

THE TRUMPET



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Pastor's Column

Here is something to think about.

A member of the Musical Arts Series (MAS) stopped by the church office this week to retrieve mail addressed to the Series. I introduced myself and in the conversation that developed, told him that I knew both Bob Butcher and Jay Mann who were instrumental in the formation of MAS. He replied that he was new to MAS having been involved for only two years.

I was struck with the obvious - he did not know the names or the persons I mentioned, and likely as not did not know anyone else involved in those early days of MAS. His involvement was to the program, which is fine, but he had no affection for Firelands!

Fireland-ers, one focus of my ministry with you is to remind the good folks of Port Clinton that our church remains alive, active and involved in town. I am proud of the record of witnessing for Jesus Christ in worship, your dedication to Christ's call in community service (such as MAS), and your willingness to follow Him into whatever the mission for Firelands will be! What did we sing when we were younger "Hide it under a bushel? No, I'm going to let it shine!" Let's lift the bushel and shine for our neighbors!

Praying for a brighter glow,

Your paragraph text

Rev. David Aber

Pastor



Trumpet Summary

Firelands Church Session Meeting

1/13/2026

1. The Treasurer's Report for December and the additional December 2025 Financial Reports were approved as presented this evening subject to financial review.
2. The Deacon's Report was read and approved by session.
3. A number of yearly "housekeeping" issues were managed this afternoon including:
 - a) Session approved the Sacrament of Communion to be served by Pastor David Aber at Firelands Church for 2026.
 - b) Session authorized Pastor Aber to perform the Sacraments to our homebound. Where necessary, he/she may delegate this task to one or more "duly chosen and trained" lay servers.
 - c) Session authorized the following trained individuals, all current or past Elders, to serve as celebrants of holy communion in the church and/or at home: Karen Coffin, Alison Falls, Bill Sharp, Ed Carlson, and Dave Moore.
 - d) Session agreed to rotate a different member of Session (to serve as Fireland's Commissioner) to each of the Maumee Valley Presbytery meetings during 2026.
4. Our Sunday service Facebook recordings have experienced sound quality issues the past couple of weeks; Dennis and Pastor Aber are working together to make a temporary fix to our sound system until a more permanent fix can be made.
5. Janet Moore will be taking over as secretary at least temporarily; Ed Carlson will begin advertising the position as soon as Ed and Pastor Aber finalize a job description.

Worship and Music for February

Advent Reflections: Since we didn't have a Trumpet in January, it is important that we thank all the Advent wreath readers and candle lighters. We were also thankful for the Sometimes Serendipity Singers who sang during Advent and the small group of singers and friends from Firelands who sang carols for Connie Brand and the other residents of the Chalet at the Vineyard on Dec. 22, 2025. Thanks to Lily Rolen for her beautiful solo on Christmas Eve.

Special thanks to Sally and Dave Wahlers who along with others brought the spirit of Advent to our sanctuary and narthex and removed and reorganized these decorations at the end of the season. Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias which decorated our sanctuary so beautifully.

Online Welcome

Thank you, Pastor David, for providing a welcoming script for the worship recorders to share at the beginning of our Facebook services. This also prepares listeners online to participate in communion at home. Thanking the on-line participants at the end of the service is meaningful as well.

Ash Wednesday Service

The Lenten season will begin on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Our Ash Wednesday service will begin at 4:00 PM and will include the imposition of ashes and taking part in communion. After the service we will share a supper of soup, bread and salad at 5:00 PM to be organized by the Deacons.

Music

Pastor David is eager to add more energy, variety and community involvement in our music program. Susan Larcey and Kay McIntosh met with Pastor David in a phone conference on Thursday, January 8, 2026, to begin brainstorming various options.

In addition to encouraging members in our congregation to share their talents as we worship, we also hope to reach out to the community to invite soloists, duos, trios and quartets to come join us from time to time as well. We hope to invite singers and musicians from our schools to visit occasionally. We need to explore how our budget can allow us to support this musical outreach.

Susan Larcey will be gathering a women's ensemble to sing in February if weather permits.

Prayer corner Pastor David has reinforced our need to find a time and place to bring our need for prayers to our pastor or elders after the service or at other times.

Sound issues Thanks to Pastor David, Dennis Walls and John McIntosh who have been discussing sound issues during worship caused by microphones and furniture rearrangement. The pulpit mic seems to have been important for the sound of the room particularly as the services are shared on Facebook. Sound Solutions in Tiffin has been consulted well.

Building and Grounds

When I took the responsibility of Building and Grounds Chairman they knew I spend January thru March visiting friends and family and keeping warm. Unfortunately, the weather in our campsite 5 miles from the Florida State line has been freezing almost every night.) But I am finding that my Church friends will take over when I'm gone.

Jay Viery ordered and coordinated the delivery of new chairs and tables after I received approval from Session.

Dave Wahlers sold the old tables and chairs to clear out room in our storage closet

Sally Wahler had Dave Aber's name painted at the top of the outdoor sign and has assured that the Sanctuary is properly decorated for the Liturgical season.

Mark Stevenson created weather striping to assure the water goes the right way on the wood panel near the entrance double doors.

Several members have helped Karen Coffin and Linda Holcomb pull weeds, plant flowers and trim bushes and grass to keep our grounds looking good. There are too many members and friends to name them.

Wes Bella and I repaired the pump in the Meditation Garden.

I contacted Kreimes to have the parking lot top coated and re-striped. (adding 2 more handicap spots). The Holy Spirit helped by Predestining that there would be two more days of good weather to do the job. The latest project of re-arranging the sanctuary is ongoing. Dennis Walls is coordinating with the Pastor. So far Dennis has worked with David Aber to fix the room mic by turning on the Camera microphone and reattaching the pulpit mic near the piano. Dennis has a quote for an added Lapel Mike. This will be presented to Session for approval.

Firelands Presbyterian Church members seem to enjoy doing things on their own and I appreciate that.

Please contact me by phone, text or E-mail if you see a need within the Church building or property.

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Christian Nurture

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume On March 25 th at 10:30 . Please note the new start time. Pastor Aber will lead a Lenten study of THE PSALMS, THE PRAYER BOOK OF JESUS. Please register on the Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex to order a book.

The Men's Breakfast group will meet at Magruder Hospital on Friday, February 20 at 8:00. Wes Bella will continue the REVELATION study. Invite a friend and join us.

The Adult Education class meets each Sunday at 9:30 in the large meeting room.

Dennis Walls leads a discussion on a topic from the Weekly Lectionary.

Season 5 of the CHOSEN is viewed each Thursday at 2:00. Dennis walls leads the discussion.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our church continues to respond to food insecurity in our community by providing emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need. During 2025, our church supplied a total of 101 food bags and 190 Kroger cards, which were distributed by Transitional Housing of Ottawa County. This ministry reflects our ongoing mission to show support and compassion to those facing challenging times in our community. Additionally, this year our church pantry was blessed to receive a \$1,000 grant from Portage Resale. We are deeply grateful to Portage Resale and their commitment to giving back and helping those in need. Debbie Flora

Happy Birthday

BIRTHDAYS

Tim Flora	10
Shirley Carlson	18
Jay Viery	18
Donald Dewald	20
Joyce Jagucki	22
John Vardyan	22
Kara Gogolek	27

ANNIVERSARIES

None this month

Readers &
Communion Assistant &
Ushers

February 1

- Reader- Janet Gray-Moore
- Communion Assistant & Usher - Ed and Shirley Carlson

February 8

- Reader- Ed Carlson
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Dave and Sally Wahlers

February 15

- Reader- Ernie McCullough
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Jay and Karen Viery

February 18 - Ash Wednesday

- Reader- Susan Rogers
- Communion Assistant & Usher- No one signed up yet

February 22

- Reader - Susan Rogers
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Dave and Janet Moore

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

For those receiving medical treatment or therapy, or undergoing medical tests:

Rob and Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill and Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbie Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark and Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton's nephew, Eric, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton, Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcom's sisters, Lois & Carol, Eric and Fiona Pott and her brother, Jeff Thompson, Mary (neighbor of McIntoshes), her sister, Darlene, and her mother, Pearl.

For those facing the infirmities of age:

Connie Brand, and Joan Brydon

For those seeking freedom, security, and hope:

Bobby, Justin, Sara, Val, and GRANDLOVE Families

For those in the service of our country:

SMGT Jeff Bundy, Brant Crandall, USA; Cole Daniel, USCG; Matthew Devries, USAF; Major Jason Dewald USMC, Stu Gliwa, USMC; Aaron Haynes, USA; Andrew Hogue, USA, Ken Lewis USA Army Chaplain, Ted Livingstine, USMC, Majors Kurt & Lynsey Salzgeber USA Army.

Feb 1. Micah 6: 1 - 8

Psalms 15

I Corinthians 1: 18 - 31

Matthew 5: 1- 12

Feb 8. Isaiah 58: 1 - 9a

Psalms 112: 1 - 9

I Corinthians 2: 1 - 12

Matthew 5: 13 - 20

Feb 15. Exodus 24: 12 - 18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Feb 18. ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2: selected verses (1-2, 12-17)

Psalms 51: selected verses

Matthew: selected verses (6:1-6, 16-21)

Feb 22. Genesis 2: 15 - 17, 3: 1 - 7

Psalms 32

Romans 5: 12 - 19

Matthew 4: 1 - 11



Musical Arts Series Concerts

Nittany Trombone Quartet was formed at Penn State in 1988, This group made up of alto, tenor, and bass trombones have performed hundreds of concerts, workshops and master classes around the country. These outstanding musicians will perform here at Firelands at 3:30 PM on Sunday February 8, 2026. Save the date for this fine group. This concert is the Fred Hany Memorial Concert. Fred was the late husband of Mardi Hany who was a beloved musical member and trombone player here at Firelands.

Duo Fuerza Piano Four Hands on Sunday, February 22, 2026, will perform here at 3:30. Many remember the solo Musical Arts Series concerts given by gifted Steinway artist, James D'Leon. He will be joined by Alwen Yeung in this Jay Mann Memorial Concert. Many also remember Jay Mann who for many years was the pianist and choral director for Firelands Presbyterian Church. Pastor David Aber will be on vacation on Sunday, Feb.15, 2026. Dan Moulton, one of the leaders of Fresh Bread, will be preaching that Sunday.



OFFICE HOURS
TUES, WED & THURS
10:00am - 2:00am

February 2026

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group 2:00 Fresh Bread Mtg.			2pm The Chosen	3:30 Choir Rehearsal	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group 4-6pm Bistro Drive Thru Meal	1:00 pm Christian Ed Mtg. 3:30 Session Mtg.	10am Stein Hospice Healing Hearts	2pm The Chosen		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group		4pm Ash Wed Service 5pm Dinner	2pm The Chosen		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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