

# First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

## WEEKLY NEWS

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

### October 10, 2021

#### Worship Leaders

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney – Pastor

Lectors: 9:00 – Harriet Speece; 11:00 – Shanti Blatnik

#### WELCOME

*“Seek the Lord and live,” declares the prophet Amos (5:6). So, we gather now to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life. Welcome!*

#### **SUNDAY – October 10 – 9 and 11 am**

**The Scripture readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost are:**

**Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:17-31**

**Sermon: “Do We See the Opportunities When Challenged?”**

#### **The Flower Chart is blank for the next several weeks!**

*If you'd like to dedicate a gift of flowers for Worship on a Sunday, please fill in the chart located in the East entryway of the church or contact the church office or Suzan Plautz at 440-749-2044 or [suzanpc@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanpc@yahoo.com).*

#### **To all Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church:**

**Please remember that everyone is asked to wear a mask inside the church building.**

**If you do not have one, masks will be available at the door.**

**Thank you for your cooperation, and your consideration of all.**

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby**

# Prayers & Praises

## Concerns

We pray for all of our members and friends in need of prayer for concerns of any kind. Names are not included here for privacy on the internet.

Please send an email to the church office if you have concerns you would like to have included in our prayers.

## Celebrations

Please remember to share your joys and celebrations in your family.  
We can ALL celebrate with you!!!

***PLEASE TELL US of any illnesses, hospitalizations, surgeries,  
or prayer requests for concern or joy.  
Hospitals and nursing homes cannot tell us anything about patients.***

**PRAYER CHAIN** – If you have **prayer requests** – of concern or joy – and would like to share them with your church family, **please send them to the church office at [office@fpcwilloughby.org](mailto:office@fpcwilloughby.org)** and indicate whether the request is for sending out on the prayer chain, listing in the bulletin, or both.

Remember, sending cards to our homebound 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.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

**Sunday, Oct 10 – 9 and 11 am - Worship Services**

**Sunday, Oct 10 – 10:15 am – Deacons Meeting - WPG**

**Sunday, Oct 10 – 4-5:30 pm - Youth Group - Grades 6-12 - at the church**

**Sunday, Oct 10 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom**

**Monday, Oct 11 – 12 pm – One Step at a Time AA Meeting - WPG**

**Monday, Oct 11 – 4 pm - Free-Food Distribution**

**Monday, Oct 11 – 7:30 pm – Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG**

**Tuesday, Oct 12 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study via Zoom – [shanenanney@gmail.com](mailto:shanenanney@gmail.com)**

**Wednesday, Oct 13 – 1 pm – Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG**

**Wednesday, Oct 13 – 7 pm – Session Meeting via Zoom**

**Wednesday, Oct 13 – 7:30 pm - Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG**

**Thursday, Oct 14 – 7:30 pm – Stepping Up Al-Anon Meeting – Parlor**

**Saturday, Oct 16 – 12:00 pm – Shankland Saturday AA Meeting - WPG**

**Sunday, Oct 17 – 9 and 11 am - Worship Services**

**Sunday, Oct 17 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom**

Today - we kick off the  
*Stewardship Effort for 2022*

With the theme . . .

**Challenges & Opportunities**

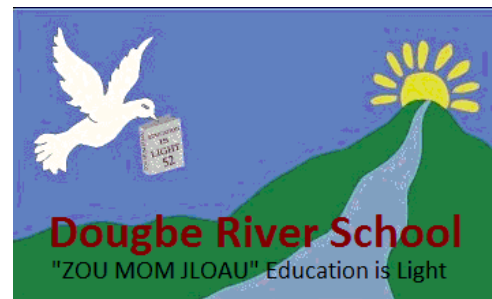
Our focus today is on the meaning of our

**WORSHIP**

and how that fits into the concept of  
stewardship.

Welcome!

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August 2021

Dear Friends,

The Dougbe River School is making a significant difference in the lives of families in rural Liberia by bringing education and light to the children of Grand Gedeh County. We currently have over 230 students enrolled in Pre-K through 9<sup>th</sup> grade, with a local staff of over 20 teachers, administrators and helpers, and significant support from the Liberian community we serve.

On Sunday, October 24, 2021 we will hold our annual Gala at the Banquet Center at St. Noel's, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH. All proceeds from this event will go to support the School staff and operations. **A key element of the Gala is our Silent Auction. Typically, over 200 people attend this event, and they are so grateful for the auction items provided by sponsoring individuals and businesses like you. Won't you help us make this year's Gala a success by donating an auction item?**

Thanks in advance for your generosity. Please feel free to give me a call or send me an email if you have any questions regarding our School or the Gala.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laurie Moormann'.

Laurie Moormann  
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*The Dougbe River School is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. All auction donors will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes following the Gala.*



## First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby Fall 2021 Christian Education

The following plans are in place, with adjustments to follow when necessary:

**Childcare for infants to age 4 is now available from 8:45 am to Noon Sunday mornings in the toddler room. Our long-time childcare provider, Cailey, has returned.**

Pre-K (age 4) to Grade 5 meet in Room #4 from 10-10:45am.

Leader is Deborah Nanney. *"Grace and Gratitude"* Bible stories.

Grades 6 to 12 meet in the upstairs classroom 10-10:45am. Leader is Lisa Hillegass. *"Think, Learn, and Grow"* discussions.

Sunday Adult Ed will meet at 7pm by Zoom. Current topic: *The Environment*

Tuesday night Bible Study meets at 7pm on Zoom. Current topic: *Parables*

**Youth Group for Grades 6 to 12 has its initial planning meeting this evening, beginning at 4:00 at the church!**

### Session Covid-19 Policy

- Masks are required for everyone inside the building. This includes singing (regardless of vaccination status)
- People who are speaking (during worship services) will not be required to wear a mask while speaking.
- Vaccinations and masks are required for childcare personnel.
- Vaccinations and masks are required for classes (persons teaching the classes will be vaccinated and wear a mask when in the church building).
- Unvaccinated persons shall maintain a 6-foot distance from other people, especially around children.
- No group meals will be allowed inside the building until further notice.
- The coffee hour will continue, but Bill Henrich and Rev. Nanney will decide on a week-to-week basis as to whether to continue further.
- Spray disinfectant in the Sanctuary between services will continue. This will also help with the flu and cold season and give members a sense of confidence that we are trying to eliminate surface transmissions of viruses.
- If and when we receive any mandate from governmental agencies or the Presbytery, we will comply.

## Signs of our Faithfulness

October 3, 2021

Attendance: 58 in person; 85 online

Thank you so much for your regular giving.  
Your dedication is so very much appreciated!

To give, you can:

Place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the sanctuary;  
send your gifts through the mail; bring your gifts by the church  
(place in big black mailbox outside);  
set up automatic payment through your bank;  
or give online through our PayPal button at [www.fpcwilloughby.org](http://www.fpcwilloughby.org)

**Please change your online giving from PushPay to PayPal today.**

## MISSION COMMITTEE FREE-FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Requested food donations for October are:

*Healthy cereals, canned fruit, canned pastas and stews, soap, bathroom tissue*

Items can be placed in the grocery cart at the church entrance  
on Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Your kind donations enable us to feed the hungry in our community through our  
Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.

## OCTOBER LECTIONARY

	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Sermon</u>
Oct 3	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	“What’s in a Name?”
Oct 10	Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	“Do We See the Opportunities When Challenged?”
Oct 17	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	“What Motivates Us to Do What We Do?”
Oct 24	Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	“Do We Have the Faith to Finish the Race?”





The Nominating Committee has been busy and meeting regularly to find new elders and deacons for this coming year. We are preparing a list of nominees, but we would like to hear from the congregation about anyone you would like to have nominated for these important church positions. You are welcome to nominate yourself, if you are interested!

Please pray for our committee as we work to identify the future leaders of our church. Also, we ask that you prayerfully consider any nominations, if asked to serve.

*Kristy Somerlot, Nominating Committee Elder*

*Gary Costas, Nominating Committee Elder*

*Beth Hutton, Jeff Oviatt, Cindy Skrabski*

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

*The church building is open!! M-F 9-5*

*The Office Manager & Financial Secretary (Gail Schemm) and the Fellowship & CE Director (Lisa Hillegass) are in the office and are available too by phone or email.*

*Please call or email if you need them for anything!*

*Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays. He is always available by phone or email as well.*

*Please call or email if you need him for anything!*

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