

**Vision Statement: PFS seeks to provide, in a Christian manner, the necessary care and needs to the individual that will give hope for a better life.**

**DIRECTOR'S GREETINGS**

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My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ – Blessings!

***I Cor 1:2-4***

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the Grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ."*

As we being this spring season continuing our faith journey, and celebrating the resurrection of Christ our Lord and Savior, let us remember those who need our assistance and prayers.

**Jewel Black  
Rev. Robin DelNagro  
John Einfalt  
Rev. Walter Hale  
Rita Jemison  
Rev. Marlana Martin  
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As we help others in need, this helps us to focus on the words of Christ ...

***Matt 22; 37-39***

*"Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second tis like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."*

**Committee Members**

**John Dellick  
Emma Jones  
Shari McKinney**

Being obedient to the Word causes us to seek Him more and be more like Him.

*Thank you for your support, prayers and kindness in partnering with us in assisting those who look to us for a ray of hope during their struggle. God Bless You!*

In His Service,

**Staff**

**Jacqueline Burley  
Director  
Donna Turner, LSW  
Caseworker**

Jackie Burley

## 2015 FUNDRAISERS

### "MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE" SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Good Hope Lutheran Church  
98 Homestead Dr. Boardman, OH  
3:00 Refreshments / 4:00 Concert  
Free-will Offering



### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, September 21

Disciples Christian Church  
565 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Boardman  
Noon – 4:00 p.m.  
\$7.00 Adult / \$5.00 Children 6-12 yrs.



### FEAST OF SALADS / FASHION SHOW

Saturday, October 25

First Presbyterian Church  
201 Wick Ave., Youngstown  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.  
\$20.00 per person



## CLIENT NEEDS

Personal Care Products - Men's & Women's  
Laundry/Dish Detergent                      Bus Passes  
Paper Products                                      Cleaning Supplies  
Disposable Razors                                 Gasoline Cards  
Disposable Diapers - Boy/Girl sizes 4 & 5  
Adult Diapers Men and Women: s, m & lg

Please consider a donation to help our clients with these items. As always, food donations are needed and welcome.

## OFFICE NEEDS

Postage Stamps                      Brown Bags  
Reams of 28 lb. White/Color Paper - 8-1/2 x 11  
Reams of 20 lb. White/Color Paper - 8-1/2 x 14

**JUST A REMINDER...** The Youngstown Foundation will provide a 5% match for any gift of \$100.00 or more given to Protestant Family Service.

## **NEW: YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE**

Checks can also still be made out to The Youngstown Foundation with **PFS indicated on the "Memo Line"** earmarking the gift to us. Donations can be sent to:  
<http://www.youngstownfoundation.org>  
Or mailed to: **The Youngstown Foundation**  
P O Box 1162, Youngstown, OH 44501

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Kay, the "snow bird" is just returning. Our prayers go out to Mary and her son, who are both recovering. Changes are happening in this organization as you know. Fridays are no longer working days; our week is now Monday through Thursday. Judy Wilson and April Terrell are coordinating the schedule for volunteers. Kay and Mary are helping when necessary.



We happily welcome the following new volunteers: Azell Burley, Rev. Robin DelNagro, Rev. Walter Hale and Emma Jones. Our hearty welcome to each of them.

We appreciate each one of you. From our hearts, we thank you as you say "Yes, I can volunteer on several days." 😊



## EASTER BLESSINGS

The community has blessed this agency once again with blessing for the ministry of helping others. Charity is love. Throughout the New Testament, love is preached as a basic of our faith. In Colossians 3, we are told about the importance of "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Everything we are and everything we hope to be depends on the love we show in charity. In some translations of the New Testament, such as the King James Version, the word **love** used in this verse is actually translated as **charity**.

***Let us beg and pray Him day by day to reveal Himself to our souls more fully, to quicken our sense, to give us sight and hearing, taste and touch of the world to come.***  
**John Henry Newman**

## **THOSE WE SERVE**

When we are young and carefree, we do not give much thought to what the imminent future will bring or becoming senior citizens. As we grow older, we pray that in our golden years we will live comfortable lives having the ability to take care of our financial obligations and being in good health.

Several weeks ago, a senior female client contacted our agency seeking assistance with her utility bills. This client and her husband both have serious medical conditions requiring them to take large amounts of medication. The decision to pay their bills or get their medications weighed heavily on them each month. Individuals and families were able to receive financial assistance with their utilities with the generosity of the Thomases Family Endowment; The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio Grant; along with the additional support by churches, businesses, individuals, grants and foundations in the Tri-County area. Upon receiving assistance, clients are required to attend the "Pathways to Stability Program". This program provides and educational framework in which clients learn how to establish a budget in order to help make their money go further each month. The need is great and the assistance is greatly appreciated.

Donna Turner, LSW  
Caseworker

## **MACY'S "SHOP FOR A CAUSE" 2015**

Thank you for your participation in the Macy's "Shop-For-A-Cause" fundraiser. Your \$5 donation will help PFS serve its clients.

**THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AUGUST. WATCH YOUR EMAIL OR GIVE THE OFFICE A CALL FOR YOUR DISCOUNT CARD.**

**This is a great time for back to school shopping, wonderful sales on summer**

**clearance, and gift cards for special occasions. Call 330-746-4600**

## **FEINSTEIN HUNGER CHALLENGE**

The Feinstein Foundation has suspended its annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger for 2015 until further notice in order to concentrate on its ever increasing number of Feinstein Jr. Scholars, now over 150,000 strong, pledged to help better the lives of others. Starting in 1998, the annual Feinstein \$1 million giveaway to anti-hunger agencies to use as a spur for their fund raising, has generated over \$2.5 billion to feed the hungry from thousands of donors throughout the country and overseas. It is likely the largest amount of money ever raised by any grass roots effort to fight hunger.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**With that said: WE STILL NEED STRONG PANTRY SUPPORT during these same spring months and we are depending on all our supporters to continue collecting donations.**

## **2015 CROP WALK**

Donation from Church World Service will help us to stock our pantry for the spring & summer months. It won't take long for it to come and go. Children are at home and more food is required. We certainly appreciate you and your participation in making the walk a successful one.

**Are you ready to join in again for the next CROP walk on October 11, 2015? We need your support to help continue the fight to prevent hunger in the valley.** Get sponsors to pledge, join a group of friends, ask church mission groups, etc. and help the challenge.

**NOTE:** We are also in need of donations of 6-16 ounces of bottled water for the walkers. Please call (330) 746-4600 for pick-up or bring

your donation to PFS at 496 Glenwood Avenue by October 8<sup>th</sup>. The office is closed on Fridays.

**GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY  
OF CLARENCE BURLEY**



*Ode & Nalungo Aduma  
Charles Rudge  
Marilyn Morelli  
Elva Easton  
lean Montgomery  
Jackie Burley  
Judy Riggs  
Penny Wills  
Connie Knecht*

**YOUNGTOWN FOUNDATION GRANT**

All the new computers and updates to software are complete due to the generous grant received from the Youngtown Foundation bringing us out of the computer "dark ages". PFS was also able to update the phone system, WIFI and to obtain equipment for PowerPoint presentations to take out in to the community. With these improvements the scope of this agency's ministry of helping others is far reaching.

**CALL US TO SPEAK AT YOUR  
GROUP/CHURCH/ORGANIZATION**

Protestant Family Service is available to speak to your congregation, your mission or group. We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service. Our mission is not only to the clients we serve but to our supporters to keep you informed on what changes are going on in our community, what the agency is doing and how we respond to the needs. Please call the office at (330) 746-4600 if we can be of service to YOU.

If your group would like to come to PFS for your meeting, we have a meeting room. You can also tour our office facility to see first-hand how we operate. You are welcome –just call.

**FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT PFS**

Each year PFS sponsors several fundraisers to help support our ongoing ministry. Your participation helps us to get to know you as well as raise funds for our mission of helping others.

Some of the fundraisers are: PFS's Annual meeting,, Spring Scrabble tournaments, Spring Concert, Spaghetti Dinner, Macy's "Shop for a Cause", CROP Walk, Feast of Salads/Style Show and Appeal Letters when necessary. Your support is appreciated. Please mark your calendar for our events and plan to attend. It's always a pleasure to fellowship with you.

**2015 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

The 2015 Annual Dinner Meeting was held at St. Andrewes AME Church. The 2014 Minutes were approved. The yearly budget of \$103,050.00 was passed. Installation of Board Officers by Rev. Brandon A.A.J. Davis took place.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Protestant Family Service**

**Presents A Benefit**

**SPRING CONCERT**

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