

The First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby

15th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Shane Nanney – Pastor

Bob Gockel – Lector

Bruce Hutton - Lector

The Scripture readings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost are:

James 1:17-27 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

Welcome to worship!

God has gathered us here out of all different circumstances.

Whether you carry joy or heaviness in your heart,

I encourage you to lay it at the feet of Jesus.

Give your whole self to God in worship. Welcome.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Annie, Arleen, Beulah, Bob, Dena, Ernie, Evelyn, Fred, Linda, Jan, Jessica, John, Joyce, Kelly S., Ken Peck, Lauren, Mark, Michelle, Natalie, Nicholas, Paul, Paula, Ralph, Terry, Brian and Alice, Tracy, Sean, Stephanie, Travis, Elsie, Nancy, the Rahmani family, the Emry family, the Orndorff family and the Nanney family. We continue to pray for peace in the world.



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN CARE CENTERS AND HOMEBOUND

Anna Maria of Aurora

BV Fairmount

BV Nason Center

Homebound

Betty Boyce

Dorothy Hess

Barbara Randall

Christa Oksiloff

Rose Marie Smith

Ruth McCauley

Ruth Hanawalt

Keith and Donna Scheurman

Ralph and Jeanette Bell

FLOWER DEDICATION – You may honor a loved one or show your love for our God and your blessings by investing in the flowers that go on the front communion table. To order the flowers and write the dedication, contact Suzan Plautz 440-749-2044.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

We send our heartfelt condolences to Vanessa Plautz and her family after the loss of her nephew, Travis Troglin this past week. He was only 33 years old. We pray that you feel the presence of Christ's peace upon his entry into heaven.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

At this point we are desperately in need of volunteer adults/teens who are willing to help for the next several weeks until we can find some reliable individuals to care for the youngest children. If able to help, please contact the office at 440-946-0070 x1 or email office@fpcwilloughby.org. There are two sign- up sheets in the narthex as well.



SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS – August 25

Attendance – 68 in person and 30 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.
- Give online using the QR Code here, or through our *PayPal* button www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving



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CLOSET FOR THOSE WHO NEED MEDICAL SUPPORT ITEMS:

Thanks to the generosity of church members and friends, the Deacons have accumulated several walkers and wheelchairs for our loan closet. If you or someone you know needs either, please contact Beth Hutton. She will arrange a short-term or long-term loan.

CHURCH CALENDAR

We are blessed to have many committees meet along with AA meetings, volunteer projects and the space to spread out! Periodically the schedule has to be examined and adjusted if something happens that is out of the ordinary. *Please ask Laura whether a date and time slot or a room is available before committing to a gathering.* For example, the Parlor is needed on September 12 making it necessary to move Session to Room 1. Yes, Session will be meeting in Room 1 on September 11. Don't worry, you will get another reminder.

What's new?

Catch up with church events and the photos of you and your loved ones making God's love real.



Rally Day Picnic – This year the kickoff to the school year will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8 with a picnic complete with hamburger, hotdogs, potato and macaroni salad, watermelon and an ice cream bar! Stick around for the chance to win any of the large number of great door prizes. **There will be one service at 10:00 am.** Denny Carleton will lead worship that Sunday.

Door Prize Drawing at Rally Day Picnic

The picnic will be at 11:00 am and the drawings along with the ice cream bar will begin after the drawings. We have some great prizes to choose from in Chinese Auction fashion. Included are:



Panera gift certificate Subway gift card Dunkin gift card
Museum Natural History Holden Arboretum Olive Garden card
Crockpot

Prizes continue to come in so plan to stay. Each church member will receive 6 free tickets. If you'd like to purchase 5 more for \$ 5 that's an option. All proceeds go to fund the Food Ministries.

The Free-Food closet is refilling thanks to all of you! Items can always be deposited in the grocery cart at the church entrance on Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week, or any Sundays when you come to worship. Requested food donations for September are **canned fruit and vegetables, jelly (our friends like exotic flavors) peanut butter and healthy cereals.**

Closing of Panera – With the closing of Willoughby's Panera, our Free-Food Ministry is left without the contribution of bread products which came from the Willoughby store every other week. Do you know any grocery managers/restaurant managers who may be willing to help us fill this void. Please let Laura know by calling 946-0070 x1 or by emailing Laura@FPCWilloughby.org.



Dougbe River School Gala-This year's fundraiser for the Presbyterian school will be held on Sunday evening, September 15. The dinner begins at 5:00 pm and the live auction begins at 7:00 pm. It's an enjoyable evening out and this year a West African drum circle will perform enhancing the experience. Our

church always pays half of the fee for the ticket, so a \$ 70 ticket is available for \$ 35 for dinner and entertainment. If you enjoy silent auctions, stay after dinner. If you'd like to attend, contact Cyndi or Jeff Oviatt (440-487-9396) and let them know you wish to be part of a table that is paid for by the church. Payment can be made by check made out to First Presbyterian Church-Willoughby.

If you cannot attend, please consider providing a gift for the auction or the wine pull. *A sign-up sheet is in the hallway outside the WPG room.* Look up their website at <https://drpsl.org/2024-gala->

Choir practice resumes

Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, **September 5**. The choir gathers every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We are always ready to welcome new members. If you like to sing, come and join us. Any questions, please see Don Brickman before or after the 11:00 traditional worship service.

Save the dates

*Choir practice resumes on **Thursday, September 5.***

Men's Breakfast returns on **September 7** at First Watch Willoughby.

Rally Day will be **Sunday, September 8**. Rally Day Picnic is the theme.

Children and Adult Sunday School begins **Sunday, September 15**

Dougbe River School Fundraising Gala is on **Sunday, September 15**



PIPE ORGAN UPDATE – August 25

The Pipe Organ Renovation and Repair project is nearing completion. Many thanks to the following people for their generous financial support of our project. (List updated 7/31/2024)

Barbara Baus

Paul Fishel

Stephen Plautz

Scott Blatnik

Nick Godec Jr.

Michael Quinn

Don Brickman

Lynn Hawkins

Ken Reeves

Beth Falkner
Brown

Randy & Diane
Jameson

Jim & Gail Robbins

Carol Roth

John Collins

Robin Johnson

Mary Sanders

Gary and Sarah
Costas

Cliff and Katie
Masch

Al & Cindy Skrabski

Judy Smith

Sandy DeMeza

Peggy Ocepek

Kristy Somerlot

Marilyn Dolence

Allen & Suzan
Plautz

Jack Turben

This stage of the project has been labor-intensive. Each organ stop has a color-coded wire for each pipe in the rank. Every wire has now been identified and labelled – a project that was time consuming but will make future repairs much faster and more efficient.

If you have not had the opportunity to support this project, please consider sending in a donation/pledge in the next few weeks. While over \$50,000 has already been raised, we are still hoping to raise additional money to lessen the amount taken from church funds. Thank you so much to those of you who have been so supportive. Because of you, the pipe organ will continue to help us raise our voices in joyful song to the Lord.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

- Sun, Sept 1** **Communion Sunday and first service food collection**
9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
11:00 am Traditional Worship
- Mon, Sept 2** **Labor Day – Office Closed**
12:00 pm One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
4:00 pm Free-Food Distribution – WPG
7:30 pm Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
- Tue, Sept 3** 8:00 pm Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting – WPG
- Wed, Sept 4** 1:00 pm Lake County Women AA Meeting
6:30 pm Families Anonymous – Room 1
7:30 pm Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
- Thu, Sept 5** **10:00 am Yarn Connection**
7:00 pm Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg –WPG
- Sat, Sept 7** 1:00 pm Shankland Saturday – WPG
- Sun, Sept 8** **Rally Day Picnic!**
10:00 am Contemporary Worship
11:00 am Picnic lunch
12:00 pm Door prize drawing followed by ice cream bar

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**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00,
Friday 9:00-12:00.**