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How Long, O Lord?

By Rev. Bill Pollack

“Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.” (Psalm 85:6-7)

The Psalmist longed for the day when God’s favor would return to the land of Jacob; God’s favored heritage. He prayed that God would restore the fortunes of Israel and add His blessing upon the people. He remembered the “good old days” when things were well. His desire is for that experience to return so the people would live in peace and prosperity.

Things haven’t changed much over the past several thousand years. We have all experienced times when things were going well. We have also experienced times when we longed for the days past. It may be for us today, that we echo the prayer of the Psalmist in our desire to share in the blessing of God on our land, homes and lives.

As we approach the days when our nation will celebrate our independence, we look back on how God has blessed us as a nation. Our reflection on the years gone by may lift our spirits as we think of the many ways we have been shown God’s grace. I for one am grateful for the opportunity to live in America. We are not perfect. We still have room for growth and improvement. We look forward to the day when

we will all have a sense of pride in who we are and what we can offer one another.

With the Psalmist, I too ask God to intervene on our behalf. I pray that He would send a fresh visitation of the Holy Spirit upon us. I hold to the hope that one day we will love one another as Christ loves us. That we will have His peace in the moments of chaos and disarray. That the joy of the Lord will fill our lives in such a way that others will be able to experience the grace of God for themselves. I affirm the hymn, *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (#338, Pres. Hymnal)*, and resolve in my heart to make ready for God to once again bless our great land. The hymn speaks of three things that I believe we are being called to pursue. **First, God’s grace which is available to all of us. Second, that God would be the great physician and heal us of our many flaws so that we can live together in harmony and peace. Third, that we allow God to do His purifying work in our hearts so that we might be more and more like Him!**

This Fourth of July, and all the days to come, let us celebrate the freedom we enjoy because of the commitment of men and women in our past. Let us not take for granted God’s blessings. But, may we live in response to His faithful love toward us as we offer His blessings to others for His glory. Let us bless God in all our living, so that He will bless us once again! ✝

Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given in memory of:

† **Sally Hermansdorfer** by Amy Crookes

† **Elva Taylor** by Joan Dudley

Note of Gratitude

Thank you for the Amazon gift card! I really appreciate it. Thank you for being mine and my family's church. I feel very blessed to have you as my church. *(Christopher Conley)*



- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Independence Day, July 4 (Office Closed)
- Summer Book Club, July 6, 11, 13, 18, 6 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch, Thursday, July 14, 11:30 a.m.
- Sew Blessed, Monday, July 18, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Last Session of Summer Book Club, Thursday, July 20, 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas In July, Sunday, July 24, Following Morning Worship
- Men's Lunch Bunch, Thursday, July 28, 11:30 a.m.
- Visioning Day, Sunday, July 31 following Morning Worship



FPC is honored to participate in the

Christmas Tour of Homes 2022

We will have an information reception following Morning Worship on

Sunday, July 24

We will share our overall Christmas decor layout of the church and opportunities for congregational help.

Our current requests from the congregation:

Borrowed items (we do not need until November)

✧ Family Nativity (s)

✧ Angels

Donated items (they will not be returned)

✧ Garland of any kind

✧ Miscellaneous Items

✧ Monetary gifts for fresh greenery for outside and ribbon



Don Lee: July 1

Mike Lilly: July 4

Sarah Tarr: July 10

Cathy Wilson: July 11

SophieBeth Wheeler: July 21

Martha Gesling: July 22

David Murphy: July 22

Chris Payne: July 23

Lee Hall: July 25

Ann Wiseman: July 29

Judy Fannin: July 30

member
spotlight



Congratulations to

Dr. Roger Potter

on his retirement! Dr. Potter joined Ashland Children's Clinic in 1977 and has had a special influence on the lives of many families in the tri-state area. We all know the impact he has had on our lives here at FPC. We are blessed by his smile. May Dr. Potter find joy in this new chapter of his life. Well done, good and faithful servant!

As our nation celebrates Independence Day, let us remember and proclaim that God so loved the whole world that He sent Jesus to share in this life.