



## *The Messenger*      *May 2017*



*Pentecost*

### **Pentecost Offering**

The Pentecost Offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. This offering is one of four special offerings that is taken each year by the Presbyterian Church USA. This offering supports ministries for children, youth and young adults at risk. It seeks to invest in their future.

The Pentecost Offering was first received by congregations in 1998. Congregations keep 40 percent of the offering to support work on behalf of children at risk in their community. Our portion of the offering has traditionally been given to One Way Farm. The General Assembly invests its share of the 60 percent in the church through faith-focused ministries with youth and young adults and through programs that benefit children at risk in this country and around the world.

Please plan to support this important offering June 4.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**  
Thank you to those who donated to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering this year. \$195 was collected for disaster relief, feeding the hungry and helping the under privileged across the world.



**The Gifts of Women Sunday...** will be celebrated on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017. The women of the church will lead the service. Mrs. Marion Flynn will be our special speaker. Pray for her as she plans, prepares and presents. We are truly thankful for all that women have contributed to our lives and church. Because of them, we have been truly blessed. Let us each take some time to tell the important women in our lives, just how much they mean to us.



**Westwood Financial Report - 2017**

<b>March:</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Current Funds	6,328.50	10,484.84	-4,156.34
Per Capita	110.00	0.00	110.00
Benevolence	20.00	40.00	-20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,458.50</b>	<b>10,524.84</b>	<b>-4,066.34</b>

**Year-To-Date:**

Current Funds	20,324.86	25,667.90	-5,343.04
Per Capita	785.00	0.00	785.00
Benevolence	60.00	40.00	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,169.86</b>	<b>25,707.90</b>	<b>-4,538.04</b>

**Attendance for March:**

1st	--20
5th	--30
12th	--25
19th	--28
31st	--31
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>

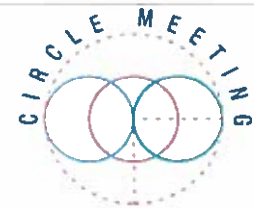
*More detailed financial reports are available upon request from Steve Anglin or the church office.*



**Newsletter Deadline**  
for June is  
May 17th.



If you have any changes for the 2017 phone directory, please let Angela know. The new directory will be printed soon.



**Ruth Esther Circle**  
meets Tuesday,  
May 16  
at 10 am.  
Your hostess and  
study leader is  
Sara Pinkerton.



- 5 Sandra Warren
- 8 Richard Martin
- 9 Marion Flynn
- 12 Doug Platt
- 19 Cindy Anglin
- 21 Andrea Estridge
- 25 Donna Wright
- 26 Jean Wright



- 4 Norman & Carol Godfrey
- 12 Estil & Bonita Gay
- 23 Jim & Judy Simensen
- 31 Paul & Kym Smith

## The Church—A Communion of Saints

In my sermon series on “The Apostle’s Creed”, we focused on the church as the “communion of saints”. Rev. Adam Hamilton said:

*“The church is the gathering of people called out by Jesus, who belong to Jesus, and therefore who seek not only to experience fellowship with Him but to do His will and His work in the world.”*

Our driving mission as a church is to discern Christ’s will above all else, and to do it. Peter puts it this way:

*“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God’s own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into this amazing light” (1 Peter 2:9).*

As human beings we need community. We need to belong. We need others to encourage us, challenge us, care for us, and be cared for by us. We are wired this way. We are made for community. The importance of community is good for our mental health. It is known by health professionals that we are healthier, happier, and live longer when we are in community with others. From a spiritual vantage point, we will never grow spiritually into the people God wishes us to be without the church. We need one another.

One of the elements that has helped us to grow as a Christian is the relationships we have had with others who know Christ and have taught us by word and deed what it means to live for Him. Without them we would not be the people we are today. Those who have touched our lives and helped us to grow are what “The Apostle’s Creed” calls the “Communion of Saints”.

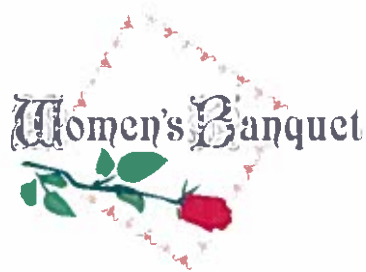
The “Communion of Saints”, who are they in your life? I invite you to take some quiet time, and list the people who have helped you to become who you are as a child of God. I am in the process of doing this right now, so far in my short life, I have a list of nearly two hundred fifty people that have touched and made a difference in my life. I am adding to the list every day. As I make my list, gratitude wells up within me for those who have been faithful in sharing with me, their love, because Christ lives within them. They have cared enough for me to encourage, guide, stand beside, pray for, and even suggest correction when I occasionally (?) needed it.

It is wonderful for me to know that, not only does God stand beside me, but that there is a long list of others who have traveled with and continue to walk with me. Oh, by the way, many of your names are on the list. I am so glad that at this stage in my life, I have met and am sharing the journey with you. Please continue to pray for me as I do for you. Isn’t it great to be a part of “The Communion of Saints”.

*In Christ,*

Norman





**Ladies' Spring Luncheon**  
May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Reservations can be made  
April 23 through May 14 by  
contacting Reva or Marlene.



**Ushers are needed!**

There are lots of months  
without ushers. Please  
consider signing up for a  
month of service.

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

**To Steve Anglin** for leading the Lenten Sunday School Class. Those who participated truly enjoyed studying "Final Words from the Cross", by Adam Hamilton. We are looking forward to Advent 2017 when Steve will teach a class on "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem", also by Adam Hamilton. Hope you will set your sights on this study. You won't want to miss it.

**To Treva Boardman and the Westwood Choir** for the inspiring special music during Lent and Easter. Our lives were truly blessed through your ministry.



My Dear Faith Family,

It is so good to know warm, considerate people who try to help others in all that they do, people whose lives show the meaning of God's love. It is good to know wonderful people like you. Bless all of you for the kind thoughts and prayers.

Thank you all,  
Bonnie Santel

**"GOD'S LOVE IS AT THE HEART OF EVERY KINDNESS!"**



Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the  
April volunteers:  
Deacons, Doug Platt, Marilyn Compton, Cathy Sutton, Carol & Norman Godfrey

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of April:  
Summer Estridge, Bob Estridge

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the month of April:  
Catherine Gibson, Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren and Andrea Estridge.

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Judy Simensen  
for the month of April.

Thank you to Bob Estridge and Doug Platt for preparing communion for April and to Reva  
Johnson, Bob Estridge, Carol Godfrey and Loretta Otto for serving communion.

Thank you to the following volunteers for mowing:  
Dale Alvey, Don, Bob Estridge, Estil Gay.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the  
Community Meal Center on Friday, April 21st: 17th: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto,  
Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison.  
Donations for March 17th: Helen Belcher, Andrea & Bob Estridge, Betty Gambrell, Bonita  
Gay, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison, Sandra Warren.  
Donations for April 21st: Helen Belcher, Bob & Andrea Estridge, Catherine Gibson, Loretta  
Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Cathy Sutton, Traci Stevison, Sandra Warren.



## 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

Debbie Baker - ovarian

### Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health

Phyllis West (Doug Platt) - brain tumor

Tucker Gambrell - spina bifida

Bailey Johnson (Reva's granddaughter) - Lyme disease

Family of Ralph and Shirley Clair (Doug Platt)

Rev. Shelly Wiley

Willa Gillespie - rehab

Michaela Dougherty (Helen) vertigo

Frank Dougherty (Helen) bronchitis

*Family of Don Pottenger*

*Ray Mikles (Godfreys) - heart blockage*

*Diane Barrett (Karen) - surgery*

*Clarence Bohne (Emily Bohne's father) - A-Fib*

*Family of Randy Hollenbaugh*

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Don Pottenger who passed away on April 17, 2017.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Memorials may be made to Westwood Presbyterian Church, 1068 Stahlheber Road, Hamilton, OH 45013 or to Hospice of Cincinnati, 4360 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242.*

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of George Michaels who passed away on Saturday, April 22. Please keep his family in your prayers.*

### In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Golden Years: George Michaels - rehab

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

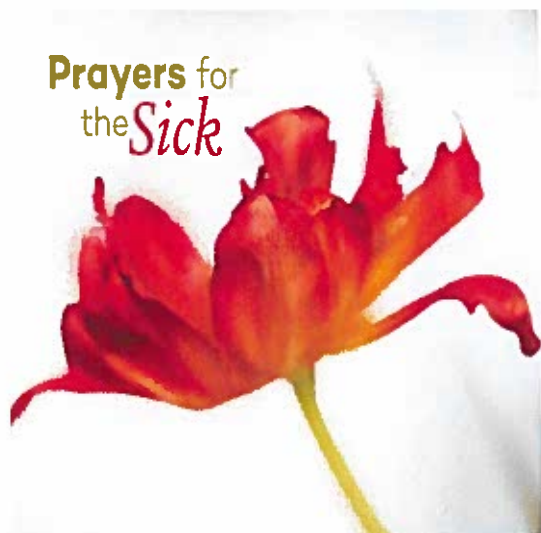
Haven House

Churches in community

Community Meal Center

### Congregational Prayer:

We are continuing a series of prayers for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery. This month we are remembering the Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Kettering, OH and their pastor Rev. Brian McGuire.





SERVING  
THIS  
MONTH



The Deacons appreciate all your contributions to our Christmas Project, One Way Farm & Serve City. Christmas shopping list for May is Jello, pudding, peanut butter & jelly. One Way Farm needs canned fruit – peaches, pears. Serve City accepts all non-perishable items. Christmas items can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. One Way Farm & Serve City items can be placed in boxes under the coat rack.

**Ushers: Mose Anglin**

**Worship Leaders:**

- 7 Steve Anglin
- 14 Women's Sunday
- 21 Bob Estridge
- 28 Bill Mountsier

**Sunday School:**

- 7 Catherine Gibson
- 14 Marlene Sloneker
- 21 Sandra Warren
- 28 Andrea Estridge

**Coffee Hour:**

- 7 Cathy Sutton
- 14 Andrea, Summer & Bob Estridge
- 21 Reva Johnson
- 28 Dale Alvey & Diane Hurst

**Kitchen Duty: Marion Flynn**

**Communion Preparation:**

**Bob Estridge & Doug Platt**

**Communion Servers:**

**Steve Anglin, Doug Platt  
Carol Godfrey, Loretta Otto**



**Deacons – May 3 – 1 pm**

**Administration – May 14 – after worship**

**Spiritual Growth/Outreach – May 15 – 6 pm**

**Session – May 15 – 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.



### 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.)





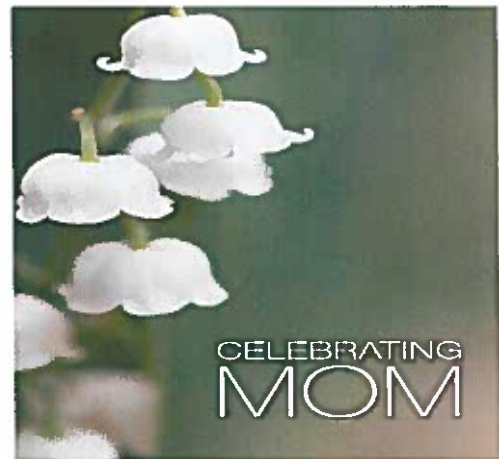


## Mother's Day Church Signs

*Thanks, Mom, for having womb enough for me!  
You can't spell Mothers without spelling others.  
And God rested on the Seventh Day, and Mom took over.  
Thanks, Mom*

## Returning the Favor

When a mother came home from the hospital, she had to be confined to bed for several days. Her 9-year-old daughter came home from school one afternoon and peeked into her mother's room. Thinking that her mother was asleep, the little girl tiptoed into the room, quietly unfolded the blanket at the foot of the bed, and gently tucked it around her mother. The mother stirred, and then whispered, "You know, it wasn't too long ago that I was tucking you in. And now you're doing it for me. Thank you." The daughter replied, "That's okay; around here we take turns."



## Why God Made Mothers

Responses from a group of elementary school children:

What are the ingredients mothers are made of:

\*God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

\*They say she used to be nice.

\*I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be that she was pretty bossy.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

\*Moms have magic. They make you feel better without medicine.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

\*I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

\*I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know my sister did it, not me.



## BIBLE CROSSWORD

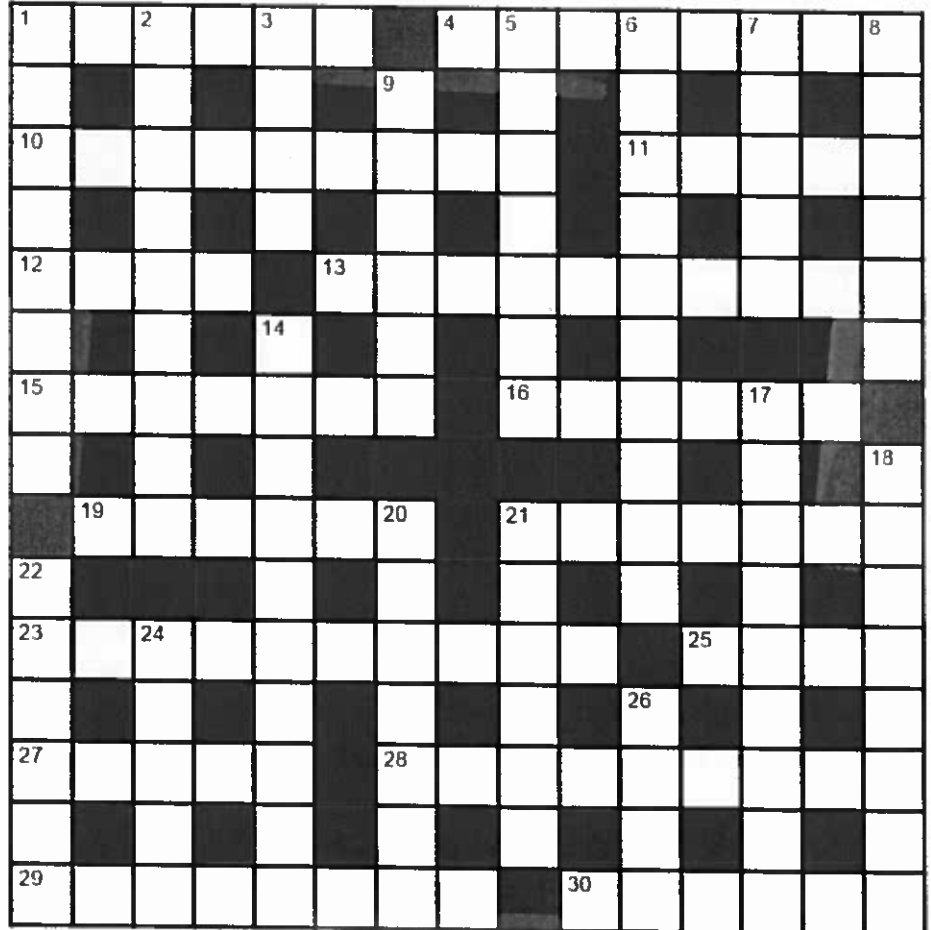
(solution in next month's newsletter)

**Across**

- 1 An ancient weight
- 4 Seemed
- 10 New Testament book
- 11 Unit of length
- 12 '...it is a \_\_\_ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11)
- 13 Contemplation
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these
- 16 A son of King David
- 19 Concurred
- 21 Light sources
- 23 Propitiations
- 25 A false god
- 27 Gather
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this
- 29 Instructors
- 30 Hastily

**Down**

- 1 Skilled animal workers
- 2 Inspiring
- 3 Compass point
- 5 Intense emotion
- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these
- 7 Jewish leader
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but \_\_\_ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4)9 Bread makers
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan
- 18 Stringed instrument
- 20 Joseph, perhaps?
- 21 Tiny amount
- 22 Jesus did this with authority
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire



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# CALL ON HIS NAME



*Isaiah 61:3*

