

The Cornerstone News

First Presbyterian Church, Paulding Ohio

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Thoughts from Ian...

God gives you a new name

Alissa and I are excited to announce that our new baby boy was born on Thursday, March 21 at 8:45am. He was 21.5 inches long and weighed 8lbs 7.8oz. What is his name? That is a good question! Picking a name was a long process. One reason for this is because a name is an important thing. It will be with him for the rest of his life. And, as I have said before, we believe that there are many rules to follow when picking out a good name. Even when we had picked out a name, we wanted to see him before we finally settled on it. This whole process reminded me that I believe that God has chosen a name for you and me.

In the Bible in the book of Isaiah, God says that He will give His people a new name. For example, in Isaiah 62:2, God says that out of His own mouth He will give His people a new name. In Isaiah 65:15, God says that He will give his servants a new name. God gave Sarai the new

name, Sarah. He gave Simon the new name of Peter. And he will give you a new name.

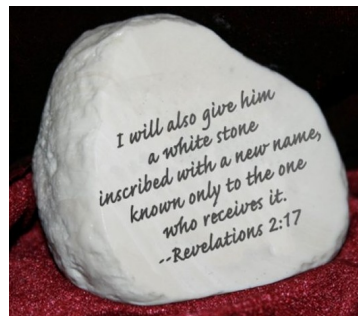
In Revelation 2:17, God reminds us of this truth. Jesus encourages those in Pergamum to remain faithful witnesses in a city deeply influenced by Satan. He does this by telling them that in the next life He will give each of them a white stone with a new name written on it. The white stone probably references the white stones that were given to guests of a feast as their token, or ticket, of entry. And what a grand feast we are invited to attend, the great wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9)!

The new name written on the stone is *your* new name. When you were born, you were given a name by your parents. From what they knew of you, they gave you a name. But now you are a new creation in Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says "Therefore, if anyone is in

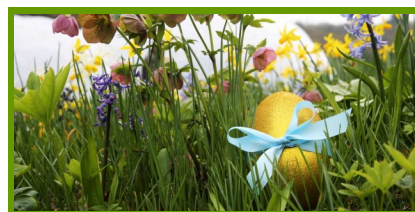
Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" God, your heavenly Father, knows you most of all and will give you a new name appropriate to you being a new creation. I don't know your name will be but you will find out on your ticket to the heavenly feast. What a wonderful mystery!

There is one name that I *can* tell you- the name of my new son. His name is Henry Joseph Ferguson. Henry after his grandfather on my side. In Judaism, the tradition of naming a son after a grandfather was common as far back as the 5th century BC. His middle name, Joseph, is after his mother's middle name, Jo. Joseph means "he will add" and God certainly added a sweet little boy to our family. All praise to God!

Be encouraged that, because of faith in Jesus, you are a new creation. God has invited you to the wedding feast of the Lamb, in His grace to you. God knows you intimately and has given you a new name - a new identity! The old has gone, the new has come.



April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Noon lunch by Lutheran Women Supper by choir 5:30, service at 6:15 Choir 7:00	4	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10 Noon-Nazarene Women, speaker Pastor Jeremy Thompson 5:30 meal by Session 6:15 service Choir 7:00	11 N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15 PROSPER program 5:30 to 8:00	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	19 Good Friday Service here at noon, Pas- tor Dwayne speak- ing	20
21 Happy Easter, He is risen! Sunrise Service at House of Love at 7:00 am, Pastor Ian speaking	22 PROSPER program 5:30 to 8:00	23 Writers' Group 7-9 in fellowship hall	24	25 N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	26 Drug Court graduation party	27
28	29 PROSPER program 5:30 to 8:00	30				

April Birthdays

3rd - Joe Reineck

4th - Brock Verfaillie

5th - Candi Koenig

6th - Darla Cline

10th - Megan Fife

10th - Nikki Verfaillie

16th - Caitlin Pennington

18th - Tucker Stoller

21st - Samuel Ferguson

23rd - Paul Panches

27th - Christy Stoller

29th - Deston Verfaillie

April Anniversaries

10th - Matt and Christy Stoller

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please get the correct information to the office ASAP. Thanks!

Session Highlights

At the March 19 Session meeting, elders:

*spent most of the meeting going over Pastor Ian's Pastor Evaluation. The Personnel elder, Bud Koenig, had distributed forms to elders at the February meeting to solicit comments and ratings on various areas of pastoral responsibilities on a 1-5 scale. Bud had consolidated those comments into one report, and he led a discussion at this meeting about that report. The review comments elicited an excellent discussion about both the work of the pastor and the work of the church. The Personnel committee will continue to work with Pastor Ian at their monthly meetings to address ideas brought up in the review for the pastor and for the church, as well as hopes and visions that Ian has for the church in the coming years. The Finance and Personnel committees will meet to recommend salary now that the one-year review is complete. The next Pastor Review will be in Fall, 2019 to get both review and salary increases back on a calendar year schedule.

*noted that Pastor Ian is using his first week of vacation for 2019 for the week of Baby Ferguson's birth. Sunday, March 24, Pastor Matt Ferguson (Ian's dad) will preach, with Ian leading the service, as well as teaching Sunday School and giving the Wednesday Lenten evening message. Elders agreed to pay the regular pulpit supply rate to the new grandpa. This plan was approved via email between the February and March meetings.

*heard that Pastor Ian will be attend a meeting at Gateway Church in Findlay on March 28. This is a first get-together of pastors from several EPC churches in the northwest Ohio area to experiment with such a collaboration.

*approved a contract with E. Lee Construction, Delphos, OH, to do the brick restoration and sealing for \$40,230. A portion of the larger chimney will have bricks removed down several feet, and these bricks will be the source of matching brick for repairs, with the remainder of the chimney being capped off. The cost will quite likely range upwards once work begins and the damage is seen up close, but is anticipated to stay well within the budgeted amount. Work will be done in late June or early July. Thanks to Bud and the Property committee for all the research and work with the contractor to reach this point.

Submitted by Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

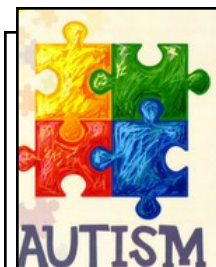
New Sign Up Sheets

Want to volunteer for the nursery or children's church for April and May? As of Sunday March 31st, there are new sign up sheets at the top of the stairs in the sanctuary.

Thanks so much for caring about our little ones!



Free Christian Church of God, Continental OH
6:30 pm performances Friday April 12th,
Saturday April 13th, Thursday April 18th,
Friday April 19th. Ticket price is \$5.00, order at
events.freecog.org. Over 100 cast members bring
a thrilling presentation of Biblical history,
giving each of us a new understanding
of the Easter story.



Autism Fair

Saturday April 6th
Payne Church of the Nazarene,
509 E. Orchard St.
9:30 to 2:30

Guest speakers are Matt
Amstutz and Jennifer Stemen

Sensory Stations and Behavioral Techs available
to assist children while adults listen and learn.

Wanted: EWASTE Electronic Scrap

Austin White
508 E. Perry Street, Paulding
419-399-3353

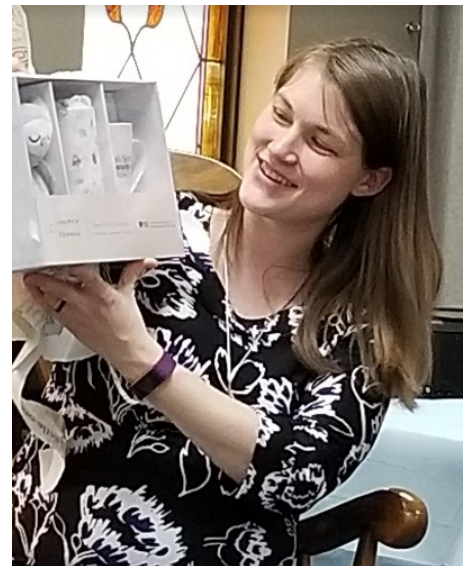
Austin offers free pickup of Electronic Devises
like computers, laptops, note books, cell
phones, flat screen monitors, DVR, CD, VCR
players, wire cords and cables. Anything
related to computers except TVs or CRT
monitors. All data and memory will be de-
stroyed, everything scrapped.



Alissa's Baby Shower

The women of this church hosted a baby shower for Alissa and baby Henry. We shared a delightful Sunday afternoon.

March 10, 2019





At a Wednesday Night Meal

On the left is Samuel Ferguson loving on his lambie, in photo on right Stan Searing and Samuel share time together as they watch for trucks out the window in the fellowship hall.



The Crossland Women

The Crossland's had several family members in church before Christmas; from left are Susan Crossland, Phyllis Crossland, Ruby Crossland and Maely Crossland Alexander.

While spending the winter in Florida with her daughter, Ruth Eschbach attended a conference where she spent time with Sharon Tubbs. Ruth met Sharon a year ago, heard her speak, recommended her as a speaker for our retreat in October 2018. Sharon came, spoke on *Big Mama's Quilt: Finding Beauty in the Patchwork of Your Life*. Ruth was still recuperating from surgery then and couldn't attend, so was even more pleased to share this time with Sharon on February 1, 2019.



Pictured are Donald and Kim (Phyllis' niece) Short, Phyllis' brother Alan and his wife Barb, along with Phyllis and Sue

God's Share Program

Susan and Phyllis Crossland recently dropped off 5 boxes of no-longer-used music at the God's Share Program in Florida. After cleaning out the music closet, Kim (founder of the program) was contacted to see if any missionaries could use some music. She put the word out and immediately got a hit for the adult music and a few days later, some children's musical. We are so glad these could be of some use.

PROSPER Program

Watch for information on the upcoming program for sixth grad children and their families to be held in our fellowship hall. We have another chance to be the hands and feet of Christ in Paulding.





Sidney and Pia

Pia Bornholdt, an exchange student who lived with the Reinecks a year ago, visited from her home in Germany. She and Sydney enjoyed their time together!



Another of our teens in the news. Great job Sydney.

Six of the Paulding FFA officers attended the Huntington Leadership "Summit" recently. In front are Sydney Reineck (left) and Jaelyn Merriman. Back row from left, are Riley Noffsinger, Emma Horstman, Courtney Luderman and Kalyn Strahley.

Paulding sends six to summit



Beauty and the Beast

The spring musical by the Paulding High School Drama Department was *Beauty and the Beast*. Pictured above are Gaston, played by Joe Reineck, and his Silly Girls, one of whom was Kristen Razo.

Oh, What a Guy!



The top photo is the masks worn by the wolves in the production.

Lower photo is of Lumiere and Belle. Great job by all!

Lent Began March 6th

Wednesday April 3: Lunch by St. Paul Lutheran
Speaker to be determined
Evening meal by the Choir

Wednesday April 10: Lunch Paulding Nazarene
Speaker Pastor Jeremy Thompson
Evening meal by Session members

Special Services

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service here at noon, speaker Pastor Dwayne

Easter Sunrise at 7:00 am at the House of Love, speaker Pastor Ian Ferguson

Drug Court Update

Our congregation continues to support the Paulding County Drug Court. Thank you to everyone who donated \$5 gift cards for the reward basket. We will continue to collect them through Easter. They must be from local businesses only.

Judge Beckman has requested to use our church for a Drug Court reunion meeting on Friday, April 26. This is the first attempt to formally get the graduates together and the judge is checking whether the daytime or evening works best for them. Men from our church are needed to cook a meal for them. Please let Pastor Ian know if this is something you can do.

Also, continue to pray for the graduates and their families. Recovery is difficult and on-going for them. Here are the first names of the 19 graduates:

Arie, Nicolette, Jeremy (RIP), Dustin, Marci Heather, Holly, Steven, Christina, Josh Coty, Jacob, Scott, Jessica, Cindel Chris, Leighton, Ronnie, Frankie



Our Beautiful Babies!



Henry Joseph Ferguson

Born March 21

8 lb. 7 oz.

21.5 inches long

Parents are Ian and Alissa Ferguson



Gideon Shepherd Lanz

Born March 25

5 lb. 8 oz.

19.25 inches long

Parents are Lauren and Philip Lanz of Indianapolis

Grandparents are Rick and Becky Craft.

Lighthouse Library

If you are looking for a great read, the Lighthouse Library offers *The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers. I stayed up until 2:00 one morning because I was in a spot I couldn't leave, I had to know what happened.

Sue Paulus



A Proud Papa

Pastor Ian, father of Henry Joseph, proudly passes out "It's a boy" mints to the group at Wednesday's Lenten lunch.





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Corner of Caroline & Cherry,
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Sunday School 9:00 am
Praise Music:10:15
Worship Service 10:30

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.
In All Things, Charity.

