



Jeri-Lynne's Jottings

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"
John 20:11-15 [NIV]

Who is it that we are looking for this Easter? Are we looking for the resurrected Jesus or some other kind of savior? If we are truthful, sometimes the savior we seek fits the description of our BFF who has the super powers of God and the political/military expertise of decorated general. We want someone who can be there to listen to all of our joys and woes; fix our emotional, physical, and financial pains; as well as fix this crazy messed up world!

We are not much different than those who were present with Jesus over 2,000 years ago when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem just five days before His bloody Crucifixion. Everybody remembers that day! It was a joyful and glorious day. It was a time of excitement, optimism, and renewed national pride for the Israelites. What starts with a handful of disciples offering their praise to God turns into a citywide celebration! And if we think about it, we can appreciate why. After all, the people of Jerusalem had been waiting for something like this for a long time!

Their hope was that Jesus would launch a revolution against the Romans and free the Holy city from Roman occupation. Still, if the truth be told, all of their hosannas couldn't hide the fact that Jesus is not quite what they expected Him to be. Most conquering Kings ride into town on a White Stallion—ready for war. Jesus came on this little colt of a donkey that almost left His feet dragging on the ground. Plus there was no sword in His hand nor any weapon attached to His saddle. In fact, Jesus doesn't even have a saddle, only someone's old overcoat. As we watch Jesus entering Jerusalem with friends and followers waving palms, not swords, we see into the heart of God. And at least one thing is clear: Jesus doesn't come to us on our terms. Jesus comes on God's terms. Yet, He comes. And that is very good!

The people wanted a prophet, but this Prophet would tell them that their city was under God's imminent judgment. What do we want today? Do we want a prophet? Do we want a judge? The people wanted a Messiah, but Jesus—the Messiah—was about to be enthroned on a horrible, bloody Cross. The people wanted to be rescued from evil and oppression, and Jesus was going to rescue them from evil...but from evil in its fullest depths, not just the surface evil that they could see. Those who believed in Christ experienced change. But the change wasn't necessarily in their outward circumstances. The change occurred in their hearts.

The crowds wanted Jesus to conquer in the worldly way. Jesus would conquer through serving, loving and laying down His life to save those who believe. Jesus comes as Jerusalem's King to bring salvation, but salvation means much more than relief from an oppressive government. Jesus comes to free people from themselves! Don't mistake who Jesus is and look for the wrong savior this Easter. Jesus Christ frees people from self-hatred, selfishness, shame, greed, fear, death and from our broken relationship with God! Jesus gives us the gift of the fruit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and life to the fullest! But it is a life to be lived in humble service and loving gratitude in Christ's name for the Kingdom of God.

As you seek Jesus in your life this Easter season consider ways you can participate in humbly serving God's Kingdom. Circleville Presbyterian Church's spiritual leadership is prayerfully discerning God's will for this body of Christ. We ask that you join us in praying diligently for the Holy Spirit to guide us. Also consider the stewardship of your time and talents as Circleville Presbyterian Church implements new and creative ministries to reach God's people in our community! Most importantly, seek Jesus in every person you meet;

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew:25:37-40 [NIV]

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. J.L. Bouterse
Interim Pastor

THANK YOU NOTES

A health crisis such as ours quickly makes it clear that the Presbyterian Church in Circleville is truly a family. We have received food, cards, phone calls, and help with travel and we greatly appreciate them all.

Wally and Carol

Kudos to Diana Jones, the Presby Kids, and their parents for the delightful, tasty, and attractive Valentine Lunch. The fun door prizes produced a few “Oohs”, “Ahs”, and “Laughter” when Frank Seimer pulled a pink Teddy Bear out of the gift bag he won.

Diane Berger

We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....



...the aunt of Margaret Parker who died on February 9, 2016

...of Annette Glass who died on February 16, 2016.

...of Vern Cahill who died February 16, 2016. This is the father of Donna Solovey.

NEW ARRIVALS

2/15/16 Honor Joyelle Crosby was born to parents Wendell & Darrien Crosby. Grandparents are Polly Crosby Fetherolf and Wendel Crosby. Great grandparents are Art & Martha Wolfe and Becky Myers.

2/17/16 Liam Isaiah Archer was born to William & Grace Archer. Grandparents are Russell & Marie Baldinger and great grandparents are Norm & Nancy Baldinger and Earl & Jean Palm.

UPDATING ADDRESS DIRECTORY PLEASE LET US KNOW!

It's that time again to update the address directory. The new directory will also include cell numbers as well as home numbers. We will include all cell numbers that we now have. **PLEASE** let the church know if there are any that you **DO** want published and **DO NOT** want published!!!! It is so much easier if we have the correct information. Wouldn't hurt to check those email addresses also.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Deacon Pancake Breakfast—April 17



Sunday, March 13, 2016

Focus on...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Diana Jones, D.C.E.

ONCE AGAIN LENT HAS COME—THE MOST HOLIEST OF THE CHURCH YEAR. Let's make a promise this year and spend some time reading and talking about this Lenten Season with our children/youth. I would suggest that you use the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 19, Verse 28 (Palm Sunday) through Chapter 24 (Easter Sunday) of the NIV Bible. We all know the story of Palm Sunday and then back to worship the next Sunday and Jesus is risen (Easter). BUT to understand the true meaning you must go through the other chapters and experience Holy Week. This is one of the assignments for the Confirmation Class in their book, "THE STORY OF JESUS".

THE VALENTINE LUNCHEON FOR OUR MATURE MEMBERS OVER 75 was very well attended. The youth (18 strong!) set up, decorated, prepared, and cleaned up with very little help from their advisors. 12 door prizes were won by the attendees including a pink teddy bear for Frank Seimer! Many thanks to all for a fun afternoon.

OUR SOUP AND SALAD LUNCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF VBS AND ITS MISSION was a huge success raising \$400.00. Many thanks to Margaret and her committee as well as the superb homemade soup makers!

PARENTS AND CHILDREN/YOUTH: I would like you to set aside the date of March 24 at 7:00 p.m. for a special happening. More details later.

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, the Children's Ministry Committee will host a special party for our children and youth beginning at 4:00—6:00. Emily Smith, Julie Calder, Susanne Hardin, and Jayme Fountain are in charge of all the surprises. Watch for more info in the bulletin.

A PLEASANT HAPPENING AT THE RHOADES TOWER in Columbus! From the end of February to the end of March, KELLER CLOUSE, will be displaying her art work. Keller was one of the 31 students chosen for this Ohio Art Education Award. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH FAMILIES

March 13:	Party for children/youth	Campbell Hall
March 20:	Children sing & wave palms	Palm Sunday
March 24:	Youth special w/Maundy Service	7:00 Sanctuary
March 27:	Sunrise Service by Youth	8:00 a.m.
	Breakfast	8:45 a.m.
	Egg Hunt (2 yrs.-4th gr.)	9:15 a.m.
	Easter Worship	10:00 a.m.

Love, *diana*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Brookdale at Lakeview

Woody Jones

Brown Memorial

Carol Higgins (no visitors)

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Clearmont Retirement Village

Doris Gruebel

Franklin Woods

Judy Palm

Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Carol Mader

Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

George Butler

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Betty Estes

Marcella Hostetler

Alfred Johnson

Gwen Painter

Sharon Ryan

Dorothy Sampson

Sage Sill

Sue Twining

Art Wolfe

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Mark Bouterse

Susan Bouterse

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

George Grigg

Marty (Ward) Hart (Marcella Hostetler's sister)

Nathan Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Phyllis Smith (Rod Smith's mother)

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

Kim Welter (Pastor Steve's daughter)

**We are sorry if we have missed anyone!
If you want someone added or removed,
PLEASE call the church office.**

2016

Lent to Easter

Luncheon Series

Wednesdays

Devotion: 12:10—12:30 p.m.

Lunch: 12:30—1:00 p.m.

“Because of the Cross, we are...”

March 2—...Victorious

Speaker: Kevin Gruver

at Circleville Presbyterian Church

134 E. Mound St.

March 9—...Free

Speaker: Jeri-Lynne Bouterse

at St. Joseph Catholic Church

134 W. Mound St.

March 16—...Filled with Hope

Speaker: Doyne Wiggins

at St. Philip's Episcopal Church

129 W. Mound St.

March 23—...Called

Speaker: Jack Abels

at Community United Methodist Church

120 N. Pickaway St.

March 25

Noon at the Courthouse Steps

Good Friday Cross Procession

March 30—...One

Speaker: Gerhard Kraus

at Trinity Lutheran Church

135 E. Mound St.

HOLY WEEK

The Maundy Thursday service will be held Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. See the Christian Education news for the Easter events.

Ministry Team Structures for 2016

(Please prayerfully consider the team you are called to serve on and contact the elders who are leading the team)

Communication and Technology (Elder Steve Thomerson – sthomers@columbus.rr.com – 740-474-2585): oversee the maintenance of the church website and Facebook page, oversee the purchase, renewal, discontinuation and maintenance of church computer hardware, software and office equipment, form, train and maintain a crew of worship technicians that support the worship service through use of multi-media

Congregational Care and Nurture (Elder Alice Harker – aharker1@yahoo.com – 740-474-4435 and Elder Marcia Smith- rmsmith74@hotmail.com – 740-477-1772): coffee hour, church picnic, adult fireside chat, advent brunch, caroling event, member spotlight, cards and notes, meals, Shepherds, Visitor Pads and bread, health ministry-articles and programs, care notes display rack, prayer chain, Bar Association luncheon, Rotary Law Day, Christmas Past Sale, nametags for new members

Discipleship and Spiritual Formation (Elder Marcia Smith rmsmith74@hotmail.com – 740-477-1772 and Elder Andy Solovey - asolovey@columbus.rr.com, 740-474-6504): intergenerational seasonal programs, evangelism education, small group development, oversee and plan the C.E. ministry for all ages, screen the use and purchase of curriculum for all areas of education and obtain session approval, solicit volunteers for C.E. ministry each year and present their names to session for approval, oversee the purchase of necessary materials to conduct the C.E. ministry, produce an application and background screening process for all C.E. volunteers, oversee the nursery facility of church including the scheduling of volunteers, schedule with pastor confirmation class, oversee a child protection policy

Facility Care (Elder Myron Rorick – mlrorick@frontier.com – 740-474-1741 and Darrell Smith – darsuesmith@yahoo.com – 740-477-6277): meet and work with the trustees to; schedule a long range and short range plan for the maintenance of building and grounds, conduct a cost assessment each year for those who lease our facility, maintain a building use plan for outside groups with an application process, conduct a building use analysis of current ministry (are the spaces we utilize for ministry appropriate), produce guidelines for contracting outside businesses to complete work at the church

Mission (Elder Clare Hall – kenclarehall@gmail.com – 740-477-1546): review and implement mission goals, include in these goals hand's on mission projects and mission trip opportunities, recruit, train and maintain volunteers to serve in mission distribution (community assistance) each week, communicate mission opportunities and celebrations to the congregation

Stewardship and Finance (Elder Charlie Hedges – crhedges@bright.net – 740-474-5464 and Elder Bill Richards – WJR1066@aol.com – 740-474-1825): stewardship education, oversee online giving program and education, monthly financial report to session, yearly budget preparation and report to congregation at Annual Congregational Meeting, overseeing yearly audit, reviewing team budget and expenses on a regular basis, maintain a procedure for counting contributions, recording of weekly contributions for the congregation, management of special accounts and funds, design a memorial policy and procedures

Worship (Elder Marilyn Herel – marilynsherel@gmail.com – 740-474-7047 and Elder Wally Higgins- redhouse4@frontier.com – 740-474-6418): arrangement of liturgical furnishings in the sanctuary (communion table, baptismal font, pulpit/lectern, décor, candles, liturgical banners and paraments, communion ware, arts, etc....), preparing a communion schedule each year, meeting with representatives of music ministry and technology ministry as needed, work with pastor in planning worship, present to session for approval any special offerings and worship services, ordering of some worship supplies, scheduling worship assistants (greeters, ushers, acolytes), schedule pulpit supply when the pastor is away, develop and oversee those engaged in arts ministry outside of worship

Standing Teams:

Nominating (Elder Andy Solovey – asolovey@columbus.rr.com, 740-474-6504): schedule meetings to discern candidates who are called and qualified to serve the church as our spiritual leaders, present the nominees to session for election at the congregational meeting each year, year 2016 nominate members for the Pastor Nominating Committee to present at the November annual congregational meeting.

Personnel (Elder Steve Johnson – rooftoroad@aol.com – 740-986-8119): job descriptions and reviews for volunteer and paid staff annually (preferably early November), negotiation of terms of call for pastor

Hello Church Family,

This month, we are excited to announce an important update to giving at Circleville Presbyterian Church! As you know, your generosity and financial partnership with us is how we are able to help expand the Kingdom. We value our church family and want to make sure everyone at Circleville Presbyterian Church is aware of this exciting new giving platform, which allows for simple giving through a variety of ways, including mobile and online. This video shows a little more about all the ways you can give through the new system!

<https://vimeo.com/143216881> You can try it out, and even set up an account, if you'd like! To start, you can:

1. Visit our website: www.circlevillepresbyterianchurch.com (Beginning the first week of March we will be including the Push Pay link on our newly updated website.)
2. Text: *circlevillepc* to 77977
3. Download the Pushpay App



We'll be explaining more each Sunday, so make sure you're there! We'll also have staff and volunteers ready to answer your questions after services.

See you Sunday,

The Communications and Technology Team at Circleville Presbyterian Church.

As part of our Easter celebration,
The Presbyterian Church provides
the opportunity for the placement of
LILIES and TULIPS
in the sanctuary for Easter worship.
Individuals and families may place orders for plants
In Honor of or In Memory of loved ones,
whose names will appear in the worship bulletin.

If you would like to order please complete an order blank and ***include***
your payment for each plant ordered.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED by SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ I wish my flower(s) to be delivered to a shut-in person.

_____ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter Service.

_____ **LILIES** ordered @ \$11.00 = _____ amount paid

_____ **TULIPS** ordered @ \$11.00 = _____ amount paid
_____ cash _____ check



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Looking ahead to.....



- 16 - PICCA Chinese Auction
(for PART Transportation)
- 17 - Deacon's Pancake Breakfast
Shepherd's Dinner-Richards Farm
- 20 - Pres-Line Deadline for May Issue