

Weekly Update

for the week beginning October 4, 2026

Pastors' Row Gets a New Look

A small but enthusiastic committee came together in July when **Mary Caracci** invited several ladies to help give our Pastors' Row a much-needed update. The plan was to redesign the display and reframe the photographs of our former pastors, creating a more attractive and fitting tribute to those who have served Firelands through the years.

The "before" photo shows the original arrangement — a composite of eight photographs, with **Bobbie Bella's** portrait displayed separately to the side. Before the new display could take shape, there was some preparation to be done. **Dave** and **Sally Wahlers** tackled the hallway wall, filling all the old nail holes and giving the entire wall a fresh coat of paint.



Then **Mary Caracci** and **Jennie DeWald** headed to Michaels in Sandusky in search of new frames, mats, and non-glare glass. As luck would have it, everything they needed was on sale—*two for the price of one!* Amy, the department manager, was very helpful and suggested ordering new name plaques online. Jennie selected the plaque colors to complement the newly framed photographs.

With all the pieces ready, the committee gathered again after Labor Day for the finishing touches. The photographs were carefully placed in their new frames and then hung in their new positions along the freshly painted wall.

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THIS WEEK'S Activities

MONDAY 10/5

10:00 am - Sewing Group
2:00 pm - Health & Exercise

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TUESDAY 10/6

2:00 pm - Dulcimer Group

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WEDNESDAY 10/7

10:30 am - Exploring Our Faith Bible Study
3:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

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THURSDAY 10/8

8:00 am - Cleaning Service
12:00 pm - Pot Luck Lunch & Walleye Bites with "Cabrinini" video to follow

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NEXT SUNDAY 10/11/2026

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

Reader: Janet Gray-Moore
Communion Servers: Jay & Karen Vieri



Pastors' Row

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The committee included **Mary Caracci, Sally Wahlers, Kay McIntosh, Jennie DeWald, Marilyn Umlauf** and **Deb Flora**. Special thanks go to **Dave Wahlers** for his work on the wall and to **Karen Salzgeber**, who handled reimbursement of the project expenses on behalf of Firelands Church.

Pastors' Row is now refreshed, beautifully coordinated, and up to date. More importantly, it honors the pastors who have shared their faith, leadership, and love with our congregation over the years.

The next time you pass by, take a moment to enjoy the new display. It's our way of saying: **"We Love Our Pastors!"**



Looking Ahead

On **October 18** we have a congregational meeting after worship. **Deb Flora** will announce who the new deacon and elder candidates are. The congregation must approve all the names. You are not required to be there but other things will also be discussed so you may want to make sure you are there. The next Sunday, **October 25th** is the installation of new deacons and elders. Duties begin in November for both Elders & Deacons' Meeting.

Last week's attendance = 48



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Karen Dietz • Rob Constein • Dottie Douglas • Dottie's son, David Douglas • Remi Floro • Linda & Garrett Holcomb • Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol • Sue Holman • Rod Keen (knee surgery) • Betty Layton's friend, Sue • Jim Layton • Bob Leib • Judy Smither's brother, Rob Morris • Flona & Eric Pott • 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.



FIRELANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

FROM THE *Pastor's* DESK

I am a fan of capitalism. I believe individual effort, enthusiasm and creativity ought to be rewarded. But going into Walmart this week and seeing the Christmas items already on display for sale, I was offended!

Walmart and every other enterprise that seeks to make a buck from Christmas sales both misses the "reason for the season", and understands exactly what Christmas is all about! Christmas is about the fulfillment of our human desire to be loved, not by another person, but by God. We are loved by God in Jesus, not the sale items on the shelf at Walmart. Let us love one another!