

Weekly Update

for the week beginning October 11, 2026



Have any Christian books or materials you're no longer using?

Give them new life and spread God's Word around the world!

For more than 50 years, LOVE PACKAGES, a para-church ministry, has collected Christian literature and other materials and shipped them to missionaries around the world. Amazingly, each piece of literature they distribute is seen or used by an average of 22 people!

Throughout the month of October, Firelands will be collecting Christian materials in our church library. Donations may include Bibles, Christian books and magazines, Bible studies, videos, tapes, and even nativity scenes.

Please bring your donations to the church library, preferably in small, easy-to-handle boxes. We will re-box materials as necessary and deliver everything to Delaware, Ohio, for its journey to LOVE PACKAGES and ultimately to people eager to learn more about the Christian faith.

Unable to bring your materials to church? Let **Sonja** know, and arrangements can be made to pick them up.

As you do your fall cleaning, this is a wonderful opportunity to clear your shelves while sharing treasured Christian resources with others. What you no longer need could become a blessing to someone halfway around the world.

Questions?

Contact **Ed Carlson** at 410-307-5536.



The 2026 Annual Meeting of Firelands Presbyterian Church is set for Sunday, October 18th, immediately following the Postlude of the worship service. Matters before the congregation include hearing committee reports of service & mission, and the election of church officers.

THIS WEEK'S Activities

MONDAY 10/12

10:00 am - Sewing Group
10:00 am - Musical Arts Series Meeting
2:00 pm - Health & Exercise
4:00 pm - Bistro 163 Drive-Up Dinners

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TUESDAY 10/13

9:00 am - Wilsons Quilting
2:00 pm - Mission
3:30 pm - Session Meeting

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WEDNESDAY 10/14

10:30 am - Exploring Our Faith Bible Study
10:30 am - Stein Hospice Healing Hearts

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THURSDAY 10/15

8:00 am - Cleaning Service
3:00 pm - House of David Video Series

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FRIDAY 10/16

8:00 am - Men's Group Meeting (Fulton St Cafe)

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NEXT SUNDAY 10/18/2026

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship, Congregational Meeting & Fellowship

Reader: Don Dewalt

Communion Servers: Dave & Janet Gray-Moore





We are having our upstairs bathrooms remodeled, which involves the workers to be in our home for days and days! Our lives are not entirely upended, but we are disrupted more than we expected. They come early to work – we must be all clean and bright-eyed before they arrive. There are building materials all over the place – the garage, the bedroom in particular. There is a drop cloth at the foot of the stairs, and plastic wrap going up the stairs to the second floor. Our dog is exhausted because she is alert to every sound and movement as they go in and out with tools in tool bags. It will end soon, I know, and we will have our home back again.

Home.

I call Firelands our church home; a place of quiet comfort or sometimes noisy laughter; a place of the assurance of tradition and the delightful surprise of something new; a people who know us well enough and care enough about us to ask about health, about family, about birthdays and grandchildren. Life at Firelands ebbs and flows and right now, we are *flowing!* I am not alone feeling the acceptance and warmth that greets me each Sunday morning – Firelands is a church of love and laughter. May God the Holy Spirit continue to fill us and inspire us in ways to share with others this gift of a church "home."

Pastor David



Rob Constein • Karen Dietz • Dottie Douglas • Dottie's son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Karla Hoffman • Linda & Garrett Holcomb • Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol • Sue Holman • Kathy Jerram (back surgery) • Betty Layton's friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Bob Leib • Judy Smither's brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • Rod Teen (knee surgery) • Anne Trombatore • Karen Salzgeber's friend, Becky Deredick • Bill & Pat Sharp • Bill Umlauf • John Vardyon • Kay McIntosh's cousin, Terry Webster (after surgery) • All those who are currently under a doctor's care • All who are traveling this week.

Last week's attendance = 61



FIRELANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

David Aber, Pastor • Sonja Kristensen, Administrative Assistant • Karen Salzgeber, Treasurer • Janet Gray-Moore, Financial Secretary • Kathy Jerram, Newsletter Editor



October 18th – Award winning guitarist, **Rupert Boyd**, will be playing a **Musical Arts Series** concert at Firelands Church on **Sunday at 3:30 PM.**



While some of our Firelands family are away enjoying warmer climates, Snowbird Reports will help everyone stay connected with news from home and from our traveling friends. We'll keep the reports coming until all our snowbirds have flown home!

Jim and Betty Layton are already enjoying warmer climes although Jim is having a heart procedure done on the 12th.

LEAVING

Mark & Gini Stevenson

12th leaving for Sarasota

Caroline Notestine

around 15th leaving for Siesta Key via Bellefontaine first

