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March 16 Sermon Bible readings are
I Corinthians 6:9-20; Philippians 3:17-21
Matthew 6:31-33



Procession of the Palms

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pasko Evanoff

GREETERS:

Paula Geswein & Grandkids

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

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. 9, 2008

8:45 - 11

10:45 - 55

Sunday School -

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)

Our total deficit to date is --\$10,505

Happy Birthday

Dorothy Davis - Mar. 16

Ed Alexander - Mar. 17

Sarah Peters - Mar. 18

Gabbie Rayney - Mar. 18

Bob Karl - Mar. 20

Sam Rogers - Mar. 20

Ben Peters - Mar. 22

Eleanor Baner - Mar. 22



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to Harold & Peggy Goldberg on the passing of Harold's youngest brother, Jack Goldberg. May God comfort you at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

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

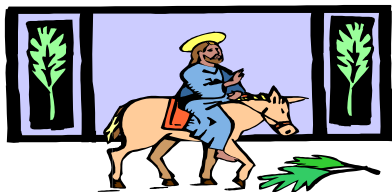
Vera Westfall

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 Opportunitites

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.



"Thanks for your

Support"

We thank you for supporting the youth mission trip; we raised \$125 from selling ElderBeerman community sales coupon books. We hope you enjoyed the sale! - Summer Workcamp Youth



Upcoming Activities

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.



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

"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.

- April 9- Parenting Together
- April 16- Great Expectations
- April 23 - Model Self Confidence for your kids
- April 30 - The Ground rules of Discipline
- May 7 - Raising Counter Cultural Teenagers
- May 14 - Creating a Stronger Parent-Child Bond

"Thank You All"

Your cards, phone calls and prayers were greatly appreciated. I am much better now and will return to work this week. Believe me, your prayers were felt and they really helped me. In Christ's love, Barb LeBlanc

"Dear Friends"

On behalf of St. Vincent Hotel, Inc. and the approximately 2,500 homeless men, women and children we serve each month, I am writing this letter to express our sincerest gratitude for your gift of \$485.

St Vincent Hotel, Inc.'s mission focuses on the poorest and neediest members of our community and, as you know, all services are provided free of charge.

Without your kindness and generosity, we could not possibly continue to provide for the homeless in our society. Sincerely, Leigh Sempeles, Exq. Executive Director

Check us out on the church web site & read the Chimes with color graphics. This is helpful if your regular mail is delayed.



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.



"Youth Service Project- invites Help from the Church family"

The youth need your help! We are going to be serving food at the "Other Place" (a homeless shelter) in downtown Dayton the afternoon of March 30th and we need you to provide the food! We are asking for volunteers to bring a side dish or a dessert item when people come to worship the morning of Sunday March 30th. There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. We will be serving approximately 150 meals. - Any questions contact Darrin Harvey.

3rd, 4th & 5th Graders

NEW Pre - Teen Program

We are beginning a new pre-teen fellowship group for kids in grades 3-5 that will meet after church beginning next week, March 16th. Come join us for crafts, games and lunch! The group will be meeting once a month for the rest of the school year. - Any questions contact Darrin Harvey.



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. Contact Loretta Liesch #436-3513 or Nikki Taylor #426-5562 to RSVP. We're looking forward to an evening of growing in friendship and awareness of God's creative and loving presence.

