

## *The Messenger April 2017*



### **Maundy Thursday Service**

**April 13, 2017**

**7:00 pm**



**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**  
The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Easter, April 16, 2017. Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this offering to share God's love with neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering have helped provide relief for those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The offering supports Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please plan to give generously on Easter. (An offering envelope for this offering is in your box of offering envelopes.)



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|----|---------------------------|
| 2  | <b>Paul Smith</b>         |
| 19 | <b>Daniele Brittain</b>   |
| 21 | <b>Scott Long</b>         |
|    | <b>Eulan Newberry</b>     |
| 23 | <b>Brooke Hollenbaugh</b> |



**FINANCE  
REPORT**

**Westwood Financial Report - 2017**

<b>February:</b>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Current Funds	5,373.50	7,390.66	-2,017.16
Per Capita	505.00	0.00	505.00
Benevolence	20.00	0.00	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,898.50</b>	<b>7,390.66</b>	<b>-1,492.16</b>

**Year-To-Date:**

Current Funds	13,996.36	15,183.06	-1,186.70
Per Capita	675.00	0.00	675.00
Benevolence	40.00	0.00	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,711.36</b>	<b>15,183.06</b>	<b>-471.70</b>

**Attendance for February:**

5th	--31
12th	--29
19th	--30
26th	--32
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

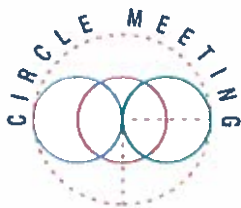
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are available upon request  
from Steve Anglin  
or the church office.*



**Newsletter Deadline  
for May is  
April 19th.**

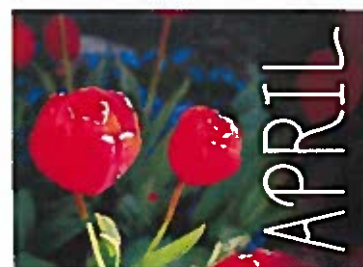


**Karen Woods new phone  
number is 513-225-7450.**



**Ruth Esther Circle  
meets Tuesday,  
April 18  
at 10 am.  
Your hostess is  
Catherine Gibson and  
Marion Flynn is  
study leader.**

**Jodi Craiglow  
10067 Linda Lane, Apt. GN  
Des Plaines, IL 60016**



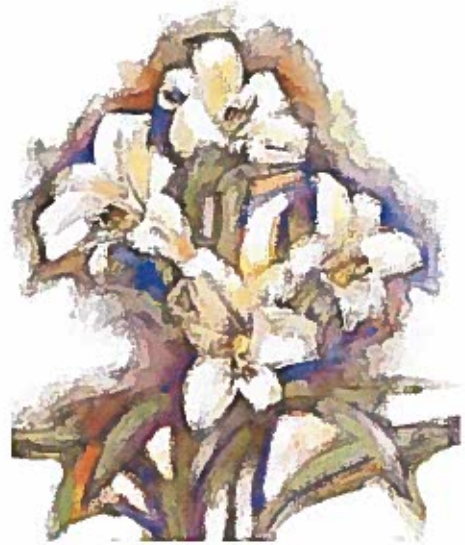
## Easter People

As the season of Lent began, we were reminded once again, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return." We are to remember that we are finite beings. We are just passing through this world on the way to another existence. This is indeed good news!

The story is told about a little boy who was upset by the Ash Wednesday quote, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return." He was scared when he looked under his bed and saw the dust bunnies, and ran downstairs screaming, "Mommy! Mommy! Come quick! There's somebody under the bed and they're either coming or going!"

We can find laughter in the innocence of a child, but we can also have joy during the Lenten season because we know it leads us to Easter, a time of resurrection. Out of death comes life. Let me repeat, out of death comes life. We are an "Easter People."

We witness this in spring as we watch buds come through the ground which long ago seemed lifeless. We see it as the grass begins to change from brown to green. We experience it in the weather as the battle between Winter and Spring takes place. We can smile because we know that sooner or later, Spring will win. The darkness of Winter will be defeated.



As the drab, inconsistent days of winter draw to a close and spring begins to blossom, may we experience the life and love of God flowing through our very being. May others see God's glory through us as we bear witness to the resurrection, not only in word, but deed. What a joy to be "Easter People."

Let's shout it from the rooftops, we are "Easter People." We believe in life and resurrection. We above all people have hope. Though life throws us curves, knocks us down, deals us setbacks, and overwhelms us sometimes, we can say, nothing is "...able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

May it be so! Amen!

*In Christ,*

*Norman*

**A Sermon Series for Lent 2017**  
**“Exploring The Apostle's Creed”**

*What Christians Believe and Why*

A few weeks back, during a sermon, I encouraged each of you to think about what you really believe about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, our Calling as the Church. How are you coming at putting that into words?

To take it further, as a way of thinking about what we believe, during Lent 2017, I am inviting you to explore along with me “The Apostle's Creed”. The first half of our Presbyterian Church's constitution is our Book of Confessions. These confessions contain the salient “Doctrines of the Church”. Since its creation in the fourth century, the Apostle's Creed, (included in our *Book of Confessions*), has been widely used, not only by the Presbyterian Church USA, but throughout the centuries by numerous denominations and religious groups to express their basic beliefs.

“Creed”, according to *Merriam Webster Dictionary On Line, 2016*, means, “a statement of the basic beliefs of a religion; an idea or set of beliefs that guides the actions of a person or group”. The Apostle's Creed states:

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried,  
He descended to the Dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of the saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The schedule of the messages will be as follows:

April 2, “I Believe in the Church and the Communion of Saints”

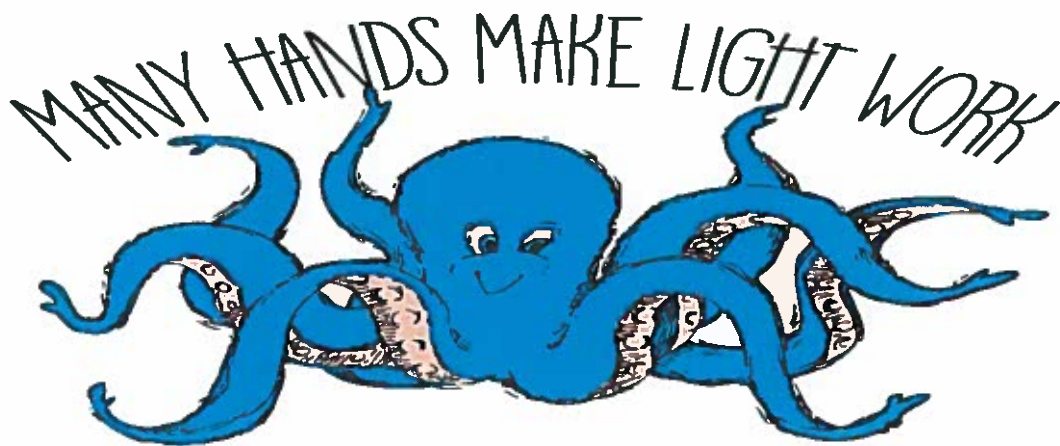
April 9, “I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins” (Palm Sunday)

April 16, “I Believe in the Resurrection...and Life Everlasting”

(Easter/The Resurrection of Our Lord)

Let's pray for one another as we think more in depth about what we truly believe as God's people. May this inspire us to a renewed commitment to the ministry we are called to provide. Amen.

*NORMAN*



Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the  
March volunteers:  
Bonita & Estil Gay, Cathy Sutton, Jeanne & Mike Riechers, Dale Alvey & Diane Hurst

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of March:  
Dale Alvey, Marlene Sloneker, Bob Estridge

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the month of March:  
Andrea Estridge, Reva Johnson, Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Loretta Otto  
for the month of March.

Thank you to Bob Estridge and Doug Platt for preparing communion for March and to Steve  
Anglin, Bob Estridge, Marlene Sloneker and Marion Flynn for serving communion.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the  
Community Meal Center on Friday, March 17th: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto,  
Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison.  
Donations: Helen Belcher, Andrea & Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker,  
Traci Stevison, Sandra Warren.

Thank you to Mrs. Marlene Sloneker for the flowers she brought for worship.

## Prayer Concerns

### Hospital:

Brenda Burress – Drake

### Shut-Ins:

Ruth Mollett

### Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Bob Wadleigh (Marlene's cousin)

Doug Platt

Kasey Hacker (Doug Platt) – stomach/IN

Charles (Martha H) - stage 4

Randy Hollenbaugh – stomach

Andy Homan (Helen)

Sue Hutchinson (Carol) – multiple myeloma

Debbie Baker - ovarian

### Miscellaneous concerns:

Don Pottenger – dialysis

Summer Estridge – health

Phyllis West (Doug Platt) – brain tumor

Tucker Gambrell – spina bifida

Don Wright – health issues, oxygen

Catherine – safety

Ina Fields recovering at home

Bailey Johnson (Reva's granddaughter) Lyme disease

Liz Gibson (Catherine)

Family of Nancy Harris

Family of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Clair (Doug Platt)

Bonnie Santel – recovering from hip surgery

### In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Woodlands: George Michaels

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery

Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)

### National & International Concerns:

Our country, Natural disasters, violence

Our armed forces worldwide

Persecuted Christians

Missionaries across the world

Peace in our world

### Local Concerns:

Our church

Cities of Hamilton & Fairfield

Serve City/One Way Farm

Haven House

Churches in community

Community Meal Center

**Thank You Westwood Ladies** for all that you have done for our family. Your kindness means the world to me.

Barb Mainous & family

### Congregational Prayer:

We are continuing a series of prayers for our sister churches in the Maimi Presbytery. This month we are remembering the Jamestown Presbyterian Church in Jamestown, OH and their pastor Rev. Michael Helling.







## Deacon's Corner

We are collecting paper towels, toilet tissue and Kleenex for the Christmas project and Graham crackers for the month of April. As always, we accept non-perishable items for Serve City. Please place your items in the baskets in the hall. The Deacons thank you for your generous contributions.



**Deacons – April 5 – 1 pm**

**Administration – April 16 – after worship**

**Spiritual Growth/Outreach – April 17 – 6 pm**

**Session – April 17 – 7 pm**

### Per Capita for 2017

Several of you have asked about the amount of Per Capita that is paid for 2017. The total is \$35 per member. The **General Assembly**, the **Synod of the Covenant**, and **The Presbytery of the Miami Valley** will each receive a portion. If you would like to pay your portion for 2017, just make a check to the church and mark it Per Capita. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any member of the Session.

**SERVING  
THIS  
MONTH**



**Ushers: Summer Estridge,**

**Worship Leaders:**

- 2 Bob Long**
- 9 Bob Estridge**
- 16 Steve Anglin**
- 23 Reva Johnson**
- 30 Bill Mountsier**

**Sunday School:**

- 2 Andrea Estridge**
- 9 Catherine Gibson**
- 16 Marlene Sloneker**
- 23 Sandra Warren**
- 30 Andrea Estridge**

**Coffee Hour:**

- 2 Deacons**
- 9 Doug Platt**
- 16 Easter**
- 23 Marilyn Compton**
- 30 Carol & Norman Godfrey**

**Kitchen Duty: Judy Simensen**

**Communion Preparation:**

**Doug Platt and Bob Estridge**

**Communion Servers:**

**Reva Johnson, Bob Estridge,  
Carol Godfrey, Loretta Otto**



**PER CAPITA**

### **Memorial Service**

On Sunday, May 21, 2017, as a part of the worship service, we will have a candle-lighting ceremony. We will light candles as a memorial for those whom we have lost. If you would like to remember a loved-one during this service, please fill out the form below and drop it by the church office or give it to Reva Johnson or Rev. Godfrey.

### **Memorial Service Request**

On Sunday, May 21, 2017, I would like a candle lit  
in memory of

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Please turn into church office, put in offering plate or  
give to Reva Johnson or Rev. Godfrey.)





# April 2017

## WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:15 AM Lenten Study 10:45 AM Worship 5th Sunday in Lent Communion	3	4	5 11:00 AM Morning Prayer Group 1:00 PM Deacons	6 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Serenity	7 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting	8
9 9:15 AM Lenten Study 10:45 AM Worship Palm Sunday	10	11	12 11:00 AM Morning Prayer Group	13 7:00 PM Maunday Thursday Service	14 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Good Friday	15
16 10:45 AM Worship Administration Com after worship Resurrection Day/Quarter	17 7:00 PM Session Spiritual Grth/Outreach	18 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle	19 11:00 AM Morning Prayer Group Newsletter Deadline	20 7:00 PM Choir	21 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Community Head Count 7:00 PM AA Meeting	22
23 10:45 AM Worship	24	25	26 11:00 AM Morning Prayer Group	27 7:00 PM Choir	28 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting	29
30 10:45 AM Worship						

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**1068 Stahlheber Road**  
**Hamilton, OH 45013**  
**Address Service Requested**

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