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4 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 6</u> Psalm 139:1-18 It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: "I Like You Just the Way You Are" Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo	5 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 13</u> <i>Communion</i> Jeremiah 23:1-6 John 10:14-18 It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: "Am I A Sheep?" Liturgist: Barb Yonker	6 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 20</u> Outside Worship <i>Hymn Sing Lunch</i> Liturgist: Paul Fennema	7 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 27</u> The Apostle's Creed: Ancient Words, Fresh Faith: God Psalm 146 Matthew 6:25-33 Liturgist: Ruth Newman	8 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>August 3</u> The Apostle's Creed: Ancient Words, Fresh Faith: Jesus Matthew 13:54-58 Colossians 1:15-18 Liturgist: TBD
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Over thirty one seasons Mr. Rogers asked us one question, "Won't you be my neighbor?" As his neighbor, Mr. Rogers welcomed us into his home, spent time talking to us and listening to us. He showed the inside of factories and what was happening in his Neighborhood of Make Believe. Mr. Rogers mission was simple, to reach to children with the message that they are lovable, he knew that love would be shown outward, those loved children would love others and share that love everywhere they went.

Mr. Rogers was also an ordained Presbyterian Minister. He is an alum of my seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and would occasionally preach at 6th Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, wearing a special stole. He was able to share the love of God with countless people in his simple message that everyone is welcome, lovable, that the difficult things we face are real, but we can look for helpers even in those situations and that our feelings are valid and important.

I am leading a four week sermon series on the best messages from Mr. Rogers. May his wisdom open our eyes and hearts to see the love of God all around us. May it open our hands to share that love with all of our neighbors. Amen!

Pastor Annie



"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

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Chime Project – The Carillon was launched on Friday, June 13 and is running its normal schedule of 4 hymns per day: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Each chime starts with 3 bells, then 1 minute later, a random hymn plays. Special thanks to Michael Quinn for his efforts on this project!!!

Open Dates for Bulletins: July 20 and 27, August 10 and 24. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Café Justo Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12 for a 1-pound bag of Regular, Decaf, or Whole Bean Coffee. You can purchase in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of the month, or in the Church Office during the week. *Note – The date on the bag is when it was packed, not an expiration date.*

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6, immediately following worship, for the sole purpose of electing Carol Ricciardi as an Elder for the Class of 2026.

Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 20 – Join us outside as we share our favorite hymns and a picnic lunch together.

All Hands on Deck for the 2025 Denise's Big Back Yard Events! An exciting addition for this summer is that we will have a large tent to use for our weekly picnics. Sign-up sheets for side dish and dessert donations will be posted in Fellowship Hall closer to the start-up date of July 9. The current list of Wednesday evening programs is listed below. **Any and all help is appreciated!** ~ Mark Smith, Mission I and S Committee

- **July 9** – All About Pollinators!
- **July 16** – Salem Police Department
- **July 23** – Live Music with Jesse and Lulu Reeks
- **July 30** – Historian John Barnett on 'Chief Logan's War'
- **August 6** – Learn about our Scout Troops
- **August 13** – Reptile Rescue



Recycling News: John Repella is looking for any metal he can recycle. Give him a call to arrange a pickup, 234-320-1144. Mention you are from First Presbyterian Church.

Do You Have Old, Unused and Unwanted Electronics Lying around the House and Taking Up Space?

I know we all probably have drawers with unused electronics. You don't have to throw it away and have it add one more item to the local garbage dump. Instead, you can do something good for the earth and help a local, small business. Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions at the Walborn Reservoir located at 11324 Price St NE in Alliance has a dumpster where you can bring electronics for recycling. Call them at 330-800-6657. They take computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, small printers, cables, wires, power adaptors, and computer monitors.

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio meeting on June 19, 2025, in person and hybrid:

- Learned of Pastor Annie's two upcoming summer sermon series: one based on Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, and one exploring the deep roots of the Apostle's Creed.
- Voted to send minutes from Session Meetings from 2006 – 2024 to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia PA for permanent archiving.
- Learned that Sydney Thompson's Eagle Scout Project – a Pollinator Garden on the church grounds – is complete.
- Approved to erect a tent on the church grounds for the duration of the Big Back Yard series.
- Learned of plans for an outdoor church service July 20, followed by a cookout and potluck lunch under the tent.
- Learned that the Sanctuary lights are being replaced with LEDs and the escutcheon repositioned on the southwest chandelier. Funds have generously been donated to pay for all costs.
- Learned that the Property Committee has arranged for a successful roof repair, an organ repair, and a new ice machine for the kitchen.
- Approved to fund the Western Reserve Brass Quintet for July 6 and Kim Meeks on Bagpipes for July 27 from the Music Fund.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 6 to elect Carol Ricciardi as an Elder, Class of 2026.
- Encouraged members of the congregation to continue financial giving to the church during the summer months in order to meet expenses.

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. 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. 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. Call 330-332-8620 for more information.

The First Presbyterian Preschool is continuing an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board is also discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc.

If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the

words "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative. If you have any questions concerning this initiative, contact any member of the Preschool Board – Jennifer Gillis, Chelsey Hovanic, Alice Jackson, Jean McCool, Wanda Navoyosky, Ruth Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

2025 Summer Concert Series at Waterworth Park

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| Sunday, July 13 – 6 p.m. | The Wrangler Band – <i>Country and classic rock</i> |
| Sunday, July 20 – 6 p.m. | The Ovation Band – <i>Music from the 40s to today's pop and dance favorites</i> |
| Friday, July 25 – 7 p.m. | Salem Quaker City Band – <i>"Glorious Gershwin!"</i> |
| Sunday, July 27 – 6 p.m. | Dave Banks Big Band – <i>Swinging Big Band featuring the Rat Pack</i> |
| Sunday, August 3 – 6 p.m. | New Wave Nation – <i>1980s Show Experience</i> |
| Sunday, August 10 – 6 p.m. | Jimmy and the Soul Blazers – <i>Salem High School Alumni Night</i>
<i>A high energy show of Motown music and "Cars of the Decades" Display</i> |
| Sunday, August 17 – 6 p.m. | John Hampu Band – <i>Classic rock from the 60s, 70s, and 80s</i> |
| Sunday, August 24 – 6 p.m. | Boston Foreigner Experience – <i>Tribute band performing hits from Boston and Foreigner and "Mahoning Valley Corvette Club" Showcase</i> |
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Salem Community Pantry – Mondays, 9-11:30 a.m. / Thursdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.
For People in 44460 zip code only / Bring Photo ID and Proof of Residency.