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Creator and Creature

God’s Word starts with the creation by God of all things out of nothing. Genesis chapters 1 and 2 present creation as the foundation of all scriptural truth. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are foundational to the entire New Testament. The New Testament writers refer to these chapters repeatedly, and Jesus Christ Himself referred to each of the first six chapters of Genesis. Nowhere does the Lord, or any of the New Testament writers, give the slightest hint that these foundational chapters of the first book of Moses are anything but straight, historical truth, to be understood in their historico-literal sense.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). This means, as the Nicene Creed affirms, that God is creator “of all things visible and invisible.” In Hebrew, the phrase “heavens and earth” is a *merism*, a phrase by which an entirety is referred to by naming some of its parts. In this case, “heavens and earth” means

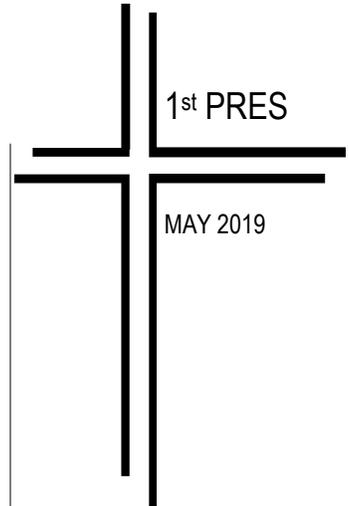
“absolutely everything.” In his *Literal Interpretation of Genesis*, Augustine of Hippo notes that when God brought material reality into existence, “then time began its flight.” That is, when God created material things, at the same time He created space and time as their context. He did so within the space of six days, and He brought the angels into being sometime during that first creative week as well. We must never read spatial and temporal limitations back onto God, for He is their Master, not their servant.

Before the creation week, there was nothing but God—no material realm, no space, no time. God alone inhabited eternity. The church fathers and Reformers taught that the name [Genesis 1:1](#) uses for God—the plural *Elohim*, rather than the singular *Eloha*, is a hint at the truth of the Trinity. Within Himself, the one God is triune in person from all eternity (as we clearly learn later in the Scriptures). He was not a lonely monad, but three-in-one. According to [Ephesians](#)

[3:14-15](#), human fatherhood is a reflection of the divine Fatherhood, so that in some sense the life of God is like that of a family: “Father of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named.” The doctrine of creation by Elohim is the basis of family structure and joy. By creating all things out of nothing (that is, without preexisting material), God shows that He alone is God. When Moses asked for His name at the burning bush, He replied, “I am who I am” ([Ex. 3:14](#)). These letters are the root of the Hebrew word for “to be.” God always exists; He has no origin; He depends on nothing outside Himself to be who He is, or to do what He does. Everything else depends on God; only God depends on nothing but Himself for His existence.

Throughout Scripture, certain qualities or attributes are ascribed to God and God alone, including eternity, infinity, omnipotence, and supreme intelligence (which attributes include an

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Mission Statement:

A growing community that makes a difference by reaching all people with Jesus’ love.

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all-encompassing plan that He alone is able to carry out). But at the very beginning of human history, Satan tempted our first parents to think that by disobeying God's clear command, they themselves could become gods and decide for themselves what is good and evil (Gen. 3). Fallen human beings ever since have sought to elevate themselves to the divine heights by denying both God's creative authority over them and His Word to them, in hopes of setting up their own independent program of good and evil.

This generally works by means of shifting the divine attributes to the created order, as Romans 1 graphically shows: "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever" (v. 25). We see how this works in the theory of evolution: eternity is taken from God and given to an always-existing material universe; omnipotence is ascribed to the impersonal cosmos, which somehow is able out of its own emerging powers to bring forth order out of disorder. While supreme intelligence is generally denied to the cosmic order, nonetheless, its functional replacement would perhaps be something like the inherent evolutionary drive to move from the simple to the complex. (The evolutionary drive and its accompaniments have never been proven by empirical science; they are a construct posited by those who would replace God with nature, with themselves, or with the state.)

There are many advantages to an intelligent grasp of the biblical doctrine of the Creator and of His creation. It shows that God alone is God, and that the Eternal One has an eternal and all-inclusive plan for everything that happens in His creation. It restores meaning and hope to life. It has the massive advantage of refusing to grant divine attributes to anything that is less than God, whether the material world, humanity, or, especially relevant these days, the would-be omniscient state or world order. Creation by God is always the basis of resistance to statist (or ecclesiastical) tyranny.

The biblical doctrine of creation also benefits us by showing that the God of order made a creation with orderly components, proper sequence, overall regularity, and intelligibility; these assumptions are the basis of all true science (as even non-Christian historians such as Alfred North Whitehead have argued). Genesis 1 and 2 also show us that God created all things "very good" (Gen. 1:31). This means that the material creation, including the human mind and body, are positive goods, not evils that we should seek to escape (as is taught in Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Age religions).

Evil came in, according to Genesis 3 and Romans 5, from the rebellious choices of moral beings, who were originally created innocent and good, but with the capacity to choose voluntarily to love God or to disobey Him. The bright angel who became Satan fell into sin by rebellious disobedience against his Creator, and in time successfully tempted Adam and Eve, our first parents, to follow him. Hence, evil comes not from material reality itself, but from moral persons who acted disobediently. Thus, the Christian need never hate his or her body, seek to flee the real world, or make a god of reality.

None of this was outside the eternal counsel of God, because even before the first sin occurred, Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). Therefore, we do not look to the mythical evolutionary process to improve our lot, or to take the world where it needs to go. We look to the eternal creator God in faith, through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for eternal pardon of our sin, for structure and meaning in our lives lived in a fallen creation, and for an eternity of bliss in "the new heavens and new earth" (2 Peter 3:13) that His return will consummate.

A God on whom we can rely; meaning and hope in life, and beyond; freedom from tyranny; a happy view of the body and of marriage; advance in true science and a plain reading of the Scriptures; the way to eternal pardon—all of these benefits flow from the doctrine of the Creator and His creation.

**First Presbyterian Church of Greenville Ohio
Minutes of the Session of
April 11th 2019**

I. Opening

A. Call meeting to order with reading of the Word and prayer

The April 2019 stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was called to order on April 11th 2019 at 7:00 PM at 114 E. 4th Street, Greenville Ohio, by Pastor Andrew Gilman

Andy Gilman opened the meeting with prayer.

Members Present: George Luce, Ginny Bertram, Bruce Stoltz, Peter Haviza, Ray Laughlin, Don Stevenson, Gary Riegle, Hendrik van der Walt, Pam Bowman, & Helen Miller.

Absent: Darrell Fryman

Excused:

Observers: Paige Ervin

- B. Approval of the docket** – It was **M/S/O** to approve the docket proposed by the Moderator
Bruce Stoltz motioned to approve the docket with two changes. This motion was seconded by Pam Bowman and passed by a vote of 10-0.

Emendations to the Docket [noted below]

1. Trust Committee updates and possible changes to formula for future withdrawals
2. Property Maintenance and prioritizing of future projects.

C. Communications

Property Committee Doc.

Membership Transfer Request (Woodland Pres Babbitt MN)

Mission Trip for Youth (planning packet from Paige)

Pastor's Report

Deacons Report

- D. Approval of minutes** – It was motioned by Don Stevenson to approve the minutes of the 3/14/19 Session meeting but to include an amendment to item #2 on that report changing **14 month transition period to 18 month transition period.** Ginny Bertram seconded this motion and it passed 10-0.

- II. Instruction** Again a roughly one hour period of time was set aside for session instruction related to the period of transition between two permanent pastors. Additionally during this time the twelve Motivational Models of the Church Survey was discussed and the desire to set up personal meetings between Pastor Gilman and members of the session in the next several weeks.

A. Review (the need for a mission statement or goal)

B. Assessment #2 Motivational Models of the Church (see attached document; complete the survey and mark your answers below)

Least True A:

Least True B:

Most True A:

Most True B:

C. Called to Serve Essay: Office Bearers and Church Government

i. Read and respond to the following statement in its context on Pg 176-177.

“Jesus Christ Himself is the measure, the source, and the goal of all Christian growth.”

ii. Which of the three kinds of growth do you think we excel in? Which is least visible among us?

iii. Discuss the following statement...

“Through the ministry of such office bearers, Christ Himself gathers saints from among every tribe, tongue, and nation; and through their ministry he perfects these saints unto eternal life and glory.”

iv. On pg 187 (second to last paragraph) the author sums up the challenge of living out the office in our cultural context. Discuss the skills and wisdom needed for Elders to carry out their office effectively.

v. The Goal

“Success is a bi-product not a goal”

D. Teaching.

a. BOO chapter 16

b. Called to Serve Essay 12

c. The Manner of Our Going

With exceptional clarity John Calvin points the way: *“I mean that the Lord has in his sacred oracles faithfully embraced and clearly expressed the whole sum of true righteousness, and all aspects of the worship of his majesty, and whatever was necessary to salvation; therefore, in these the Master alone is to be heard. But because he did not will in outward discipline and ceremonies to prescribe in detail what we ought to do (because he foresaw that this depended upon the state of the times, and he did not deem one form suitable for all ages) here we must take refuge in those general rules which he has given, that whatever the necessity of the church will require for order and decorum should be tested against these. Lastly, because he has taught nothing specifically, and because these things are not necessary to salvation, and for the up-building of the church ought to be variously accommodated to the customs of each nation and age, it will be fitting (as the advantage of the church will require) to change and abrogate traditional practices and to establish new ones. Indeed, I admit that we ought not to charge into innovation rashly, suddenly, for insufficient cause. But love will best judge what may hurt or edify; and if we let love be our guide all will be safe.”* **(Institutes 4.10.30)**

III. TONIGHT'S AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committee Reports

a. Property and Maintenance

i. Current and Future Planning *A one page document was presented by George Luce on various possible projects related to the building and grounds in and around the church. After a little discussion the report started focusing on the roof, the parking lot, the boiler and to a lesser extent landscaping. A motion was made by Helen Miller and seconded by Pam Bowman to look into pricing on the first three items Roof, Parking Lot and Boiler mentioned above. This motion was passed by a vote of 10-0. George Luce indicated a report will be ready on the boiler for the next session meeting and a cost in the range of \$35,000 was mentioned. George in his report also mentioned the desirability of having quarterly meetings for Property and Maintenance, thanked Bruce Stoltz on his work on the Pew Cushions and emphasized the need to dress up our old building.*

ii. Cushion Update *Bruce Stoltz met with a company and received a firm price of \$11,390.80 for pew cushions. Half of this fee would be due before delivery and the remainder at the time of delivery. After further discussion a motion was made by George Luce for the Property and Maintenance Committee to meet with Phyllis Trittschuh to discuss colors and to proceed with a final choice of colors and fabrics on this matter. Peter Havisa seconded this motion and it passed 10-0.*

b. Personnel

i. Update on Sexton/Janitor hire *It was reported that Jeffery Deeter did not feel that he could fill the janitorial and sexton duties at this time and that two additional candidates were going to be interviewed for the position. However, for these two candidates the position would be for Janitor only and that Don and Marnelise would continue to fulfill the sexton duties at least in the near future. Later a promising*

candidate was interviewed and a vote was conducted on session members outside of the April 11, 2019 meeting. The new candidate, is Lori Conway, who is also a teacher at the local Montessori School here in Greenville. She would be undertaking the janitorial duties after her teaching job would end in the late afternoon. Seven session members replied to the emails and Bruce Stoltz, George Luce, Darrell Fryman, Peter Havisza, Ginny Bertram, Hendrik van der Walt and Helen Miller voted yes to accept Lori as our new Janitor.

ii. Decision on Angie Spurlock's job title The personnel committee reported back concerning the request by Angie to have her title changed from Secretary to Administrative Assistant. The committee recommended that we go ahead with the change and after some discussion and also with the proviso that no salary gain was to be expected out of the title change, a motion was presented by Peter Havisza and seconded by Ginny Bertram that Angie's title be changed from Secretary to Administrative Assistant. This motion passed by a 9-1 vote

c. Mission and Outreach

i. New York City trip proposal Paige was present at the Session meeting and presented a one-page summary of the Youth Mission Trip for the Summer of 2020. The report included the purpose of the trip, why New York City, Housing, a sample day schedule, cost (\$550.00), fundraising and a projected trip meeting on May 9, 2019. After hearing the report a motion was made by Hendrik van der Walt to approve the trip to New York City through City Service Mission and to allow fundraising for the trip. This motion was seconded by Pam Bowman and passed 10-0.

ii. Vacation Bible School (VBS) Paige also reported on VBS, which will be taking place between August 5-9 from 5-7:30 PM. The age group will be K-5th grade and the goal is for 20 children to attend. The August 11 church service will also have children participating and reporting of their experiences in the 2019 VBS session.

d. Finance Report *Highlights include giving was up \$650.00 in comparison with last year. Trust fund wording and percentages and formula for withdrawals are still being reviewed. A meeting with the financial advisor is on the horizon. A motion was made to accept the report by Pam Bowman and seconded by Helen Miller. The Motion passed 10-0.*

During the Finance Report discussion arose about reimbursing expenses for those members of session wishing to attend EPC functions. One is coming up in Flint Michigan on May 17, 2019. Pastor Gilman will be attending and Bruce Stoltz and his wife, Linda as well. After some discussion a motion was made by George Luce to reimburse housing, mileage and dining expenses for this trip. The motion was seconded by Peter Havisza. It passed 10-0.

e. Education

i. VBS planning (see above)

2. Pastor's Report *One Page summary included brief summaries of the March 27, 2019 Staff Meeting, April 1, 2019 Deacon's Meeting, Henry family visitation and Rotary Club meetings. Andy also mentioned meeting with Paige about the kids ministry, guitar lessons with Don Lockhart and a call from the Stated Clerk concerning the May 17 Presbytery Meeting.*

3. Deacon's Report *Motion to accept by Ginny Bertram. Seconded by George Luce. Passed 10-0.*

4. Committee Restructuring *Brief FYI was presented to the session about the possibility of reducing the size of the session to a smaller number like 7. Something to think about, but not immediately needing a motion at this time.*

5. Commissioning of Presbyters for the May 17th Flint Michigan Presbytery Meeting

a. Bruce and Linda Stoltz will be attending the Presbytery Meeting this year along with Pastor Gilman. A motion was made by Ginny Bertram to accept their attendance at this meeting and seconded by Peter Havisza. The motion passed 10-0.

6. General Assembly: June 18th- 21st in Denver Colorado

IV. Closing – Ginny Bertram motioned to adjourn which was seconded by George Luce and without surprise passed 10-0. Andy Gilman closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May

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Anyone wishing to be Liturgist for a Sunday should contact Becky Luce or the church office.

- May 05 NA
- May 12 NA
- May 19 Becky Luce
- May 26 NA



Sign up at the Sign-Up Center in the narthex.

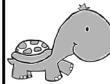
- May 05
- May 12
- May 19
- May 26



CHILDREN'S SERMON

The sign up sheet for Children's Sermons is available on the Sign-Up Center table.

- May 05 Video
- May 12 Beth Vehre
- May 19 Karen Henninger
- May 26 Available



Nursery

Volunteers are always needed for the Nursery to allow

those that regularly volunteer to attend worship services. Sign-up at the Sign-Up Center!

- May 05 Marnelise & Ginny
- May 12 Marnelise & Ginny
- May 19 Marnelise & Ginny
- May 26 Marnelise & Ginny



If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour, the sign-up is in a binder on the Sign-Up Center table. Hosts will need to provide 5-6 dozen baked goods and some juice or punch each Sunday.

- May 05 Deacons Soup & Salad
- May 12 Becky Luce
- May 19 Ginny Bertram
- May 26 Chancel Choir



Guard duty is provided each Sunday during worship by an Elder or Deacon. Sing up in your respective meeting.

- May 05 Hendrik van der Walt
- May 12 TBD
- May 19 TBD
- May 26 TBD

Visit the Sign-Up Center in the Narthex to sign up for Coffee Hour, Children's Sermons, Nursery, Caring Cooks, Media team and lots of other volunteer opportunities.

Announcements that have been previously provided in bulletins (as inserts) are also displayed at the sign-up center.

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Acolytes need to be at the back of the church five minutes before worship begins. Parents, please be available to light their lighter if needed. If you cannot Acolyte on your scheduled day, please contact the Youth Deacon that scheduled you.

Acolytes

May 5 Lilly Hayes
May 12 Annie Hayes
May 19 Carson Henry
May 26 Available

AUDIO / VISUAL

If you need to find a substitute, call someone in your area of expertise. If that fails, call Chris Mumaw.

May 5 (T1) Chris Mumaw, Dan Hawley, Donn Thornhill & Steve Headley
May 12 (T2) Molly Mumaw, Chris Mumaw, Jay Mumaw & Glenn Mitchell
May 19 (T3) Molly Mumaw, Chris Mumaw, Jay Mumaw
May 26 (T4) Dan Hawley, Barry Hounshell



Greeters
Welcome Worshipers

All greeters should be at the church 20-30 minutes before the service begins. Anyone wishing to be a greeter should contact a Deacon.

	FRONT DOOR	SIDE DOORS (NARTHEX)
May 5	Steve & Lisa Headley	Pam Bowman
May 12	Jeff & Diane Amick	Ed Cornell
May 19	Youth	Youth
May 26	Donn & Charlene Thornhill	Shirley Headley



PRAYER CONCERNS



**Please note—Call the church office at 548-3188 to put an individual or family on the prayer list. Also, when adding someone to the prayer list,*

it is very helpful if you provide that person's address so that our card ministry can send them a card and let them know we are praying for them and that we care.

Prayer Concerns Known To Us At This Time In-

clude: Lindsey Ricker – Tina Smith's niece; Greg Shields; Mary Bankson – Holly Finnarn's mother; Buddy Jones & family; David Keller, son-in-law of Susan Gray; Kody Ketring – a friend of Phyllis Royer;

Paulette Garrison; Tim E. Walters – Tony Walters' son; Paulette Shields; Dana Holzapfel – Jeff & Diane Amick's sister-in-law; Craig Brawley – son of Sandra Brawley; Freda Condon; Marty Tienken; Ray Lear; Jordan Bailey – grandson of Dale & Anna Lee Dickerson; Marvin Kochersperger; Teresa & Grace Shaaf; Sherri Warvel; Dave Homan; Gene Mikesell; Lena D. Marcantonio—friends of Don Lockhart; and Phyllis Trittschuh.

Please Continue to Pray for The long-Term Needs of The Following: Pat Foreman – Anna Lee Dickerson's sister; and Jay Montebon – a friend of Dan Hawley.

May Global Workers Prayer List

May 5 Ken and Wendy and their children are in East Asia. Pray that they will have the finances needed to return to the field after their one-year furlough. Also, pray for a smooth transition back to Beijing for Ken's work, the kids' school, and team life and outreach.

May 12 Barry, Ronah and their children are in Eastern Europe. Pray that they meet and get to know Crimean Tatar Romanians that are changed agents for the common good. Pray they see signs of the Lord Jesus building his home among Tatars of Romania. Chris, Kirsten and their children are in Scotland. Pray grace, provision and strength as they move to their new home in Scotland and that their children make new friends.

May 19 Chris and Debbie are in the United States. Pray for them as they direct World Outreach Member Care and that God will give them His wisdom and guidance.

May 26 Alison is in South Asia. Pray the Islam within her community encounter the Lord through contact with believers. Pray for those people of peace in their communities and draw many more into the Kingdom.

MEAL TRAIN

On behalf of the Deacons and Caring Cooks, we invite you to join the Meal Train for Phyllis Trittschuh.

What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. To participate in the meal train for Phyllis Trittschuh, visit the following website or request an email invitation from either Diane Amick or from the church office.

www.mealtrain.com/trains/2q0zy5

IMPORTANT DATES



- 05/01 Andrew New
- 05/03 Wanda Hounshell
- 05/04 Pastor Andrew Gilman, Glenna Funderburg, Jon McGreevey
- 05/06 Fred Schlosser
- 05/08 Cathy Cornell, Kale Delk
- 05/11 Dan Rehmert
- 05/12 Wes Jetter
- 05/13 Meg Rehmert
- 05/16 Riley Minor, Callee Moore
- 05/18 Nancy Jackson
- 05/19 Jody Lockhart, Jayden Mumaw
- 05/20 Henry Allread
- 05/21 Angelina Hayes, Roy Haines, Charlie Fox
- 05/23 Helen Miller
- 05/28 Tammy Fox
- 05/30 Audrey Allread
- 05/31 John Burkett, Robert McLear



- 05/06 Steve & Lisa Headley
- 05/09 Hamilton & Krista Martinez
- 05/23 John & Beth Vehre
- 05/25 Ryan & Megan Delk
- 05/26 Gene & Karen Henninger

Save the Date!

**DEACONS SPRING SOUP & SALAD
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

MENU: Homemade soups, tossed salad, artisan breads and desserts.

† A free-will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. All proceeds will go toward the Deacons Outreach Mission (Deacons Assistance Program).



Youth Group will meet on Thursday, May 2, 9 & 16th from 5:30—7:00 p.m. Dates and details for summer events will be announced as we progress through the summer. Summer events being planned include a youth boating trip to Indian Lake, a drive-in movie night and a lock-in at the church. All Youth members are also encouraged to volunteer for VBS. Youth Group is open to all kids in the church and community, grades 6—12. Youth members are always encouraged to bring a friend or two!

ELDER & DEACON MEETING TIMES

The monthly Deacons meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

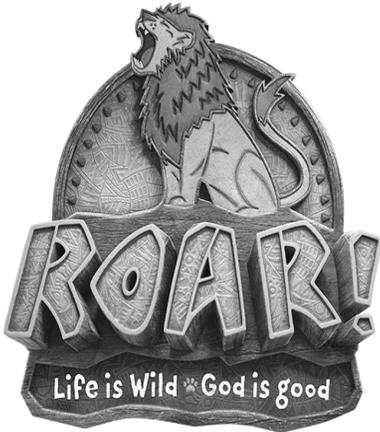
The monthly Finance meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

The monthly Session meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				12:00 Nat'l Day of Prayer @ F.U.M.		
			7:00 Choir	5:30 Youth		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 Worship		8:00 Men's Grp				
11:15 Deacons						
Soup & Salad						
				5:30 Youth		
	7:00 Deacons		7:00 Choir	6:00 Finance		
				7:00 Session		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 Worship		8:00 Men's Grp				
11:15 Coffee Hour						
			12:00 Stephen Ministry	5:30 Youth		
				6-8:00 Financial	Presbytery	Flint, MI
			7:00 Choir	mtg w/Advisors		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 Worship		8:00 Men's Grp				
11:15 Coffee Hour						
11:15 Mission Trip						
interest mtg						
<i>Pastor Klinsing</i>						
			7:00 Choir			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:00 Worship	MEMORIAL	8:00 Men's Grp				
11:15 Coffee Hour	DAY					
11:15 VBS Teams	OFFICE					
meeting	CLOSED					
			7:00 Choir			

MINISTRY NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE!
THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE GREAT!

August 5 - 9, 2019

5:00—7:30 PM

The 2019 theme is "ROAR," created by Group, Inc. Attendees and parents will be invited to church on Sunday, August 11 to ROAR SOME MORE for the congregation!

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greenvillepres>

Cost: \$15 for the first child & \$10 for each additional child (per family/household). This small fee will cover the expense of dinner (all 5 nights of VBS) AND a picnic-style lunch at VBS Sunday (Aug. 11) for the whole family.

Goodie Bags † Arts & Crafts † Games & Music



VBS Volunteers are needed!

Please mark your calendars now.

Talk to Paige Ervin (preferably before May 12),
Pastor Andrew or Angie Spurlock or sign up at the sign up center
if you would like to volunteer for VBS this summer

Attention Men! We need you to join together once again for Mother's Day on May 12th. Please come to rehearsal in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 8th at 8:00 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE "SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY" THIS YEAR IN LIEU OF "SENIOR SUNDAY," AS WE DO NOT HAVE ANY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS THIS YEAR. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS THAT ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION.

The Darke County Holocaust Memorial Committee presents "Remembering the Holocaust" on May 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (7418 St. Rt. 121 N). Robert Kahn, a 95 year old Holocaust survivor and subject of the recently published book "The Hard Road of Dreams," will be the special guest and presenter of "Remembering the Holocaust."

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR— May

May 1	Is. 9-12	May 17	Jer. 10-13
May 2	Is. 13-17	May 18	Jer. 14-17
May 3	Is. 18-22	May 19	Jer. 18-22
May 4	Is. 23-27	May 20	Jer. 23-25
May 5	Is. 28-30	May 21	Jer. 26-29
May 6	Is. 31-35	May 22	Jer. 30-31
May 7	Is. 36-41	May 23	Jer. 32-34
May 8	Is. 42-44	May 24	Jer. 35-37
May 9	Is. 45-48	May 25	Jer. 38-41
May 10	Is. 49-53	May 26	Jer. 42-45
May 11	Is. 54-58	May 27	Jer. 46-48
May 12	Is. 59-63	May 28	Jer. 49-50
May 13	Is. 64-66	May 29	Jer. 51-52
May 14	Jer. 1-3	May 30	Ezek. 1-3
May 15	Jer. 4-6	May 31	Ezek. 4-7
May 16	Jer. 7-9		

Shout-Outs

Dear Congregation: Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all the prayer support we have received since last August. It is truly a blessing to know our church family has concern for us and ours and that they faithfully seek the Lord’s will for us. Jordan, our grandson, still has struggles with his pain, but I feel he is still seeking the Lord. Grace Allisa Anne Schaaf, our new granddaughter, arrived the evening of April 15, healthy and beautiful at 6 ½ pounds and 18 ½ inches. Both she and Teresa are doing well. Again, thank you dear brothers and sisters. We felt your prayers and we know God heard them. You mean so much to us. Dale & Anna Lee Dickerson

The Lord is good! We have a new grandbaby boy Eli Headley, born 4-18-19, 6 lbs, 14 oz, to parents Luke & Alexis Headley of Dayton. Steve & Lisa Headley

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Sunrise service and breakfast last week. We appreciate all your encouraging words and financial support. It means a lot! Your Youth, Annie, Zach, Lilly, Carson & Callee





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12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch
Closed Saturday



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