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**March 2 Sermon Bible readings are**  
**Exod. 20:17, 2 Samuel 11:2-5,**  
**Mark 4:3-9, Romans 1:24-25**



*Jesus carried our sins to the cross  
surrender to Him & live in Victory*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
**Bob Karl**  
**GREETERS:**  
**Adam & Sasha Taylor**

*Remember  
Turn Clocks  
Ahead 1 Hr  
Saturday night*



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Mary Jane McBride  
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**Chapel Worship:**  
8:45 a.m.  
**Morning Worship:**  
10:45 a.m.

**Sunday School Hour:**  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery - Adult

**Ushers:**  
**8:45 -**  
Gary Etter  
Loren Houck  
**10:45 -**  
Les George  
Pasko Evanoff  
Ron Dill  
Mike Hanes

## Dear Church family,

There is a popular phrase “die with dignity” that is used a lot concerning the right which people have to die without prolonged support systems to keep them physically alive long after they lose consciousness and all hope of recovery. Let us think about this phrase for a moment as we think about our Christian lives.

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten season, we journey deeper into the struggle Jesus took on for us as witnessed during our Palm/Passion Sunday worship, our Maundy Thursday worship, and our Good Friday worship services. On the cross Jesus defeated the power of death to separate us from God. Our hope in the resurrection washes out for us the fear of death.

But why is death feared by so many of us who claim a faith in Jesus Christ? God through Christ has shown us that death is a transition into eternal life. It is not a termination. When we pray for a person’s healing, and she or he dies, we feel that the worst has happened and that God did not hear our prayers. Paul writes, “For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain,” Philippians 1:21. Paul understood our complete union with the Lord and our fellowship with all the saints of God.

When we have come to grips with our own death and understand what God has done through Christ Jesus in defeating death, we can live triumphantly and we can die with dignity. When we come to grips with our death, then we can say, “Lord, I want to live however long you have planned, and when death comes, I will not fear it any more than I fear going to sleep, because when I wake up I will be with you in your eternal home.” We can die with dignity, because we live with Christ. Your friend, Pastor Greg



## "Crown Financial Study Planned"

Our church is offering a ten-week biblical financial study. Many of us are under the weight of financial woes: growing debt, lack of savings, and an ever-increasing appetite for stuff. Scattered throughout the Bible are 2,350 verses on money and possessions. They have the power to transform hearts and finances. This study puts together many of those verses in an organized, cohesive way that nurtures application. You will be studying these biblical principles in a small group.

Along with biblical study and discussion you will learn practical ways to manage money by looking at your life goals, making a debt list and a debt repayment schedule, and crafting a monthly expenses and spending plan (only you will view this information).

People who walk through this study with others will benefit from reduced stress and better relationships with God and others. You will become more interested in increasing your capacity to give rather than the capacity to accumulate.

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance Mar. 2, 2008

8:45 - 28

10:45 - 135

Sunday School - 39

### Offering - General Fund

(monthly budget need - \$14,543)

	<u>Offerings rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '08	\$9,714	(-\$4,829)
Feb. '08	\$8,867	(-\$5,676)



## Happy Birthday

Julie Sink - Mar. 10

Ramona Donovan - Mar. 10

Lena Patterson - Mar. 10

Jamie Fisher - Mar. 11

James Rogers - Mar. 11

Wilma Yost - Mar. 13

Mike Brodowski - Mar. 13

Barb Malchow - Mar. 14

Bernice Colvin - Mar. 14

## Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.

Green is for the grass He made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Blue is for the sins we made.

White is for the grace He gave.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet,

Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

## In Our Prayers

Mildred Berk

Ginny Breckler

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Mindy Collins

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Beverly Guffey

Judy Hirshman

Opal Hunter - Liberty Woods

Sgt. Matt Kleinsorge -in Iraq

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Howard Jordan

Ann Ketteman - Oak Creek Terr.

Dustin Knowlton

Barbara LeBlanc

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Marcella Miller

Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Louis Romano

Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods

Sue Shroyer

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Flo Warner

Evelyn Wheeler

Marlene Wimpy

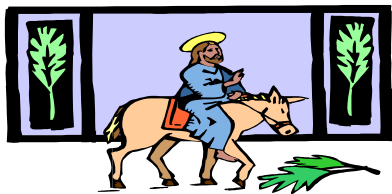
Vera Westfall

Roy Wright

Diane Yost

Megan Young





## Holy Week Activities

**PALM SUNDAY** - Mar. 16

### **Galilean Supper**

- Thurs. Mar. 20 at 6:15 pm

Please sign-up to attend - we also ask for help in preparing the meal, see the meal signup sheet.

### **Good Friday Service**

- Mar. 21 at 7:30 pm

### **Easter EGG HUNT**

- Sat. Mar. 22 at 10 AM sharp.

For kids through age 12

### **PRAYER VIGIL**

Begins Sat. Mar 22 at 12 noon

Please sign up for a time slot on the bulletinboard in the Gathering Place. This is an intentional time of peaceful prayer - watching and waiting for our Lord's Resurrection.

### **EASTER SERVICES**

-Sun. Mar. 23, 8:45 & 10:45 AM



Our Special offering for Easter will be equally divided 3 ways between One Great Hour of Sharing, Bread for the World, and World Neighbors. Please prayerfully give as God calls you to for these special missions. - Official Board

### "Lilies"

Once again, we will use the Easter Lily to grace our chancel and sanctuary area on Easter Sunday. You may purchase a plant for \$8.00. Please sign-up on the list on the church bulletin board. Your lily plant may be taken home after the services Easter morning. - Worship Committee



### "Wrapped Candies

### Needed for Egg Hunt"

We ask for donations of wrapped candies and volunteer help for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 22. Please bring your candy to the church office by Sunday, March 16th. Any questions call Ashley Steinbrunner, 657-8229, Recreation Committee



## Summer Camp

### Fun & Growth Opportunit

The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ owns and operates two campsites, each offering many camps and events for all ages. Pilgrim Hills is located near Brinkhaven, Ohio and Templed Hills is located in Bellville, Ohio. Each campsite is situated on beautiful grounds with many trails and special nature sites. Each offers a variety of comfortable lodging and facilities, fully equipped dining halls and swimming pools. A campsite manager and a health care giver are always on site during the church camp season. We invite you to register for a summer camping experience. There are camping experiences for third graders through twelfth graders. There are camping experiences for adults and for Grandparents/Grandchild (ages 4-9 & adults). There are specialized camps like sports camping, sailing, and horseback riding. Early bird registrations offer campers the lowest costs for your camping experience. Registration postmarked through March 31 pays the lowest rate. Registrations post marked April 1 through May 15 pay middle rate and registrations postmarked after may 15 pay the highest rate. Campership fund dollars are available

through the Ohio conference. A proposal to our endowment committee is underway to help assist campers. Please contact the church office or Darrin Harvey for more information on the camping programs and for scholarship assistance.



## Upcoming Activities

Mar. 9 - 6PM - Jr & Sr Youth

bring instruments for band  
+ skit practice

Mar. 16 - 6PM - Jr & Sr Youth

bring instruments for band  
+ skit practice

Mar. 23 - Easter - no meeting,  
family day

Mar. 30 - Youth leadership for

worship at 10:45 service

3PM - go to "The Other Place"  
to serve meal to homeless.

*Remember Spring ahead  
this Saturday, Mar. 8th*



Daylight Savings Time





Recreation Committee is now selling Dragon's Baseball game tickets for the Sunday, May 4th game. Tickets include a City Barbeque lunch here at church. The price of the lunch and game ticket is \$13.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Call Ashley Steinbrunner with any questions. 657-8229

### **Bread for the World**

This Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> you are invited to attend the Dayton Area Bread for the World Meeting. It will be held at our church in the Hilty Room from 3 to 5 PM. The guest speaker will be Dr Lisa Hess, from United Theological Seminary whose topic is "Reflections on a trip to South Africa". Also information will be given on the 2008 Offering of Letters, Global Poverty Act; as well as discussions on the 2008 elections.

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments also will be served. - Social Action Committee.

### **"My Dear Church Family"**

How blessed I am to be a part of this loving Church family. To the many who sent cards, brought flowers to the hospital and to Rev. King for his visit and prayers. I am so delighted and "I Thank You" so much. God bless my children for their love and care.

When all this started, my daughter Cindy, a nurse at Miami Valley Hospital, was at work. I was staying with my Granddaughter Molly, who was getting ready to go to school. when I fainted, Molly called her sister Krissy, who is a Fire-paramedic. The action began. How many people can say, a granddaughter, with her crew, arrived with the ambulance and took over, taking care of granny, with oxygen and she even inserted the IV into my arm.

A few more tests and I'll be back to church and choir. With Thanks to our Heavenly Father, for Family and Friends. Love, Edna Holland

**This Biblical Financial Study will begin on Monday March 17 from 6P.M. – 8P.M. and every Monday evening through May 19.** There will be some required reading before the first meeting. So, sign up now. There will be a special overview meeting following the worship service on March 9. If you cannot make it to this meeting, contact Brian Donovan for more information.



### **New Members Reception**

We are happy to announce that we will be receiving 3 new members into our church congregation on Sunday, March 9th at 10:45 AM. Please help us welcome Jeffrey Mitchell, Nicholas Warren, and Sasha Taylor!

Following the service, join us for punch and cookies in the Hilty room and introduce yourself to the new members. Please help us out by bringing snacks or sweets for the tea. Thank you, Membership Committee

### **"Meet our New Members"**

Sasha Taylor is a graduate of Heidelberg College with a degree in Education. She enjoys coaching sports, spending time with family and organizing and wrapping gifts.

Her favorite hymn is, "Shepherd Show Me How to Go"

Nicholas Warren enjoys computers, building car models, puzzles, and reading books.

Jeffery Mitchell enjoys playing the piano, reading, writing stories/poems, hiking and riding horses.

### ***Women's Retreat***

WINGS is hosting a ladies night out at the Shakertown Retreat Center on Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm. We will have an easy to assemble southern style dinner. Afterwards we will watch the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" on a large home theater screen. We'll have a short post show discussion that includes the movie themes of friendship, relationships, and self discovery along with appropriate bible passages.

The cost is \$10.00. We will need to know how many people to prepare for by Wed. March 12. You can also register in the upper level of the Gathering Place on Sun. March 9. Marilyn Foskuhl can register you following first service; Nikki Taylor at 10:30 A.M. and Paula Geswein and Jane Simmons following the second service.

We're looking forward to an evening of growing in friendship and awareness of God's creative and loving presence.

**"Spring Parenting Class  
is being planned"**

Darrin Harvey is planning a Parenting class to begin after Easter. Each class will focus on an individual topic.

If interested in joining this six week class beginning Wed. April 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, please sign-up on the bulletinboard by the church office. Childcare if needed can be provided.