

# The Good News

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## Looking for a simpler and uncluttered way of life ....



When I look at the popsicle at the top of the newsletter, I am instantly transported back in time to the lazy days of summer of my childhood. I can relive those moments of waiting with a quarter in my hand for the ice cream truck to drive through our neighborhood. There was a sense of anticipation that only built as the truck moved through the neighborhood street by street with its music growing ever closer. And then that moment when it would be on OUR street and all of us would hurry so as not to miss it. Those days seemed so simple and unhurried as our lives were narrowly confined to our own street and neighborhood.

Then we got a little older and were allowed to bike and walk into town. Not too many restrictions: just be home for dinner. Without cell phones, our parents went for hours not knowing exactly where we were. At the time, it felt like such freedom was given to us. Time and space seemed vast and unending.

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## Sermon Topics

**Sunday, July 17th**  
Streamline Your Schedule:  
Who Do you Want to  
Become?

**Sunday, July 24th**  
Spend Wisely:  
Being Happy with Job and  
Money

**Sunday, July 31st**  
Kenn Grimes Preaching

**Sunday, August 7**  
Strengthen Your  
Relationships:  
Conversations  
That Simplify Life

**Sunday, August 14**  
Fully Surrender:  
Let God's Word Lead

**Sunday, August 21**  
Sermon Series on Favorite  
Psalms Begins

# Lifetree Café episodes at 6:30 p.m.



**Sunday, July 10**— Laughter is the Best Medicine—A Doctor Approved Laugh Session

**Sunday, July 17**—Child Sex Slaves—America's Disturbing Secret

**Sunday, July 24**—True Beauty: Is It Really Only Skin Deep?

**Sunday, July 31**—The Art of Loss—How Tragedy Can Transform Your Perspective

**Sunday, August 7** - Facing a Terminal Illness: Insights From a Dying Man

**Sunday, August 14**—Border Wars—Is There a Passionate Response to Illegal Immigration?

**Sunday, August 21**—Give Me Break! Living a Grace-Filled Life

**Sunday, August 28**—A Stripper's Journey out of Hopelessness

## Communion Servers

Ruth Chapman is coordinating our communion servers and would like to include all of our ordained Ruling Elders in the rotation.

The church maintains a list of Elders ordained here at First Presbyterian Church, but some of you have been ordained in other PC (USA) churches and perhaps attend as associate members here.

Please contact the church office at 582-7983 to be added to the list. This would be helpful even if you are unable to serve on Sundays.

## Presbytery Point

Two fundraisers netted a total of \$511.10 toward the cost of four of our youth attending Presbytery Point Camp this summer. Cost of camp is approximately \$400 per person, with each family paying a portion of the cost. If you can contribute to this ministry, please earmark the amount on a contribution envelope.

## Building & Grounds

- The water leak at the front of the building was caused by a faulty valve. The Boyne City maintenance crew has it repaired and the spot will be seeded once the ground has settled.
- We are in need of a new phone system as the current system can no longer be repaired. The cost: \$1700. Please donate generously to the rummage sale to help defray the cost.
- A work crew is being organized to paint the foundation and trim of the church. If interested in participating, please see Ed LeBuda, building and grounds coordinator.
- Norm Gardner replaced ceiling tiles due to water damage. A drain system on the roof is needed to prevent further damage.



# Pastor's Pen

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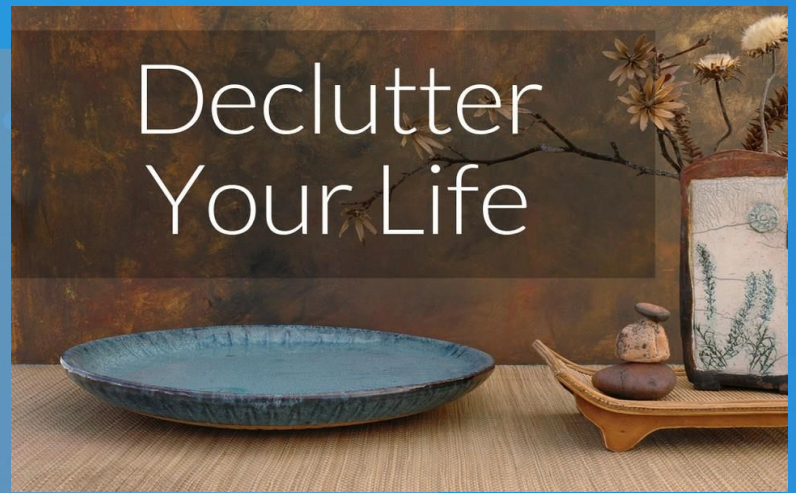
Little did we know that with each successive year and with each additional freedom, the noose was ever so subtly tightening and drawing us away from the days when life was simple, sweet, and uncluttered—away from those carefree days of a childhood's summer.

At first you might not notice the clutter that comes with adulthood, but for most of us, we get to the point where our lives are sometimes like our garages—full of junk. Worry, broken relationships, vain pursuits, and crammed calendars consume our attention and turn every day into a giant balancing act. The junk we own begins to own us. And, before we know it, they are stacked so high that we feel trapped by our own lives.

As we move into the summer months, perhaps you too are feeling the claustrophobia and long for a simpler way of life.

Jesus offered his followers freedom from the clutter, and the same offer exists for us today. This summer I invite you to explore what it means to unclutter and simplify not just your closets but your very soul as we examine how biblical living clarifies our priorities and draws us together as a joyful community.

The first sermon in the series is scheduled for Sunday, July 17th—it's my birthday—and this sermon series is my gift to myself in hopes of a simpler life in the days ahead.



## Declutter Your Life

### Rummage Sale

August 26 and 27

We need YOUR HELP!  
(Signup sheet in office)

We need YOUR STUFF!

Drop-Off Available

Tuesday and

Wednesday

9 to 3:30

For information

Call Laurie Leaman

582-5517

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE

## JULY

- 1 Bob Chapman
- 5 Linda McGlone
- 7 Geri Burgess
- 10 Judy Grimes
- 12 Jim McCarry, Rachel Ehrlich-Blair
- 17 Pastor Beth Broschart
- 22 Heather Judkins-Ladd
- 23 Cathy Zavesky
- 27 Barbara Hancock
- 29 Arthella Dickerson, Gene Towne,  
Kenn Grimes
- 31 Jerry Broschart
- 11 **Bob & Ruth Chapman**

## AUGUST

- 1 Ruth Chapman
- 5 Dava Maat
- 7 Bob Pluister, Bernice Edwards
- 10 Lee Gery
- 19 Adam Leaman, Madison Fitzpatrick
- 20 Al Lawson
- 27 Bob McGarva
- 29 Nancy Trumble
- 22 **Dick & Betty Jo Sarchet**
- 24 **Oral & Eleanor Sutliff**

## Online Giving is Now Available:

If you find yourself arriving at church without a checkbook and no cash, we have the solution. Online giving has been approved and is available on the homepage of our website at [www.fpboyne.org](http://www.fpboyne.org)

It is quick and easy to setup whether you make a one-time donation or a recurring transaction.

## Meet UP and Eat UP— Healthy Food To Fuel Your Summer

Boyne Falls Public School announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency.

Lunch will be provided from 11:20 to 12:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City

July 11—September 2

The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.