

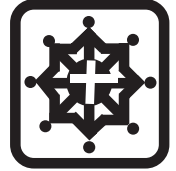
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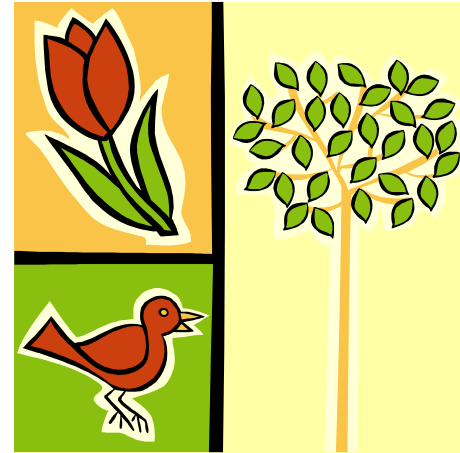
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*When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also.  
- II Corinthians 5:17.18*

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**Bob Colvin**

**GREETERS:**

**Office Hours**

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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 -**

Charles Warren

Frank Taylor

**“Now it came to pass, when the time had come or Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem...” Luke 9:51.**

While we got the 40 days of Lent from Jesus being in the wilderness for forty days, Lent is really the story of Jesus going toward Jerusalem and facing his cross. It is spelled out clearly in Luke 9:51, “... He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem...” Your daily Lenten bible readings should begin at Luke 9:51 through the end of his gospel. There is a “Jerusalem” for us all for which our lives are leading. Jesus was at a crossroad. He had to make a commitment. One road led back to Nazareth, the other to the place of his enemies who were plotting his demise. He could have returned home and lived a safe, secure life. Instead, He set his face to Jerusalem and the cross for which he had come to earth. What may have his face looked like? Perhaps his face had the face of determination, faithfulness, trust, a commitment to do the will of God no matter what.

We all have our Jerusalem’s, and then little Jerusalems along the way. Our Jerusalem is whatever prayer (that still small voice speaking within us) has discerned is the will of God for us. It is the road of commitment rather than comfort. But our walk to our Jerusalem does not have to be grim. We can set our faces to our purpose with a sense of joy and peace weaving its strength through our anxiousness because we know that Christ has gone before us and now goes with us. We have his victorious presence to give us courage. Once we have committed our lives completely to him, then we are able because he is able. His strength flows through us as we attempt important and great things for him and by his power. After he has control of the nerve center of our wills, Jesus can use us to do the otherwise impossible. Jesus went to his Jerusalem believing in God’ vindication, so too we can live out our commitment knowing that God through Christ will have the final word.

God bless you on your Lenten journey to Jerusalem.

Your friend and Pastor, Greg King

**Sermon Bible Readings**

- Mar. 15 - I Cor. 13:1-8a
- Mar. 22 - Isa. 26:1-4; John 15:8-11
- Mar. 29 - Micah 7:18-19; Mt. 11:28-30



**Vital Statistics**

**Attendance Mar. 8, 09**

- 8:45 - 18
- 10:45 - 112
- Sunday School - 38

**Offering - Operating Income**  
**(monthly budget need - \$16,125)**

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827

**Happy Birthday**

- Dorothy Davis - Mar. 16
- Ed Alexander - Mar. 17
- Sarah Peters - Mar. 16
- Gabbie Rayney - Mar. 18
- Bob Karl - Mar. 20
- Sam Rogers - Mar. 20
- Ben Peters - Mar. 22
- Eleanor Banes - Mar. 22



**In Our Prayers**

- Nate Anderson - in Vietnam
- Glenda Boddie
- Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
- Harriett Edwards
- Jim Farra
- Jamie Geswein

- Gene Gibson
- Dawn Gilmore
- Beverly Guffey
- Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek
- Judy Hirshman (Chaney)
- Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
- Lottie Jaeger
- Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Dustin Knowlton
- Jimmy & Mary Lehman
- Peggy Lewis
- Nancy Lyttle
- Ron & Barbara Lyttle
- Bob McCray
- Deloris Miller
- Marcella Miller
- Michael Ourfalian - Iraq
- Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods
- Nancy Pratt
- Ron Rearick - in Afghanistan
- Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
- Cindy Romano
- Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
- Rich Shea
- Sue Shroyer
- Kathy Steele
- Connie Swanson
- Gloria Van Camp
- Mary Vance
- Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Vera Westfall
- Kevin White - in Afghanistan
- Wilma Yost



Please let the church office know, how God is answering prayers in our lives.

## **"Crusaders"** **- Day Trip planned**



Sheri Parrett has organized a 3rd - 6th grader youth Fun, Fellowship day, at the Cederville College, on Saturday, March 28.

This event is especially created by the college for youth of this age. It will be a full day of sharing great fun & games, and meaningful experiences with other Christian youth from around the area. We plan to leave at 7:30 AM and return around 5:30 PM. Contact Sheri Parrett, if you have questions. 298-6210



## **Attention** **Confirmands & Mentor's**

We have planned a visit to Wesley Church on Watervliet Ave. for their Wednesday evening service on March 18th. We will meet at the Goodner's home (218 Watervliet Ave.) at 5:00 PM for a lite supper and then go together to the church service at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP by Tues. March 17th, so we can plan for the meal. Call Greg Goodner with any questions or need for directions, 254-7833.

## **Music Committee Mtg.**

The Music/Choir committee will be meeting on March 22, after church in the Laubach room. There will be a short meeting, then a question & answer session. All choir members are urged to attend. Sincerely, Toni Bailey, Music Chairperson, 643-3795

## **Staff Meeting Reminder**

There will be a staff meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM to do Music staff interviews. - Susan Beall, Chairperson

## **Lenten Thoughts**

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" - Mat 22:39. Respond to God's grace - give and forgive. Show an act of kindness to each family member or friend or co-worker this week. Start from the foundation of Love. Love God first, then reflect that love to your neighbors.

The more we give to others, the more we receive: this is one of the mysteries of the Christian life. Read more about Jesus' teaching about giving and receiving from Matthew 25:31-46.

(Lenten devotional thoughts prepared by Joe Von Holle)



## **The Prelude Leads Us** **Into Reverent Worship.**

We ask that all coming to our worship services, please prepare yourselves by sitting in quiet reflection and prayer before the service begins. We ask that you refrain from talking during the Prelude, our Organists and Guest Musicians have put time and preparation into being our leader into the worship hour. Join them by preparing yourself for this Holy Hour of Worship.

## **"Easter Lilies** **for Purchase"**



We will be ordering Easter Lilies to beautify the church on Easter Sunday, April 12. The plant's cost is \$8.50, and the plant can be taken home after the services on Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you wish to purchase one, also, write in any memorandum or honorary information. - Thank you, Worship Comm.

## **Healthy News**

See the bulletin board about an upcoming Health Fair at Dorothy Lane MKT in the Springboro store on March 21. Screenings and seminars will be available from 11 AM to 4 PM. Stay strong in Him! - Health Ministry Team

## **"Spring Cleaning"**

Mark your calendars to join the Social Action Committee in participating in the Five Rivers Metroparks cleanup on Saturday, April 18th from 9-11:30 AM. We have participated in this event the past couple of years as a way to recognize Earth Day.

Volunteers will be assigned to a crew that will work at a Metropark or along a section of waterway removing litter and doing other earth friendly task. Gloves and trash bags are provided, you just need to bring yourself and a bottle of water. Plan on dressing for the weather and wear boots or thick-soled shoes. If we register our group by April 3rd, we can receive a Free T-shirt. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet outside the church office or contact Suzanne Dull at 434-5368 if you would like to participate.

## **"Dear GOPCC"**

Thank you very much for the wonderful celebration of the 50th anniversary of Green-Oak Pre-school. It was a joyful service and tea afterwards. Thanks for the gift and the roses for all the teachers. We appreciated all your support. - Ruth Fulmer



## **Planting, Growing & Blooming in God's Love!**

Twenty-six ladies attended the WINGS Spring Retreat, "The Bloomery" on Saturday. Our theme for the retreat was focused on the friendship of Mary and Martha with Jesus, connecting us to planting, growing and blooming in our faith and friendships, all rooted in God's love.

The farmhouse was filled with wonderful women and beautiful, fresh spring blossoms (which filled the sanctuary on Sunday) surrounded us! It was an amazing experience as we watched the closed blooms on flowers in the sunny windows unfold throughout the day, so too, were many new and old friendships blooming and unfolding among us. Several ladies expressed the fact that they had always noticed a certain face in church, but not really known that person. Well, on Saturday, that changed, we got to know one another in a deeper way and many new friendships were cultivated.

As we have been energized and refreshed, I would like to thank all who came and especially everyone who worked so hard to make this retreat happen, Patti King, Diane Knowlton, Karen Brown, Sasha Taylor, Toni Bailey, Loretta Liesch, Joyce Kelley, and Paula Geswein. We also want to say a great, big thank you to Mike Robinson for allowing us to borrow his projector and speakers for our visual presentation! Also, thank you to Margaret Cobb for teaching us how to press flowers and loaning us her press. And thanks to Marilyn Foskuhl, and Mildred Heath for helping in pressing flowers as well. We can't forget the men behind the scenes who helped, Fred Foskuhl, Bayard Liesch, Phil Brown, Adam Taylor and Frank Taylor, your quiet dedication to the WINGS is very much appreciated, thank you. If I have forgotten anyone, it was unintentional, please forgive me, and let me know so I can also recognise your service to the WINGS Ladies Retreat.

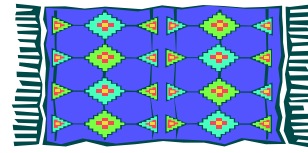
If you weren't able to attend this retreat, please feel welcome to attend any of WINGS other meetings or events. We really would love to have you there!

On April 19th, following 2nd service we will be going out to a local restaurant for lunch, after lunch we will be visiting shut-ins for those who would like to go along (optional). Then on May 9th, is the annual "All Daughter's Brunch" where will will celebrate Mother's Day. More information will be posted on the WINGS bulletin board in the coming weeks.

CD's for "The Bloomery" program are available for ordering, if you want to order one, contact me at 427-1774.

Thanks again to everyone, you are all loved and appreciated!

In Christian Love, Nikki Taylor, WINGS Chairperson



## **BLANKET + PROGRAM, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

For several years, GOPCC has participated in this program, the name has just changed! It was formerly called Tools & Blankets. For over 60 years, Church World Service (CWS) has worked in partnership with local communities, throughout the world, to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a viable future, including:

**Blankets**, tents, food, and other emergency supplies

**Tools** and seeds for refugees returning home to replant

**Wells** for families living in drought prone area for clean water to drink and irrigate crops

**Literacy** training and microcredit for women

**Current help Provided by Blanket + Program:**

In Afghanistan, a grave food crisis is occurring due to the most severe drought in a decade, which threatens millions of people with food shortages and possible starvation. CWS plans to assist 1300 farmers, who will directly benefit through educational trainings, rehabilitation of irrigation systems. 1,000 families will have access to clean water supply;

300 people will construct shelter for their families in "food for work" projects; 200 families will receive food packages. 500 farmers will receive tons of improved seeds, fertilizers.

Following a powerful earthquake in Indonesia affecting Talaud Islands, CWS distributed blankets and tarp to assist those whose homes were heavily damaged.

**Our Blankets+ Offering will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.**

- **Social Action Committee**

**Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes...**



The men of Greenmont will be having a free PANCAKE Breakfast on Saturday, March 21, between 9 & 11 AM, here at the church. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to come on in for some Hot pancakes and sausage!

Any male church members are welcome to volunteer, please call Craig Kigar @ 708-6830.

## **3T's Lunch**

The Three T's senior group will meet for lunch on Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the MCL Cafeteria at 12 noon. Please join us for fellowship and lunch.



