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<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 9</p> <p><u>Scriptures:</u> Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35</p> <p><u>Sermon:</u> <i>“What You See and What You Don’t”</i></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Alice Jackson</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 16 <i>Communion</i></p> <p><u>Scriptures:</u> Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Mark 4:26-43</p> <p><u>Sermon:</u> <i>“Making You New”</i></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Rev. Trina Lewis</p>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 23</p> <p><u>Scriptures:</u> Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 Mark 4:35-41</p> <p><u>Sermon:</u> <i>“Where Do You Stand in the Presence of the Almighty?”</i></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Lynn Zocolo</p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 30</p> <p><u>Scripture:</u> Matthew 13:1-53</p> <p><u>Sermon:</u> <i>Pastor Nick Koretski “Let Us Collect Our Lord’s Puzzle of the Proverbs”</i></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Tegan Jackson</p>
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### Exploring the “Why”

Why do YOU go to church? Some people attend church because it is a habit, often established in early childhood. They continue to attend church out of habit, or perhaps in respect for the person or persons in their earlier lives who introduced them to church attendance. Other people attend church because of their own awareness that “something was missing” in their lives, and perhaps attending church would fill that void. Still others may go to church because it is an expected activity by their friends, their work colleagues or neighbors. Or perhaps you go to church because of a particular program. You like the music. Your children like the Sunday School Program. You like small groups for Bible Study and projects.

Simon Sinek, an inspirational speaker on business leadership, is well known for “starting with why” when trying to attract customers to a business or people to a cause. He maintains that people follow those who inspire them. People support and are loyal to those who don’t just explain “What” they do and “How” they do it, but who tap into the “Why” they do what they do. In fact, he says, the “Why” is where successful people and organizations start. When customers or potential followers understand the “Why” and it inspires them, they want to buy the product or support the cause. People don’t buy what you do, Sinek says, they buy why you do it. He believes that starting with “the Why” explains Apple’s success as a company, Martin Luther King’s success as a Civil Rights leader, and the Wright Brothers as successful inventors. People followed and supported them because they were inspired.

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**“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”**

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



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In exploring how to “grow” a church in membership, Session is exploring the “Why” of their own decision to attend church. When asked “Why do YOU go to church”, upon reflection you may realize that you started going to church out of a habit started in childhood. But your “Why” is now because you saw that being faithful church members taught your family how to weather the storms of life, and made them a strong family unit. Your decision to continue to attend church is because when you hear of the love of God, it strengthens your own family and prepares it for challenges of life.

Upon reflection, you may realize that your love of music attracted you to attend church, but the “Why” is because when you are surrounded by beautiful music you feel connected to a higher power.

It is important to be able to verbalize the “Why” because in doing so you will attract people who may be seeking what you have found. We follow those who are a part of something that inspires us, not those who just have a place to go on Sunday mornings. We challenge you to explore your “Why” and then share it with others.

*Barbara Loudon, Clerk of Session*

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**The Environmental Team has been busy!** Thanks to our dedicated team members and their planning, we all experienced a joyful and thought-provoking Earth Sunday on May 5. Although we missed having Frank and Trina with us, Dan Schomer shared a very meaningful message with us. Do you remember the statement he repeated many times that day? “It isn’t a problem, till it is a problem.” We all need to keep this in mind as we make our choices every day. And “Thank You!” Sue Lewis for your hand crocheted shopping bags. What a special addition they were to our celebration. Frank says that he has found many cell phones in the collection boxes - a very successful adventure. I hope some of you connected with Barb Yonker’s Scrap Guy. If you have planted your flower seeds, they should be sprouting by now. There will be some very happy bees and butterflies flying around Salem later this summer. Some of you may have noticed the new sign on the recycle bin in the parking lot. We are hoping it will help to keep the trash from showing up in the bin. The Environment Team will be meeting this coming Sunday after worship to discuss our plans for a Pollinator Garden that the Property Committee has given us permission to put in near the Gazabo. Our plans are to start the construction of the garden later this summer. If you are interested in being a part of our team, please join us. “Thank You” to our congregation for your continued interest and environmental efforts. ~ *Carol Ricciardi*

## Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ with our community and the world.*

## Your Session at Work

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio meeting on May 16, 2024, in person and hybrid:*

- Continued discussing the book “Canoeing the Mountains” by Tod Bolsinger and “Quietly Courageous” by Gil Rendle to better understand the changing world of Christendom.
- Reviewed the office coverage while Administrative Secretary Phyllis Garlock is recovering from surgery, thanking Sue Merry, Mary Banar and Alice Jackson for their extra help.
- Noted that the church office will be closed on Fridays until further notice.
- Received a thank you from the Banquet of Salem for donating \$800 to sponsor one of their weekly meals.
- Learned that the VBS summer program held in collaboration with the Salvation Army will not proceed as originally scheduled due to the Salvation Army Captains being reassigned to another community.
- Heard of the opportunity for church members to attend a New Wilmington Missionary Conference July 19-24.
- Congratulated the Environmental Team for a wonderful Earth Day Celebration May 5.
- Learned of plans for a future Pollinator Garden on the church’s grounds.
- Heard and discussed a report from the Finance and Administration Committee regarding the fee schedule for use of the church building and equipment. Referred the matter back to the committee for further consideration.
- Learned of the planting of two trees on the church grounds in memory of member Michael Karmazin.
- Approved Communion dates of July 14, August 11, September 8, October 6 (World Communion Day), November 3 (All Saints Day), November 25 (Christ the King Day), and December 24 (Christmas Eve).
- Renewed the contracts of Temporary Pastoral Leadership Rev. Frank Lewis and Rev. Trina Lewis for June 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024 while the Pastor Search Committee continues its work.
- Rejoiced that 2024-2025 enrollment for the First Presbyterian Preschool is already at 14 students.
- Learned that Scoutmaster Ryan Gillis has stepped down from that position at this time.
- Heard a report from Mark Smith, Commissioner to the May 14 Presbytery Meeting, including praise for our church for its significant and faithful giving to mission.
- Heard a report from Revs. Frank and Trina Lewis on the Simon Sinek TED Talk presented at the May 14 Presbytery Meeting which explored the “Why” of what motivates people to do things.
- Scheduled a Session Retreat for Saturday, June 15 from 9:30 am to noon to view the TED Talk by Simon Sinek and discuss the “Why” – “Why do we go to church?”

# June

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship	3 9-12 Office Hrs  <b>7-Board of Deacons</b>	4 9-12 Office Hrs  1-9 United Quilt Guild	5 9-12 Office Hrs  6-Moderators Meeting/Zoom	6 9-12 Office Hrs <b>6-Christian Ed</b> <b>6-Mission I/S</b> <b>7-Devotions</b> <b>7:15 Property</b> <b>7:15 Worship</b>	7 Church Office Closed	8  1:00 Graduation Party for Zach Gillis (FH)
9 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship <b>11:30-Environmental Team</b>	10 9-12 Office Hrs	11 9-12 Office Hrs	12 9-12 Office Hrs	13 9-12 Office Hrs  <b>5:30-Preschool Board</b> <b>7:15-Finance</b> <i>via Zoom</i>	14 Church Office Closed	15 <b>9:30-Noon Session Retreat (FH)</b> "Why" – "Why We Go to Church"
16 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship <b>Communion</b>	17 9-12 Office Hrs	18 9-12 Office Hrs	19 9-12 Office Hrs	20 9-12 Office Hrs  <b>7-Regular Session Meeting</b>	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9-Adult Class 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship <hr/> 30 9- Adult Class 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29