service! This will be a congregation-wide sponsor with sign up sheets in the Narthex.

We will need donations of:

Your favorite flavor of ice cream!

Sprinkles

Strawberry syrup

Carmel syrup

Nuts! (Please be mindful of those who may have allergies. . .)

Regular cones

Sugar cones

Waffle cones

Whatever you like on your ice cream!!

In anticipation of the Ice Cream Social to be held September 1, immediately following the Worship Service, Pastor Greg has parted with this easy, yummy recipe for **HOT FUDGE!!**



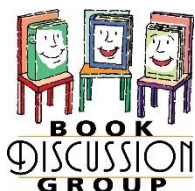
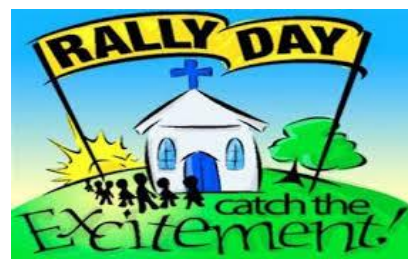
Hot Fudge

1 Cup	Milk (must be at least 2% and for best results half and half.)
1 Cup	Sugar
1/3 Cup	Cocoa (Hershey if you can)
2 Tab	Corn Starch
1/2 tsp	Salt
1/2 Tab	Real Butter
1 tsp	vanilla

Start by placing all of the dry ingredients in a sauce pan and mixing them together. Turn heat on medium to high and slowly stir in milk. Stir continuously making sure the it does not stick to the pan. When mixture is starting to boil, stir in 1/2 Tablespoon of real butter. Let mixture boil until it is sufficiently thick then add 1 tsp of vanilla. Remove from heat but continue to stir for a few minutes. Spoon generously over your favorite ice cream, and enjoy.

This recipe can easily be doubled or even tripled.

It's **RALLY DAY!!** September 8 will be our first Sunday to return to the fall schedule!! Lots of things in store for everyone!! Breakfast!! Meet the teachers!! **FIND A SUNDAY SCHOOL TO JOIN!** Each committee will have information as to what their position is within the church, you never know what you might learn!! More information will be coming soon!!



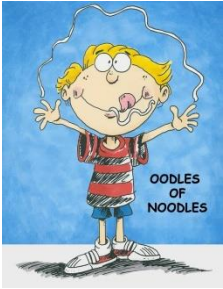
The weekly **Book Study** will resume September 3, 11:30am.



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

September 16, 2024

Amy McIntyre Lois McKenzie
Carla Murdock Pat Ortlie



Beginning Tuesday, October 1, the **NOODLE MAKING** WILL COMMENSE! Our nice, neat, nifty Noodlers will use their noggins and begin the process of navigating the amount of noodles needed for the Election Day Lunch! No knuckleheads, ninnies, or numskulls in this group!!

If you would like to join in the no nonsense rolling, cutting and drying, please feel free to pull up a seat and let the fun begin! 5:00 to 7:00pm each Tuesday in October!



World Communion Sunday

Our Communion Sunday in the month of October will change from the second Sunday Oct. 13, to the first Sunday Oct. 6 as we celebrate **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!**

Please mark your calendars with this change!



This years PWA **Women's Retreat** is scheduled for Saturday, October 5.

For more information, please contact any member of the PWA.



The **Election Day Lunch** will be Tuesday, November 5!



LIGHTHOUSE TRIVIA!

With more than 115 lighthouses along the Great Lakes, Michigan boasts the most lighthouses of any U.S. state.

Adjacent to Fort Williams Park, the Portland Head Light is the most photographed lighthouse in America and the oldest in the State of Maine.

New Hampshire has only two lighthouses, both of which are located along the Atlantic coastline.

Ships must pay to pass a lighthouse. Light dues are the charges levied on ships for the maintenance of the lighthouses and other aids to navigation.

A lighthouse keeper's shift was 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! They could not call in sick and rarely took a day off. Keeps had to light the tower's lamp every night and make sure the lamp stayed lit until the sun rose the next day.

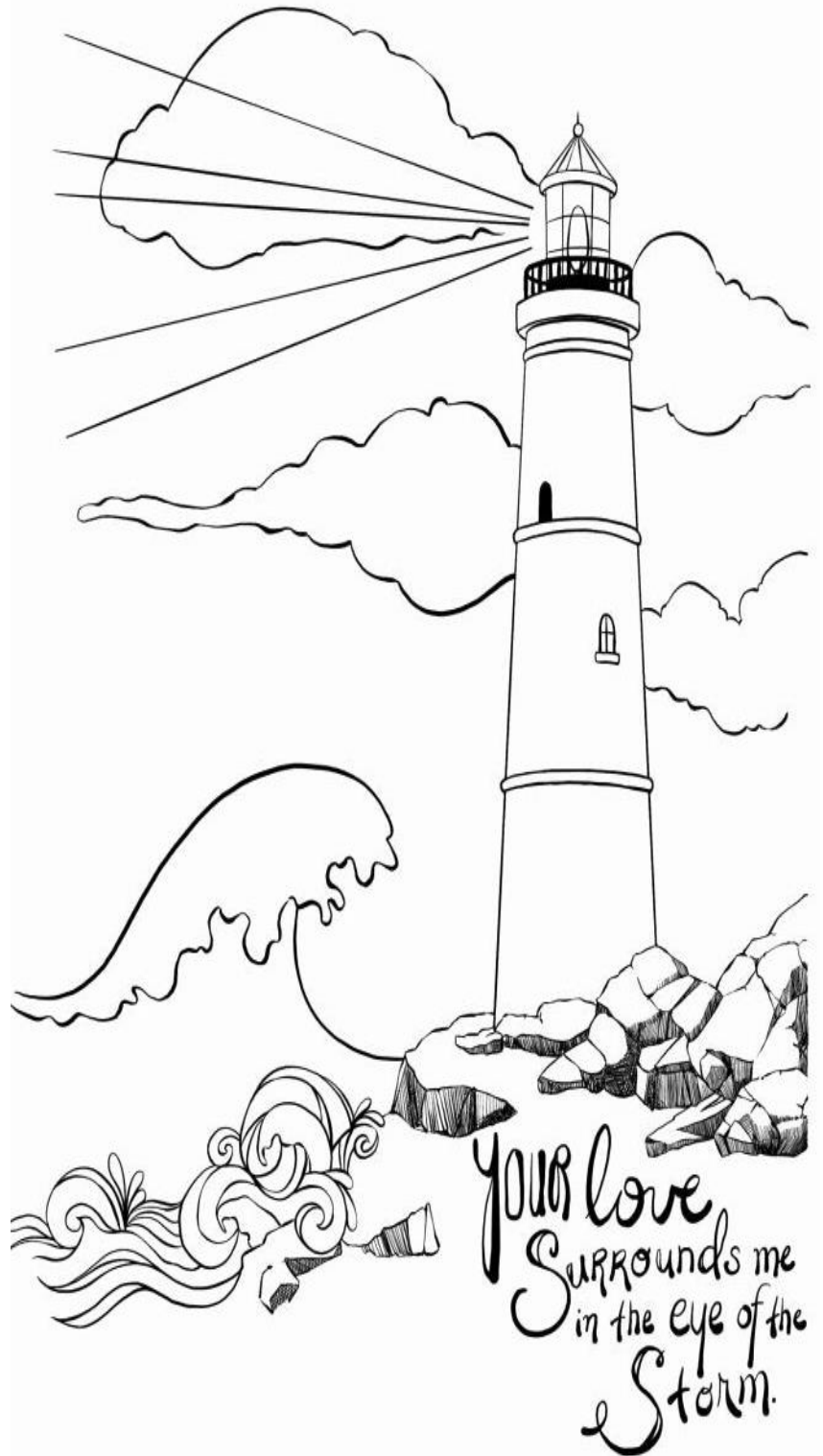
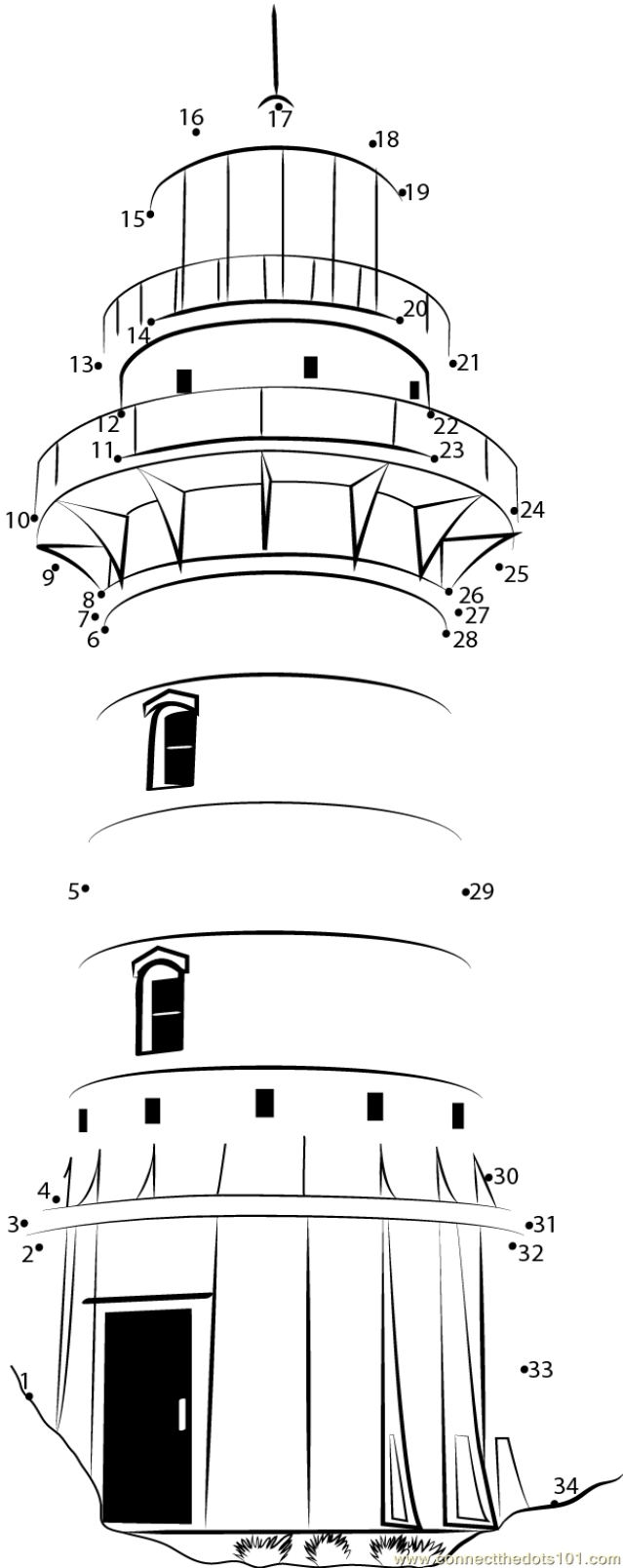
The last civilian keeper in the United States, Frank Schubert, passed away in 2003.

Hours spent handling and being exposed to mercury vapor during the maintenance of the heavy Fresnel lens caused health complications for keepers. Memory loss, mood swings, anxiety, delirium and confusion resulted in numerous cases of keepers going mad or succumbing to alcoholism.



Kids' Corner...

What color will your lighthouses be?





Each month, the Board of Deacons encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1stUPC family through your donation to our **2 Cents for Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their efforts to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 Cents (or more) for every compassionate thought or deed you have experienced in the past month and place it in the "2 Cents for Compassion" envelope included in the Sunday bulletin.

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

DINNER AT THE PRES! August 27th will be our next Dinner at the Pres! The Mission Committee would LOVE volunteers for this date! If you are available to help serve, please contact Vicky Shields! Our Daily Bread will continue to need our help with serving on certain days of each month. 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, bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the Sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall and you can contribute! A portion of your sale will support the 1stUPC Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

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

Using your Kroger Reward Card will 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) ID number is HD313, and listed as First (not 1st) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, through the graciousness of our 1stUPC shoppers, this fund contributes \$800 - \$1000 to support our youth mission trips.

