

THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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June 12 – Trinity Sunday

Scriptures:

Psalm 92

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: “*Grace and Gratitude*”

Ruling Elder Carol Gesacion

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Music: Haviland Choir



June 19 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome during Coffee Hour - Rev. Frank & Rev. Trina Lewis

Scriptures:

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: “*Walking through Scary Places*”

Rev. Frank Lewis

Liturgist: Rev. Trina Lewis



Starting a new thing is usually exciting and sometimes a little scary. Even if you have years of experience, nothing is exactly the same. Suddenly it's like a new adventure. That's where we find ourselves. Eighteen months ago we retired from “full-time active ministry.” That's what the Board of Pensions calls it. Now we have begun part-time service with First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

As we begin, we want to get to know you and we want you to get to know us.

Here's what we did before we came to Salem. We were full-time active ministry for forty-one and a half years. Trina was the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Chester, WV, for 33 years; interim for three different congregations in and around Wheeling; and co-pastor with Frank of two small congregations for five years in East Tennessee. Frank moved around a little more. The last almost four years were with Trinity Parish PC in Chester. Before that, twenty-something years serving First PC, New Cumberland, WV; three years as associate for First Westminster, Steubenville. That covers about 30 years, during which time Frank also served Cross Creek (Tent) UPC. Before that there was a year as interim for Bloomingdale PC, OH; three years at Powhatan Point, OH, and presbytery staff; and then (whew) co-pastor with Trina in East Tennessee. Oh, yeah; Frank was also stated clerk of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery for the last eight years of his career. So much for work history.

Trina grew up in Marietta, OH, and graduated from Muskingum College (now University). Frank grew up in Huntington, WV, and graduated from Marshall University (yup, that Marshall). We met and married at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Before graduating, we took an internship year (honeymoon?). We served a small Presbyterian/Methodist Federated Church in Spearville, Kansas, and as student assistants at the First Presbyterian Church of Dodge City (yup, that Dodge City). It was their 100th anniversary when we were there 45 years ago.

We have two grown children. Caitlin is married to Steve Dawson. They live in Pittsburgh. She works with international students at the University of Pittsburgh. Isaiah lives in Atlanta and is starting a new job, working for L'Arche, a home and safe space for developmentally challenged persons. Many of you already know Frank's parents, John and Sue Lewis, who live here in Salem and are members of FPC.

As we begin this new ministry together with you, we want to explain a little bit about what to expect. First, a couple of notes on what we are not. First, we are not FPC's interims. Eastminster Presbytery has a wonderful phrase that suggests

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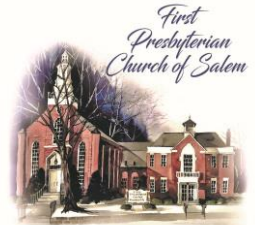
Church Office: phyllis@fpcsaalem.org

Website: www.fpcsaalem.org / **Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

You Tube: www.youtube.com / FPCSALEM (Service streamed 10:30 am on Sunday)

Cable TV Channel 1021: Service shown on Sunday (1 & 9 am, Monday (1 am),

Tuesday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm), Wednesday (1 am, 4 & 9 pm), Friday (1 am), Saturday (3 am, 12 & 4 pm)



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what the session wants us to do: the phrase is “bridge pastor.” Bridges make getting from one place to another easier and safer. We hope that is what we can do together. The other thing Trina and Frank are not is full-time. We are not coming out of retirement. We are offering our gifts and experience for a short time, and a limited workweek (five hours for Trina and 15 for Frank). Here’s what we will be doing. Frank will be preaching and resourcing the worship and educational ministries. Trina will provide pastoral care, including hospital and nursing home visits. We will officiate weddings and funerals together.

First Presbyterian Church of Salem is a solid congregation. Your previous installed pastor provided strong, wise and loving leadership. She left firm foundations. You continue to have dynamic lay leadership. You have the strength and backing of Eastminster Presbytery. Most importantly, you are a community of the Body of Christ in the world. This is the firm ground upon which rests the bridge into FPC’s future ministry to the glory of God.

Trina and Frank are excited to be part of this bridge work. Together with you we will show the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the dynamism of the Holy Spirit.

Shalom, Trina and Frank

Prayer Concerns:

Carol Dougherty, Pat Eichler, Mark and Sandi Flake, Peggy Courtwright (*niece of Dolly Millikin*), Carolyn Gorley (*Scott and Debbie Boyd’s sister-in-law*), Karen Hezlep (*Ryan Gillis’ mother*), Doug Jones (*Sharon and Bob Bortz’s friend*), Kathleen Walton Lemaster (*from Kathie Baker*), Robert Fletcher Linsz (*from Mo Hofmeister*), Bill McCormick and son Todd, Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba’s father*), Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer’s mother*), Lorin and Marcia Shepard, Chris Shepard, John Stoffer, Sue Thomas (*Karen Dennison’s friend*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin’s daughter*), those members listed below under Special Care and Military, and for our Pastor Nominating Committee to search judiciously for our new pastor by discerning the will of God.

Special Care:

Brookdale Bowling Green – Barbara Marra, 121 N Wintergarden Rd, Apt. 121, Bowling Green OH 43402

Brookdale Salem – Ruth Zerbs, 404; Harvey and Sally Mason, 305

Crandall Medical Center – Genevieve Benson, 139

Grace Woods – Shirley Devan

Lake Vista at Cortland – Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Shenango On the Green – Marty Hollinger, 238 S Market St #227, New Wilmington PA 16142-1212

Whispering Pines – Kay Rousseau, 315; Joetta Tonti, 127; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military: Andre Tonkinson, Cody Tonkinson (*Sons of Ed and Melissa Tonkinson*); Adam Pawlosky (*Son in Law of Jim and Ruth Newman*); Zach Smith (*Nephew of Mickey Buck*); Roger and Brandy Knizat (*Frank and Ellen Maticcik’s grandson and wife, both in service*)

Birthdays: Vince Anderson (12), Jenny Wilms (13), Phil Tetlow (14), Dana Tonkinson (15), Trevor Gardner (17), Ella Double (18), Sara Sutter (18), Allison Ward Bodnar (21), Amy McDevitt Chivers (21)

Church Office Hours for the week of June 20th will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; 12 Noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 12 Noon on Friday.



First Presbyterian Church of Salem
presents

Brass Band of the Western Reserve

Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Free Admission – Open to the Public

A free will offering will be taken during the concert to help defray the expenses for the performance. Sponsorships or donations for this performance are also welcome. Donations can be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. 2nd St., Salem OH 44460 – Attention: Music Fund.

Formed in 1997, the Brass Band of the Western Reserve is a British styled brass band performing a wide variety of music at the highest possible standard of performance and, in so doing, creating an enjoyable experience for its audience. The band is able to perform impressively across a wide spectrum of emotions whether the music is quiet and delicate or strong and powerful.

Led by conductor Jay Wardeska, the band presents an annual Concert Series at the Medina Performing Arts Center. Additionally, the band is delighted to accept many of the invitations it receives to perform at other locations, many of which are repeat bookings. Prestigious concert venues have included The Amphitheater, Chautauqua Institution, Hoover Auditorium, Lakeside Chautauqua and Severance Hall, Cleveland. Learn more at <https://www.bbwesternreserve.com> or check us out on twitter at @BrassBandWR

Denise's Big Backyard Kick Off – Wednesday, June 29

6:00-8:00 p.m. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Jody Karmazin is the coordinator with help from Cheryl McDevitt, Grace Smith, and Lynn Zocolo. Programs will be held rain or shine except in the case of a thunderstorm or tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service. Other Wednesdays are July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3.



Legendary Sports Event – Sunday, August 7

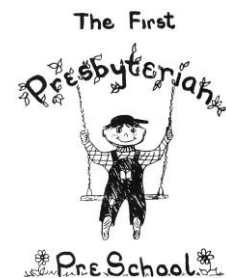
2:00-6:00 p.m. at Sebo Stadium. Registration Forms at Sanctuary entrances. An Adult Huddle will be available for anyone interested in Adult Bible Study. A meal will be served.

June / Happy Birthday! Vince Anderson (12), Jenny Wilms (13), Phil Tetlow (14), David Stephens (23), Harvey Mason (23)

- 9 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (Library)
7:00 Finance and Administration *via Zoom*
- 12 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Worship Committee)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
4:00 Brass Band of the Western Reserve (Sanctuary)
- 13 / Mon 6:00-7:30 Troop 2003G (209)
7:00 Congregational Care (Library)
- 16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 19 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (*Welcome! Rev. Frank & Rev. Trina Lewis*)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 20 / Mon 6:00-7:30 Troop 2003G (209)
- 26 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Worship Committee)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 27 / Mon 6:00-7:30 Troop 2003G (209)
- 29 / Weds **6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard** on church lawn

July

- 3 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Session)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship – *Brass*
- 4 / Mon Holiday – Church Office Closed**
- 5 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 6 / Weds **6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard** on church lawn
- 10 / Sun 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Session)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S) – *Sacrament of Communion*
- 11 / Mon 3:00-7:00 United Quilt Guild (FH + 1 room)
6:00-7:30 Troop 2003G (209)
- 12 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee** *via Zoom*
9:00-7:00 United Quilt Guild (FH + 1 room)
- 13 / Weds 9:00-12:00 United Quilt Guild (FH + 1 room)
6:00-8:00 Denise's Big Backyard on church lawn
- 14 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (Library)
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**Now Enrolling
Full-Time / Part-Time
Preschool Students for
2022-2023 School Year**

The Salem First Presbyterian Church Preschool five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool and Daycare for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old students. Families may choose all day, half day programming. The Preschool staff is dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. The classes are small, and students receive individual attention. We have an Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness.

**Salem First Presbyterian Preschool
436 E. Second St. – Salem OH 44460
330-332-8620**

Salem Community Pantry – Mondays, 9-11 a.m.; Thursdays, 3-6 p.m.
People in 44460 zip code only. Volunteers Needed.