

NEWS OF INTEREST

Pennies From Heaven: the monies collected help send children to the camp of their choice (mostly Seneca Hills). Your donations are appreciated and well spent. Other charities are often contributed to as worthy causes from Pennies From Heaven also.

PRAISES AND PRAYER

Please pray for God's guidance in the future of our church. Please pray for the peace of the world. Pray for the leaders of our country as they earnestly seek peaceful solutions to the problems and crises around the globe. Please pray for our military and police forces and their safety throughout each day. Pray for our public school system. Pray for the mental health of people everywhere. Pray for our mission to Ghana. Pray for all the Christian's who are being persecuted in the world.

Would you like to know what our church has been up to? On the bulletin board in the entryway are the minutes and financial ledgers for each month. Please feel free to copy them and if you have a question, ask any session member or the pastor. We think this is the best way to keep everyone informed.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT HOME or HOSPITALS

Jen & Marty Gilliland, Robin's mom Betty, Bonnie Copeland, David Allman, Pam Bottomley, Skip and Nancy Davidson, Elliot Crawford,

Amy Zemanski, Christian and Megan and family, Carol Morrow, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Rose, Janet Heister, Joseph family, Polk Center residents and staff, Betty Moore, Our Country, Nolan family, Sarah, Jeanie's family, Emilene's Great Grandma, Baby Brogan and parents, Hank, Lori and granddaughter, Joanne, Diecher family, Holly, Hunter Anderson, Kris, Mark, Dale, Megan, Johnson family, Alberta, Diane, Lisa's family, Althea, Kish family, Freer family, Kelly Miller, Violet, Linda Macdonald, Neal Rothen family, Harry Johns family, Rich, Bryan Hudson, Larry, Janet, Jackson family, Steve Caldwell, Drussell family, Dennis Dingle, Jeff Whitman, Rachel Johns, East Palestine OH, Bonnie (Lisa's cousin).

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Upcoming dates & activities:

3/5 Communion Service During Worship
3/9 Session Meeting at 6:30pm
3/18 Soup/Bakesale at Fox St. CoG (11-3)
4/1 Egg Hunt on the Village Green (9am)
4/2 Palm Sunday/Reaffirmation of Baptism (9:30am)
4/6 Maundy Thursday Tureen Dinner (6pm)
4/6 Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7pm)
4/7 Good Friday Service (7pm)
4/9 Easter Sunrise Service (7am)
4/9 Easter Breakfast (8am)
4/9 Easter Service (9:30am)



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Calendar of Events

March 2023

Prayer Blankets are being made the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10am at the Church.

Bible Study: We will be studying the Book of Proverbs. Bible Study is on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. You can meet at the church or on ZOOM.

2023 Mission: "Revival is a Team Effort"--We will be coordinating with other local churches to attend and participate with their mission programs and events. Specific events will be advertised as they are announced throughout the year.

2024 Mission: "Revival...It is Time"--We will be hosting our Revival Weekend on 7/12/24. Revival is 7 days a week; 12 months of the year; 24 hours a day. Join us in prayer and planning as we prepare for this mission event.

Kids Club will be held at PPC on Wednesday between 3/8-4/12 from 3-5pm. We need volunteers to walk students from Bus Stops, share crafts, music, lessons, or help with food. If you would like to assist in this mission, please contact Janet.

The Kairos Inside team will be participating in their Spring outreach effort at the Lake Erie Correctional Institute in the month of March. Please consider supporting these efforts financially by marking "Kairos" on your offerings. Additionally, a prayer vigil sign-up will be posted in the vestibule as we get closer to this event.

Our congregational mission in the month of March is our support of members of the Citizen's Church Akron and their Puerto Rico Mission Trip. Throughout the month, we will be collecting donations to offset the cost for these dedicated young missionaries. Please mark your offerings "Citizens Akron" to participate in this outreach.



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March 12th, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

***Introit: Open the Eyes of my Heart #111**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***Praise Hymn *This is The Day* #118**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, forgive us when we quarrel with each other, ignore our neighbor in need, and chase after false idols. Have mercy upon us when we do not behave as Christians born of the Holy Spirit but grumble putting our Lord to the test. Teach us to worship our heavenly Father in spirit and truth. Reveal to us the will of God so that we might better serve the Kingdom of God. Show us the narrow path of righteousness as we follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 10: 21-23

L: Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

P: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our Redeemer who was promised is faithful. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Special Music *Our God Reigns* *By the Choir*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION :

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Eric Dilley, Whitney Hansen, Taylor Stoops.

Presbytery Prayers: Woodcock Gravel Run; Commissioned Pastor Rose Hilliard; Rev. Barry Cressman (HR), Rev. Jim Hass.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Solid Rock* #340

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY #39**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 17: 1-7
 Romans 5: 1-11

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Christian Peace, Hope, & Love”

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Confession of Faith

Although hypocrites, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions: of being in the favor of God and estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish: yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God: which hope shall never make them ashamed.

This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion, grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith, founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God; which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *It is Well with My Soul* #321

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Response:** He Is Good #45

**He is Good, He is Good
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.**



**Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers
Elder on Call: Regina Allman
Music: Debbie Myers**