

The Messenger April 2018

Resurrection SUNDAY



April 1, 2018



A Life Worth Saving

A man risked his life by swimming through the treacherous riptide to save a youngster being swept out to sea. After the child recovered from the harrowing experience, he said to the man, "Thank you for saving my life."

The man looked into the boy's eyes and said, "That's okay, kid. Just make sure your life was worth saving."

Author Unknown

from More Sower's Seeds by Brian Cavanaugh

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Easter Sunday, April 1. This offering (one of four taken each year) is received and sent to the Presbyterian USA Mission Agency to be distributed across our country and world for:

- 1) Disaster Assistance;
- 2) Hunger Programs;
- 3) Self-Development of People.

In 2017, Westwood collected \$285.

Please plan to give generously on April 1.

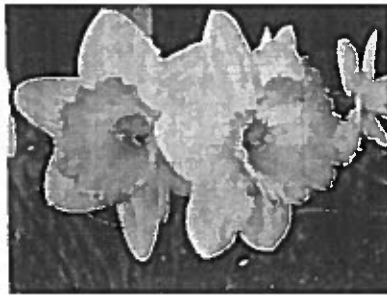


Newsletter Deadline
for May is
April 18th.

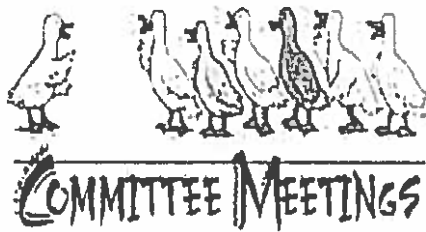


Congratulations to new officers:

Mrs. Bonnie Santel was ordained as a Deacon and Mrs. Marlene Sloneker was installed as an Elder for the class of 2020. This took place on Sunday, March 18, during our regular Sunday worship service. Pray for them as they begin their ministries.



Ruth Esther Circle will meet Wednesday, April 4th at 10:00 am. Andrea Estridge and Helen Belcher are hostesses and Marilyn Compton is study leader.



Deacons – April 4 – 1 pm
Administration – April 15– after worship
Spiritual Gr/Outreach – April 16 – 6 pm
Session – April 16 – 7 pm

Mrs. Lauren Marsh to lead worship on April 8.
Lauren, the Director of the Meal Center will lead worship on Sunday, April 8 while Norman and Carol are on vacation in South Carolina, visiting their granddaughter Caitlyn who is expecting the Godfrey's first great-grandchild on May 4. Our remuneration for Lauren will be a collection of canned foods for the Meal Center. So bring your donations on April 8. Also pray for Lauren, a great friend to Westwood, as she leads us.



FROM THE PASTOR

“ The Bones: What Kind Are You?”

As a pastor, it never ceases to amaze me how different we all are and yet we come together to make up the “body of Christ” and are challenged to use our personhood to minister in the name of Christ.

The following article from “The Cincinnati Herald of Northern Kentucky” showed up on my desk recently. It comes from a column, “A Day in God's Court,” written by Hazel P. Justice and published on February 3, 2007. It reads:

You have “bones” in every organization. You have “Wish bones.” These bones spend their time wishing someone else would do their work. You have “Jaw-bones.” These bones do all the talking, but do very little else. You have the “Knucklebones.” These bones knock everything anyone tries to do. There are “T-bones.” These bones are not steaks, either. There is no future in them. There are also the “Boneheads.” Don't forget them! They are the ones who think no one knows anything but them! Finally, there are the “Backbones.” Thank God for them, for they get under a load and do the work!

(Something to think about, isn't it?)

In Christ,

Norman

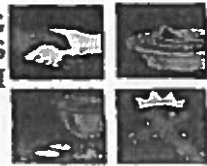
B-I-B-L-E

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

Recall the old story of the grandmother who was reading the Bible. When her grandson asked her why, she said, “I'm getting ready for my final exam.”



SERVING
THIS
MONTH



Ushers: Bob Estridge
Cathy Sutton

Worship Leader:

- 1 Steve Anglin
- 8 Andrea Estridge
- 15 Reva Johnson
- 22 Doug Gambrell
- 29 Bob Long

Sunday School:

- 1 Andrea Estridge
- 8 Reva Johnson
- 15 Marlene Sloneker
- 22 Sandra Warren
- 29 Andrea Estridge

Coffee Hour:

- 1 Easter
- 8 Cathy Sutton
- 15 Loretta Otto
- 22 Marilyn Compton
- 29 Sara & Ted Pinkerton

Kitchen Duty:

Cathy Sutton & Marilyn Compton

Communion Preparation:

Reva Johnson

Communion Servers:

Marlene Sloneker, Marion Flynn,
Bonnie Santel

Happy Easter to all of our congregation and friends of the church. We Deacons would like to thank you for all the items donated for March and would like to remind you that for April we will be needing paper towels, toilet tissue, and Kleenex for our Christmas Project and graham crackers for One Way Farm.

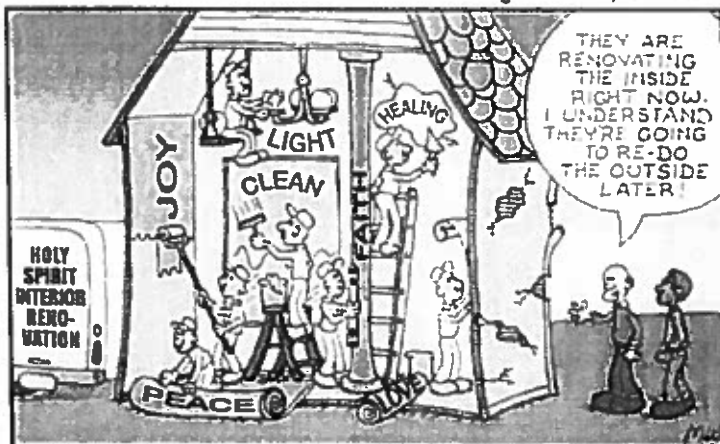
We have a new Deacon: Bonnie Santel. Bonnie was installed Sunday, March 18, and will be a part of our team as we continue to be of service to the church and to the community any way we can.

Also donated this month to Serve city were canned goods, books and clothing.

There were visits, phone calls and cards sent to people who can't come to church. Please let us know if you need anything.

RENOVATION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 (NIV)



Prayer Concerns

Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Miriam Kridner (Helen's sister) liver

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health

Dick Flynn - health

Jesus Pacheco (8 yr old) - lung cancer

Reva Denman (Cindy) - rehab fractured bone

Thomas & Edna Hamm (Bob E) daughter has alzheimers

Family of Rev. Bobby Grove

Helen Belcher - health

Carol Godfrey - health

In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery

Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)

National & International Concerns:

Our country, Natural disasters, violence, unity

Our armed forces worldwide

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

Congregational Prayer:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery, this month we are remembering Bath Presbyterian Church in Dayton, OH and their pastor Rev. Emily Haddock.



PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2018

Several of you have asked about the amount of Per Capita that is paid for 2018. 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 2018, 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.



Westwood Financial Report - 2018

February:	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Current Funds	5,470.97	7,646.02	-2,175.05
Per Capita	140.00	0.00	140.00
Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	7,528.57	8,905.77	-1,377.20

Year-To-Date:

Current Funds	12,729.54	16,551.79	-3,822.25
Per Capita	410.00	0.00	270.00
Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	13,139.54	16,551.79	-3,412.25

Attendance for February:

4th	--27
11th	--24
18th	--30
25th	--32

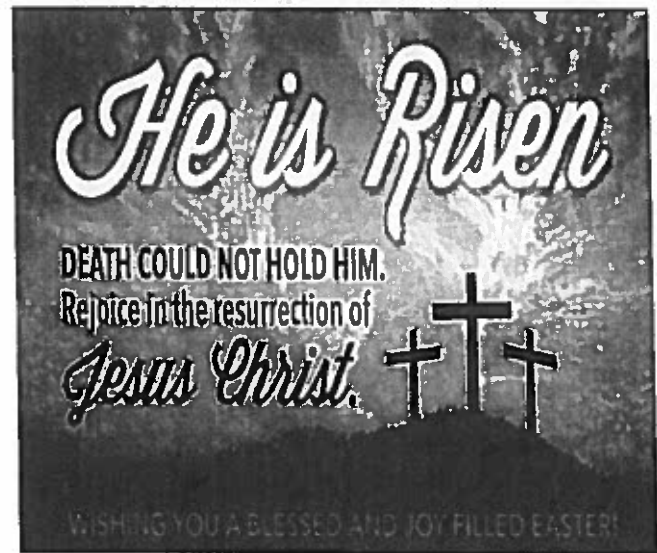
*More detailed financial reports
are available upon request
from Steve Anglin
or the church office.*

Total 113



April BIRTHDAYS

2	Paul Smith
19	Daniele Brittain
21	Scott Long Eulan Newberry
23	Brooke Hollenbaugh



Community Worship Opportunities in Hamilton for 2018

- April 1, Easter Sunrise Service, Rivers Edge Ampitheater, 7:30-8:15 am
- May 3, National Day of Prayer Breakfast, Courtyard by Marriott, 7:15-8:30 am



Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the
March volunteers:

Bonita & Estil Gay, Cathy Sutton, Norm & Carol Godfrey.

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of March:

Mose Anglin, Steve Anglin

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 Jean and Donna Wright
for the month of March.

Thank you to Reva Johnson for preparing communion for March.
Thank you to the following for serving communion: Steve Anglin, Lela Wilson,
Dale Avey, Bob Estridge

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on
Friday, March 16th: Marlene Sloneker, Loretta Otto, Traci Stevison.
Donations: Helen Belcher, Andrea Estridge, Bonita Gay, Barbara Mainous, Loretta Otto,
Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison, Cathy Sutton and Sandra Warren .

Special thanks to Estil and Bonita Gay for continuing to post new
messages on the church sign.



What does the Bible say?

- 1) After Jesus rose from the dead how many days did the people see him?.....(A) Twenty
(B) Fifty (C) 40.... Acts 1:3
- 2) What was He doing during this time?.....(A) Healing the sick (B) Talking about the things of the Kingdom (C) Fellow shipping with the apostles.....Acts 1:3
- 3) He commanded them not to..... (A) depart (B) Fast (C) Pray....Acts 1:4
- 4) But ye shall receive.....when the Holy Ghost is come upon you (A) the gift of tongues
(B) Power (C) Wisdom.....Acts 1:5
- (5) He was taken up and a.....received Him.....(A) Cloud (B) Angel (C) Moses....Acts 1:9
- (6) Ye men of.....why stand ye gazing up... (A) Jerusalem (B) Judea (C) Galilee.....Acts 1:11
- (7) Then they returned to.....(A) Judea (B) Galilee (C) JerusalemActs 1:12
- (8) These all continued with.....in prayer..(A) one mind (B) one mind and one accord
(C) one accord...Acts 1:14
- (9) And.....stood up.....(A) Peter (B) James (C) John (D) All three...Acts 1:15
- (10) For it is written in the book of.....(A) Proverbs (B) Genesis (C) Psalms.....Acts 1:20
- (11) And when the day of.....was fully come.....(A) Firstfruits (B) Pentecost (C) Passover...
Acts 2:1
- (12) And there were.....at Jerusalem Jews.....(A) Living (B) staying (C) dwelling....Acts 2:5

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP Resurrection Sunday	2	3	4 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle 1:00 PM Deacons Pastor on vacation	5 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM Sorority Pastor on vacation	6 7:00 PM AA Pastor on vacation	7 Pastor on vacation
8 10:45 AM WORSHIP Pastor on vacation	9 Pastor on vacation	10 Pastor on vacation	11 Pastor on vacation	12 10:00 AM CHOIR	13 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	14
15 10:45 AM WORSHIP Admin. Com after worship	16 6:00 PM SPIRITUAL GROWTH 7:00 PM SESSION	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 10:00 AM CHOIR	20 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Community Meal Center 7:00 PM AA	21
22 10:45 AM WORSHIP	23	24	25	26 10:00 AM CHOIR	27 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	28
29 10:45 AM WORSHIP	30					

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