



## Weekly E-Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church

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*God's Love Is Here for You*

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Tina Johnson, E-newsletter editor

Greetings, friends!

Happy Father's Day to all our dads and granddads! Thank you for sharing your photos with us!

Our gospel reading this Sunday is the familiar passage of Jesus calming the storm, as the disciples dissolve into panic, worrying that he doesn't care about their situation. Have you experienced fear and panic before—and the feeling that God is far away in your time of need? Perhaps some of you felt that way during the pandemic, when everything seemed out of our control (and was!) and nothing seemed the same anymore.

It feels so good to be worshiping in our chapel, without the requirement of masks. Your smiles look wonderful and the singing sounds so beautiful! Thank you to Debbie Clark, organizing our special music for us. We welcome your musical gifts and talents and encourage you to sign up on the sheet in the chapel lobby to share your musical talents with us one Sunday this summer.

If you haven't yet returned to worship, we miss you and feel your absence. We hope you will be able to come back soon and experience the joy of fellowship and singing, the love of God and God's people, and the nourishment of God's Word.

After more than a year without our choirs, Session has good news to share. Our choral programs will begin again this fall under the leadership of a part-time choir director, Malik Khalfani. He will begin serving our congregation part time on Sunday, Aug. 15. We will introduce him during worship and welcome him with a meet and greet with refreshments in the parlor after the service.

Toledo native Malik Khalfani is an award-winning music director currently active throughout the Midwest. His work has been seen at Indiana University, Akron Civic Theatre, Near West Theatre, Toledo Repertoire Theatre, Cutting Edge Theatre Company, the Toledo School for the Arts, and others. He has been honored with awards at the Ohio Community Theatre Association's OCTAFest, where he was recognized for Excellence in Vocal Direction and designated Outstanding in Vocal Ensemble for his work on Hairspray.

The young music director and conductor is most frequently seen on the piano. Between conducting the pit from the keyboard, accompanying staged productions, collaborating with other musicians, and score studying, Malik is quite comfortable on the instrument. He is also fluent with multiple members of the string family such as violin, viola, and cello.



Although Malik works extensively as a music director of musical theatre and symphonic works, he has also served as the Music Director of Brecksville United Methodist Church since 2018. He has worked as an instructor at the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and Garfield Heights Youth Theatre, and as the Assistant Orchestra Director of Maumee City Schools.

Malik earned his Bachelor of Music in Music Education at Cleveland State University. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting at The Ohio State University under the mentorship of the renown Miriam Burns. Malik's previous conducting mentor included Dr. Victor Liva.

We will share more later this summer about our music ministry that Malik will be leading, with help from volunteers, in the fall.

Welcome, Malik! Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with us! May God richly bless you in your ministry in our midst!

Peace and blessings to all, in the name of Christ!

Pastor Karen

## What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (6/17): 10 a.m. Prayer Fellowship in the parlor  
Sunday (6/20): 10 a.m. Worship in the chapel  
2 p.m. Windsorwood Worship  
Monday (6/21): Pastor's Sabbath



**Scriptures:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41



**Happy Birthday to:** Pete Hores (6/18); Lukas Sycks (6/20); Margaret McDowell (6/21); Madelyn Nelson (6/23)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Jake & Barb Snyder (6/19); Patrick & Lauren Williams (6/20); Ryan & Laura Emig (6/21); Bob & Louise Mickelson (6/23)

## In our hearts and prayers:

Barb Moore - Home  
Donna Westfall - Home  
Louise Mickelson - Home  
Dick Sycks - Home  
Mary Timmons - 4588 Wesley Woods Blvd., Unit 106, New Albany, Ohio 43054  
Nellie Walters - Home  
Barb Wheeler - Home



## HIT THE ROAD!

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

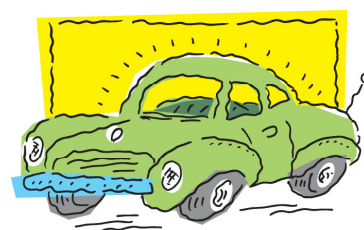
His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said.

"You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair ...."

"Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"



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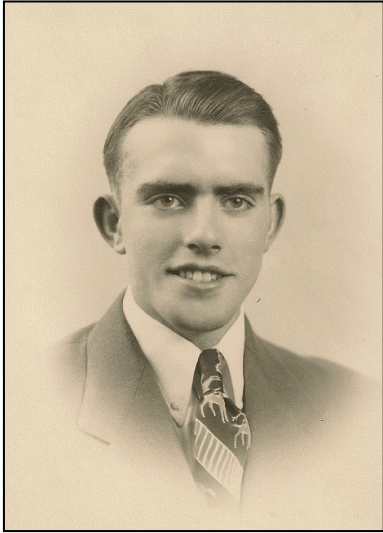
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## FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS



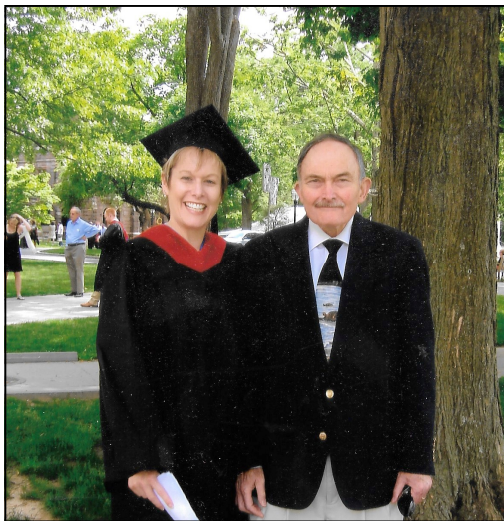
Don Harrison's father, Richard



Tina Johnson and her father, Dick Brown



Debbie Clark and her father at her wedding in 1972 and dancing at her wedding in 2007.



Pastor Karen and her father, Robert Kornspan, at her graduation from Princeton Seminary in May 2007.



Jim Crawford's dad, Daniel Crawford, in front of his company truck.



# Jesus Calms the Storm

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39

The puzzle is based on Mark 4:35-41 (NIV).



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STERN  
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FAITH  
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TEACHER  
DROWN  
STILL  
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