



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER
2011

124 North Chestnut Street Barnesville Ohio. 43713

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Picnic

Sat May 14 3PM

Membership Classes

Sun May 15 & 22 7PM

BAMA Baccalaureate

Thurs May 26 7PM

FCC New Life Center

Trip to the Wilds

Sun June 5 after church



WEEKLY EVENTS

- ❖ CHOIR REHEARSALS
Sundays 9:15AM and as announced
- ❖ CHILDREN'S CHURCH after
Children's Sermon
- ❖ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Sun 9:15AM
except 1st Sunday
- ❖ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mon 6:30PM
- ❖ ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Weds 11:00AM



FROM the PASTOR'S DESK:

I greet all of you in the name of our risen Lord in this season when we experience new life in nature! As our major three-year renovation nears completion, we can celebrate the strengthening of our building and also the strengthening of our life and mission as a congregation. Younger families are coming together to help themselves and their children grow as Christians. Young adults are coming forward to join our Deacons and take leadership roles in youth and congregational ministry. Spouses are attending more regularly. New traditions and activities

provide more opportunities to come together as a church and reach out to the community. The more we get together in ways other than Sunday morning the stronger our church will be. Sometimes new people can get to know us that way and then join us for weekly worship. Let's all pray that God will guide and give strength to us all as He blesses our building and renews our congregation.

Your pastor,
Andrew H. Woods

MUSIC at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Music is a central part of our church services. Organ, choir, children's ensemble and community musicians each contribute to the spiritual vitality of our worship.

The Presbyterian Choir has always been characterized by professional long term dedication. Margery Watson, Sue and Chuck Phifer and others have contributed decades to our choir. Aggie Timmons and Bill Davies are particularly honored for over 50 years of service each. All the stops, bells, whistles and meditative textures of Barnesville's only true pipe organ are brought to life by our church organist, Bob Boswell. Children have joined our music presentations with pageantry songs and chimes.

Community musicians and families from our congregation often contribute special music. Todd and Kim Wise bring original and heartfelt traditional music to our services. Along with the Celtic tunes from Bill Cullingford, Ela Robertson

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Celtic crosses adorn churches and graveyards through out the British Isles. The cross pattern in the center of the page was rendered in color by Asha Souri at our Church Heritage celebration.



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MOTHERS' DAY PROFILE: Iva Wise



Iva with future PWA member

The archetype of the wise, older woman is one respected around the world though perhaps less so in our own culture. Iva Wise embodies what this image means to us. Iva is a natural purveyor of the wisdom of a smile, a hug, and of words of appreciation. She has skillfully organized others' time and talents towards missions, fellowship and fundraising. She witnesses her love of God through leading a prayer at meetings and through her regular presence in our church. With Sue

Hanlon she also volunteers regularly to help put out our bulletins and shut-in mailings. Have a conversation with Iva and you are sure to hear the words "I love" more than once: " I love your music, I love to bake bread, I love being a mother, I love this church." She has served as Elder, Deacon and as Co-chairman of the Presbyterian Women's Association. Iva Wise is exemplary of the many women in our church whose willingness, wisdom and warmth help keep the spark alive within this red stone building and our church community .



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At the highlight of our Presbyterian Women's Association meetings last year, women from the United Methodist Church joined us for a heart-wrenching program on the "Free Wheelchair Mission." This is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing inexpensive wheel chairs, free of cost to those in need. The chair is specially developed for use in rugged terrain. They start with a resin lawn chair and custom steel frame and mountain bike wheels. Jane Hall was our presenter and explained that there are thousands of people in third world countries in need of wheel chairs.

If you are interested in donating money for this project contact Jane. We are trying to keep our P.W.A. alive and serving our church and community. We welcome your interest , prayers and attendance.



Co-chairmen

Iva Wise, Jeanne Hines.

DEACONS' NEWS

Positive feedback on the recent Celtic / Church heritage celebration suggests it could become an annual fundraising event! With March half-way across the calendar from Pumpkin Festival the timing is perfect. Trustees and Session will consider if we want to plan ahead for this for next year. If you missed the event you may ask



Emery or the office to email you his video clips.

The Deacons welcome two new members to our Board. Bryana Bahmer and Lane Hanlon. As our Children's Church leader, Bryana was already busy organizing activities that would enliven our congregation and invite new families to participate. The

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News Links
www.barnesville-enterprise.com
www.timesleaderonline.com
www.uovpresby.org
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OUR CHURCH IN THE NEWS

While our newsletter has been on hold many articles and ads have been submitted to and elicited by the Enterprise, the Times Leader, and the Connector. Our church and church community members have been featured prominently. Look for us in your Library news archives or at the links noted at left.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABIES & BAPTISMS

Liv Delanee McCrate

born July 30, 2010, 6 lbs 14 oz
Parents: Sean & Alisa McCrate,
Grandparents:
Dennis & Marie McCrate
Hughey & Vickie Stephens.

GRADUATIONS

Megan Velas

Barnesville High School



WEDDINGS

2011

*Alexander Neal
& Jada Helms*

*Anna Claugus
& Nicholas Romero*

*Sammi McClelland
& Adam Messenger*



IN MEMORIAM

2010

*John H. Campbell
Bob Morris*

Jean Woodward

Mariyn Pierce

Lodge Hanlon

Susanna McClure Smallcombe

2011

Eileen Dosson

Leatrice Davies

Averil Lynn

GIVING: Presbytery Per Capita and World Mission

This year our congregation is responsible to pay \$26 per capita for each active member. Most of the money goes to support the basic operations of our own Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery. Smaller portions are used by Synod and General assembly. You may make a special per capita payment or include it in your general giving.

Mission giving is separate. Methodists are assessed funds to support mission. Our giving is voluntary. In our Presbytery \$33 per active member will make the mission we plan possible.

Rev. Andrew H. Woods

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and Marilyn Delman, they were central to our recent Celtic/Church Heritage celebration. Dr. Souri surprised us with a Beatles medley on the piano at the same event. We always welcome the lush, jazzy renditions of spiritual music and Christmas carols from his children Ranjit and Rashmee. Rashmee accompanied her daughter, 9th grader cellist, Prija Souri-Garczyk, for our Easter Service this year. Last year's service included a song by Ellen Robb and her grandchildren. Composer, Clyde Tipton's arrangements and ensembles have been a welcome holiday feature for the past three years. Students and staff of Olney Friends School have also been featured. 'The 'Christmas rush rap' by Olney's music teacher, Jerry King, was a hit.

Familiar hymns and anthems sung in church or rung by our carillon remind us of the message of Christ's love while original compositions and instrumental music inspire us in new ways and touch a depth of emotion and communion with God.

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Deacons support her in these efforts.

Lane, as far as we know, is the first high school student in First Pres history to serve on the Deacons Board and she has taken on role of Secretary as well! This is indicative not only of her involvement in the church but of the schools' commitment to community partnerships.

BECOME A MEMBER of First Presbyterian Church

All who are not yet members are welcome to come to membership classes on Sunday evenings, May 15 and May 22 at 7PM.

See or call Pastor Woods for details.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who respond to God's call to serve our church and mission. In a myriad ways, you make us what we are.

**Your Newsletter and
Bulletins**
Please submit announcements,
items of interest and articles to
presbyterians@spcglobal.net
or drop them off at the office for
inclusion in our bulletins or
newsletter.

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OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our fledgling new website is up and ready to access.

Based on research of other Presbyterian websites and on suggestions from our Publications Committee the Session voted at their April Meeting to adopt firstpresbybarnesville.org

as the link for our new web site. You will be able to access our newsletters and we will gradually be adding features and text to the site. Please submit your news and suggestions. Bill Cullingford of middleforkmaestro.com will serve as our webmaster.

Other Presbyterian sites of interest:

www.pcusa.org/peacemaking

www.pcusa.org/hunger

www.pcusa.org/webelieve

editor Ela J. Robertson

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP !!

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

SATURDAY MAY 14, 3PM

Sit back and chat or join in the games

Bounce-house, swing-set etc. for kids. Corn hole, bingo, relays.

Bring a covered dish, dessert or other item. Deacons will provide grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages.

At the Home of Melvin and Bryana Bahmer 57290 Wright Rd.

Turn R off 800 S at Burkhardt's; after 3.1 mi Turn L at party signs.

TRIP TO THE WILDS

SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2011

A one of a kind JUNGLE EXPERIENCE!

Light lunch at church followed by transportation to the park. Reduced admission fee for all.

Call office to offer or request rides.

DON'T MISS IT!