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Nameless Faith

In this season of Epiphany, we are walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. In fact, much of this calendar year we will be in Mark, so if you have not read it in full, now is the time. We might modify Jesus words a bit and say, "The time is fulfilled! Repent and read the Gospel of Mark" (Mark 1:15). Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels and the fastest. Everything happens "immediately" with an urgency that will lead Jesus to the cross. But before we get there, we will meet a host of unnamed characters along the way who show us what following Jesus looks like (e.g. 1:40-45; 2:1-5; 5:1-20; 5:25-34). These nameless ones demonstrate how to trust Christ in the midst of suffering and how to share the good news of what God has done for us with others. Meanwhile the named characters like Peter, James and John more often than not end up as examples of what not to do (e.g. 8:31-33; 10:35-37; 14:66-72). It's true in our lives as well that the people who get all the attention often are not the ones worth emulating, while the ones we overlook often show us the way.

Who are the nameless people in our lives who show us time and again what trust means, if only we have eyes to see and ears to hear? Such people are all around us when we look for them. A few weeks ago I was at Kroger and encountered a grocery bagger whose joy for life was infectious. I was in the normal rush of wanting to get out as fast as possible, slightly annoyed at the line and speed of those working it. Then suddenly my eyes caught this young bagger who was joyfully working and brightening everyone's day. We spoke briefly about our common love for *Star Wars*, and though I never learned the young man's name, I walked away knowing I needed more of what he had. Last night at Community Kitchen I met someone I had not seen there before, and he proceeded to tell me his story of moving to Circleville and the profound challenges he's encountered. Yet through it all he said he can see God's leading every step of the way. As I walked away from my new mentor, I wondered, "Do I really even know what it means to trust God?"

As you read through Mark, look for the faith of the nameless people around you. Who picks up your trash? Who serves you food and cleans the floors? Who draws your blood and bags your groceries? They probably know more than those who get all the attention. Open your eyes to the faith of those suffering silently in your midst. You will discover mentors who inspire you. In addition, as you learn the names of the nameless and hear their stories, you will find Jesus stretching out his hand to touch and heal you (Mark 1:41).

Our fractured world needs Jesus' healing touch. As we open our eyes to the suffering nameless in our midst, we will learn anew what it means to trust God. We may even hear Jesus saying to us, "Your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease." May it be so.

Pastor Joel

Focus On . . . Shirley Hall

Shirley claimed she was content to be a loner, but listening to her story I would say she is far too gregarious and involved to be viewed as “a loner.”

This octogenarian was born in Richland Center Hospital in Wisconsin. She attended school in that town from kindergarten through ninth grade, at which time her family moved to Beloit, WI where she matriculated through high school until graduation in 1950.

She bade goodbye to her family and headed to Washington, D.C. to live and work for the Navy Department where she was a typist and wrote contracts. She said we wouldn't believe some of the contracts that were submitted because they were an extravagant waste of government dollars.

A friend with whom she worked wanted the two of them to be hostesses with young G.I.s on Sunday bus tours that stopped at various points around D.C. A young military man in charge of his group immediately became quite smitten with her and dogged her footsteps for the entire tour. That young man was Bill Hall who was living at that time at Ft. Belvoir, VA. He proceeded to drive into D.C. every night in order for them to be together. He had an old Studebaker that leaked oil, so she pitched in to help with the cost of gas. Six weeks later he took her to Ohio to meet his family and he proposed on the way. She was twenty and Bill was twenty-one when they married in Maryland June 1952. MD was where she would be considered old enough to marry without written parental permission. Although they had only dated for six weeks, each knew the other to be the right person for a life-time commitment of marriage. Two months later Bill was transferred to Germany and she followed. They had three sons, Dennis and Darrel who were born in the American Hospital in Paris, France, and Derek born in the Ft. Belvoir Hospital in VA. Two of her sons continue to share her home today. She has three grandsons, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

During the 60's, the Halls lived in Lima where Bill was on civilian component duty in the National Guard Reserves. While there, Dad and his two sons were baptized.

As a child her grandmother took her to a United Brethren Church in Beloit where Shirley attended Sunday school and sang in the choir. Church wasn't a top priority when they lived in Germany however, a local tragedy brought Bill and Shirley to our Presbyterian Church. Their son, Darrel, was dating Jan Feldman at the time. Jan and another girl had just left a Rainbow Girl's Meeting and were passengers in a car driven by a young man. The boy's car hit a light post in front of the hospital and both of the girls were decapitated. Bill and Shirley attended Jan's funeral performed by Henry Walters and Bill liked Rev. Walters so much they joined this church in 1969.

In the past, Shirley served on the Board of Deacons and was a President of the Women's Association. One year when no one volunteered to chair the May Luncheon Committee, the job fell into Shirley's lap. To this day she isn't sure she would have survived without the help of Gladys Robinson.

For those of you with knowledge of The Eastern Stars and The Pythian Sisters organizations, you will understand she progressed to the highest office in both groups (Grand Electa and Grand Chief) necessitating a lot of travel across Ohio.

Her former hobbies included knitting, sewing clothes and a quilt that she still uses as a queen size bedspread. Now she focuses on tatting - creating cross bookmarks with white thread at the base and with a person's favorite color for the rest of the project. One Christmas she created a cross bookmark for each of the women with whom she bowls. Yes, she is still bowling at the age of 85! Shirley belongs to two bowling leagues. Tuesday morning it's a Sanction League of three games (her average is 135 to 142) and a two-game Senior League on Wednesdays where her average is 126 – 139.

Her soft voice has caused her sons to recommend that she get a megaphone, which she did when she acquired one as a table favor.

Diane Berger

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The funds raised will support “ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward self-development of poor and oppressed communities.” Join fellow Presbyterians in reaching out to those whose lives are greatly benefited by the help you can provide. Envelopes for the offering will be placed in the pew racks or if you prefer to use PushPay, indicate it is for OGHS. Thank you!

THANK YOU

The Deacons would like to give a huge thank you to JENNIFER TOMLINSON for ordering and embroidering our PRESBYTERIAN shirts! Jennifer's company is called Ink My Logo and she will be opening a new store at 149 W Main Street in Circleville very soon.

THANK YOU

To the Parishioner's of the Presbyterian Church

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful donations of hats and gloves for our Head Start children and families. This is such a treat for our children to be able to select their own hats and mittens. The handmade items are always chosen first and the families are so appreciative of them all. Thank you for your time and effort to keep our children safe and warm!

Head Start

THANK YOU

Dear Presbyterian Friends,
It was so nice of you to send the Christmas Poinsettia to me. It is such a beautiful shade of red (my favorite)!
Thank you so much.
My God bless you all!
Eloise Beers
95 year old mother of Kathy Studebaker

VALENTINE TEA

With what a busy month February will be (Pastor Joel's installation, Annual Meeting, etc.) and the unpredictable Ohio weather, the Valentine's Day Tea will be postponed. We will have a special event for our older members of the church in the springtime, likely in April. Be on the lookout for more information! Thanks!

COOKIE WALK

We had a very successful Cookie Walk and we had fun. We thank everyone who helped bake at church or at home. You all did a wonderful job of decorating because the cookies sold so quickly. What a wonderful group of women. You all are! Many, many thanks.

REMINDER FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Last fall each family received a letter and two forms:

- 1) In Case of Emergency Contact Form
 - 2) Guidance at the Time of Death Form
- You are encouraged to complete these forms and return them to the church office. Additional copies are available in the office. Thank you for taking the time to complete this task!
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CHECK IT OUT!

Please visit sciotopost.com to learn more about Community Kitchen as we celebrate 30 years of ecumenical mission service to our community. Also, be sure to watch the video.

NEW ADDRESS DIRECTORIES

New Address Directories have also gone out in the mail. Please check your information and please let the office know if there needs to be any changes.

SHOULD I GET THE SHINGLES SHOP?

It seems that I know a number of people who have had the shingles lately, so as a member of Congregational Care and Nurture Team, I decided to give you my opinion and that of CDC (Central for Disease Control). If you have ever had Chicken Pox, you are at risk for Shingles. Since most adults have had Chicken Pox, they are at risk for Shingles.

Shingles is a rash that is penetrating and painful. It usually lasts up to 30 days! As we age our immune systems break down and thus we are more susceptible to Shingles. The CDC recommends the vaccination at age 60, but it is approved by the FDA for people who are 50. The older the person is, the more severe the effects of Shingles is, so talk to your doctor and get the shot! It is a one time only vaccine (so far) and is usually given at local drug stores after you obtain the prescription from a physician. Most insurances do cover this preventative care. All Medicare D plans cover this expense. Doctors often recommend a vaccination even if you have had Shingles, as you can get it again! No serious side effects have been observed in people who have received the vaccine.

Even if you do not remember having Chicken Pox, research shows that 99% of Americans over the age of 40 have had it, so get the Shingles shot even though you do not think you had Chicken Pox!

I find that the web site www.CDC.gov is quite informative and SHINGLESINFO.COM is quite useful for questions you may have about the disease of Shingles and it's prevention.

Sarah Baehr, RN, MS

We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....



...of Myron Gearhart who died in December.

...of Jean DeHoog who died in December. Mother of Jeri-Lynne Bouteres.

...of George Wilson who died in December. Former member.

...of Dorothy Sampson who died Jan. 8, 2018.

...of Ish Gearhart-Michelson who died Jan. 9, 2018. Memorial Service later.

...of Robbie Gans who died Jan. 17, 2018. Brother of Tom Gans.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Clearmont Retirement Village

Doris Gruebel

Circleville Care & Rehab

Judy Palm

Glendora

Woody Jones

Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Gwen Painter

Sharon Ryan

Convalescing

Sarah Baehr

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Lyda Cook

Martha Gearhart

Melissa Gerland

Jim Hartley

Phyllis Hartley

Colin Hedges

Wally Higgins

Jack Hooks

Marcella Hostetler

Barb Hull

Lois Jones

Mitch McAlister

Jimmie McKelvey

Nancy Schneider

Frank Seimer

Judy Spicer

Kathy Studebaker

Jual Tucker

Martha Wolfe

Al York

Martha York

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Marty (Ward) Hart (Marcella Hostetler's sister)

Dave & Wendy Jordan

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

We are sorry if we have missed anyone! If you want someone added or removed, PLEASE call the church office.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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ONE YEAR OLDER

Please note the master birthday list for the year is also in the Pres-Line. Each monthly Pres-Line will include the birthdays for that month, but for not we are providing a full list. If you have been missed on this list and want to be included, please contact the office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED
2018 FLOWER/COFFEE HOUR
CALENDARS ARE UP AND READY**

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the office for 2018. DON'T WAIT FOR THAT SPECIAL DATE. Please stop by or call the office (474-4791) to reserve your special day to honor loved ones with fresh flowers for Sunday worship service, and/or to volunteer as host or hostess for Coffee Hour (1st Sunday, Shepherds; 2nd Sunday, Session; 3rd Sunday, Deacons; 4th Sunday, other members; and 5th Sunday, Shepherds).

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

Session

Moderator – The Rev. Joel A. Esala

Clerk – Darrell Smith

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Clare Hall	Julie Calder	Nancy Baldinger
Charles Hedges	Susanne Hardin	Tom Dixon
Steve Johnson	Carla Mavis	Marian Hallum
Myron Rorick	Emily Smith	Bob Sneed

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Moderator – Rod Smith

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
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Rod Smith	Meg Rorick	Al Kershaw
Sam Wilson	Nate Smith	Brian Weller

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Pastor – Rev. Joel A. Esala

Treasurer – Bob Sneed



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Important dates - Mark your calendars

- Feb. 4 - "Souper Bowl" Collection
- Feb. 11 - Transfiguration of the Lord - Communion
Pastor Joel's Installation 3:00pm
Reception to follow
- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
- Feb. 18 - 1st Sunday of Lent
Annual Meeting
Soup and Salad Lunch
- Feb. 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 7 - Lenten Serv/Lunch-Presbyterian Church
- Mar. 11 - 4th Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 14 - Lenten Serv/Lunch-TBA
- Mar. 18 - 5th Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 21 - Lenten Serv/Lunch-TBA
- Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing Collection
- Mar. 28 - Lenten Serv/Lunch-TBA
- Mar. 29 - Maundy Thursday Serv. - Communion 7:00pm
- Mar. 30 - Good Friday
- Apr. 1 - Easter - Communion
- Apr. 4 - Lenten Serv/Lunch-TBA