



The Messenger February 2018



Our Newest Visitors

January 7, 2018

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 4

Each Super Bowl Sunday, we collect canned soup for One Way Farm. Following worship that day we will enjoy soups and desserts compliments of the Spiritual Growth Committee.

We look forward to your participation.



ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. At 6:15 pm we will share in a lite soup supper followed by a worship service at 7:00 pm.

During the service we will participate in the "Imposition of the Ashes," an apt beginning as we travel with our Lord toward Easter. Everyone is invited to participate.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Newsletter Deadline
for March is
February 21st.



Ruth Esther Circle will meet Wednesday, February 7th at 10:00 am. Marion Flynn is hostess and Andrea Estridge is study leader for lesson #9.



L E N T E N Sunday

Bible Study

Lenten Study Begins on Sunday, February 18 at 9:15 am. Mr. Steve Anglin will be teaching "Twenty-Four Hours That Changed the World", a book by Adam Hamilton.



Lenten Bible Study

February 16 – March 30, 2018

Fridays, 10:00 am

We will be studying a book by Maxie Dunnam, "With Jesus in the Upper Room". We will look at John's account of the Last Supper with the disciples, John 13-17.

The last supper with Jesus was a momentous occasion for the disciples. This was the last intimate time Jesus had with His disciples, and has been called "Jesus' Final Discourse". Some biblical scholars refer to it as "Jesus' Last Will and Testament to His Church".

Jesus knows that this is the last time He is physically going to spend with the disciples. He knows He's going to die. What does He need to say? What lessons has He taught you that He needs to underscore? How does He need to relate? What actions does He need to take to make clear who He is and what He has tried to communicate? His words in the Upper Room were as monumental for His twelve disciples then as they are for His contemporary disciples now.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board so that a book may be ordered for your participation.



“The Importance of Lent ”

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, and takes us up to Easter, April 1, 2018.

It grew up in the church as a season of preparation for the celebration of the events of Easter. In the early church, Easter was a time for Baptism or for the Renewal of Baptism, so Lent became a season of introspection and spiritual preparation focused on the promises of Baptism.

The word “lent” comes from the Old English word for the lengthening of the days and so refers to Spring. The season is 40 days, correlating with Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness at the beginning of His ministry. We think of Lent in terms of a 40-day period of engagement with God, including prayer, repentance, and devotion to Scriptures. Lent looks forward to God's act in the resurrection, and is also appropriately a time for reflection on the meaning of our own Baptism and Baptismal vows.

May the following two prayers guide us as we consider our commitment to Christ and His ministry:

“A Prayer for the Beginning of Lent”

Robin E. Van Cleef

Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season,
I sense my need of You,
Yet, I am not quite sure how to reach You.
I heard someone say, 'Read your Bible'.
But too often the words are like
Bullets that ricochet off my brain.
I heard someone say, 'Pray'.
But my prayers, hurled heavenward,
Fall back to earth like lifeless stones.
I heard someone say, 'Meditate'.
But my wandering mind was lost
In a desert of random thoughts.
Lord, speak to me through Your Word,
And let it penetrate my mind
And my heart.
Lord, speak to me through prayer,
And turn the lifeless stones to bread.
Lord, speak to me in my meditation,
That I may see, amid life's wilderness,
The way, the truth and the life.

“Lent”

Helen Steiner Rice

Let me keep Lent;
Let me not kneel and pray,
Forego some trifle every day,
Fast...and take Sacrament...and then
Lend tongue to slander,
hold ancient grudge, deny
The very Lord whom I would glorify.

Let me keep Lent;
Let my heart grow in grace,
Let Thy light shine till my illumined face
Shall be a testament read by all men
That hate is buried,
self crucified -- new born
The spirit that shall rise on Easter morn.

Each time you look up in the sky
and watch a fluffy cloud go by,
or stoop to pick a daffodil
or gather violets on some hill
or touch a leaf or see a tree
It's all God whispering
“This is Me”.

For every growing living thing
that you can touch or see at Spring,
is but a message from above,
To say that God is life and love.

In Christ,

NORMAN



The Deacons would like to once again thank everyone for their participation in the Christmas projects. You can see how hard we worked to complete the distribution of food and gifts (see pictures). This year we were able to help six families with your donations. This month, we will be starting our project again for this coming Christmas. Food items to be collected for February are: personal hygiene items: bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.

Thank you also for those of you who donated scarves, mittens and hats for the children at Highland Elementary School. They were very appreciative and thankful for your thoughtfulness.

In December, two new deacons were elected to serve in the class of 2020. They are: Cathy Sutton and Bob Estridge. They were ordained/installed on January 14. We wish to thank Marlene Sloneker, Catherine Gibson and Andrea Estridge who completed their terms as Deacons. Their contributions have been invaluable.

Please keep your Deacons in your thoughts and prayers as they faithfully serve God and the ministry of Westwood Presbyterian Church.



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.



Bible Study

Friday Morning Bible Study

February 16 – March 30, 2018
at 10:00 am

We will study Maxie Dunnam's book
"With Jesus In the Upper Room"
(John 13-17). Please sign up on the
bulletin board.



**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



Ushers: Bob Estridge

Worship Leader:

4 Steve Anglin
11 Doug Gambrell
18 Bob Long
25 Andrea Estridge

Sunday School:

4 Andrea Estridge
11 Reva Johnson
18 Marlene Sloneker
25 Sandra Warren

Coffee Hour:

4 Souper Bowl Sunday
11 Cindy & Steve Anglin
18 Reva Johnson
25 Session

Kitchen Duty:

Marion Flynn

Communion Preparation:

Andrea Estridge & Lela Wilson

Communion Servers:

Lela Wilson, Marion Flynn,
Cathy Sutton

Westwood Financial Report - 2017

December:	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Current Funds	8,445.10	10,968.50	-2,523.40
Per Capita	35.00	0.00	35.00
Benevolence	125.00	125.00	0.00
Total	8,605.10	11,093.50	-2,488.40

Year-To-Date:

Current Funds	83,841.68	94,342.88	-10,501.20
Per Capita	920.00	2,065.00	-1,145.00
Benevolence	1,375.00	1,375.00	0.00
Total	86,136.68	97,782.88	-11,646.20

Attendance for December:

3rd	--40
10th	--35
17th	--35
24th	--39
31st	--15
Total	154

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

**Our Christmas
Project
volunteers hard
at work!**

Go Deacs!!!!



Prayer Concerns

Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Miriam Kridner (Helen's sister) liver

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health

Daryl Hetrick – serious heart condition

Dick Flynn – health

Jesus Pacheco (8 yr old) – lung cancer

Loretta Otto – health

Reva Denman (Cindy) – rehab fractured bone

Family of Pete Schwartz (Pan Long's brother)

Family of Tom and Mary Strode-Beck

Mose Anglin - health

In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery

Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)

The Woodlands: Dot Huntington (Marilyn)

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

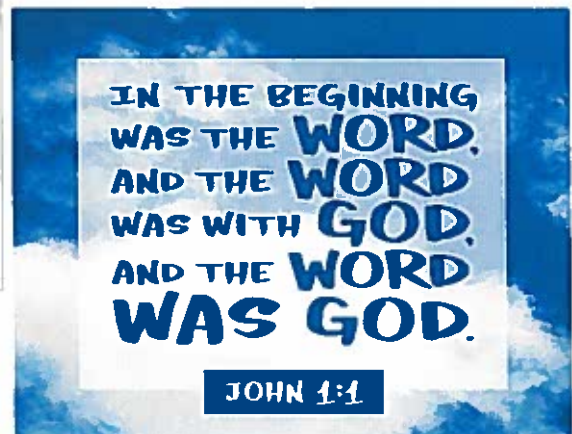
Community Meal Center

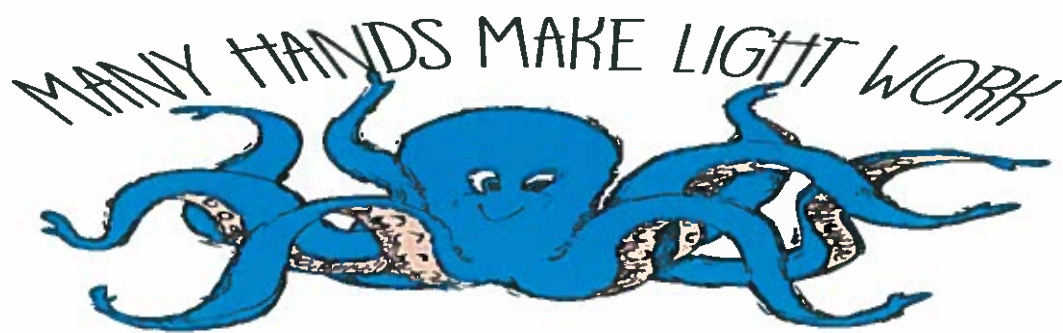
Congregational Prayer:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery, this month we are praying for our newly elected Executive Presbyter, Rev. Terry Kukuk. She will begin her ministry on March 1.



4	Treva Boardman Vivian Worthington
10	Bill Mountsier
24	Patti Cruey Marlene Sloneker
25	Doug Gambrell





Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the
January volunteers:
Andrea Estridge, Spiritual Growth, Bonnie Santel & Lela Wilson, Cathy Sutton.

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of January:
Dale Alvey, Estil Gay.

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

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

Thank you to Reva Johnson for preparing communion for January.
Thank you to the following for serving communion: Steve Anglin, Reva Johnson,
Carol Godfrey, Marion Flynn

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on
Friday, January 19th: Bob Estridge

Donations: Sandra Warren, Bonita Gay & Bob & Andrea Estridge,

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

Deacons – February 7 – 1 pm
Administration – February 18– after worship
Spiritual Gr/Outreach – February 19 – 6 pm
Session – February 19 – 7 pm





WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:45 AM WORSHIP Communion Souper Bowl Sunday	5	6	7 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle 1:00 PM Deacons	1 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM Sorority	2 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA Groundhog Day	3
11 10:45 AM WORSHIP	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 6:15 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Valentine's Day	8 10:00 AM CHOIR	9 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	10
18 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP Administration Committee	19 6:00 PM SPIRITUAL GROWTH 7:00 PM SESSION President's Day	20 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Woodset Condos Meeting	21 Newsletter Deadline	15 10:00 AM CHOIR	16 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Community Meal Center 7:00 PM AA	17
25 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP	26	27	28	22 10:00 AM CHOIR Washington's Birthday	23 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	24

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