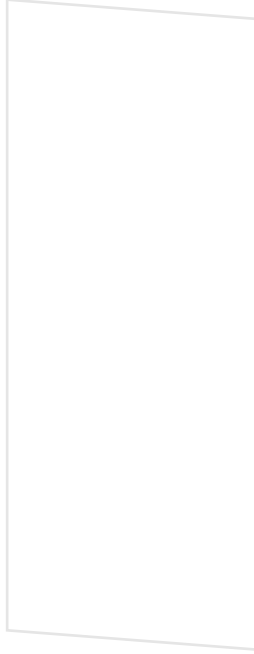


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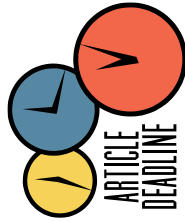
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CONGREGATION, REACHING OUT  
TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.

**Sunday Worship:**  
8:30 a.m. in person  
& 10:30 a.m. in person  
or livestream on Facebook



**20th of each month**

If you would like to be added to either our email or postal mailing list, please contact the church office to leave your name and preferred contact information: 304-422-5426 or [office@fpcpborgwv.org](mailto:office@fpcpborgwv.org).



**first things  
FIRST**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**September 2023**



The LORD  
*lifts up*  
those who are  
*bowed down:*  
the LORD  
*loves*  
the righteous.

*Psalms 146:8*



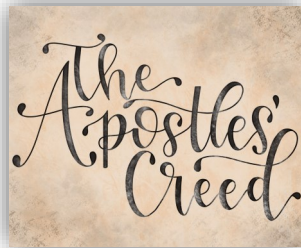
I've been thinking about what we believe recently. Every week, we say the Apostles' Creed together, but how often do we think about what that means?

So this fall, let's learn more about God our Father and Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, forgiveness, and resurrection. On September 3, we'll begin a worship series, learning a little more about each part of the creed. And on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 13, we'll study *The Apostles' Creed for Today* by Justo L. González, diving even deeper into the history and meaning of the Apostles' Creed.

God continues to be with us, no matter what is happening, and God calls us to learn, worship and praise, and serve. Our Creator expands far beyond any picture we paint or box we try to cram God into. Jesus is God's only Son- 100% human and 100% God. The Holy Spirit has been sent to us and

gives us courage to live Spirit-filled lives for Christ. The Church, which is the body of Christ, exemplifies discipleship as a way of living. Our sins are immense and pervasive, and yet God has forgiven us beyond measure; therefore, we are to forgive others. And God will be victorious over death and evil, shaping the world into the Kingdom that Christ proclaimed.

*Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



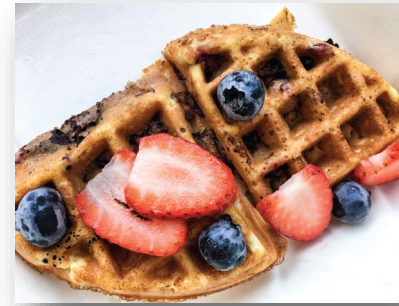
Blessings and Peace!

*Pastor Annie*

### Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, September 17**  
**11:30 a.m.**

to vote on proposed  
revisions to the Manual  
of Operations.



## Buffet Breakfast

**Sunday, September 10**  
**9:15 - 10:20**

**Sponsored by The Deacons**

**You are invited to a Breakfast Buffet at 9:15 in the Harris Room, between worship services.**

**Please come and share in great food and fellowship as we begin a new church year.**

## SUNDAE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting you are invited to enjoy some fellowship and ice cream (with all the toppings) in the Prayer Garden, weather permitting, or in the Harris Room. Hope to see you all there!



## Nominate a Volunteer



To nominate a volunteer for special recognition **next quarter, ending September 30**, fill out a Volunteer Nomination Form (located in the foyer) and return it to the offering plate, the church office, or to Gregg Emrick's mailbox, no later than **October 1st**.

## Happy Birthday!

Megan Bosley	1st
Katelyn Hickman	6th
Rob Tebay	6th
Vicki Ferry	8th
Cora Hickman	8th
Jessica Linville	8th
Becky McGinnis	8th
Andrew Fragale	18th
Dylan Holliday	21st
Debby Karr	22nd
Pat Douglass	23rd
Ann Leach	24th
Beth Oaklander	25th
Rory Essenmacher	27th
Mikki Bosley	29th

# September

## Happy Anniversary!

Don & Gail Rymer 18th  
Mike & Mikki Bosley 19th

## Special Dates in September

- Labor Day: Sept. 4
- Grandparents Day: Sept. 10
- Patriot Day: Sept. 11
- Autumn Begins: Sept. 23



## Congratulations to:

- ◆ Daniel and Morgan James, who have been blessed with a precious baby girl, and sister for Ryder. **Charlotte Ann James** was born Saturday, August 5th.
- ◆ Drew and Emily Lippman Posavec, (residing in Florida) who welcomed their first child, **Nolan Henry Posavec**, into their family on August 5th.

## Liturgists for September



- 3 Melanie Thompson  
10 Kathy Hinkley  
17 Jessica Linville  
24 Mikki Bosley

## FALL SERMON SERIES & BOOK STUDY

The Sermon Series "We Believe... Exploring the Apostles' Creed" begins Sunday, September 3rd



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The Apostles' Creed

A Book Study, based on *The Apostles' Creed for Today* by Justo L. González, will be led by Pastor Annie, **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 13th.**

If you would like to order a book and/or attend the study sessions, please sign up in the foyer now. Books will be ordered on September 5th.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### DEACONS

Joyce Boso  
Ann Emrick  
Sharon Flanagan  
Joe Foley  
Kathy Hinkley  
Barbara Lucas  
Becky McGinnis, Moderator  
Susan Niday  
Lori Rings, Secretary  
Melanie Thompson  
Sarah Townsend, Treasurer



### SESSION

Mike Beckett  
Greg Boso  
Katie Buchanan  
Gregg Emrick  
Kristin Holliday  
Morgan James  
Roy Schleicher  
Bob Tebay  
Judi White

Senta Goudy, Clerk of Session - Chris Alfred, Treasurer





**Saturday  
October 14  
3 - 5 p.m.**

**The Mission & Outreach Committee**

will host their second community-wide Trunk-or-Treat in our rear parking lot. They are looking for volunteers to decorate a vehicle and hand out goodies to the kids during the event. They will

also need donations of individually-wrapped candy and treats. Look for the display at the front of the church for more details coming soon, or see Amy Rogers.



**Stewardship Season Is  
Just Around the Corner!**



**This year's theme is:**

***Why I Support First  
Presbyterian Church***

Please be in prayer about giving as God has blessed you, and seek his guidance in your stewardship decisions.

**BIG  
Thank You!**

...to all who helped make our Family Fun Day a huge success - all the workers, and those who donated food, etc. - you're the best!

*To my church family for all the prayers, cards and food during my recent illness...  
**THANK YOU!!** It was such a blessing.*



*Kelly Beckett*



**SEPTEMBER ♦ OCTOBER ♦ NOVEMBER**

**Sept. 3:** Fall Sermon Series Begins: *We Believe... Exploring the Apostles' Creed*

**Sept. 4:** LABOR DAY - Church office closed

**Sept. 10:** Buffet Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. / Harris Room

**Sept. 13:** Apostle's Creed Book Study - 6:30 p.m. / Harris Room

**Sept. 17:** Congregational Meeting - following 10:30 Worship  
"Sundae Sunday" - following Congregational Meeting

**Sept. 21:** Holy Grounds Coffee Night - 7 p.m. - Portico/Foyer

**Oct. 8:** Heritage Sunday: Honoring 50-years+ & New Members  
Celebrating 190th Anniversary / Potluck Luncheon

**Oct. 14:** Trunk-or-Treat - Rear parking lot, 3-5 p.m.

**Oct. 29:** Choose-a-Hymn Sunday

**Nov. 12:** Veterans Day Observance

**Nov. 15:** J Dollar Breakfast - fundraiser for Deacons

**Nov. 19:** Church Thanksgiving Dinner

**Nov. 26:** Mid-Ohio Valley Ringers Concert





# A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*



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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV

# COLORING PAGE



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