



SOUTHMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Both And

I'm fascinated by false binaries; the idea that one MUST make a choice between a or b. Too often, it really isn't a binary choice at all; the answer might be any one of

multiple combinations of a and b, or even a decision to go explore for other options (the hypothetical c). In church life, we often buy into a false choice between freedom and structure, innovation and tradition, anarchy or micromanagement. As I look at the book of Acts, there is an interesting relationship between freedom and structure, between entrepreneurial innovation and deliberative planning.

Luke (the writer of the book of Acts) gives us the outline of the book in the first chapter:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

(NRSV)

The church is birthed in Jerusalem at Pentecost. It moved out from Jerusalem because opponents began to persecute Jesus' followers. There was no decision by a church council (think Session) to take the Good News of Jesus to the people outside the walls of Jerusalem. Judea and Samaria received the Good News from the lips of those who under threat of life fled Jerusalem.

The next "phase" of mission (the "end of the earth" part of Acts 1:8) was born from the church at Antioch in Syria. It's important to understand that the Antioch church was on the frontier edge of the church at that time. In that frontier church during a prayer

meeting, people heard God commanding them to send Barnabas and Paul out as missionaries. In truth, Paul was going home, sharing the Good News in the region where he was born. The mission is both strategic and organized (Paul and his company always go into cities that had a Jewish population and start by announcing that Jesus was the Messiah at the local synagogue or place of prayer) and at the same time innovative and Spirit-inspired.

That's not to say there wasn't structure. In Acts 15, the church faces a major decision: should Gentile believers keep the Jewish dietary law and be circumcised (which was the sign of the community of God in the Old Testament). To answer that question, everyone gathered in Jerusalem and had a long conversation. As you read Acts 15, you will see the leaders from the church at Jerusalem (James and Peter) and Antioch (Paul and Barnabas) work together to find a compromise that will be acceptable to everyone.

In Acts, we see both innovation and tradition dancing together. The church is both entrepreneurial and hierarchical at the same time. The Spirit speaks through both process and flashes of inspiration. They didn't have a map or a flow chart to follow. They took who they were and what they knew and they brought it to the Spirit to be used or discarded as the situation merited. So, if you're someone who loves process and tradition, keep the door open to moments of Spirit led innovation. If you're an entrepreneur and relish finding new roads to travel, don't close your mind to time-tested traditions. It's never a "this or that" choice; it is a matter of selecting a particular answer to a particular question in a specific context. Most of the time it's not either / or, it's both / and.

CEL

2018 Bible -in-a-Year Journey

Tues May 1			1Cor 7-8, Psalm 140-141
Wed May 2			1Cor 9-10, Psalm 142-143
Thurs May 3			1Cor 11-12, Psalm 144-145
Fri May 4			1Cor 13-14, Psalm 146-147
Sat May 5			1Cor 15-16, Psalm 148-150
Mon May 7			2Cor 1-2, Proverbs 1-2
Tue May 8			2Cor 3-4, Proverbs 3-4
Wed May 9			2Cor 5-6, Proverbs 5-6
Thurs May 10			2Cor 7-8, Proverbs 7-8
Fri May 11			2Cor 9-10, Proverbs 9-10
Sat May 12			2Cor 11-13, Proverbs 11-12
Mon May 14			Gal 1-2, Proverbs 13-14
Tues May 15			Gal 3-4, Proverbs 15-16
Wed May 16			Gal 5-6, Proverbs 17-18
Thurs May 17			Eph 1-2, Proverbs 19-20
Fri May 18			Eph 3-4, Proverbs 21-22
Sat May 19			Eph 5-6, Proverbs 23-24
Mon May 21			Phil 1-2, Proverbs 25-26
Tues May 22			Phil 3-4, Proverbs 27-28
Wed May 23			Col 1-2, Proverbs 29-30
Thurs May 24			Col 3-4, Proverbs 31
Fri May 25			1Thess 1-2, Job 1-2
Sat May 26			1Thess 3-4, Job 3-4

Mon May 28				1Thess5-2 Thess 1, Job 5-6
Tue May 29				2Thess 2-3, Job 7-8
Wed May 30				1Tim 1-2, Job 9-10
Thurs May 31				1Tim 3-4, Job 11-12

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The nursery has returned to its permanent location. New paint, cabinetry, interior updates and new carpeting have made the space much more inviting for our youngest children and their parents. Thanks so much to the Building and Grounds team for revitalizing our nursery after the water damage. Take the time to check it out, they have done an amazing job!

We are always in need of a few more consistent volunteers to assist Marlene Jones in the Nursery during Discovery Zone or the worship service. Extra help is definitely needed on May 6th, so that Marlene can enjoy time off to vacation with her family. Sign-up sheets are available either in the nursery or on the board in fellowship hall. Alex Fraser has agreed to consistently assist Marlene once again after she returns home from college.

Please save your Mother's Day and Memorial Day celebration bottles and cans for the church youth bottle drive. On Saturday June 2nd a neighborhood and church wide youth bottle drive will take place from Noon until 2:00pm. Middle school and high school youth will meet at the church and canvass the neighborhood for the collection of bottle and can donations. Church members can drop off their cans and bottles at the church during this time also. If you prefer to have them picked up at your

home, please let Giovanna or Wendy know we will be happy to do so. The monies collected from the donations will support funding of the youth “Feet to Faith” mission trip planned for July 22nd through 27th in Canfield, Ohio.

Our middle school and high school youth and their chaperones will be working in both urban and rural mission sites in and around Canfield. The mission work sessions are from 9-4pm daily and are different every day splitting the middle school from the high school to serve in different locations. There are 7 middle/high school aged youth, 4 college age young adults and 4 chaperone/sponsors attending the event. This is a great experience for our youth, please continue to support them in their fundraising endeavors. An informational meeting for all mission trip attendees and their families will be held on May 6th right after the church service.

Pastor Clint has been leading small group studies on the material covered in the readings from the Journey through the Bible in a year. Adult Classes are offered on Sunday morning and on online Wednesday evening at 8:00pm. The number of people following the reading plan has been encouraging and attendance in the classes has been amazing. This continues to be a great learning experience for all of our adults.

The biblical context used during Discovery Zone through May 13th have been post resurrection lessons about meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. The Pentecost series begins on May 20th and the Pentecost stories Wind, Fire and Faith will take us through to the last Discovery Zone session on June 10th. On the last morning we will review and quiz the stories we’ve covered since the beginning of the year.

Youth ministry coordinator Giovanna Savastano is always looking for volunteers to assist with youth group meetings on Sunday evenings. A volunteer for middle school is needed from 5:30-6:30pm and for high school from 7:00-8:00pm on Sunday evenings. Only two meetings will be held this month, May 6th and 20th. May 20th will be the last weekly meeting until September so, we will celebrate and enjoy a nacho dinner bar. Please let Giovanna know if you can help.

Attention 2018 Graduates! We are aware that there are some of you graduating this year, please let us know from what high school or university you will be graduating. All 2018 graduates will be recognized on June 10th at the 11:00am worship service. We would like to have a complete list of graduates compiled by the middle of May. If you, your child, grandchild or another family member deserves recognition for a job well done let Pastor Clint, Anne Moody, or Wendy know. We do not want anyone left out.

The 2018 Vacation Bible School program held this year will be in partnership with our neighbor St. Constance. They will be hosting the event on the week of July 16th from 6:15-8:15pm, Monday through Thursday. The theme selected is “God’s Team” a sports based program. We will be meeting with them this month for a planning meeting. The meeting place, date and time to be announced. If you are interested in helping with the program this year, please let Wendy know. St. Constance is excited and happy to be partnering with us in this fun filled week with them.

Church Life

Gus Cline

Summer Save The Date Activities!

Summer is almost here so start marking the following dates on your calendars.

Sunday June 24th-Church Picnic. Come join us after service for a great time of Fun, Games, Food and Fellowship. Church will provide Hot Dogs and beverages and the congregation will help with potluck. Sign up sheet will begin on May 13th.

Sunday July 1st- Toledo Mudhens Game. \$15 per ticket and \$35 for ticket and bus ride. Sign up sheets will start in early June.

Friday Aug.24-Sunday Aug.26th- Annual Church Camping Weekend. Stay tuned for more details as these dates get closer.

The Pastoral Care Committee, Pastor Clint and the Deacons were busy over the Easter season visiting church members and friends who could not always be with us for this time of year. Great conversation, Communion, Cards and flowers all helped to make these visits very special.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We enjoyed our discussion of the first half of All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr on April 13. This book is based on World War II, centered mainly in France. We look forward to discussing the second half of the story when we meet in May.

Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:

May 11 – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

June 8 ????????

Please join us, helping us make a decision for the book we would enjoy reading in June. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” ☺

Worship

Rich Pratt

You know when you get a song stuck in you head and can't get it out? Normally it's an annoyance, but today it's a comfort. As I write this article I'm singing part of the prayer of confession from Sunday, its been stuck in my head for two days now. That is the power of music, it allows us to take a part of that worship experience with us for the week.

As you may have noticed there has been a change in the music in worship in the past year. When our old choir director Anthony left we decided to redefine that role, with Dave's increased concert schedule we needed someone who could not only lead special music, but also provide music for the entire service. That started a two year search for a director of contemporary music. We found that sacred musicians are few and far between and only

had two people that got to the interview stage. We were about ready to give up when we found out that Greg Walker was looking for an opportunity to share his gifts in worship. Greg was ideal, both a talented musician and a part of our church family.

Believe it or not, getting the right person was the easy part, it's been the technology we've been battling with. We've been struggling with our sound system to get the best configuration and have identified a couple of issues we are resolving, but we've decided to bring in professional help to get things set right. The challenge now is coordinating the schedules of all involved to find a time we can get this done, so I'm asking for some patience as we work on getting these issues resolved.

One of our goals is to use the resources we have within our community as much as possible; we've heard some amazing new voices this year and would love to hear more. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please let Greg Walker know. Practice is Tuesday evenings, but Greg will work around your schedule.

This is my 4th term on session, and somehow I ended up on worship each time. I've served with 3 pastors, with three very different styles and this is the most excited I've been about worship. We have been seeing a lot of repeat visitors in worship. This is an exciting time for the church!

If you have input or concerns about worship or music, please don't hesitate to talk to me, or you can come to the worship committee meeting. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the double classroom.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dave Bullion

The flood repairs are progressing nicely. As of this writing we are nearly finished with the nursery and Pastor Clint's office. The bathroom ceiling will be next on our radar. A bit of good news on that front...we will not have to replace the entire ceiling. The drywall is in good shape, it's the mud joints that are pretty rough. We will address them and repaint the entire bathroom. It is my great privilege to be working with such talented people. If we had to contract out this labor we would not have been able to restore the church let alone make the renovations we have. They are truly a testament to our church and how well we work together. So, if you will indulge me a bit, I would like to take this time to give them ALL a HUGE THANK YOU !!!!!



Please keep these dates open on your calendar. On May 5 we will be doing our Spring clean up . We will begin at 10am and it usually takes a couple of hours. Also, May 19 will be our Garage Sale. We are accepting donations at the church garage on

Wednesdays from 6-8pm. The sale will begin at 10am and last until 3pm. Thank you in advance for any and all donations.



Expressions

Michele Hintz

The Expressions committee is currently researching the idea of having a Clothes Closet set up at a local elementary or middle school. At the end of April, a subset of the committee visited the currently operational one in Trenton to use as a guide, and then we will continue to further plans with one of our own at one of the neighborhood schools. This will be an ongoing project to support, once we get established - the goal is to have something in place and ready to go before the Fall.

Grief Share: we are currently in the process of working with Allen Park Presbyterian to combine our resources together to host this service to the community in the near future – please watch for further information and details in the upcoming months.

Our Spring/Lenten Project was centered this year on supporting our friends at the Ilturisho School. Feast in the Desert kicked off on Sun, Feb 18th where we saw some photos of meals that the children take at the school. We also had some examples afterwards and the weeks following for everyone to sample exactly as they eat it. The recipes came right from the leaders at the school – there were 3 dishes, Ugali (Corn based meal), Beans w/ Tomatoes, and a Corn Meal Mash. It was quite an experience to taste a sample of what they eat every single day and even more amazing that they eat this meal at a cost of only \$0.07/meal.

Due to the drought they are experiencing over there currently, and the lack of options to eat, we took a collection during Lent through Easter to send over to the children at the Ilturisho School. The congregation was asked to reflect at each meal you take vs. the meal they take – again, their meal only costs \$0.07 – (were you able to eat a meal at just that cost??).

As a result, we have collected to date and have sent over to Ilturisho \$2300!! Thank you to all who contributed to help make this goal a reality!!! The impact we are having on these children is immeasurable – we already have received word once this season from the head school master that enrollment is up directly related to the fact that food is available to eat for those attending, all because of funds we have already sent. This is truly God's work in progress!! We have attached below the Thank you letter from the school for all to experience their gratitude to us.

Stay tuned for more info in the upcoming months on summer outreach projects!

Next meeting: Committee Day – May 6th @ 3pm

We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God's plans for helping in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU from ILTURISHO SCHOOL:

Greetings from Itturisho school and myself.

I take this special opportunity to thank almighty God for his enduring blessings and favors.

The main reason why I am writing this letter is to express our bunch of gratitudes to you our brethren for overcoming the geographical distances, the racial colours between us, the ignorance of us who didn't know the Lord Jesus from then to come into our support both in prayers and your material gifts that are taking us far every day in our living.

We are very sure that this is true discipleship that Jesus talked about in mark 16:15-19.

We also have to remember you in our daily supplications to our Lord Jesus to help you our brethren this lent easter.

We are happy, blessed to have u as our brothers from a distance.

To this far we got a high number of students enrolling this year due to availability of food in school,, credit to you our brethren, more

importantly three elderly students; two girls whom i rescued from the hands of early marriages after going through a very painful situation of FGM. one boy whose dad was so rigid to culture and couldn't let his son come to school but after circumcision at the age of 15 he came to school and enrolled in grade 3 learning together with the very young children,, all these happened courtesy of your prayers and support that saw the school improve.

To date we are happy, we are convinced that your prayers are reaching heaven for us, we are seeing things happening to us. We can't forget to say thank you.

Finally this was a Thanksgiving letter to you our fellowship, we smile, play, enjoy the comfort of learning in the midst of all challenges because we know we have the backing power of prayerful soldiers.

Thanks a lot James and your family for bringing this to happen we wouldn't have known you guys if it were not for kind hearts James and his wife.

Thank you so much Pastor Clint for taking this enormous burden of carrying us just like any other dad would do to his children here we are yours as well.

Thank you so much Phyllis for ensuring that we realize that truly you and your team are praying for us all through, you send us your letters and we are happy.

Thanks a lot Alex Kingoo you have been a backbone of our school since you started visiting Mara you always wished that we get any single pencil or a book requested by your clients to provide to a school. We know there are so many schools around but your heart and God directed you to our school we say God bless you.

As I wind up I say there are so many good things done to us but we couldn't write all of them but the mother of all this is the Presbyterian Church of America,, you are our mother church we are your branches in Africa and we shall grow to say thank you to you one day, one time. We shall be going for our Easter holiday in two weeks time and am happy we have never stayed a single day without meals.

Best best blessings to all of you
Francis Yiaile
Head Teacher
Iturisho primary



Thank You

Thank you Pastor Clint, Mark and Terri for coming to my home and giving me Communion. Thank you for the lovely Easter flowers, they made me think of Spring. I have missed so very much Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter yet I know the Lord is always with us

Love prayer and friendship and God bless you all Jean Page



Deacons' Highlights

By Mary Cline

Pray with us - At 9:30 am on Sundays please join us to pray for our church's needs. We use guided prayer sheets and will pray from those on our prayer sheet.

Something New - Meal Train - We have begun to organize meals for people in our congregation during special needs times. We successfully tested this online tool in September and thank those people who provided meals as well as the family we provided for. If you would like to be a part of the Meal Train, please contact Kandi Wood to sign up for this great way to help. You won't have to go online if that's not possible for you. We need your cooking skills!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms! We will be celebrating with cake and carnations on the 13th!

And lastly, Visitors - We encourage you to look for new faces and introduce yourselves and engage in conversation. Take some time

to at least share names and ask a little about the person. We have a specially prepared gift bag for them on the narthex table. Remember what it felt like to be new and show the LOVE! Blessings to you, Mary Cline

April Session Motions Connie Dainus

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the baptism of Sue Frederick's two grandchildren (Michael Anthony Frederick and Lilly Grace Orosz) on Pentecost Sunday May 20. Motion carried.

Motioned by Expressions committee to accept the Faith in Action Grant for \$1000 for the sports camp program. Motion carried.

Motioned Building and Grounds committee to contract A-Lot to resurface and restripe the parking lot. Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to approve up to \$500 to replace the hot water tank in the furnace room behind the kitchen. Money to come from Long Term Repair. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to give the Pentecost offering to the youth mission trip. Another denominational offering will be taken in the fall. Motion carried.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PWPD)

Connie Dainus, Moderator

Our circles will be collecting our Birthday Offering in May. I'd like to give you a little background on this traditional offering:

Presbyterian women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need. Ever since Hallie Paxson Winsborough in 1922, challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the PCUS to give an penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world. While the project and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not.

In 2018, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering or prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter and hospitality in the areas they serve:

Village Of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health in Honduras

The Dwelling Place, in Minneapolis St. Paul, Minnesota

Cottage Village, Cottage Grove, Oregon

If you would like more information on these projects please feel free to ask me. Envelopes will be available at your circle meeting or see me. All women are invited to participate in this offering.

And of course we welcome all ladies to join one of our circles.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, May 14th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Spaghetti, beverage, and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

May Anniversary

George & Suzanne Smith 5/27 51 Years

Thomas & Pat Tucker 5/21 63 Years

William & Mary Wonnacott 5/12 67 Years

May Birthday

Sharon Walker	5/4	Robert Barclay	5/14
Antonio Savastano	5/5	Clay Dobrovolec	5/19
Daniel Pratt	5/8	Wauline Tunesi	5/24
		Bethany Hamilton	5/27



Upcoming Dates

Tue May 1	6:15-8:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting 8:00-9:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed May 2	6:00-8:00 p.m. Garage Sale Donations accepted at garage
Sat May 5	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Spring Clean up 9:15-11:30 p.m.A.A. Meeting
Sun May 6, 13, 20, 27	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun May 6	12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting 3:00 pm. Committee Day 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth 7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Mon May 7	Noon Rachel Circle
Tues May 8	6:15-8:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed May 9	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
Thurs May 10	6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri May 11	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sat May 12	Bowling Banquet Granite City 6-9:00 p.m. 9:15-11:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting
Sun May 13	Mother's Day
Mon May 14	Noon Senior Lunch
Tues May 15	6:15-8:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed May 16	6-8:00 p.m.Accept Donations at garage
Thurs May 17	7:00 Session
Sat May 19	9:00 a.m. Garage Sale 9:15-11:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting
Sun May 20	Pentecost 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth 7:00 p.m. High School Youth

Tue May 22

Newsletter deadline

6:15-8:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Sat May 26

9:15-11:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Sun May 27

6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Donnans'

Prayers

FOR THOSE HEALING IN THE HOSPITAL

Marnie Winkleman

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Patrick Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Jan Waid, Dave Fraser, Jean Page

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Margie Bernadine, Joan Watson, Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsowy niece), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner & Sue Landis, Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Patricia Epperson (Pat Tucker family), Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker sister), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family),

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain, Ryan Bies, Dan Zajac, Kenny Trapp

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Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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