

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNICATOR



FROM THE PASTOR:

MAY 2011

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Just this past Sunday we concluded our sermon series study of the names of God. Since the beginning of 2011 and over the course of 18 Sundays we explored some of the key attributes of God by looking at names he has revealed to his people. If you missed any or all of these messages, you can find them in both audio only and video format on the church website at: www.mtvpres.org.

On Easter Sunday we concluded that study by examining the story of Jesus' resurrected encounter with his disciple, Mary Magdalene. In that story we observed the way in which Jesus changed everything for Mary. We specifically focused on the way in which Jesus calling Mary by name revealed his love for her AND US. The truth Jesus spoke to us through his encounter with Mary is that he knows his disciples by name. Furthermore, he knows our brokenness and faults and loves us anyway. Ultimately, the gospel of Jesus is that God loves us so much that he sets aside his glory and even his life so that we might know him and his love.

We are about to begin a new sermon series that will help us respond to that amazing reality. This series entitled, "Living like Jesus (Discipleship 201)" will provide you with practical tools for living your life like Jesus.

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to live our lives in a delicate balance. This is sometimes described as "being in the world but not of it." Theologians call this inaugurated eschatology, meaning that as followers of Jesus we know that he has won the war against Sin, Death, Hell and judgment—but that we are still engaged in the daily battle awaiting the final moment of victory.

Sermon Series: Living like Jesus (Discipleship 201)

Living with one foot in the Kingdom of God and the other here in the world that desperately needs to be restored by Jesus can be a challenge. Not the least of these challenges can be learning how to be a part of the hospital full of sinners called The Church. I hope that you will join us on Sunday mornings as we learn how Live like Jesus and to care for each other and the world in the name of Jesus.

In Christ, Jonathan

Special Informational Meeting

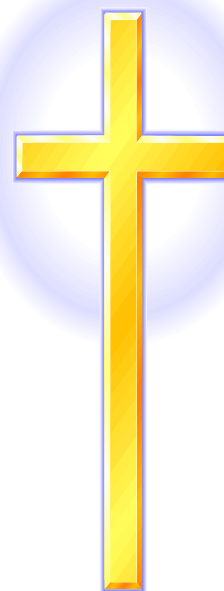
On Sunday, May 22, at 10am, Pastor Jonathan and the Session will be leading a special informational meeting about "Amendment 10a" which is currently being voted on by the presbyteries of the PCUSA. This amendment, if passed, will change ordination standards within our denomination. This meeting will educate attendees on the history and theology of the ordination standards debate within our denomination. Our congregation's Statement of Faith as well as our Human Sexuality Statement (both adopted 2001, reaffirmed 2005 and 2010) will also be available and explained.

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Mark 10:45:

For the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many .



Youth

Presby Youth
Fellowship

Alex Shiluto on our mission trip last year, enjoying the "taste testing" as he prepared juice for VBS



Can I be honest with you? Sometimes, I don't want to do the work of ministry. Do you ever feel that way? And it always seems to be that in that moment- when I feel like I'm at the end of myself and just don't feel like caring for someone else- that someone steps into the room looking for positive attention. Our annual mission trips have accounted for many of such moments. After a late night of quality deep discussion and enduring after-hours goofiness, we wake up for the early ongoing battle that is Vacation Bible School.

Please don't hear me wrong, I love kids! But we all know that when we begin to offer the attention that children crave and need, we find that it does drain our energies.

In places like this where it costs us

to meet the needs of others, we experience the ministry that Christ does call us to as his followers.

We're following the steps of Christ, who gave of himself until he was emptied. Oh but we have such a hope in that emptying process that is ministry! When Christ was emptied of himself on the cross, that emptiness didn't last! He was raised to a new life, and in that raising, we're given the promise of new life and a fullness of life that can only be found in Christ!

This "fullness" that I'm referring to shows up in the least expected of moments. When we are giving of ourselves for the sake of others, we invite God to pour more of himself into us, and He does not disappoint. We experience more and more of His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as we surrender ourselves in service.

What could be more fulfilling than this? It's upside down that we could receive the abundance of treasure that God has for us by laying ourselves down. Yet this is the Kingdom of Heaven that Christ has presented to us. And he invites us to take part today.

For every moment of pain and exhaustion and headache that I have experienced in serving others, I can point to countless moments of abundant blessing. Praise God that He allows us to be a part of His process of redemption in the world today.

In Christ,
Kyle

Upcoming Youth Events

May 7 Car Wash Fundraiser

10-2 at Advanced Auto

May 15 Mission Meeting

- occurs weekly on Sundays, 6-8 pm

May 22 Parent Meeting

May 19 Grill N' Chill

-Location to be announced, 6-8 pm

June 5 Senior Breakfast

***Coming Soon:** In June we'll be joining several youth groups in the area for an all day event that will include large group games, food, and helpful discussion on sex, dating, and all the issues that relate!



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5

During the month of April the children enjoyed learning about the Easter story through symbolism and plastic eggs. The children learned more about God's plan for Jesus-and the world. They learned that not until Easter morning do we clearly see how the agony of the cross was not a defeat but the start of God's final victory over sin, suffering, and death. We rightly look to the resurrection as the triumphant turning point. We continued to learn about symbolism through the symbols in each Easter egg. Sitting in a circle, each student took a turn during their part of the story opening their egg. As they opened it they thought about what the item inside represented. Marilyn read each child's portion of the story explaining the symbols. Wade, Pete, Logan, Brady, Corinne, Anna Cassidy, Molly and Josephine were all great participants as they knew the **fur** was the donkey Jesus rode into Jerusalem, **cracker**-bread at the Last Supper, **3 coins**-silver Judas received for helping capture Jesus, **nails**-used to nail Jesus to the cross, **dice**-the soldiers used to decide who would get Jesus clothes, the **"King of the Jews"**-sign on the cross to let everyone know why he was being crucified, **sponge**-vinegar soaked sponge people offered Jesus., **ripped fabric** - ripped curtain in the temple, **white cloth**-white cloth Jesus' body was wrapped in after he died, **stone**-large stone put in front of the tomb, empty egg-Jesus has risen, **verse John 3:16**-the good news Jesus was alive! Everyone that believes in him can live in heaven with God after they die.

LESSON PLANS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY INCLUDE:

EYEWITNESSES Acts 1:4-11

Jesus sends us into the world to be his witnesses.

SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE ACTS 2:1-41

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the church grow and do its work.

ALL IN THE FAMILY Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

The Spirit makes us into the family of God.

NOTHIN' BUT THE TRUTH Acts 4:36, 5:1-11

God's people must remain truthful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 22nd will be the last day for Sunday School for the summer. We will resume again next fall.

We are looking for a music volunteer if you know of anyone that would be interested.

Thank you for the volunteers who helped in the month of April - Marsha Bibart, Missy Kaufman, Kyle Peters, Amanda Gebhardt, Marilyn Weil.

As always, please free to call or email me anytime. My phone number is 393-3160 and my email address is shillitomichelle@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Michelle Shillito

SPRING ART SHOW!

The Spring session of our church's art program is done, and our young artists want to show you all they have created! These elementary-aged children from our community have been working hard with our wonderful volunteers every Monday afternoon for the past 3 months, and now we'd like you to see their marvelous work. Join us here at the church on **Sunday, May 15th from 1:00- 3:00 PM** for our Spring Art Show where we will celebrate our artists with their friends and families. Also, if you'd like to sign up to provide light refreshments for the event, please contact me, Liz Wiley, at artfpc@gmail.com or [740-398-7019](tel:740-398-7019).



DEACON'S CORNER

Rummaging

Thank you church family for your wonderful response to our spring rummage sale in contributions, volunteering and “cheering on”!

We are especially grateful for the leaderships and co-ordination that Jan Watson provided. Her tireless dedication provided much verve for accomplishing the mission and ministries of the Deacons of our church family. The Women's Association will be able to distribute the proceeds as needs continue to arise.

The response of the community was rewarding and almost unbelievable as lines formed at all three check out areas. Hands were full of useful items and more often bags contained their purchases. Thanks to all the volunteers who provided assistance as questions arose.

The household items that didn't sell were given to “Hope Now” an organization at the close of the sale. Bags of clothing went to a mission in Cleveland. The remaining items left were packed up and went to an organization from Utica, to be distributed to needy families there. Leftovers went to Appalachia from there.

Once again, we are grateful to be a part of the mission and ministry to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Ellen

INTERCHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

May pantry needs are shampoo, toilet paper, hand soap, dish soap and deodorant. If you would like to support the pantry needs at Interchurch, please drop off any of these items to our office or leave your contribution in the front entrance of the church. They will be delivered to Interchurch.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all who helped with our church rummage sale which was coordinated by First Presbyterian's Women's Association. We had a great turn out of adults to sort “stuff” on Tuesday and Wednesday . Friday evening's crew of men, women and students packed and cleaned up the church in record time. We made a little over \$2500.00 (before expenses) for missions!

Besides giving our church members a place to send all their “stuff,” we donated some things to the “Hope Now” program's storage unit, the Chester Baptist Church's ShoeBox ministry, St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Cleveland teen-age shopping program, and our local library's book sale. Service Medical Oxygen, Inc. received some home health care aids for their Hospice Aid program. The remaining items went to the people from Utica that gather unsold rummage from area churches and take it where it is needed – especially to the Appalachian area of Ohio.

Proceeds will be used for various missions as well as Hot Meals and our First Presbyterian youth mission trip.

CHOIR INVITATION

CHOIR has started back up and we would love to have you join us. Are you the singer that sings in the shower, the car and when no one can see or hear you?. We are interested in you! Don't be shy. Together, we can sound amazing. Please consider joining our group. I promise, you won't regret it. Please see the choir director or call the office for details.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

KROGER BONUS FOR YOUTH MISSION It's time to re-enroll! On or after April 1, please go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com, click "Ohio," and log on to your account to re-register so that your Kroger shopping will earn reward money for First Presbyterian Youth Mission. Over the past several years, our youth trip has received roughly \$3,500 each year! Make your purchases count, at no cost to you, by re-enrolling today. If you are new to the program, we welcome your participation! If you are not sure how, ask Holly or Kyle, and they will be happy to help you.

LANNINGS BONUS FOR YOUTH MISSION We now offer Lanning gift cards in the church office. Lanning's has given us a generous discount on the purchase of these cards as a fundraiser for the mission trip. If you are planning to shop at Lanning's please see Holly to purchase one. Lanning's also offers a Wednesday 10% off senior citizen discount.



GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP will begin a 13 week program began Thursday April 28, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the office conference room. 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

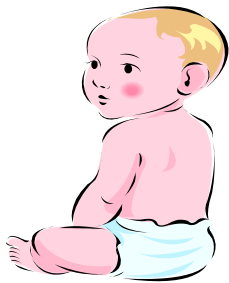
Got Mail?

Are you a snowbird? A college student? Bought a new home? Started a new job out of town? If so, please notify the church office of your new postal address, phone number, email address and other contact information so you can continue to receive "The Communicator", emails and other communications. If your postal address is temporary, please indicate a start and end date. The church data base will automatically change your address if the dates are entered (this needs to be done each calendar year). Parents are encouraged to provide current information for kids in college or are grown, have moved away and wish to stay in touch until they find a new church home. You can put the information in the Sunday offering plate, phone the church office or send an email.



SPRING PLANTING DAY

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to solicit the help from all church gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts for our annual spring planting day, to be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**, from 9 AM to approximately 12 noon. We need many hands to plant our annual flowers, tidy up our flower beds, and install a fresh coating of mulch. Please bring your favorite garden tools and a good pair of gloves and meet in the church parking lot off the alley at 9 AM. If you have any questions, please call Mead Weil at 740-397-4300.



Nursery News: Our nursery is currently overflowing with beautiful little ones! We are so blessed to get to watch them play and interact. We are however, quickly running out of snacks for these children. Please consider grabbing one of the following next time you're at the store: Graham crackers, cheerios, pretzels, fruit snacks, juice-boxes, and cups. Also if you are interested in serving once every three months for an hour come see the nursery ladies. Thank you!

First Friday Ministry:

Our church will again have a table at First Fridays this year, from May through October, 6 pm to 9pm. In doing this we hope to show the love of Jesus to the people who attend First Friday activities and to make them aware of ministries we provide that they might be interested in. We are looking for two things: (1) volunteers to help staff our table and (2) creative ideas for reaching out to the people who will come to First Fridays. If you can help with either of those, please let Eric and/or Amber Vanderhoof know. Email us at ambervander@yahoo.com or call us, Eric @740-501-1333 or Amber @740-501-1340. We hope to hear from you soon!



There is a lot of ministry happening here at FPC. Have you found a place to plug in yet? If not, consider if God would have you get connected to:

DivorceCare	Griefshare	ALPHA	Youth Groups
Moms2Moms	Missions	Sunday School	Art Program
Harvest Hoedown	Free Car Wash	Evening & Noon time Bible Studies	
Fellowship Breakfast	VBS	Hot Meals	

Congregational Meeting**10:30 AM, May 15, 2011****Fellowship Hall**

The Session of The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The purposes of the meeting include:

- Electing four active members of the church to serve as Elders on the Session for a term ending in 2014
- Electing active members of the church to serve on the 2012 Nominating Committee
- Electing active members to be considered by the Session for Ordination and Commissioning as Deacons
- Transacting any other business as may be appropriate.

Members of the 2011 Nominating Committee are: Moderator George Stone, Deb Curran, John Bibart, Melanie Bolerender, Monica Eutsey and Ralph Haffenden.

Current Elders serving on the Session and commissioned Deacons are listed on the back of the Sunday Church bulletin.

Any individual on the Active Member Roll of First Presbyterian Church is eligible for election to office. If you are not sure if someone has active member status, George Stone, (Moderator of the Nominating Committee), Holly Bredefeld (Church Administrative Assistant), or William Shriver (Clerk of Session), can provide you with that information.

Please give prayerful thought to individuals you feel are being called to ministry, leadership and service at First Presbyterian Church. You may suggest someone for consideration by giving their name to any member of the Nominating Committee or by nominating them from the floor at the Congregational Meeting. Persons nominated from the floor shall have given prior permission to be nominated and declared assent to serve if elected, or, if present, shall be asked to declare willingness to serve.

Session consists of 12 Elders who each serve a three year term. Four Elders are elected each year so there is both consistency and newness in church leadership. Persons elected to serve on the Session who are not already ordained Presbyterian Elders must go through a period of study and preparation and be examined and approved by the Session for ordination. Elders may serve no more than six consecutive years on the Session (two terms). They may be elected to serve again after at least a year off of Session. The term of office starts July 1. Election to Session is a call to ministry, leadership and service.

Deacons at First Presbyterian Church are individually commissioned by the Session to lead and/or carry out a specific ministry. Persons elected as Deacons must go through a period of study and preparation and be examined and approved by the Session for ordination. If you recommend or nominate someone, please be prepared to note the ministry you feel they are being called to serve. Deacon commissions are periodically reviewed by the Session and renewed as is appropriate.

Nominating Committee members serve a one year term. Four or more members are elected by the congregation and two members, including the moderator, are selected by the Session. The term begins following the congregational meeting.

Mothers Day Cards

In 2010 International Health and Development and Presbyterian Women partnered to launch Healthy Women Healthy Families as a way to help PC(USA) church partners in Africa provide critically-needed health services for women and children. Before, this was just the malaria prevention-mosquito netting program. Together, we expanded the impact of the annual Mother's Day Project, the popular mission activity that had supported malaria prevention for ten years. We introduced the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project to benefit a variety of services that protect and restore the health of women and children. The Mother's Day Project will be offered again this year. Mothers Day cards are now available in the office and are available for a donation. Any questions, contact Brenda Schultze at 392-7833.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Each Spring since 1920, Women of the Presbyterian Church have collected a "Birthday offering" to meet some mission needs. Our church has always participated in this program and collected money from all women of the church. The recipients are chosen to receive the grant amounts before the Birthday Offering is collected. This year 3 programs have been selected. The goal for this offering is 900,000. Many types of programs have been funded through the years, including women's health programs, domestic violence shelters, health screening, senior services and many more.

You can contribute by taking an envelope from the pew racks and place in offering plate or send to the church office and earmark "Birthday Offering". Envelopes will be in the pew racks on May 15 and May 23rd. Any questions contact Brenda Schultze at 392-7833.

TREASURER'S NOTES

If you are retired, you probably know, anyone over the age of 70 1/2, who has an IRA account, is required to take an annual distribution from that account. The minimum amount of money required is a calculation that depends on several factors. Naturally, more than the required minimum amount may be distributed. The distributed amount is usually added to ones income and Federal Income Tax must be paid on that income.

However, this coming tax year of 2011 provides for a one year exception. If an individual so chooses, they may arrange to have all or some portion of the distribution given directly from the IRA account to a charitable organization such as First Presbyterian Church, We would give credit to the individual toward his/her pledge or general offering but the amount given will not be counted as income and zero Federal Income Tax will be due on that amount. In addition, this could reduce the amount of taxes on ones Social Security benefits. This is particularly beneficial to those who plan to take Standard Deductions in 2011 rather than itemizing.

You should first contact your financial and or tax advisor (s) to fully understand all the ramifications of this one time benefit.

Bob Meldrum, Treasurer

In Honor of..... Given By

Nicholas, Anthony, and Jacob (My Children)..... Amy Carrillo
 Our Children & Grandchildren..... Allen & Jackie Craigo
 Our Sons and their Families..... Sue & Bob Denzer
 Our Children & Grandchildren..... Betty & Joe Hirsch
 Amanda Meloy Weiss & Lucas Weiss..... Nancy & Tom Meloy
 My Family..... Myra Philpott
 Marie, Michael & Stephen..... Penny & Jim Sajakowsky
 My Family & Friends here or with the Lord..... Linda Skeen
 Our Parents..... Louise & Perry Trinkner
 Loved Ones..... Robert & Marjorie Walcutt
 Our Family..... Mead & Marilyn Weil

In Memory of..... Given By

Rev. Dr. Arthur R. Hall (Laura's Father)..... Michael Abell Family
 Albert Albright..... Margene Albright & Family
 My Mother..... David Barber
 Janet Hunter..... David Barber
 My Mother & Brother, Betty and Kurt Waggoner..... Holly Bredefeld Family
 John Bruere, Jr..... Ann Bruere
 Helen Mandeville (Aunt)..... Ann Bruere
 Natalie Elena Carrillo (Daughter)..... Amy Carrillo
 Sally Carhart..... The Carhart Family
 Wilma Jean Conrad..... Richard Conrad
 Our Parents, Richard & Amy Anderson..... Mike & Carole Conway
 Our Parents, Jim & Eleanor Conway..... Mike & Carole Conway
 Ralph and Elizabeth Chabot..... E. Allen Craigo Family
 Fred and Mary Craigo..... E. Allen Craigo Family
 Carolyn Laymon..... Debra & John Denzer
 Our Parents & Many Loved Ones..... Sue & Bob Denzer
 Our Parents..... George & Nancy Edick
 Loved Ones (2)..... Dolores & Ralph Haiffenden

In Memory of..... Given By

Eddie & Mary Hinch (Parents)..... Becky Hinch
 Tyrol & Ilo Noble (Parents)..... Becky Hinch
 Roxie & Herbert Cornell, Mary, & Joseph Hirsch..... Betty & Joe Hirsch
 Allen & Jeanette Hughes..... David & Sheila Hughes
 Helen Gygi..... David & Sheila Hughes
 Debbie Hyman..... Gary Hyman & Girls
 Norma & Dan Lapin..... Ginny Lapin
 Loved Ones..... Jerry & Joan Mann
 George & Margaret Byrne..... Margaret Byrne Mazza
 Lorraine (Wife)..... Clayton McDougall
 Nancy McDougall..... Clayton McDougall
 Our Loved Ones..... Tom & Nancy Meloy
 My Parents, Julius & Jo Nagy..... Dan Nagy
 Albert Albright..... Marilyn & Annie Nagy
 Julius & Joey Nagy..... Marilyn & Annie Nagy
 Special Friends: Cindy, Sarah, Paula, Deb, & Sheryl..... Marilyn Nagy
 Our Parents..... Pam & John Neigbarger
 Walt Phillippi..... Betty Phillippi
 Husband & Daughter..... Myra Philpott
 Millie Poland..... Stu & Jeanne Poland
 Waddy Poland..... Stu & Jeanne Poland
 Ed Richardson & Becky..... Jo Richardson
 Mom, Dad, Jeanne & April..... Jim & Penny Sajakowsky
 Fred Schaub..... Marthalee Schaub
 Loved Ones..... Brenda & Bob Schultze
 Ellen and Jim Van Voorhis..... Tom & Mary Van Voorhis
 Kevin Stanford..... Tom & Mary Van Voorhis
 Forest & Nellie Leas (Parents)..... Jan Watson Family
 Walter & Florence Watson..... Jan Watson Family
 Loved Ones..... Chuck & Carole Waugh
 Marvin (Husband)..... Violet Waugh
 Bertha and Von Wright..... Kevin Wright & The Thompsons

Tuesday Nights (6 pm) at First Presbyterian

For the last several years a team of Pastoral Prayer Partners has gathered each Tuesday night at the church to pray for all that God is doing in and through our congregation. This team prays for our pastor, staff and elders. They also pray for any needs that they have been made aware of in our congregation and community.

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P. RAISE

As we enter this new year, the Prayer Partners extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in a new structure on Tuesday nights. Each month the prayer partners will offer an evening of healing prayer, a night of praise and prayer and the return of the LEAP service.

1st Tuesday of each month : Healing Prayer will be available in the prayer room on the second floor of the Christian Education - Open to all who would like to receive prayer.

2nd Tuesday of each month : LEAP service - An opportunity to gather in Fellowship Hall for praise, prayer and a focused teaching on growing ministry leaders deeper in Christ.

3rd Tuesday of each month : Prayer and Praise in the Fellowship Hall. A time of prayer mixed throughout with praise. This evening will focus on musical and non-musical praise as we intercede for God's Kingdom in our midst.

Small Group Program Available. If your mid-week small group, Bible study or Sunday school class is seeking a new program, please consider *Making Friends for Jesus*. We are called in scripture to "...go and make disciples..." and the First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement calls us "...to make Him known in our community..." *Making Friends for Jesus* is a four session program designed to help each of us find practical ways to share our faith. If interested, please contact Elder George Stone, georgewstone1@embarqmail.com or 740-397-8619.



"VBS is coming! We are traveling back in time to the land of Nazareth when Jesus lived there. I am looking forward to a fabulous week! Please be praying about your involvement in VBS this year. We will need lots of volunteers. Lots! VBS is being held the mornings of June 20 through June 24, with a celebration on Sunday, June 26th. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact Amanda Gebhardt at 599-6517 (evenings) or 740-310-2112 (anytime or to leave a message). You can also reach me by email. ahunter_1@yahoo.com"

What: Moms2Moms

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

This fall our church launched an exciting **new ministry for mothers of babies and preschoolers** called **Moms2Moms**. The group is a ministry of support, encouragement, and friendship for both Christian and nonChristian mothers in Mount Vernon and surrounding areas. Early motherhood is a time of trials as well as joys, both of which cause women to reconsider and redefine themselves in many ways. Moms2Moms will give these women the opportunity to develop relationships and receive advice that will strengthen them for the task of caring for small children. Each meeting will include an ice breaker; a talk, lesson, or activity of some kind; and a snacknchat time of fellowship. Childcare will be provided, allowing women to enjoy much needed interaction with their peers. Moms2Moms will also schedule play dates, Moms Nights Out, and weekend retreats so that mothers' who cannot attend regular meetings can benefit from this group. Even though this ministry is geared towards mothers of young children, there are many ways you can participate::

*Pray that our Lord would use this ministry to strengthen and encourage women in our community.

*Use the flier included in this month's communicator to invite a mother of young children that you know from your neighborhood, workplace, or other involvements.

*Be present at meetings to greet attending mothers and help them find their way to the fellowship hall, nursery rooms, and other places in our church.

*Help provide childcare by working in the nursery on an occasional or regular basis.

*Share your gifts and talents with these young mothers in the form of a lesson or activity. Topics

suggested so far include parenting, cooking, crafts, exercise, etc. We would love to hear your ideas for curriculum! *Prepare a snack for a meeting.

If you yourself are a mother of a baby or young children, we would love to have you attend!

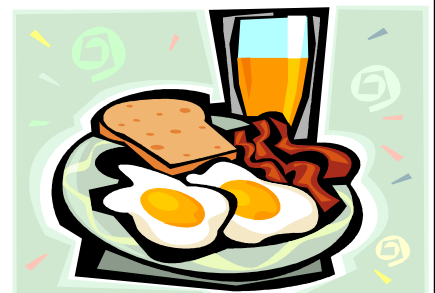
Please contact Amber Vanderhoof (7405011340 or ambervander@yahoo.com) if you are willing to participate or have any questions.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

When: May 28th at 9 a.m.

Where: Parlor

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





A new *Alpha* series is about to begin!

This is an opportunity for a meal and fellowship for members of previous Alpha classes and the new Alpha participants. Come with questions or just check it out!

Alpha is a 10 week series on **Thursday evenings** Which begins on May 5th, 2011

Location: First Presbyterian Church Parlor

6:00 – 8:30 PM (includes dinner, video, and discussion)

Call the church office 393-1326, if interested.

What is *Alpha* question?

It is a practical introduction to the Christian faith. It addresses foundational questions while providing guests with an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. The course is based on *Alpha—Questions of Life* by Nicky Gumbel.

It is open to anyone with meaning of life questions ---- church attenders, friends, neighbors, all adult ages.

Typical topics covered include:

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Why and how should I read the bible?

How does God guide us?

Does God heal today?



CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 2011

COMMUNICATOR

Standing calendar events

Please remember to fill out a building use event form for all events and return to the office.

Sunday:

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

9:55 a.m. Church School for everyone.

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 pm** Cub Scouts

Tuesday:

2nd & 4th Tues. 9:30 am– Moms2Moms

Noon Men's Prayer Lunch-Kitchen **6 pm** Prayer Meeting **6:45-Girl Scouts**

7 PM-Boy Scouts & Divorce Care

1st Tuesday of Month 6 pm Healing Prayer Service **7 p.m.** Finance Meeting-Chuck Waugh

2nd Tuesday of Month 6 pm Leap Service **7 pm** Session Meeting

3rd Tuesday of Month 6 pm Prayer & Praise Service

4th Tuesday at 7 pm Committee Meetings– Building & Grounds-M. Weil & Missions Committee –B. Malek

Wednesday:

2nd Wednesday of the month 9:45 am Women's Circle Meeting

6 pm Hand Bells **7 pm** Worship Team Practice **7 PM** Chancel Choir

Thursday:

9:30am Women's Bible Study –Parlor **11 am** Bridge Club-Knox Meeting Room

Noon-AA meeting –CE bldg. **6-8 pm** Jr. High Fellowship-Youth Room **6 pm** Alpha –Parlor

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

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

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Linda Fox Katherine Garzieri
Maxine Peters Martha Warden
Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandmother*)

Autumn Health Care

Helen and Everett Chrisman

Emeritus at HillenVale Nursing Home

Mary Stansell

The Living Center

Jean Fribley Myra Philpott

At Home

Ruth Grove Eloise Hagan
Treva Haltermon Ellen Proper
Dorothy White Dorothy White

GRIEVING: The Denzer Family is grieving due to the passing of Sue's beloved brother, Claude Blanch on April 10th. **The Curran Family** on the loss of Deb's father, Bill Kidd who passed away on April 10th. **Ruth Grove** on the passing of her sister, Rebecca Grove on April 11th. We extend our condolences to all of these families.

In the Military

Jacob Hahn-USMC-Moreland's
Nephews-Afghanistan
Matt Patterson-USN -P. Patterson's son

Special Prayer Concerns

Madeline Blamer (*kidney-Weil's granddaughter*)
Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
Glenn DeBoard (*Liver cancer*)
John Ewalt
Tom Hall (*cancer-friend of Stone family*)
Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
Matt Palmer (*Lung cancer-friend of Sally Martin*)
Chris Patterson (*Honduras-mission work*)
Robert Kidder (*Polly Patterson's father*)
Harriet Sells (*Toby Lord's sister.in law*)
Red Shaw (*cancer*)
Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)
Lisa Stephens (*surgery-sis of Rhonda Phillippi*)
Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)
Treva Haltermon (*health concerns*)
Misty Whitmann (*Lupus-family of Shillito's*)
Julie Williams (*family of M. Shillito*)

New address and phone for Dann Goodson

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**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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May 2
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May 3
Evelyn Hall
Ginny Lapin

May 23
Jerry Harper

May 4
Tyler Gregg
Kristen Noll

May 26
Greg Smith

May 5
Teri Blanchard

May 27
Ann Deister

May 13
Carol Payne

May 28
Ann Bruere

May 17
Luke Trese

May 30
Kyle Peters

May 19
Barbara Reitsma
Karen Shriver

May 31
Scott Bell
Joe Hirsch

May 21
Leah Paxton

