

The Messenger March 2018

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows will become like noon. God will always guide you, giving relief in desert places; God will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry. You will rebuild the ancient ruins, and build upon age-old foundations. You will be called Repairer of the Breach and Restorer of the Ruined Neighborhoods.

(Isaiah 58:10-12, The Inclusive Bible)

These words from the prophet Isaiah undergird a life of faith. They also undergird the ministries supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Each year, we take this special offering on Easter Sunday. The funds go directly to the Presbyterian Church USA for the following worldwide ministries:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is restoring streets and neighborhoods working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural and human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Programs, which is sharing bread with the hungry and joining hands with them to alleviate hunger by addressing its causes.

Self-Development of People, which is working to loosen the bonds of injustice by partnering with communities as they seek to overcome oppression and poverty through initiatives they own and from which they directly benefit.

Please plan to join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

WILL BE TAKEN ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1!



Newsletter Deadline for April is March 21st.



Ruth Esther Circle will meet Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 am. Reva Johnson is hostess and Marlene is study leader.



L E N T E N Sunday
Bible Study

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



Congratulations
to the family of Loretta Otto. She is now the great grandmother of River Reed Otto who was born on Tuesday, February 13. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. His mom and dad, Mitch and Jenn are doing well. They all live in California.

"It's A Boy!!!"
Winston Otto Shane was born Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 9:43 am to Emily and Bradley Shane. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 oz. Despite being born a month early, all are reported to be doing well. (The family address is 828 Ross Avenue, Hamilton, OH, 45013.



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



**Sunday,
March 11, 2018**



FROM THE PASTOR

“ Our Deepest Fear”

“I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well.” Psalm 139:14

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you NOT to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the World. There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won't feel unsure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. As we let our own Light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

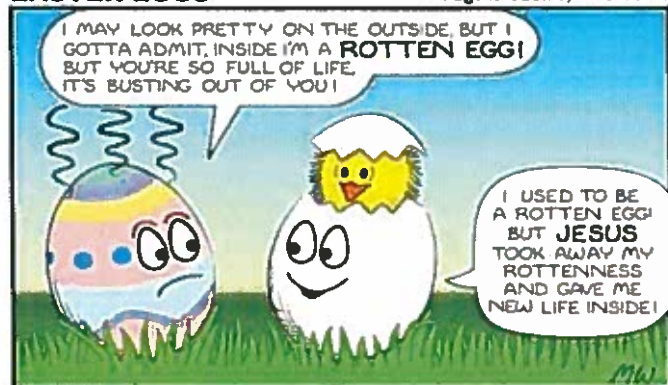
*Nelson Mandela

PRAYER

O God, help me to know and remember that I am a part of Your “good” creation. May I live my life with the value You have put upon it. Then and only then will I be able to fulfill Your purpose for my life. Thank You for loving, even me. In the name of Christ, Your Son. Amen.

EASTER EGGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- JOHN 20 31 NIV



- For the month of March the Deacons are requesting that the following items be brought in for this years **“Christmas Project”**: Cleaning products and dish soap, all purpose cleaners and hand soap. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items.
- For **One Way Farm**: Canned Chef Boyardee and Pasta Sauce.
- **Chili Supper**: It was decided that we will sponsor the annual “Chili Supper” on Saturday, October 13 beginning at 6:00 pm. We will need all hands on deck to make it a successful event.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday** was a huge success. One hundred and fortyfour cans of soup were delivered to One Way Farm. The estimated value was \$216. The Deacons wish to thank everyone who made this mission project such a great success. We also want to thank Marlene for the chili and Andrea for the soup for our meal that day. The desserts were also great!
- **Ms. Cathy Sutton** has resigned her position as a Deacon for the class of 2020. Soon, you will be asked to vote on a replacement.

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

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



Ushers: Mose Anglin
Steve Anglin

Worship Leader:
4 Steve Anglin
11 Reva Johnson
18 Doug Gambrell
25 Andrea Estridge

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

Coffee Hour:
4 Bonita & Estil Gay
11 Cathy Sutton
18 Norm & Carol Godfrey
25 Donut Day

Kitchen Duty:
Jean & Donna Wright

Communion Preparation:
Reva Johnson

Communion Servers:
Steve Anglin, Lela Wilson,
Dale Alvey, Bob Estridge



March 25, 2018

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 Melissa Lohrey (Loretta) – Hepatitis C

Paul Stanberry – recovering surgery

Lou Cridlebaugh (Cindy's Mom) – health

Emily Shane – difficulties with high blood pressure

Family of Dot Huntington (Marilyn)

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 Faith Presbyterian Church in Huber Heights, OH and their pastor Rev. Maggie Gillespie.



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

January:	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current Funds	7,258.57	8,905.77	-1,647.20
Per Capita	270.00	0.00	270.00
Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Attendance for January:

7th --28
 14th --26
 21st --32
 28th --28

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

Total 114



- 11 Sara Pinkerton
- 12 Bonita Gay
- 15 Phyllis Anglin
- 17 Dale Alvey
- 20 Paul Carlisle
- 23 Stacey Smith
- 24 Emmalee Brittain
- 31 Bob Estridge



- 23 Bonnie & Richard Martin

Community Worship Opportunities in Hamilton for 2018

- March 30, Good Friday, "The Way of the Cross" – noon to 1:15 pm
- 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
February volunteers:

The Deacons, Cindy & Steve Anglin, Reva Johnson, Session.

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

Bob Estridge, Summer Estridge

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

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Marion Flynn for the
month of February.

Thank you to Andrea Estridge & Lela Wilson for preparing communion for February.

Thank you to the following for serving communion: Lela Wilson, Carol Godfrey,
Cathy Sutton.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on
Friday, February 16th: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Traci & Tommy
Stevison.

Donations: Traci Stevison, Marlene Sloneker, Sandy Sloneker, Marianne Locker, Loretta
Otto, Andrea Estridge, Bonita Gay, Reva Johnson.

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

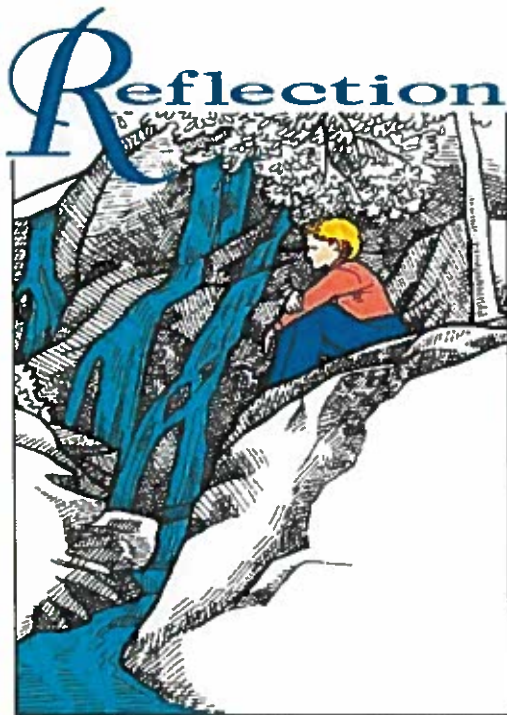
THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

To individuals and to nations both, Jesus says the same thing. Turn away from madness, cruelty, shallowness, and blindness. Turn toward that tolerance, compassion, sanity, hope, justice, that we all have in us at our best."

"Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons," Frederick Beuchner

"So not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."

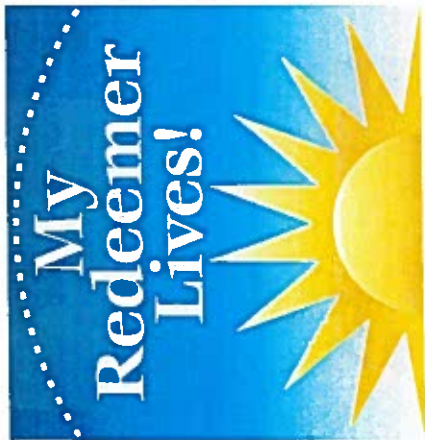
L. R. Knost



The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember...

Noah drank too much. Abraham was way too old. Isaac was a daydreamer. Jacob was a liar and a cheat. Leah was not very attractive. Joseph was abused. Moses had a stuttering problem. Gideon had an enhanced fear factor. Samson had long hair and was a womanizer. Rahab was a prostitute, an ancestor of David. Jeremiah and Timothy were thought to be too young. David committed adultery and had Bathsheba's husband killed. Elijah was depressed. Isaiah preached naked. Jonah tried to run from God. Naomi was a widow. Job went bankrupt and his family died. John the Baptist was unkempt and ate bugs. Peter denied Christ three times. The disciples fell asleep while Jesus was praying. Martha was a worrywart. Mary Magdalene was of questionable character. The Samaritan woman was divorced...many times. Zaccheus was too small. Paul was dogmatic, aggressive with a "thorn in the flesh". Timothy had an ulcer. And Lazarus was dead.

God is waiting to use even YOU!



WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN

March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP Communion	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	3
11 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12	13	14	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 Com.	19 6:00 PM SPIRITUAL GROWTH 7:00 PM SESSION	20 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle	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 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
25 9:15 AM Lenten Bible Study 10:45 AM WORSHIP Palm Sunday	26	27	28	22 10:00 AM CHOIR Maundy Thursday	23 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	24 1:00 PM Birthday Party
				29 10:00 AM CHOIR	30 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA Good Friday	31

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