

The Vine

"O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish..."
Also refer to John 15:5 — "I am the vine, ye are the branches ..."

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 6, 2019

Color: green
11:00 AM

Sermon

A Little Faith

The Rev. Dr. Frank M. McCracken

—THIS WEEK—
Sunday, Oct. 6

Holy Communion

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Fellowship Time, HH and	
Chancel Choir rehearsal	10:30 AM
Session, CC	10:40 AM
Worship Service	11 AM
-Peace and Global Witness Offering -	

Monday, Oct. 7

Supper at Roma 6 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Needlework group, CC 10 AM
CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE 6 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Bus trip-Haywood St Church 8-4:30 PM
Wednesday night meal 5 PM
Lee's BBQ meal
All-age Pumpkin Carving Event 5:45
Jubilate Bells 6:45 PM
Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 10

Grief Group, HH 5-6 PM

Lectionary Reading

Lam. 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Ps. 137;
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sanctuary Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter, Amanda Elaine Munyan, on her birthday by Marion and Gail Robinson.

Usher Teams

October 6-Corinthians
October 13-Galatians
October 20-Ephesians
October 27-Philippians

Usher team-Oct. 6 "Corinthians"

John Swofford**
Jim Todd IV
Charles Milam
Robert M. Thomason
Sloan Mahon
Charles Wilson



Vine Volunteers

2-Sherry Wilson, Marilyn Buchanan
9-Betsy Ellison, Gail Robinson
16-Carolyn Fagan, Donna Williams
23-Patsy Adams, Janice Stroud
30-Ron and Kaye Richard

Prayer Concerns as of Sept. 29

June Dean, Tommy Hörger, Linda Murphy, Judy Couser, Kathy Burriss, Andy Finneran, Mary Burris, Betty Aiton, Cathy Neal, Edie Davis, Augusta Dixon, Walker Martin, Hack Brown, Charlene Bentley-Boyd

Presbyterian Home Dale Spears
Martha Franks Center Betty N. Moore, Marianne Bower, Nancy Cook Smith

Usher team-Oct. 13 "Galatians"

Rick Thompson** Tom Arnold
Todd Rush Tommy Smith
Jonathan Coleman
Claude Vaughn

Attendance report for last Sunday

Sunday School-85
Worship Service-158

The Memorial Home has asked for old sports and/or racing magazines for the men to read. If you can spare "oldies," please put them on the table beside Christie's office.

Offerings received...

For Hodges Church fire \$1010
For Hurricane victims \$1185

Thank you also for your generous support of the Backpack Ministry!! You can still contribute to this cause.



October Events

Oct. 13- APF meeting, 9 AM
-Session meeting, 12:15 PM
Oct. 15-VISITATION COMMITTEE, 6 PM
MISSION COMMITTEE, 7 PM

Oct. 20-Low Country Boil/Bluegrass Group, 6 PM
Oct. 22-CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE, 6 PM
Oct. 23-Hayride at Stewart Farms, 5th grade & under
Oct. 27-KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS with meal following
-STEWARDSHIP Sunday
-PW CT meeting, 5 PM
Oct. 30- Trunk or Treat



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First Presbyterian Church is a worshipping community of disciples of Jesus Christ seeking to welcome, equip, transform, serve, and witness as a family of faith.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Luke 17:6

...For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. -Matthew 17:20

Mulberry trees uprooting and replanting in the sea. Mountains moving from here to there..

We need faith to face the impossibilities of life. Jesus says only a tiny amount is necessary, but often we find it difficult to even imagine the trees in our own lives uprooting or the mountains of the world's troubles moving even an inch.

All that's needed is faith the size of a mustard seed?

We'll talk about it Sunday.

Because in our moments of doubt Jesus still calls us to the table, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike

Please remember the Prevost family in prayer as they settle in to their new home and community. Their new address is 3654 McCarty Dr, Canfield, Ohio 44406.

From Angi... We have not found a local church but watch when service is posted on YouTube! Everyone is adjusting well. I think the hardest thing has been missing our church family! Love and prayers, Angi Prevost

Do You Know?.....The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** is one of four annual special offerings of PC (USA). "One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace & Global Witness Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church. Over the years these offerings have provided ways for individuals and congregations to join together with each other and in partnership with other Christians in responding to a variety of concerns; and offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness that profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church." (Presbyterian Mission PC(USA))

**This Sunday, Oct. 6, our congregation will support peacemaking and reconciliation
as we receive this special offering.**



October BIRTHDAYS

3	Travis Thomas	20	Rick Thompson
4	Cal Benson		Sarah Wynn
	Marian Smith Nee		Nadia Youssef
6	Amanda Munyan	22	Tommy Hörger
7	Mitchell Gilstrap		Debbie Vaughn
10	Jennifer McCracken	23	Kaitlyn Bailey
11	Beth Adams	24	Robyn Prince
	Linda Lister		Richard Murphy
	Lenice Thompson	26	Haven Seigler
12	Whitney Robertson	27	Judy Cox McGeehon
13	Grayson Fortune	29	Mary Hamilton Burris
	Darcy Munyan	30	Hannah Coleman
16	J.C. Fore		Mary Fortune
			Thomas Todd, III
18	Tami Brown	31	Xavier Prevost
19	Ginny Cartee		

We have received a fresh shipment of Cafe Justo coffee. Please stop by the table in Hunter Hall to purchase your favorite.



We have 1 pound bags for \$10 and a few 1/2 pound bags for \$6.

The options include:

Arabica (Dark) Whole Bean

Arabica (Reg) Ground

Decaf (Reg) Ground

Arabica/Robusta Blend (Reg) Ground

Robusta (Reg) Ground

This coffee would be a fabulous Christmas gift for coffee-loving friends and

family. If you would like to make a special order, contact Mary Fortune (864) 981-3047.



I would like to help our local children get the nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need each weekend by supporting the Backpack Ministry.

Enclosed donation amount:

- ☐ \$200=1 child for 1 school year
- ☐ \$100=1 child for 4 months
- ☐ \$50=1 child for 2 months
- ☐ \$25=1 child for 1 month
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Additional support:

- ☐ Contact me to help stuff the backpacks.
- ☐ I would like to help deliver the backpacks.
- ☐ I will pray for the hands preparing the backpacks and the children receiving them.

Contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Thank you for your support!!



**October 20, 2019
6:00 PM**

Bring your favorite dessert to share

**Family Night Supper
and
Annual Boy Scout Troop 339 Fundraiser**

**Donations will be used to support our troop
during the coming year**

**Live Entertainment
Fleming Road Bluegrass Band !!**

Sponsored by: The Men of the Church



Notes from Dr. Ken...

If you enjoy singing and worshipping God through music, and can carry a tune in a bucket, please bring your bucket to choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the choir room downstairs.

CHILD CARE PROVIDED!!