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7 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 7</u>	8 th Sunday after Pentecost / <u>July 14</u> <i>Communion</i>	9 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 21</u>	10 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>July 28</u>	11 th Sunday after Pentecost <u>August 4</u>
Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13 “Hearing Test” <u>Liturgist:</u> Geoff Goll	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29 “The Very Bad, the Very Good and the Very Ugly” <u>Liturgist:</u> Rev. Trina Lewis	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34; 53-56 “Working the Fringes” <u>Liturgist:</u> Sharon Bortz	<i>Ruling Elder Ruth Cole in pulpit</i> 2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 “Amazing Power” <u>Liturgist:</u> Lynn Zocolo	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35 “Fed for Life”

In 2011, Denise Herron Weingart came up with a brilliant idea. As a means of being 'neighborly', our church would host a series of picnics that combined an entertaining program with lawn games and, of course, food. These picnics would be open to everyone in our neighborhood and be held in Salem First Presbyterian's own Big Back Yard. Everyone was welcome. Members of our church picnicked and shared in fellowship with our neighbors. It was a tremendous success!

Sadly, Denise passed in 2014, but her vision and spirit live on to this day in the program that she started – now renamed **Denise's Big Back Yard**.

Over the years, program topics have included scavenger hunts, Karaoke, bicycle safety, Scout programs, police dogs, geology, library fun, and recycling among many others. This year will have five programs:

- **July 10** – Jan & Ray Cox will host a sing along and Karaoke (if you dare!). Jan and Ray will also provide some real New Orleans Jambalaya. Finally, and most importantly, there will be a dedication ceremony of a yard bench to honor Denise.
- **July 17** – Presbyterian Preschool will host a 'Bees and Trees' program.
- **July 24** – Jessie and Lulu Reeks will entertain with an eclectic mix of music from south of the border.
- **July 31** – Boy Scout Troop 3 will host with a court of honor and scout skills and displays.
- **August 7** – TBD. But it will be entertaining – promise!

So come one and all; bring a friend and meet our neighbors while enjoying fellowship, fun and food in our own Denise's Big Back Yard!

~ Mark Smith, Moderator of Mission I and S Committee

“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”

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Thank You Notes:

Thank you so much for all the calls, texts, cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers for my knee surgery and recovery. I especially want to thank Frank and Trina for their many hospital visits and support (and additional prayers over the phone). I also want to thank Ellen Maticik, Carol Ricciardi, Kathie Baker, Sharon Bortz, Barb Fennema, Sandy Quinn, Nancy Crum, and Brenda Johnson for providing delicious meals with some desserts! I returned to work on July 1 and am in physical therapy making progress. I am so blessed to be part of the FPC family! ~ *Phyllis Garlock*

Thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered by Mark and Grace Smith. We had a very nice visit, and we definitely enjoyed the delicious cookies they brought! ~ *David and Roselyn Stephens*

My sincere thank you to all the folks who have been praying for me during my colon operation. In the last month you all sent me over 50 cards with well wishes and prayers. They are working. I am able to walk a little farther each day and in great spirits. A note of caution. I got those dreaded colonoscopies every 3 years. At 77, my doctor said congratulations you are now too old to need colonoscopies. But at 81, I developed cancer. So I guess you are never too old to grow cancer. Two months ago, during a fluke ER visit for severe back pain (slight crack in a rib), they discovered I was very anemic and then found the cause of the internal bleeding. I am only trying to stress the importance of a colonoscopy. I am grateful for you my dear friends. Thank you doesn't say enough. *Barb Yonker.*

Vision Statement

To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ with our community and the world.

Your Session at Work

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio meeting on June 20, 2024, in person and hybrid:

- Noted dates for Denise's Big Back Yard will be July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- Learned that Elder Bill Penfold led the Sunday School class in painting and decorating "their" classroom – Room 209.
- Learned the young people are exploring helping Habitat for Humanity build a home on Southeast Boulevard beginning in August.
- Heard that a pollinator garden and a lending library are being discussed for the church grounds.
- Approved a revised fee schedule from the Finance and Administration Committee for use of the building.
- Approved capital funds for repairs to the roof over the north entrance.
- Learned of the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee's support of collecting coats for distribution to the homeless by the Youngstown Blue Coats.
- Continued discussing the book "Canoeing the Mountains" as a means of planning for the church's future.
- Lifted in prayer those members of the church who need God's healing presence.

Denise's Big Backyard

First Presbyterian Church - 436 East 2nd St - Salem

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship
at our Church's Big **Back Yard!** *(see front page)*

We'll have picnic food, music, games to play,
and a weekly program to enjoy.

*If it rains, we will move our event inside
to our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Church Office Hours, 9-2	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Hours, 9-2	6
7 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship	8	9 8:30am Investment Committee via Zoom	10 Church Office Hours, 9-2 6:00 Denise's Big Backyard	11	12 Church Office Hours, 9-2	13
14 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship Communion	15 Afternoon: United Quilt Guild	16 Church Office Hours, 9-1 All Day: United Quilt Guild	17 AM: United Quilt Guild Church Office Hours, 9-2 6:00 Denise's Big Backyard	18	19 Church Office Hours, 9-2	20
21 9- Adult Class Summer Term 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship	22	23	24 6:00 Denise's Big Backyard	25	26	27
28 9-Adult Class 10-Coffee Hr 10:30-Worship	29 Church Office Closed 11:30-1:30	30	31 6:00 Denise's Big Backyard			