

NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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TECHNOLOGY TUNE UP

My first attempts decades ago of using computers was marked by a bit of fear and trepidation, trial and error, and countless technological hiccups. I took a course called *"Computers For the Terrified."* Did it help? Nope. I was still terrified of computers. One day my computer crashed, and emotionally so did I. The computer refused to function as I hoped and the screen froze up for the umpteenth time. Frustrated and exasperated, I picked up the phone and called my brother, a Lutheran pastor. *"I am so very frustrated with this computer!"* I whined. "Settle down Bill," my brother calmly replied.

I continued, *"If this computer accidentally fell into the St. Clair River, I'd never miss it!"* said I. After my brother tried several times to convince me that I needed to continue to use a computer, I protested loudly to him with, *"Well, Jesus never used a computer!"*

My brother's next words to me, still makes me laugh to this day. "Yes" said my brother. *"Jesus never used a computer. But think how much more Jesus could have gotten done, had He used a computer!"* From that moment until today, I have totally, thoroughly enjoyed using the computer in ministry, communicating with family, researching my family tree and ordering products online.

I applaud the leaders of First Presbyterian Church for all the many ways they have recently upgraded some of the church's technology. Let me count some of the ways. The Session chose a new, improved internet provider, so that the *"broadcast"* of the Sunday worship service is now viewed on Facebook Live without failure. The Session also approved the purchase and installation of a digital thermostat, so that the temperature can be easily and conveniently raised or lowered remotely from the cell phones of certain church leaders. Thanks to a generous gift from the family of the late Arnold and Lores Kettlewell, a new, improved digital sound board was purchased for the Sanctuary. The purchase of a new phone system, as well as state-of-the-art air purifiers and dehumidifiers have been other steps forward the Session has recently taken.

First Presbyterian Church is definitely God's church for today. The Session is taking steps to ensure that First Presbyterian Church will also be the church of tomorrow!

Jesus gave us a chance to reach all the world with the gospel (good news) about Him: He said: *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:19). First Presbyterian Church is taking seriously that charge to reach all the world. As just one for instance, the broadcast of the church's Sunday morning worship services over Facebook Live has the potential of reaching the literal entire world! No, we do not worship modern technology. But modern technology is sure helping the people of First Presbyterian Church to worship God, as well as spread the good news throughout the world that God is love and Jesus saves!

Pastor Bill Wright

August 2025



Prayer Requests

Jane McLane, Jim and Sue Weller and the family of Jerry Cook upon his passing.

Lisa Haddix's brother Dave suffering from progressive disease and Lisa's father recovering from kidney surgery.

Continued prayers/praises for Karen/Dave Vandyke's grandson Grant...doing much better.

Those recently hospitalized and recovering from surgeries, those with serious illnesses.

Those in our church family and our community going through difficult times.

Those suffering from weather related damage and loss.

Families and victims of violence and other crimes.

Our country and our government.

Inspirational August Quotes

- In the heart of August, as the sun paints the sky with hues of amber and gold, may you find the warmth of resilience within, embracing the changing seasons of life with grace and courage.
- Like the fields of sunflowers that turn their faces towards the sun, may you always seek out the light, even amidst the shadows, and bloom with radiant joy in the face of adversity.
- As August showers bring forth life-giving rain, let your spirit be refreshed and renewed, washing away worries and anxieties, leaving behind a heart filled with gratitude and hope.
- Just as the mighty oak tree stands tall and unwavering through summer storms, may you find the strength to weather life's challenges, knowing that your roots run deep and your branches will reach towards the heavens.
- In the symphony of cicadas and the gentle rustling of leaves, find solace and inspiration in the quiet moments, where creativity blossoms and dreams take flight.
- As the days of August grow shorter, cherish each precious moment, savoring the sweetness of summer's end and embracing the anticipation of new beginnings.
- Let the fiery sunsets of August ignite your passion and purpose, fueling your dreams and aspirations, reminding you that you have the power to create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling.
- Just as the moon illuminates the night sky, may your inner light shine brightly, guiding you through life's uncertainties and inspiring others with your warmth and kindness.
- In the gentle breeze that carries the scent of wildflowers, find peace and serenity, allowing your worries to drift away like the falling leaves of autumn.
- Embrace our own unique radiance, to stand tall and proud, even when surrounded by fading colors.
- As August prepares to bid farewell, embrace the lessons it has taught, the memories it has created, and the opportunities it has presented, carrying them with you into the next chapter of your life's journey.
- In the dwindling days of August, find solace in the symphony of nature, for it whispers of resilience, reminding us that even as seasons change, life's beauty endures.
- As the sun dips lower in the August sky, casting long shadows and painting the clouds with fiery hues, let it ignite a spark of passion within you, propelling you towards your dreams with renewed vigor.
- The vibrant blooms of August, defying the approaching autumn, teach us to embrace our own unique radiance, to stand tall and proud, even when surrounded by fading colors.
- In the stillness of an August night, as stars twinkle like diamonds scattered across the velvet sky, find a moment for introspection, for it is in the quietude that we discover our true potential.
- Like the honeybees diligently collecting nectar from the last wildflowers, may you gather every drop of sweetness from the remaining days of summer, filling your heart with gratitude and joy.
- The fiery sunsets of August, a breathtaking spectacle of nature's artistry, remind us that even endings can be beautiful, and that new beginnings are always on the horizon.
- Embrace the warm embrace of August's sun, for it nourishes not only the earth but also the soul, revitalizing us with its energy and reminding us of our own innate power.
- As the leaves begin their gentle dance towards the earth, let go of what no longer serves you, just as the trees shed their foliage, making space for new growth and transformation.
- In the quiet moments of August, when the world seems to slow down, listen to the whispers of your heart, for it holds the wisdom and guidance you seek.
- The vibrant colors of August, from the golden fields to the fiery sunsets, inspire us to live boldly and passionately, embracing every moment with open arms and a grateful heart.

Announcement: The annual Presbyterian Women's Picnic will be Thursday, August 14th at 6:30 in the Frostick room

Dog days of summer: Hottest in July and August

The dog days of summer refer to the hottest days of the year that we experience in July and August. No, they aren't named after dogs, our cute and furry friends. But they are named after the *Dog Star* – the brightest star in the sky – [Sirius](#). It's in the constellation of [Canis Major](#), the Greater Dog. By the way, the [Belt of Orion](#) can point you to dazzling Sirius in the morning sky.

What are the dog days of summer?

You might have heard the hottest days of summer referred to as the “dog days of summer” ... but where did this term come from? According to the [National Weather Service](#):

The “dog days of summer” is a phrase used to describe the hot and humid days of summer. It can be traced back thousands of years to the days of the Roman Empire. It refers to the dates from July 3 through August 11, which is 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls in conjunction with the sun. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star,” because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

So, you can see the term *dog days* isn't new. And its origin is based on objects in the sky.

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What does Sirius have to do with the hottest days of summer?

The fact is, the name Sirius comes from an ancient Greek word for “scorching” or “glowing.” Plus, Sirius is the brightest star visible from Earth, and it's visible from both hemispheres. Also, it's the brightest star in the evening sky during the Northern Hemisphere winter.

Sirius is behind the sun as seen from Earth during the Northern Hemisphere summer. Then, in late summer, it appears in the east before sunrise, near the sun in our sky.

Ancient Egyptians noted that Sirius rose just before the sun each year immediately prior to the annual flooding of the Nile River. Although the floods could bring destruction, they also brought new soil and new life.

Ancient Romans noticed the reappearance of Sirius in the morning sky as well. And they blamed it for the heat in July and August. That's because Sirius rose each day before sunrise. And then, it traveled across the sky with the sun all day. Thus, early stargazers might have imagined a double-whammy from Sirius and the sun caused the hot weather.

Dog days and Sirius in conjunction with the sun

Since Sirius is in [conjunction](#) with the sun on July 23, the dog days of summer centered around then. The dog days of summer fall between July 3 to August 11, and that's when we have our warmest days in the Northern Hemisphere.

So even though we know why this is the hottest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the legend of the dog days has survived.

Bottom line: The dog days of summer are named for the Dog Star, Sirius – the brightest star in the sky – in the constellation Canis Major the Greater Dog.

PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

SPECIAL DAYS IN AUGUST

Aug. 1 Girlfriend's Day National Water Balloon Day Respect For Parents Day Twins Day	Aug. 14 National Lizard Day Romance Awareness Day Social Security Day	Aug. 26 Got Checked Day National Dog Day National Toilet Paper Day
Aug. 2 National Coloring Book Day Sleep Under The Stars Night Take a Penny/Leave A Penny Day	Aug. 15 Best Friends Day Kool-Aid Day National Relaxation Day Men's Grooming Day	Aug. 27 Just Because Day National Cinema Day World Rock Scissors Paper Day The Duchess Who Wasn't Day
Aug. 3 American Family Day Friendship Day Sister's Day Watermelon Day	Aug. 16 Joe Miller's Joke Day National Honey Bee Day National Rollercoaster Day	Aug. 28 National Bow Tie Day National Power Rangers Day National Thoughtful Day National Weed Out Hate Day Read Comics in Public Day
Aug. 4 National Chocolate Chip Day Picnic Day Raisin Bran Day	Aug. 17 Black Cat Appreciation Day I Love My Feet Day Meaning of "Is" Day	Aug. 29 Lemon Juice Day More Herbs, Less Salt Day
Aug. 5 Dolly Pardon Day National Underwear Day	Aug. 18 Bad Poetry Day National Badge Ribbon Day National Fajita Day Serendipity Day	Aug. 30 Burnt Ends Day International Bacon Day International Bat Night National Buffalo Chicken Wings Day National Toasted Marshmallow Day
Aug. 6 National Fresh Breath Day National Root Beer Float Day	Aug. 19 "Black Cow" Root Beer Float Day Coco Chanel Day World Photography Day	Aug. 31 Pony Express Day Trail Mix Day
Aug. 7 Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day Purple Heart Day	Aug. 20 National Radio Day World Mosquito Day	
Aug. 8 Happiness Happens Day National Fried Chicken & Waffles Day National Pickleball Day National Whataburger Day	Aug. 21 National Spumoni Day Senior Citizen's Day World Daffodil Day	WEEK EVENTS Wk.1 International Clown Wk National Button Wk National Farmer's Market Wk
Aug. 9 Book Lovers Day Middle Child Day Smokey Bear's Birthday	Aug. 22 Be An Angel Day National Tooth Fairy Day Never Bean Better Day National Bring Your Cat to the Vet Day World Plant Milk Day	Wk 2 National Hobo Wk Elvis Wk Weird Contest Wk
Aug. 10 Bagel Day S'mores Day Paul Bunyan Day	Aug. 23 Cuban Sandwich Day Find Your Inner Nerd Day Ride The Wind Day	Wk 3 Great American Stamp Wk Numismatic Wk
Aug. 11 National Hip Hop Day Popsicle Day National Sons and Daughters Day	Aug. 24 Go Topless Day National Waffle Iron Day International Strange Music Day	Wk. 4 World Princess Wk Be Kind to Humankind Wk Sweetcorn Days Cow Chip Throwing Days Hog Days
Aug. 12 Home Sewing Machine Day Vinyl Record Day World Elephant Day	Aug. 25 Kiss and Make Up Day National Park Service Day	MONTHLY EVENTS Get Ready for Kindergarten Month National Catfish Month National Cowgirl Month Golf Month National Crayon Collection Month Happiness Happen Month
Aug. 13 International Lefthander's Day		

From your little Library on the corner....

"I hear the hoofbeats of the Four Horsemen approaching!" Who knows better than Billy Graham what is going on in today's world. *Approaching Hoofbeats* compares the Book of Revelation with the current state of world affairs. It is hard to put down! (Note: The book was written in 1983.) From *Approaching Hoofbeats: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, by Billy Graham. (Gray dot – Famous Authors)

"Susanna and Manaen desperately search for hope and meaning – in a world where their love is forbidden. Others pray and wait for light, and all long for a vision of hope. Now a healer named Yeshua walks the streets of Jerusalem. Is He the true Messiah? or only another imposter, like so many before Him?" From *First Light*, by Bodie & Brock Thoene. (Purple dot - Fiction)

This adventure story introduces young readers (ages 8-12) to Christian heroes of the past. In *The Mayflower Secret*, 13-year old Elizabeth Tilley and her family arrive in the New World and experience great hardship and challenges which will test her faith. From *The Mayflower Secret*, by Dave & Neta Jackson. (Red dot – Young Adults)

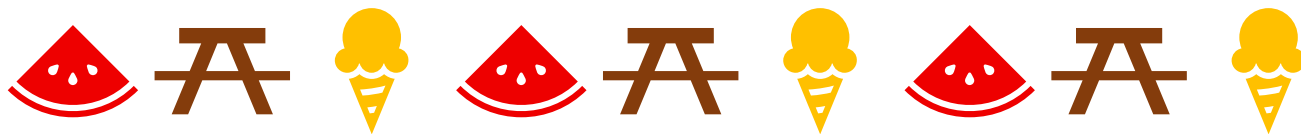


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20th Andrew & Kim Young
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30th Bill & Ann Milletics

Dates to Remember



AUGUST 2025						
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3. 10am Worship. Communion	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
10. 10 am Worship	11.	12. Session Meeting 7:00 pm	13.	14. Presbyterian Women's Annual Picnic, 6:30 in the Frostick room	15.	16.
17. 10 am Worship	18.	19.	20.	21. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	22.	23.
24. 10amWorship	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
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