

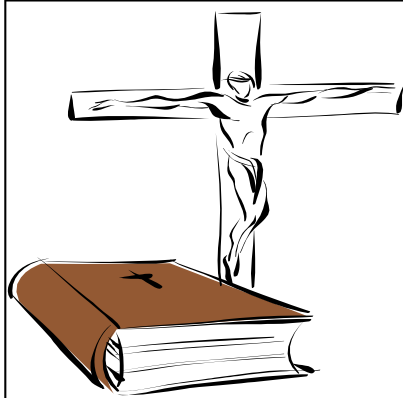
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Holy Week: Tenebrae Services

Maundy Thursday: April 1 at 6 p.m.

Light Meal followed by service.

Palm Sunday (March 28th) and

Easter Sunday (April 4 th):

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship and Fellowship will follow.

EASTER LILY order forms are enclosed. Please help us decorate the sanctuary with your lily purchase. Your lily can be picked up after the 11 a.m. service.

As you will see, when you read this newsletter, there are so many events and programs happening in our church. So many opportunities to serve the Lord! We have many events coming up that include food. Not just for our body but the Christian companionship that accompanies it that feeds our soul too! Fellowship breakfast for the congregation and the Men's monthly fellowship breakfast. The Lenten Soup Series that meets every Wednesday evening.

There are opportunities to help out and get involved in the Vacation Bible School and the Rummage Sale. Perhaps you as a member, would like to help a Deacon or an Elder, take Communion to a shut in. Visitations to shut ins are also welcome.

The Funcert is in the planning stage. Do you have a talent that you could share? Every one has something that they are good at and we would love to have you share your talent with us. All of these events help us as we can continue our mission : To grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to make **Him** known in our community and the world.

**Forward in Faithfulness:
Celebrating 200
years of witness
for the Lord
Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



Sundays	Sr. High Fellowship	6-8:00 pm
Thursdays	Jr. High Fellowship	7-8:15 pm
March 5-7 th	Sr. High Winter Jam	
March 8 th	Mission Trip Deposit Due	-\$75 and commitment slip
March 13 th	Sr. High Broomball @ Chiller	10 pm – 1 am
	Cost: \$10 (consent needed)	Meet at the church at 8:30
March 21 st	Begin collecting Car Wash Pledges	
Car wash will take place on April 17 th at Advanced Auto		
April 1 st	No Jr. High Fellowship	(Maundy Thursday Service)

Youth Mission 2010

To refresh your memory of what was stated previously in our last letter; God has been leading our teens recently to grow in their understanding of servant hood. If we are to be “transformed into the image of Jesus Christ”, then we are to be transformed into the image of a servant. After all, “Even the Son of Man (*Jesus*) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” –Mark 10:45

With this new direction in mind, we went about praying. On a Tuesday night as the prayer partners prayed about a variety of church events coming up, one prayer partner had an image of a basket come to mind as she prayed for the youth mission trip. The basket was hand-woven, and if I remember right, it looked like a bread basket. We asked God if this was from Him, and if it was, that he would clarify. God did clarify as he said,

“I want you (my Church) to be this basket.” The call to our youth is no different than the call that God places on our Church body as a whole. God calls us to be the “bearers” of the bread of life.

If you think about it, a basket is a pretty mundane thing. It’s a common utility used to carry food. However, if a basket is to carry food, it is a very sacred duty indeed; as food is the very sustenance of life. And how much more valuable are we as His Basket, as the bread that we carry, namely Jesus Christ, brings complete satisfaction and wholeness!

So we are to be God’s basket; a community of servants who have been “weaved together” by the love of Jesus Christ. As his servants, we are called to meet felt needs and build relationships so that God’s love can shine through us for all to see.

Isn’t that cool! In response to all of this, we have decided that for this year’s youth mission trip, we are joining the Pittsburgh Project in serving the inner city neighborhood with house and yard work. We are blessed to be given the opportunity to serve others with the Bread of Life!

In Christ,
 Kyle Peters, Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Infant & Toddler News – Sunday 8:30am to Noon.

Equipment and Toys. Some of the equipment and toys in the infant and toddler rooms needs to be replaced because they are worn out or do not meet current safety standards. This ministry has grown in the past two years and we now serve 8-12 infants and toddlers each Sunday morning. Elizabeth Napier has developed a Wish List so exactly the right thing can be obtained. The Session has approved funds in the 2010 budget to purchase some of the items.

Church families who wish to support this ministry can also donate funds or purchase directly from the Wish List on Walmart.com's website. Follow these steps to find our registry:

1. Go to Walmart.com
2. Click on Gift Cards & Registry
3. Click Wish List
4. Type First Pres in the box "First Name" and "Church" in the box "Last Name"
6. Click Find
7. You will view a link, First Presbyterian Church; click on it to view our registry!

Rug Donated. Thank you to Pat John for obtaining donation of a large rug for use in the toddler room.

Volunteers Needed. We have started a new process of rotation for the nursery! I have assigned one Sunday every two months to a volunteer to help me in the nursery during the eleven o'clock hour. If you are interested in volunteering once, or if you would like to be on a regular rotation please let me know! We are always looking for cheerful volunteers who love kids! For more information, questions, or if you'd like to be put on the register for the rotation you can contact me at: chaas@mvnu.edu Just let me know if you want to be put on the bi-monthly rotation or if it is just a one time occurrence. Thanks! Carly Haas

Thank you to Margene Albright, Missy Kaufman, Debbie Malek, Elizabeth Napier, Marilyn Nagy, Annie Nagy, Beth Ruth, and Dottie Denton for helping recently.

To support this ministry, please contact Deacon for Infants and Early Parenthood, Elizabeth Napier enapier@mvnu.edu or Child Care Attendant Carly Haas.

Sunday School – Grades K-5 – Sunday 9:45am to 10:45am:

Thank you to the volunteers who provided children's Sunday school during January and February including: Deb Paxton, Deb Curran, Amanda Gebhardt, Missy Kaufman, Bonnie Stone, Marsha Bibart and George Stone. Volunteers are needed for April, May & June. If interested in helping please contact George Stone, 397-8619 or georgewstone1@embarqmail.com.

Sunday school lessons are:

March 7 – "Oil or Toil" 2 Kings 4:1-7. Through God's servant Elisha, we see God's power to do amazing things to provide for our needs.

March 14 – "A Matter of Life and Death" 2 Kings 4:8-37. Through Elisha, God continues to care for those who love Him.

March 21 – "Spot Remover" 2 Kings 5. Through God's servant Elisha, we see God's desire to bless even those who do not yet know God.

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March 28 – Palm Sunday – Fellowship Breakfast - no regular Sunday School – see below.

April 4 – Easter – “Christ is Risen”

April 11 – “Eye-Opener” 2 Kings 6:8-23. Through God’s servant Elisha we learn God protects us in ways we could never dream of.

Palm Sunday – there is no regular Sunday school due to the Fellowship Breakfast. Instead, the children sing with chancel choir as part of the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Children should arrive in the Sanctuary by 10:30 AM to practice with the choir.

Children’s Moment/Our Chapel Church – during 11:00am Sunday Worship

Thank you to Claudia McDonald, David McDonald, Mollie Hyman West and Ethan Kahrl for serving in this ministry. To assist in this ministry, contact Kyle Peters.

10 Commandments Hike for Scouts. On Good Friday, April 2, Cub Scout and Boy Scouts from Knox County will participate in a “10 Commandments Hike” to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Scouts and leaders will hike to different churches in Mount Vernon. First Presbyterian Church will provide the message on the 4th Commandment “Honor Your Father and Mother”. The message will be delivered by Elder Mike Conway who serves as Chaplain for our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts here at First Presbyterian.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 28 – July 2, 2010 from 9 AM-11:30 AM. VBS Director Amanda Gebhardt is seeking volunteers to help with this ministry. Please contact her at ahunter_1@yahoo.com, 599-6517 or 740-310-2112.

Children’s Ministries at First Presbyterian Church exists so children learn that “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so...” The Children’s Ministries Team is responsible for infants through 5th grade children. For information or to volunteer, please contact George Stone, Elder for Children’s Ministries, 397-8619 or email georgestone1@embarqmail.com



GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP will begin a 13 week program beginning Thursday April 16, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the church parlor. Our weekly format involves viewing a 30 - 40 minute DVD followed by discussion pertaining to the film and individual issues dealing with grief.

Please call the church office, 393-1326 to register. For more information, call Anne Meldrum 392-5130 after April 1st.

Facilitators: Dottie Denton, Joan Mann, Anne Meldrum

Don't forget about ...**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**. begins March 14th!

Starting in 2007, daylight time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time. These dates were established by Congress in the [Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 \(2005\)](#).



Not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Indiana adopted its use beginning in 2006.

Church Membership Information Update & Church Directory

In 1992, the church converted paper record keeping of information about members, regular attendees and visitors to an electronic computer software program called Power Church.

Power Church has served our record keeping needs very well. Like all data bases, it does require constant input to keep information current. Financial and contribution data is up to date, accurate and access restricted. Membership data needs to be continuously updated due to normal changes in address & phone, children who grow up, marital changes, deaths and new members.

Administrative Assistant, Holly Bredefeld, has primary responsibility for inputting data. In doing so, she has become aware of the need for thorough update of Membership information. With all her other responsibilities, she has been unable to undertake this project unassisted.

At the December 2009 Session meeting, Reverend Fettig announced appointment of Elder George Stone to lead a small team that will work with Holly Bredefeld to update the Membership information in Power Church.

In conjunction with the information update, Elders Mead Weil and Betty Hirsch have agreed to coordinate publication of the church directory, drawn entirely from the records and photos entered in our Power Church program. During February 2010, family photos were taken at the church and member information updated. The digital family photos will be entered in the Power Church data base and future directories will be published locally. Details will be published in weekly Church Bulletins and the Communicator.

March Update..... NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PLANNED!

As part of our plans to update our member's information in our database, this is also an opportunity to create a more accurate church directory.

During the month of March, the families that have not already had their photo taken will be contacted to make an appointment to have their pictures by Mead Weil and any new information can be updated at the same time. All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate.

You will receive a free photo of your choice and there will be NO sales presentation. Please help us finish this directory soon!



GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER! The event of the year is soon approaching! The 19th Annual FUNCERT date has been set for Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 5:30 P. M. We will have a pot luck with ham, rolls, and beverages furnished by the Church Fellowship Committee. Bring 1 or 2 covered dishes and table service. Shortly after the meal you will be presented with an evening music and entertainment as talented members of First Presbyterian Church perform for you. Please submit your entertainment plans to Carole Conway (397-0525), or the church office (393-1326) as soon as possible.

Lenten Soup Series (runs for 6 weeks)

When: Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: The Congregation and any guest you invite.



This past Wednesday, February 24, began our annual Lenten Soup Series at First Presbyterian Church. The six-week series, which will run during the forty days of Lent, will be centered around "Giving Up," since we often view Lent as "that time during which we give something up." The hope is that the series will help us all consider what it truly means to "give up," relying more on Christ, as we look to Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. During the series, six folks from church will share what Lent has meant to them and how the idea of giving up has helped them consider or reconsider this time in the church's calendar.

Our evening will begin at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall; we invite you to come, bring your favorite soup (or bread or side if that works best for you) and enjoy dinner with your church family. We will begin our program around 6:00 pm and be done by 6:45pm.

March Fellowship Breakfast

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” *Acts 2:42*

Save the date: Sunday, March 28, 2010 (Palm Sunday).....9:45 AM, in Fellowship Hall



We are looking for volunteers to share ethnic breads/cakes you have traditionally served or been served during Easter week. If there is no particular ethnic-related dish you can recall, then what Easter bread or treat became a tradition in your family? Or is there a breakfast you prepared for your family Easter morning? Have neighbors or friends ever given you a special dish to try during Lent which you would be willing to make for our church family? Whatever you enjoyed as a family.....and would like to share with us would be so appreciated.

So far..... Babka (Ukrainian), Hot Cross Buns (English), Mom’s cinnamon rolls (family tradition), will be coming to the buffet table but many more selections are needed. We also need help with cutting up fruit for fruit salad and volunteers to help set up the buffet table and to clean up afterwards. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the month of March.

I can be reached at 397-2251 or penny.sajkowsky@gmail.com. Perhaps I can help you with some ideas if you are willing to try a new recipe. We are so looking forward to seeing you at the breakfast. Give me a call!

Thank you for your interest and time.

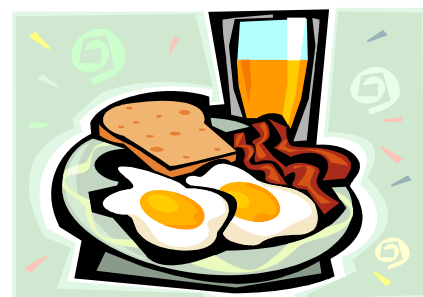
Penny Sajkowsky

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

When: March 27th at 9a.m.

Where: Parlor

Who: Men of the congregation and any guest. All are welcome! Please join us for a hearty meal and fellowship.



The Family of Myra Philpott
Request the honor of your
presence at a reception
celebrating her 90th Birthday.

Saturday, March 6, 2010 3-5 PM

Fellowship Hall in the

First Presbyterian Church

Please no gifts.



Dan and Susan Shullenberger moved to Mount Vernon from New Albany in May after Dan's job at Chemical Abstracts allowed for him to work from home. With their four children grown, Dan and Susan wanted to be in a smaller town, and Dan had fond memories of his time in this area when he attended Kenyon College. Predominantly, Dan and Susan have attended Presbyterian churches since they married twenty eight years ago. Before their move to Mount Vernon, they enjoyed helping to start the New Albany Presbyterian Church when it came to their area, both through active membership and through Susan's employment at the church. Susan has frequently worked in administrative roles at their former churches. "With my job, I would usually know everyone before they knew me. Simply being a new member is a new experience for me."

Before they even moved to Mount Vernon, Susan and Dan familiarized themselves with First Presbyterian's website. "We knew we would come to this church. For us, joining it was a given." They began attending First Presbyterian shortly after they moved and joined this past fall. Dan and Susan are currently involved in a small group that meets at the Shillitos' house. Susan also joined the church choir, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity, but she decided to put her involvement on hold for awhile. "For years I would sing in choir while Dan sat out in the congregation with one of our children. Now with all the children gone, I just want the opportunity to sit with my husband during worship."

As Dan and Susan find themselves adapting to an empty nest in a new town, where they're still learning the roads and landmarks, they value the quick connection they've felt with the First Presbyterian, and in turn we value the gifts and experiences they bring to our church body.

Written by Liz Wiley

VBS is coming!

Blast off with us on a cosmic adventure praising God at Vacation Bible School this summer! We are looking for volunteers to help with small jobs and commitments. VBS will be June 28th-July 2nd 9-11:30 am each morning with a celebration the following Sunday, July 4th at both services. Please contact Amanda Gebhardt for more information or to sign up to help. 599-6517 or 740-310-2112.



Below are some opportunities to help.

Be an actor in a Bible story.

Be our games leader.

Collect craft supplies.

Be our snack leader.

Donate items for decorations.

Assist at one of our stations.

Help decorate the church in our space theme.

Pray that God will guide us during our week.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church has had several really successful **rummage sales** in the recent past. We have sold everything from baby clothes and furniture to yard tools to overstuffed chairs and beds to household items and kitchen ware to computers and many, many knick-knacks and clothes. We need your “cast-offs” as well as your help with set-up, sales and clean-up on April 7, (**Wednesday evening**), and April 8th and 9th (**9:00 – 8:00**). If you can help (even just a couple hours) or need “big item pick-up” please call Jan Watson 397-1821. We do not have a good storage area so items can not be brought in before that week. The church will be open and we need volunteers to be there throughout the week to help unload items. P.S. Jan needs to know what big items you are bringing for advertising purposes. 397-1821.



DEACON'S CORNER

Deacon's Love-Technology

Ok, you have your IPOD,iPHONE, and now your IPAD. All is well in the electronic field, right? And of course, the GPS system of navigation tells us “where to go”, right?

Where do we humans fit into this electronic age that works “most of the time”? As deacons, it seems to me, we need to focus on the GPS systems, not for driving purposes, but for guidance. GPS means to me “God’s Prayer Service”, that is available to all of us, all of the time.

We can rely on the electronics for certain tasks, but in order to perform, as deacons, our mission of compassion and assistance, we need to call on GPS (God’s Prayer Service”).

May we continue to monitor our daily lives with prayer and commitment to God and Jesus Christ and make him known in our community and the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Ellen



CHURCH CALENDAR March 2010

Standing calendar events

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Worship Team Practice **8:30 a.m.** Early Worship Service with Communion

9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion served on the first Sunday of the month.

6-8 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Monday:

5:30 p.m. Hot Meals **7 p.m.** Cub Scouts

Tuesday:

Noon Men's Prayer Lunch-Kitchen **6 pm** Prayer Meeting **6:30** Girl Scouts **7 pm** Boy Scouts

1st Tuesday of Month 7 p.m. Finance Meeting-Chuck Waugh

2nd Tuesday of Month 7 pm Session Meeting

4th Tuesday at 7 pm Committee Meetings– Building & Grounds-Mead Weil

Missions Committee –Bruce Malek

Wednesday:

6 pm Hand Bell Practice **7 pm** Chancel Choir Practice **7 pm** Worship Team Practice

2nd Wed. of the month at 9:45 am –Women's Circle Meeting

Thursday:

9:30am Women's Bible Study –Parlor **11 am** Bridge Club-Parlor **Noon-AA** meeting –CE bldg.

6-8 pm Jr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Saturday: Last Saturday of the month 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Parlor

Special Calendar Events:

Wednesday night soup series at 5:45

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed...” James 5:16

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Dorothy Calkins
 Katherine Garzieri
 Maxine Peters
 Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandmother*)

At Country Club Retirement Center

Ruth Cleland

Autumn Health Care

Helen and Everett Chrisman

The Living Center

Jean Fribley
 Myra Philpott

At Home

Rebecca Grove
 Ruth Grove
 Treva Haltermon
 Ellen Proper
 Dorothy White

Special Prayer Concerns

Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
 Bill Curran (*car accident*)
 Glenn DeBoard (*Liver cancer*)
 John Ewalt
 Lee Feasel
 Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
 Debbie Krapf (*Paralyzed friend of Gary Hyman*)
 Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
 HunterLynlee Myers (*Moreland's granddaughter-cancer*)
 Matt Palmer (*Lung cancer-friend of Sally Martin*)
 Barbara Reitsma
 Harriet and Richard Sells (*Toby Lord's bro. & sis in law*)
 Red Shaw (*cancer*)
 Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)
 Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)
 Chuck Waugh

In the Military

Adam J. Hinch-*USMC-(Son of Rebecca Hinch)*
 Brian Short - *USMC-Afghanistan (son of John Short)*
 Levi Thomas-*USMC-Afghanistan (son of Sally Martin)*
 Mark O'Connor-*Army-Afghanistan (nephew of the Stone's)*
 Eric Deister-*Baghdad (Gov't Contractor) son of Ann Deister*

**COMMUNION**

If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know as we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Also, If you are a shut in or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the office with your name, date, time and location as there are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you and share the sacraments. Thanks!



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You can access the Interactive Church Calendar, Sermon Audio Archives and much more. The web site is constantly updated, so be sure to check it out!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

March 2

Josephine Noonan
Myra Philpott

March 6

Ron Fox

March 9

Jonathan Fettig

March 10

Georgene Risko

March 11

Bob Schultze

March 12

John Sperry

March 13

Julia Noonan

March 14

Miles A. Kahrl

March 16

Chris Camfield

March 19

Lauren McKenzie
Dan Shullenberger
Joan Tyson

March 20

Mike Eaton

March 23

Polly Patterson
Robert Walcutt

March 25

Alice Noll
Doug Reitsma

March 28

Ariel Kahrl

March 29

Jennifer Noonan

March 30

Patricia Smith

March 31

Mike Conway

April 4

Benjamin Stultz

April 7

Sabrina Camfield

April 9

Sue Denzer
Chris Hawthorne

April 12

Marilyn Nagy

April 13

Cindy Bevington

April 14

Toby Lord
Jim Sajkowsky

April 18

Susan Shullenberger

April 19

Julia Paxton
Garrett Rassing

April 20

Mary Beth Franks
Nancy Meloy

April 22

Karen Bell

April 24

Tom Van Voorhis

April 25

Penny Sajkowsky

April 28

Jan Watson

April 30

Betty Hirsch



A beautiful baby girl (Isabella Faith Eaton) was born to Brittany and Mike Eaton on February 4. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and is 20" long. Proud grandparents: are Pat and Dave Eaton. Congratulations !