

HUMBLE YOURSELVES



WEEKLY NEWS

The First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby
Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023

Worship Leader

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney

Lectors

9:00 - Harriet Speece

11:00 - Betty Falkner-Brown

*The Scripture readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter are:
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 and John 17:1-11*

Sermon: "The Five Habits of Highly Spiritual Leaders"

WELCOME!

*Welcome to Worship, Christian Education, and Fellowship. May God bless and
strengthen you here today!*

IN OUR PRAYERS – We pray for all our members and friends in need of prayer for concerns of any kind. Names are not included here for privacy on the internet. We also pray for peace in the world, and for all those affected by COVID and other illnesses.

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 the church office.



SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Fifth & Sixth Sundays of Easter – May 7 & 14

Offerings: \$5,549.00

Online giving: \$1,265.00

Attendance: 158 in person; 81 online

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



Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.



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

Requested food donations for this month are:

canned fruit and vegetables, jelly, paper towels, canned tuna and chicken, chicken or tuna helper

Fellowship Opportunities

Keep your schedules open for the upcoming events!

NEW EVENT!

Join us today for a light lunch and our first church **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** event!

We will have this event **after the second service from 12-2 pm**. You will have the opportunity to exchange a crazy white elephant gift from your home when you win **BINGO**.

Yarn Connection: Ongoing opportunity 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 if it is clean and in good condition. Old is fine.



Christian Education News



The Adult Sunday School Class has resumed studying, *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes DuMez. 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.

Pastor Shane continues his Tuesday **Bible Study** class this week. Classes meet at Ohio Living/Breckenridge Village North at 1:00 pm, and again at the church at 7:00 pm. The evening class is a hybrid class (*Zoom* or in person). The theme of study for the next six weeks will be *Children's Bible Stories*. There will be no Bible study over the summer.

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

Youth Group has many great ideas . . . watch for future developments.

FPCW JOB OPENING

Christian Education Coordinator

Interested (or know someone who may be)?

Check out details on the church website www.fpcwilloughby.org

Musings from the Mission Committee:

Are you changing out clothes for the new season? Have you found some that you can no longer use that are still in good condition? **Hope Delivered** can use them. They (a group formed from Lake County churches) are planning a big event on **August 26th**. They will be distributing food, clothing (new and gently used) and new shoes at the Lake County Fairgrounds. There will also be medical and dental screening as well as free haircuts and a prayer tent at the event. They are looking for donations of clothes and shoes which can be dropped off at *Bleil's Secret Garden*, 8612 Mentor Ave., just east of Rt. 615. Volunteer opportunities are also available. Check out their website: www.hope-delivered.com

Also, as you're doing spring cleaning, **Habitat for Humanity Re-Store** at 34225 Vine St. in Eastlake, can use donations of furniture (not beds), appliances, housewares, and knick-knacks. They will pick up large items. 440-226-3212

Finally, we are looking ahead to June and a walk at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The **Hunger Walk** will be held on **Saturday, June 3**. Our team has been registered as "First Presbyterian of Willoughby." It is always a fun day at the zoo while also helping those who are hungry in Greater Cleveland. Registration is a minimum of \$10 which covers all-day entry to the zoo. An additional \$25 is necessary to receive a t-shirt. If you would like to register to walk or to donate via the internet, contact Beth Hutton at bethhutton@netzero.net and she will send you a link. Checks can also be made out to the church. Write "Hunger Walk" on the memo line.

Picnic for the Pavilion



June 10th
from 4 to 6 pm

- *Games for the family by YMCA*
- *Police K9 Demonstration*
- *Fire Truck Display*
- *Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drinks Provided*

May Lectionary

May 7	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
May 21	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23

THESE ARE YOUR 2023 DEACONS!

Last names . . .	Deacon	
A – Bla	Beth Hutton	440-823-0816
Bla – Cos	Sherri Beach	440-257-1436
Coz – Hil	Arleen Evans	440-463-2892
F – Han	Marilyn Dolence	440-951-5650
Hen – Kel	Vanessa Plautz	440-251-9904
Kel – Lig	Barb Evans	440-534-1764
Lou – Moo	Sandy DeMeza	440-667-4923
Mor - Pla	Denise Ralph	440-537-3714
Pla – Ros	Alyssa Davis	440-223-3793
Rot – Smi	Beth Hutton	440-823-0816
Smi – Tur	Mary Sanders	440-382-6332
Tur – Z	Della Mae Patrick	440-942-9220

2023 SESSION ELDERS & COMMITTEES

Al Skrabski – Clerk of Session

Jeff Oviatt – Stewardship & Finance

Fred Beach – Building & Grounds

Suzan Plautz – Worship, P&P

Gary Costas – Nominating

*Dale Ralph – Building & Grounds,
Personnel, P&P*

Paul Fishel – Stewardship & Finance

Joe Sanders - Mission

Julia Herlevi – Personnel, P&P

Keith Scheurman – Fellowship & CE

Bruce Hutton – Mission, Membership

Cindy Skrabski – Fellowship & CE

Diane Jameson – Worship, Personnel

Kristy Somerlot – Membership, Nom

Nate Janoso – Personnel

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

- Sun, May 21**
 9 am Contemporary Worship Service
 10 am Coffee Fellowship
 11 am Traditional Worship Service
 12-2 pm White Elephant Bingo & luncheon - WPG
 7 pm Adult Christian Education via Zoom
- Mon, May 22**
 12 pm One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
 4:00 pm Free-Food Distribution
 6:30 pm Fellowship & CE Meeting
 7:30 pm Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
- Tues, May 23**
 1:00 pm Bible Study @ Breckenridge Village North
 6:30 pm Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting – WPG
 7:00 pm Bible Study – Parlor and via Zoom
- Wed, May 24**
 1:00 pm Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts - upstairs
 6:30 pm Families Anonymous Meeting – Room 1
 7:00 pm Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
- Thu, May 25**
 5:15 pm Agape Feast!
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Final)
 7:30 pm Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Room 1
- Sat, May 27**
 1:00 pm Shankland Saturday AA Meeting – WPG
- Sun, May 28**
 Pentecost Sunday! (Wear Red!)
 9 am Contemporary Worship Service
 10 am Coffee Fellowship
 11 am Traditional Worship Service
 7 pm Adult Christian Education via Zoom

Church Office Hours M-TH 9-5 and FRI 9-1

Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays.

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Gail Schemm: finance@fpcwilloughby.org & 440-897-8109

PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW EMAIL DESIGNATIONS AND CHURCH HOURS!



Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost. It will be the last Sunday the choir will sing until September. I am so grateful to the members of the Chancel Choir for their hard work and dedication this past season. We have had as many as eleven singers on some days, and as few as six on other days (due to vacations, family commitments and other reasons). If you found the music they provided to be comforting, inspiring or helpful to your worship experience, please tell them. If you have NOT found it to enhance your worship experience, then please tell ME.

The work on our pipe organ will continue this summer. The organ will be silent for 6 – 8 weeks while the team from the Leek Pipe Organ Company removes and repairs some of the bellows, as well as the reed pipes in the Great division. Those pipes and bellows will be taken to their shop in Berea for repairs. Starting on the first Sunday of June, all music at the 11:00 Traditional worship service will be accompanied by our beautiful Brodmann piano.

Additionally, because four or five ranks (up to 300 pipes) in the Great division are not in need of repair, some those pipes will be removed and stored in one of our classrooms. I have volunteered to clean those pipes (blowing out the dust from inside, and wiping them down on the outside). They will be reinstalled when the bellows and reed pipes are returned to the organ chamber.

As this project continues, I will provide updates to the congregation. Thank you, one and all, for your support of this project. Our pipe organ is a treasure, and a joy to play. The work being done will keep the organ playing for worship services for many years to come.

Gratefully yours,

Don Brickman,
Organist and Choir Director

