

Good News Letter

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This newsletter was delayed because we were waiting for Betty Porter's obituary.

Summer is upon us. Let me introduce a new event in the Delaware summer this year. Several churches including First Baptist and other local non-profit organizations are sponsoring the Delaware Family Fest on Saturday July 16 from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Winter Street will be closed from Washington to Franklin Streets for a "block party" to promote fellowship and a sense of community in the neighborhood around our church. There will be food and games and music and activities.

One of the increasingly pressing concerns our society faces is our dividedness, the breaking down of community. We are becoming more divided politically, economically, and even religiously in a way that breaks down relationships, increasing a sense of alienation. As Americans we take pride in having an independent spirit but excessive individualism has a crippling effect on the soul. This festival is an attempt by all these neighborhood



organizations to reverse the trend. I hope you will join with us.

There are three ways you can participate. First, all of the churches are collecting bottled water to be given out at the festival. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, our church is providing children's

activities and lawn games, coloring, sidewalk chalk, and other fun summer activities. Come and help for an hour or so. And finally, you are all invited to

come and enjoy the fun and invite your friends and neighbors.

The most important aspect of our Faith is relationships. Whether in worship, bible study, missions, or in summer fellowships the main point is to enhance our relationships with God, each other, and our neighbors. We do well to keep this in mind as we meet on Sunday mornings and for two movie nights in July, as well as the block party.

Many of you will be taking vacations, visiting relatives, enjoying barbecues and summer parties. The same sentiment applies. May God bless you whatever you do.

- Mark

Betty Porter

Betty Jane Porter, 81, a longtime member of First Baptist who started attending around 1970, died unexpectedly on June 20, 2016.

She was treasurer at First Baptist for over 20 years. She was a member of the Board of Deacons. She was active in the Women's Fellowship and Young at Heart. She served on at least one search committee and served as a substitute organist.



She had been a shut-in for several years, but attended occasionally such as Christmas Eve.

She was born May 15, 1935 in Marysville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph E and Martha J. (Berger) Guy and her actor/yoga instructor son, James William (Billy) Porter (July 15, 1988).

She is survived by her three children, John L. Porter of Mexico, Janet Porter and Jennifer Porter-Cramer both of Delaware, along with her four beautiful grandchildren, Anna, Bora, and Nicholas Porter (Janet) and WyattCramer (Jennifer) all of Delaware.

An only child, Betty was raised in Marysville where her childhood was spent going to the movies, traveling with her grandparents on the harness racing circuit, watching her dad work the newspaper printing

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Since the July newsletter was delayed, the August newsletter will be available on the first Sunday in August – August 7.

We will go back to our usual schedule in September.

Betty Porter continued

press, working in the wallpaper store with her mother, twirling her baton and playing with her cousins.

A 1953 graduate of Marysville High School, she was active as a Head Majorette, in the debate club, FFA, as well as other clubs and committees which would prepare her for her professional career later in life. Her classmates were very important to her. She served on the reunion committee for many years and always looked forward to the alumni dinners where she could get together and catch up with her lifelong friends.

She grew up being a "Guy" for the first 19 years of her life until, in 1954 she chose to marry her high school sweetheart and become Mrs. William J. Porter Jr. When asked about her infamous license plate "GUY" she would simply answer, "Well, I'll have you know I used to be a Guy"; to the amusement of those who asked.

Although her marriage ended in divorce, she was thankful and proud of the four wonderful children they shared.

Ever the politician, Betty began her political career in the Board of Elections at the Delaware County Courthouse in 1963. She was later appointed to fill the remaining term of her close friend, Ruth Scott, as the Delaware County Common Pleas Court Clerk. She remained Clerk for 5 consecutive 4-year terms where she ran unopposed 3 times.

When the Municipal Court Clerk position became an elected position for the first time in Delaware, she decided to run and became that first elected Municipal Court Clerk from 2001-2007. She retired from that position with over 44 years of faithful service to the Delaware County community.

She loved being a member of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association where she served as Treasurer from 1986-2002 and was President of the Ohio Council of County Officials

PRAYER LIST

This list is prepared by the Deacons. Prayer requests will be removed after 2 months unless "renewed". Please send changes to Larry Faulk (Lfaulk01@aol.com).

Church Contact	Name	Reason for Prayer
Deacons	Porter Family	Condolences on the death of Betty Porter
	Lovell Family	Condolences on the death of Mary Lou's father
	Ray Serviss	Health issues
	Alvin Cox	Health issues
	Betty Porter	Health issues
	Christina Kilhefner	Transplant recovery
	Penny Hagaman	Health issues
	Steve Baker	Health issues
	Bora Porter (Janet's daughter)	Health issues

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

from 1997-1998.

She will be remembered for her many unique traits, selfless contributions, and distinct character, but mostly for her SERVICE to her family, her friends, her church, her peers, the State of Ohio and to the Delaware County Community and its citizens.

A Celebration of Life service in honor of Betty Porter will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, July 15th at the First Baptist Church in Delaware.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you take the time to really embrace this life; your family, friends, pets, experiences, enjoy a good sunrise and sunset, travel, because we are not promised a tomorrow.

If you choose to make a donation in honor of Betty, charities that were dear to her heart include: the Arts Castle-Delaware County Cultural Arts Center, People In Need Inc., Helpline of Delaware/Morrow Counties, Inc., and the Council of Older Adults or to a charity of your choice. .

*A full obituary is at the Robinson Funeral Home website:
robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com*

Lovell Condolences

Please be in prayer for Mary Lou and Dave Lovell and her family—Debbie, Will, and Gabe Fogle, Matthew Lovell, Barb, Kip, Andrew and Lucas Smith. Mary Lou's father, Ray Morby, died on June 9.

Summer Movie Festival

We will have two movie nights in July. On July 10 we will view the movie WHERE THE GAME STANDS TALL, and on July 31 we will see the movie PAUL THE APOSTLE. Movie nights start at 6:30 and are for the whole family. We invite you to join us for movies and fellowship. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Many Thank You Notes

Thank you to the First Baptist Church Family for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and flowers. It's always so nice to have the support of your church family during difficult times. Please know that all of these were appreciated and made us all feel your presence and God's presence over the past week.

– Dave, MaryLou, Debbie, Will,

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- July 1 Robert & Patricia Foor
 3 Phil Mercer
 6 Sam Chesser
 Lindley Chesser
 Pat and Raleigh Gosser
 12 Pam Shears
 14 Sarah Bowman
 Lucas Smith
 Chad & Christina
 Kilhefner
 15 Sandy Van Brimmer
 17 Nichelle Trigg
 18 Peter & Linda White
 Chad Kilhefner
 19 Jarrod Trigg
 21 Dan Chambers
- Aug. 3 Ray & Carol Serviss
 4 Gabriel Fogle
 5 Bruce & Elizabeth
 Bowman
 Carrie Trigg
 7 Jennifer Cramer
 8 Jean Syler
 Kate Cooper
 Ryan Cooper

*Please report any errors
or omissions.*

*Gabe, Matthew, Barbara, Kip,
Andres, and Lucas*

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Our family feels very blessed to have each of you for support and love in difficult times. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy upon the death of Mary Lou's father, Ray Morby. He had attended First Baptist many years ago when he came to visit the Lovell's. Many of you had sent him cards over the years which made him smile. He designed and constructed steel buildings and owned a machine shop. Recently he built bird houses and picture frames. Mary Lou met Dave while he was in

the Air Force through his working for her father.

Ray died at age 92 on their 44th Wedding Anniversary. He will be missed as a Dad, father-in-law, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa by the Lovell's, Fogles, and Smiths. Thanks to all of you who sent flowers, cards, and food. We truly appreciate your support and love which sustained us during the last couple of weeks.

– *Mary Lou Lovell*

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Thank you to all who provided money for gift cards for the Stepping Up classes. We were able to provide thirteen \$25 gift cards to the program. In addition, we received the following note from Bonnie Ristau.

What a great group you are! You were so great to work with and what a nice meal you provided! You can't go wrong with pizza! You shared your sweet spirit as you served our folks with care and respect. I am so grateful to be in partnership with First Baptist. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

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Dear First Baptist Church Members,

I just want to thank you for the cards, gifts, and the graduation book. I am taking the graduation book to the dorm with me. Thank you for thinking of me. Love,

– *Alec Ferguson*

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Thank you to our youth - Claire, Colin, Will, Aidan, Gabe, Jacob, Connor, and Taylor and to Debbie Fogle and Pastor Mark for the wonderful service on Youth Sunday.

– *Board of Christian Education*

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Thanks to all who donated money for angel food cakes for the Second Friday meal. We were able to supply ten cakes.

– *Larry Faulk*

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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

*Some years we didn't have
a July Newsletter*

1 Year Ago

July 2015 Newsletter

Rev. Ellen Brown has submitted her resignation to the Deacons.

20 Years Ago

July-Aug 1996 Newsletter

Some Sundays in July and August we will be having joint services with Zion United Church of Christ.

40 Years Ago

July 1976 Newsletter

Elsie Byerly passed away unexpectedly. She had been an active member for many years.

Lorrie Lathrop graduated from Hayes High School.

John Swickheimer was a hospital patient.

John and Bertha McTaggart attended their 40th class reunions.

45 Years Ago

July-Aug 1971 Newsletter

Kenny Bougher is doing well after his accident.

Linda Seckman and Peter White were married on July 18 in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The trustees need a new lawnmower. Please contact Willard Fogle if you have one to donate.

Miss Polly Focke has moved to 5150 Crabapple Court.

July 16, 2016 ★

11:00-3:00 ★



Delaware Family Festival

Where:

Winter Street

Downtown Delaware—between Franklin and Washington Streets

Sponsored by:

- Andrews House
- Family Promise
- Helpline
- Women's City Club
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church
- William Street United Methodist Church
- Zion United Church of Christ

ACTIVITIES

- *Bounce House
- *Music
- *Dance Demonstration by Fred Astaire Dance Studio
- *Martial Arts by Ruffing Martial Arts
- *Face Painting
- *Free Haircuts
- *Caricatures
- *Lawn Games
- *Craft Stations
- *Free lunch from 12-1, first come, first served

The Delaware Family Festival is a group of neighboring non-profit organizations and churches in the Winter Street area who are planning a "Block Party" event to build community and fellowship with music, free fun activities, and food for people of all ages in the Delaware Community. All are welcome!

Church Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your copy of the 2016 church directory.

Barbara and Kip Smith

445 High Meadows Village Drive
Powell, OH 43066

Chris and Sarah Byall

Anniversary: July 2
Birthdays: Chris May 10
Sarah Nov. 15

Thank you for generously giving and partnering with ABHMS in the mission and ministry of life-changing faith, hope, and love found in Jesus Christ.

– The American Baptist Home Mission Society (for our contribution to the America for Christ offering)

Yard Games Needed

For the festival on July 16, the activity that our church is sponsoring is yard games. We are looking for church members who will provide some yard games such as Ladder Ball and Corn Hole games. Please speak to the pastor if

you can supply any.

July Mission Focus

Our mission/outreach focus for July is school supplies for Conger Elementary. We are asking our church fellowship to supply notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, and board games and/or money with which to buy head sets. There will be envelopes in the pew racks for money for the head sets.

Sign-Up Sheets

There are new sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place for Fellowship Time and for Panera pick-up. Volunteers are appreciated.

Personals

- Pastor Allison gave the invocation at the city of Delaware Memorial Day service at Oak Grove Cemetery. He also spoke at the dedication of the new Veteran's Park on Houk Road.
- Jane Moore Snyder and her book, ENLARGE MY TERRITORY, were the topic of Joe Blundo's column in the May 31 issue of the Columbus Dispatch.
- Marci and Matt Cooper are anticipating the birth of a daughter in early October.
- Please offer condolences to Mary Lou and Dave Lovell and their family on the death of Mary Lou's father. Ray Morby on June 9.
- For the final grading period of the year at Hayes, Claire Turner was named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, Colin Ferguson and Brianna Showalter were named to the Honor Roll, and Alec Ferguson was named on the Merit Roll. Congratulations to our youth!
- On June 26, several people stayed after church for a pizza lunch in order to get better acquainted with our intern candidate David Harris.

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Cookies or Brownies Needed

Please sign up to bring a simple snack for fellowship time after worship. The sign up sheet for July, August, and September is in the Gathering Area. Please keep it simple. Cookies, brownies, veggie platter, or cheese and crackers are appreciated. Lemonade, iced tea, and water are provided.

Miss a Sunday?

On vacation? Miss a Sunday, but would like to hear the service or sermon that you missed? Audio recordings of Sunday services are available at our website: www.FBCDelaware.org. Log-in to our website and look for "recent services" or recent sermons" to listen.