

WEEKLY NEWS

The First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney – Worship Leader

Lectors

9:00 – Harriet Speece

11:00 – Sandy DeMeza

The Scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent are:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-12

Sermon: "When Drudgery Becomes Joy"

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship.

May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are presented by the Godec family, in celebration of their family baptisms and in memory of Jane Knapp.

IN OUR PRAYERS – Asia & Sharifa, Harland Baker and family, Benjamin Bruno and family, the Bell family, Bob & Suzanne, Phillip Chinchar, Cornelia, Rowena Duncan, Alexis Evans, Paul Fishel, Jr., Franklin Germano, Loli Hanna, Jaime, Stephen Kelso, the Krava family, Lauren, Mark, Russ Mock, Dennis McAvoy, Wade & Carol Mitchell family, Dianna and Renee Moyer, Prudence Murphy, Elsie Plautz, Amos Orndorff, Regina, Rachelle Robbins, Clark Scheurman, the Kent & Judy Smith family, Nancy Stack, Ron Teetor, Susan Turben, Vicki Vidoni, Ed Wagner, Jack & Linda Way, Ashley Williamson, for peace in the world, and for all those affected by COVID and other illnesses in this season.

PRAYER CHAIN – Prayer truly changes things! Please share with us your prayer requests – of concern or joy. Just send them to the church office at office@fpcwilloughby.org and indicate whether the request is for sending out on the prayer chain, just listing in the bulletin, or both.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Sending cards to our homebound friends would perhaps brighten their days. Please consider dropping a note in the mail or giving them a call. Printed directories are available in the entry hall of the church. If you need addresses or phone numbers, please contact Gail in the church office.



AGING GRACEFULLY – plan to attend an important talk, ***Aging Gracefully: Independence, Assistance, & Informed Choices***, on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm at the St. Noel Banquet Center, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills. Gigi Harrison, Community Outreach Coordinator from Governor’s Village in Mayfield, will address the many factors involved in deciding to remain in one’s home versus other alternatives, clarify terminology, and answer your questions. Information is power! Plan to attend!! RSVP to acamino@stnoel.org.



Food Collection

Please donate to our food ministry! Next time you're at the store, pick up a few items to share and drop them in the grocery cart at the church entrance on **Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week, or on Sundays** when you come to Worship. Your kind donations enable us to feed the hungry and help those in need in our community through our **Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.**

Requested food donations for this month are:
**healthy cereals, healthy soups, applesauce,
canned fruit, paper products.**

SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Thank you so much for your consistent giving.
Your dedication is so very much appreciated!
To give, you may:

- place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the Sanctuary
- send your gifts by mail
- bring your gifts by the church (place in the big black mailbox outside)
- set up automatic payment through your bank
- or give online using the QR Code here, or through our **PayPal** button at www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving





WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly (Book of Order, G-3.0106), and by many synods and presbyteries, to enable Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through the Presbyterian Church (USA).

2023 Per Capita Apportionment - \$36.50 per member

The total Per Capita amount due for each congregation is based on the congregational membership at the end of the previous year.

The membership at First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby at the end of 2021 was 165.

$$165 \times \$36.50 = \$6,022.50$$

As of March 12, we have received \$2,089.00 of the needed \$6,022.50 from our membership.

Please help us offset this payment

that our church pays to the General Assembly, and place your Per Capita Apportionment per confirmed member in the offering box today, pay online through our *PayPal* link at www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving or mail it to the church. Thank you.



Christian Education News

The **Adult Sunday School** class is using Kate Bowler's Lenten series, "*Bless the Lent We Actually Have*," 40 days to read, reflect, and bless our imperfect lives. We will also look at some of the significant days and holidays in Christian and Jewish religions that occur around Lent and Easter. Along with studying the history and significance of the religious days, we are also learning there can be differences between various Christian churches in the significance and timing of each holiday.

The Adult Class will return to studying, Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation by Kristin Kobes DuMez, after Easter. We are finding this history book and the topic of Christian Nationalism to be very interesting. All are welcome to the class. We meet at 7 pm via *Zoom* on Sunday evenings. Class will be cancelled on Easter.

Pastor Shane continues to teach his **Bible Study** class on Tuesday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm. It is a hybrid class (*Zoom* or in person). Pastor Shane also teaches a Bible Study at Ohio Living/Breckenridge at 1:00 pm on Tuesdays. He will teach this class until 3/21 and then take a few weeks off for Easter. After the Easter break, the Bible study will continue through May. No class over the summer.

New!!!! Stay Tuned!

We have been working on plans for a **Youth Group**. They had their first meeting on March 12th. Closer to Easter we will add a mission activity by having the Youth Group get together so they can help us prepare for an Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of fun!

On Easter, we will have an **Easter Potluck Breakfast** between the services and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our young children. There will soon be a sign-up sheet for the breakfast.

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers:

The Childcare staff will continue to wear masks throughout the winter for the safety of the children (and possibly staff!) while there is a higher incidence of colds and viruses.



Fellowship Opportunities

Keep your schedules open for the upcoming events!



- ❖ **Yarn Connection:** Ongoing event held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 10 am-12 pm. Open to knitters and crocheters to work on their current projects, charity projects, or teach/learn how to knit or crochet. If you are cleaning out your home or others', remember this group is willing to take yarn, tools (knitting needles, crochet hooks, etc.) and other supplies as long as they are clean and in good condition. Old is fine.
- ❖ **A Walk in the Park:** Saturday, March 25th at 10 am – at Penitentiary Glen. Saturday, March 25th at 10 AM- Penitentiary Glen Park. This walk will be led by Gloria Lane. Bill Henrich plans to bring snacks, water and hot chocolate for the March walk and start a fire for warmth. Our group had a great walk on Jan 21st at Chapin Forest.
- ❖ We had a lot of fun at our **Pizza and Game Night** on 2/24 and we want to repeat variations of this throughout the year. Sometimes games brought from home, maybe another time, we will play bingo. It was nice to be together.
- ❖ More plans are in the works for the year. We want to include another **Captains Game** this year. We had such a good turnout last year. Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering** will be held at Rocky River Presbyterian Church on Saturday, **April 29**. Please check the PW-PWR Facebook page for more information, or email Gladys Kershaw at gmkershaw@aol.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sun, Mar 19	9 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:10 am	Deacons Meeting - Parlor
	11 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7 pm	Adult Christian Education via Zoom
Mon, Mar 20	12 pm	One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
	4:00 pm	Free-Food Distribution
	7:30 pm	Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
Tues, Mar 21	1:00 pm	Bible Study at Breckenridge North
	2:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting – Room 1
	7:00 pm	Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting - WPG
	7:00 pm	Bible Study at the church or on Zoom
Wed, Mar 22	1:00 pm	Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
	6:30 pm	Families Anonymous Meeting – Room 1
	7:30 pm	Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
Thu, Mar 23	2:30 pm	Policies & Procedures Cmte Mtg – Room 1
	3:30 pm	Personnel Cmte Mtg – Room 1
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Room 1
Sat, Mar 25	1:00 pm	Shankland Saturday AA Meeting – WPG
Sun, Mar 26	9 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	11 am	Traditional Worship Service
	7 pm	Adult Christian Education via Zoom

Church Office Hours M-F 9-5

Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays.

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