#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## WORSHIP

#### SUNDAYS 10 AM

8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Fellowship

SATURDAYS 4:15 PM PENNINGTON/MRNC BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP

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## **Objects In Motion**

They tend to stay in motion. Objects at rest to stay at rest. Jesus came out of a faith tradition that talks a lot about motion. We are to go out into the world, fish for people and share the good news. Things are in motion at our church right now. As you read through this newsletter, I hope that you will pray for these flourishing ministries that have been incubating for months, and some for years. They are just getting started,

and we hope that you will consider supporting them financially and by getting involved. Would you like to help with Saturday night worship at Pennington Square and Monticello Nursing and Rehab Center? Would you like to help get our youth group started? Would you like to teach Sunday school? Would you like to help out with TiLT support group? Would you like to help with our Labor Day brunch? A meaningful adventure is waiting for you! Jesus said, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." How great is that? It is, indeed, great news. Blessings this September.

Emory

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

HAVE NEWS OR INFORMATION TO SUBMIT TO FPC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER? SUBMIT INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH TO THE OFFICE VIA PHONE 319-465-3393 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO <u>OFFICE@FPCMONTICELLO.ORG</u> FOR PUBLISHING. THANKS!



#### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE:

Church newsletters are a staple of congregations everywhere. You can count on our church bulletin to keep our congregants up-to-date on the latest community news. Newsletters might share timely passages of scripture, messages from pastors and other church leaders, photos from recent church events, or other content that readers find interesting. While classic paper newsletters are still important community publications, did you know that our church newsletter is now available digitally? By going digital and publishing an online church newsletter, our congregation can start creating more engaging content while also leveraging our newsletter as an effective tool to call readers to action for our church. You can choose to go green and received our monthly newsletter electronically for viewing on your computer, iPad, or other mobile device (including your smartphone) by notifying the church office. Call Mackenzie at 319-465-3393, or email office@fpcmonticello.org and provide your email address for electronically delivery of your monthly church newsletter. Additionally, you can access our electronic newsletter via our website: www.fpcmonticello.org.

BONUS: The electronic newsletter with include color photos for a more aesthetic view. Don't forget to visit our website for updated content including pictures from VBS and Montreat!

Pennington Square and Monticello Nursing and Rehab Bible Study & Worship

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.



Join us on Saturdays at Monticello Nursing & Rehab as Pastor Emory leads bible study and worship with residents of Monticello Nursing & **Rehabilitation Center** and Pennington Square (members of **First Presbyterian** Church and others who wish to join). Study and worship will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the 500/600 Dining Hall at MNRC. All are welcome to this Saturday Evening Bible Study & Worship.

#### **REMINDER:**



Do you celebrate Labor Day by laboring or resting and reflecting on your past labor efforts? Either way, you are invited to brunch hosted by First Presbyterian Church on **Monday, September 2** from 8 am to 11 am. Start your Labor Day out right with bone-in spiral ham, lil' smokies, hash brown casseroles, egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit and pastries, then labor the rest of the day. Or have an extra day of rest with

the help of a food coma. If you would like to help or donate, contact Peg at 319-465-5469. See you there!

### Life Line Screenings

Life Line Screening will be at First Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday, September 24**. Screenings offered by Life Line go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build up. Screening is simple, painless and non-invasive. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office or three other ways, provided on the flyer. Flyers are available in and outside of the church office.

### Fall Schedule and Sunday School Resumes

September is a month of new beginnings. The kids head back to school, college fall term begins, and so do a number of ecumenical education programs, youth ministries, and various bible studies. Join First Presbyterian Church with a fresh start as we resume our schedule starting Sunday, September 8. Join us for:

8:30 a.m. Sunday school (3 years old through adult)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship

Stay tuned for more information about upcoming confirmation information and other ministries First Presbyterian Church is working on.







#### Presbyterian Pie Service

The Pie Committee will be working on the following Mondays: **September 9** and **23**.

- Cost of pies is \$10.00.
- Crust in tins is \$2.00.
- Pie crust flats are \$2.00.

The committee always has fruit pies in the freezer at the church, and they also offer gift certificates. Please contact the church office at (319) 465-3393 or Pam at (319) 480-7700 to place orders.





## Welcome - Mackenzie Kahler

In July we welcomed our new office administrator, Mackenzie Kahler. She is getting acclimated , learning the ropes and has met a few of the congregation members. On **Sunday, September 15**, we will welcome her and her family, husband Nick and their three children, Gavin, Anicka and Beckett, at worship service to introduce her to those of the congregation that haven't had a chance to meet her. Come say hello!



#### FOOD AT FIRST RESUMES

Food at First meals are the third Wednesday of the month from **5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** After taking the summer off, we will start back up again on **Wednesday, September 18th.** 

There will be a <u>\$20 Fareway gift card door prize</u> drawing for those who attend this first dinner so make sure to mark your calendars!

If you would like to donate anything or help please contact: Jo Zirkelbach, 319-480-5703.



**REMINDER:** We are working on a new church directory. Our own Stacy Takes offered opportunities throughout the month of August to take pictures of all members of the congregation. You also have the option to submit your own picture. Please finish up those submissions or contact Stacy so we can begin the next phase of this project. If you have any questions, contact the church office: **office@fpcmonticello.org** or Stacy at 563-543-7246. Thank you!

## Montreat Youth Conference - Let Love Lead



The experience was eye opening and rare. We got to see over 500 people our age worshiping and dancing. You felt like you fit in and easily could make new friends even though you were miles away from your home. - Robyn Takes

It was a neat experience. It was a great opportunity for our teens to connect with people from other places. They had the chance to talk about the similarities and differences they share with teenagers from across the country and how they can use Christian-based beliefs to become leaders in our communities. - Aaron Orcutt

I got to meet a lot of people that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet if I didn't go. I also enjoyed how the sermons and scriptures connected. - Lillian Bruns

IT WAS A WONDERFUL AND EMPOWERING EXPERIENCE FOR THE YOUTH TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND TO FIND THEIR SPIRITUAL PATH. NOT ONLY WAS IT BENEFICIAL FOR THE YOUTH, BUT IT WAS A TIME FOR THE ADULT LEADERS TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER, WORSHIP, AND REJUVENATE. IT DEFINITELY HELPED ME IN MY FAITH AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH. EVERYONE NEEDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO. - KARMEN KELTNER

# It was a very amazing trip. Going to Montreat has pushed forward my beliefs and made a big impact on my life. - Matt Beal

As a small group supporter 1 got to learn new ways to engage and include the youth which will be helpful in this coming Sunday school year. I also got to know teenagers better and what they want out of this life - what's important to them. - April Keltner

THANK YOU, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD

On August 13, 14 and 15, First Presbyterian Church hosted Vacation Bible School with seven little youth in attendance and many older youth, parents and grandparents helping. It was a fantastic event with food provided by our kitchen helpers, fellowship with singing and dancing and fun as we learned about the Armor of God and made armor of our own. Thanks to Lisa Keltner for organizing this fun event and to all of the youth, parent and grandparent helpers!



## Church Picnic Held

A church picnic was held at John, Stacey, Riley and Robyn Takes's farm Saturday, August 10th. Yard games were played, such as Ker-Plunk, corn hole toss, Yahtzee, Connect Four and others. There was even a corn whole game that went into the dark! They wouldn't allow us to turn on the lights to help them see the holes. The kittens and cats were around and enjoyed the extra attention they were given. We ate food off the grill and the many wonderful dishes that were brought to pass. No one went away hungry! Stacey took pictures of all that attended for the upcoming church directory. We enjoyed fellowship and after the meal, we sat around a camp fire and made s'mores. The kids showed us what they did and learned at Montreat and even shared some of the dances they learned to go with the songs! **Thank you** to the Takes's for their hospitality and to all that came to share in the experience and food.

