

THE TRUMPET



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Nobody's perfect. This is a common response when we are endeavoring to lessen someone's anxiety over a mishap or a mistake. "Nobody's perfect." We might be talking about our favorite quarterback who just threw an interception. It's forgivable – as long as we win the game. We might be trying to comfort the cook who just burnt dinner. "Hey, I've been wanting to order pizza from that new place, anyway." Or encourage the rookie who forgot her line in the community musical. "You'll do great tomorrow night."

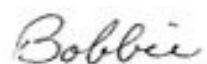
Nobody's perfect – but so many of us expect perfect, especially from ourselves. We can be bitterly judgmental and unforgiving. Several weeks ago in my daily devotions I read about a saint who embraced imperfection in herself and others. Thérèse of Lisieux, a nineteenth century French nun, taught a spirituality of imperfection, saying that Jesus does not demand great accomplishments of his followers, only trust, surrender, and gratitude. None of us are "good enough." We are not worthy. No, we saved only by grace. When we accept our limitations and imperfections we are able to admit our need of that grace. We open the door to loving ourselves (and others) as Jesus loves and accepts us – warts and all. We are each of us loved in spite of ourselves.

This is not to say that we should cut corners or shouldn't strive to do our best. This is not to say that we shouldn't right wrongs and correct mistakes. And certainly, this is not to say that we should turn a blind eye to evil and injustice. Yet if we can accept the fact that we live in an imperfect world, if we can remind ourselves that nobody's perfect, including me, myself and I, we can go through our day with a lot less stress and much more peace.

I have heard it said that Amish quilters purposely place an imperfection – however slight – in their creations as a statement of faith and humility: only Jesus is perfect. If we can allow Jesus to be the Perfect One, we might save ourselves and others much heartache.

Embracing imperfection is not necessarily a slippery slope or an easy path. On the contrary, says author Brené Brown, "It is in the process of embracing our imperfections that we find our truest gifts: courage, compassion, and connection." Let us trust this spirit of imperfection to help us connect with our family, our neighbor, our truest selves and our best friend – Jesus.

Thoughtfully,



Pastor Bobbie

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

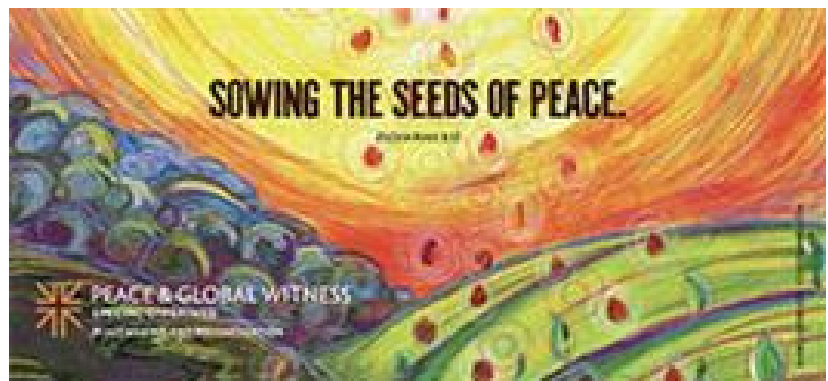
One of four PCUSA special offerings is for Peace and Global Witness. This offering, which we are promoting in October, helps to pursue peace in a variety of ways. Gifts to the Offering are combined with others to support Presbyterian mission and ministry around the world.

Confronting hopelessness through acts of compassion is just what this special offering has sought to achieve for more than 40 years. This annual Offering enables Presbyterians of all ages to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in their communities and across the world.

Andriana Soto Acevedo had the opportunity to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and walked away with new knowledge and now sees herself as a “hope bringer.” She says, “because peace is hard to grasp at the moment, I think that hope is more what we need, because hope is found in relationships that we make with one another. It’s more tangible for me. My goal is to connect with people and find the hope and the humanity in each person that I encounter.” Bringing hope through acts of solidarity and advocacy is just what the Peace & Global Witness Offering seeks to achieve.

Half of the money received is directed to efforts at the national church level for peacemaking and global witness work around the world, while 25% is retained by congregations for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to presbyteries for similar ministries on the regional level. Two examples of how congregations and presbyteries used the money from the Peace and Global Witness offering are: Guns for Gardens addressing gun violence; and “Backpack Buddies” focused on providing food for children in need, “when children don’t eat, they can’t learn;”

Please consider giving to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering this month. You can put a check in the offering plate, written to Firelands Presbyterian Church, with “Peace and Global Witness” written on the note line. Your ideas as to how Firelands or the Maumee Valley Presbytery can use the funds they receive from this offering will be very helpful – just let Ed Carlson, Mission Committee Chair, know. Thank you!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Dee's Food Pantry has had a busy and meaningful year spreading hope and reminding our community that no one is alone! We have purchased, packed and delivered nonperishable food, Kroger food cards, and essential hygiene products to Transitional Housing. Since January, we have supplied 89 bags of groceries and household items plus 155 Kroger food cards to Transitional Housing which they have distributed to neighbors in need throughout Ottawa County.

We are also grateful to have received a generous donation of \$5,000 from the estate of Llona Kovach. This gift will be used to continue supporting our community and to honor Llona's commitment to addressing hunger.



FP'C Mission Committee Report – September, 2025

In the 3rd quarter donations were made to the following organizations: Fresh Bread, the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Strength for the Journey (Lindsey Kaufman, the executive director, spoke to us during worship on September 14th). More donations will be made in the 4th quarter. We will start planning our 2026 donation plan in October. If you would like to recommend any charities for consideration by the committee, please get the information to Ed Carlson by October 19th at the latest. The Mission sub-committee, which is focused on affordable housing, met with Connie Roe, Exec. Dir. Of the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center (OCFAC), who is one of the most knowledgeable people in the country regarding the need for affordable housing and what is currently being done to address the issue. We will be looking at several scenarios for our potential involvement in addressing the affordable housing situation, and will be inviting other knowledgeable people to meet with us to further our knowledge and explore some scenarios. The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center has needs for volunteers and we are working with OCFAC to hold an “open house” for congregation to see their facility, learn of their involvement in the community, and learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities. Keep an eye out for a further announcement of this event. In October we will be highlighting the PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness special offering.

Music Committee

Musicians for October:



Oct 5 Susan Larcey, Brian Shifflet, cello

Oct 12 Kay McIntosh

Oct 19 Susan Larcey

Oct 26 Susan Larcey, Matt Hart, piper

Thanks to our Musicians

Thanks to the singers and musicians who sang and played on “InAsMuch” Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Riverview Healthcare Center. Thirty residents enjoyed singing along with hymns and gospel favorites.

We are grateful for the Sometimes Serendipity Singers who sang the beautiful arrangement by Mark Hayes of “How Great Thou Art” on Sunday, September 27, 2025. Choir rehearsals will continue at 3:30 on Fridays in October. We continue to welcome any interested singers to join us.

Special Services Coming in October

We will be celebrating Worldwide Communion Sunday on October 5, 2025, with a special offering of bread which will be shared with hunger centers. It will be our joy to have Brian Shifflet enhance our worship with his cello. Brian will also play along with our choir number for that morning, “Unspoken” with words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram.

We look forward to another solo from Betty Roberts and perhaps another guest musician to be announced later this month.

Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on October 26, 2025. More information about this service will be forthcoming. Matt Hart, the piper from Toledo, will join us for this heritage service.

Musical Arts Series

Coming in November, the second concert of the 25-26 season will take place here at Firelands on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 3:30 PM. Fire and Ice and Fiona will perform favorites from Baroque to Folk

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Prayer Corner

Elders will be available in the prayer corner on Sunday October 5, 2025, for special prayers for you or your friends and family members.



Trumpet Summary

Firelands Church Session Meeting

September 8th, 2025

1. The Treasurer's Report for September and the additional August 2025 Financial Reports were

approved as presented this evening subject to financial review.

2. The minutes from Session's July 2025 meeting were approved this evening.

3. Session gave Ed Carlson permission to start a program focused on giving space to those who are

struggling. The focus will be on prayer (including prayers of lament), reigniting personal energy,

focusing on a specific area of concern, and taking action. This is to be non-partisan and focused

on improving the lives of people, not castigating or blaming people who may or may not have

caused the problem.

4. Session will continue our post-Sunday morning worship service Prayer

Corner; the frequency will

be increased to weekly.

*hello
Autumn*

Happy Birthday

BIRTHDAYS

Maxine Myers	16
Karen Salzgeber	19
Jill Cooper	21
James Stouffer	25
John Combs	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Gini Stevenson	16
Jay and Karen Viery	18

Happy Anniversary

Readers &
Communion Assistant &
Ushers

September 7

- Reader- Mary Caracci
- Communion Assistant & Usher - Dave & Sally Wahlers

September 14

- Reader- Ernie McCullough
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Janet and Dave Moore

September 21

- Reader- Susan Rogers
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Joye Dellasantina & John McIntosh

September 28

- Reader- Shirley Carlson
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Dave & Sally Wahlers



Ongoing Prayer Concerns

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

Tom, Wade, JoAnn McIntosh, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill Sharp, Vince Decker, Lois Harris, Simon Edwards, Deb, Danny, Kevin Reffitt, Janet Miller, John McLaughlin, Kenny Ambrozy, Peggy And Jerry Boroff, John Shuman, Susie, Nancy Herl, Judy, Dennis & Jeanette Walls, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Jean Witkowski, Carrie, Daisy, Nancy, Chris, Eric Pott and Our brothers & sisters in the Fremont Presbyterian churches who are in the process of uniting congregations.

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.

Proper 22 - October 5, 2025

Lamentations 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Proper 23 - October 12, 2025

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Proper 24 - October 19, 2025

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 71:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Proper 25 - October 26, 2025

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



COMING IN 2025/2026
OUR 23RD SEASON

Astralis Chamber Ensemble
Romantic Masterworks -Flute, Cello, Piano
Sunday September 14th, 2025, 3:30pm

Les Delices- Fire and Grace and Fiona
from Baroque to Folk!
Sunday November 2nd, 2025, 3:30pm

Burning River Brass Christmas Program
Earl E. Warnke Memorial Concert at PCHS/PAC
December 21st, 2025, 3:30pm

Nittany Trombone Quartet University of Delaware
Fred Hany Memorial Concert
Sunday February 8th 2026, 3:30pm

Duo Fuerza, Piano Four Hands
Jay Mann Memorial concert
Sunday February 22nd 2026, 3:30pm

Gene Waldron, Double Bass with Accompaniment
Sunday March 29th, 2026, 3:30pm

Cleveland Institute of Music Student Ensembles
April 19th. 2026, 3:30pm

Unless noted on the schedule all concerts are at
Firelands Presbyterian Church
2626 E. Harbor Rd. Port Clinton, OH
Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the
concert or online at musicalartsportclinton.com/tickets

THE CHOSEN

Season 3 will begin Thursday, September 4 at 2:00. Season 3 follows Jesus and his disciples as his popularity grows., leading to the Sermon on the Mount and then a two-by-two mission for the disciples, during which their personal lives are explored. Tensions rise between different groups as Jesus' ministry spreads, and the season culminates with two major miracles: Jesus feeding thousands in the Decapolis and walking on water, and the disciples return to Capernaum after a harrowing storm.

Please join us in the large conference room for Season 3. You do not have to have viewed the previous seasons.

OFFICE HOURS

TUES & THURS

10:30am - 2:30am

october 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study 10:00am 1pm Pastoral Care meeting	2 2pm The Chosen CLEANING LADIES	3 Choir Practice 3:30	4
5 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Worship World Communion	6 SEWING GROUP 10AM	7 DULCIMER 2PM	8 Bible Study 10:00am	9 CLEANING LADIES 4pm Stewardship Meeting	10 Choir Practice 3:30	11
12 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Worship	13 SEWING GROUP 10AM BISTRO 163 DRIVE THRU DINNER	14 WILSON'S SEWING 9AM Sessions 3:30pm DULCIMER 2PM	15 Bible Study 10:00am HEALING HEARTS 10am Deacons 1:00	16 CLEANING LADIES	17 Men's Group 8:00am Choir Practice 3:30	18
19 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting	20 SEWING GROUP 10AM	21 Christian Ed 10am DULCIMER 2PM	22 Bible Study 10:00am Port Clinton Minsterial 1pm	23 CLEANING LADIES	24 Choir Practice 3:30	25
26 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Worship Reform Sunday	27 SEWING GROUP 10AM BISTRO 163 DRIVE THRU DINNER Fresh Bread 5pm	28 DULCIMER 2PM	29 Bible Study 10:00am	30 CLEANING LADIES	31 Choir Practice 3:30	Officers Retreat 8:30am-3:30pm