

Jeri-Lynne's Jottings

Springing Forward!

Robert Schuller tells of a winter at home, when his dad needed firewood. He found a dead tree and sawed it down. In the spring, to his dismay, he found new shoots had sprouted from the trunk. He said to his son, "I thought sure it was dead; the leaves had dropped, the twigs snapped, it seemed as if there was no life there. But now I see there is still life at the tap-root of the old tree." He looked at his boy and said, "Bob, don't forget this important lesson. Never cut down a tree in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in a low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst mood. Wait. Be patient. The spring will come."

How often do we need to heed these wonderful words of advice? Winter is just ending and the long gloomy, cold days are behind us! Circleville Presbyterian Church has also endured a rather low time with some financial difficulties, issues of conflict, and the loss of some good friends and family. Perhaps it is good that we have not made our most important decisions (identifying our course for the future) during those times.

But it is spring! Times are getting better and signs of renewal and growth are everywhere! We have made some decisions on long standing projects including the technological updates for the sanctuary and beginning an alternative worship service once those updates are completed. We have made stewardship commitments to God, in our financial giving and service. Our leadership has made some changes in its structure, becoming teams and reassessing their missions and goals. We are updating our website and opening up new possibilities for generosity through e-giving (Push Pay). Renewal and growth abound! But that also means we must be willing to adapt and change as this new growth sprouts up around us, just as the ground must make way for the flowering bulbs to reach the surface.

And now it is time for the church to get energized, excited and active in making some important decisions about how our church family fits into God's great plan for the Kingdom!

That is why I am asking for volunteers to serve on our Mission Study Team. This team will use information gathered over the past year through surveys, meetings of discernment and local statistical data to write the Circleville Presbyterian Church Mission Study. It will include a new mission statement and a vision statement. This Mission Study will then be used by our future Pastor Nominating Committee to write a Ministry Information Form. Once this is completed we can begin to search for a pastor candidate that is a match for Circleville Presbyterian Church.

The Mission Study is critical to the process of searching for a new pastor because it defines who we are as a church. If you feel called to participate in this study please let me know as soon as possible. Elders Wally Higgins and Charlie Hedges have volunteered to facilitate the team.

All of this “stuff” we need to accomplish in our search for a new pastor seems arduous and lengthy....be patient. Remember how long winter seems? Yet, when spring comes we recognize that winter was just a season...a time to be still and prepare for new growth!

I am so excited to share in this time of renewal and growth at Circleville Presbyterian Church!

In Christ's Service with You,
Pastor Jeri-Lynne

Preaching Schedule April and May:

(Many of the Sundays I will be preaching from our readings in *Meet the Bible*.)

April 3	Joshua 24:14-29	“Go For It!”
April 10	Judges 16:23-31	“Samson and Delilah”
April 17	1 Samuel 8:1-22	“Giving God a Pink Slip!”
April 24	Psalms 23	“Who Pursues You?”
May 1	1 Samuel 17:32-49	“Beware of Giants”
May 8 –	Mother's Day	

Jr. and Sr. High youth and confirmation class will plan and lead worship

May 15 –	Acts 2:1-21	“Church Arise”
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Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Class Received as Members/Communion Celebrated

May 22	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	“Church Super Heroes”
May 29	1 Kings 18:30-40	“Baal Out!”

Focus on Marian Hallum

I am about to introduce you to a most fascinating woman. Since I am unable to climb stairs, she agreed to come to my condo on a beautiful Friday afternoon.

She was born in Fairfield, Alabama and matriculated in that school system from first grade to high school graduation where she played basketball. Her senior year, she met Alton, who had recently been discharged from military service and was returning for his senior year. Thus, they graduated together. They began dating soon after they met in 1945 and in December of 1946 they were married. This year marks their 70th wedding anniversary. At that time, she was a Dictaphone Operator for an insurance company in Birmingham while Alton attended Auburn University. Although she had moved to Auburn in 1947, pregnancy caused her to return to Birmingham to birth her first child, a son, January 4, 1948. Marian voted for the first time in the 1948 Presidential Election and she has never missed an election since.

Alton continued his studies at A.U. and she typed papers for students and did mending for a little extra money as they were living on the G.I. Bill income. Alton graduated as an Aerospace Engineer with a major in Mechanical Engineering in 1949, and the following year they moved back to Birmingham, bought their first home and she delivered her second son in October. Their third son was born in 1953. A daughter followed in 1956. She became involved in the P.T.A. and the Engineer's Wives Club during those years.

Shortly after they moved to Nashville, TN in 1957, they found themselves on the road again the same year heading for San Diego, CA. Although she felt she was an inexperienced driver they headed west in two cars with Alton leading the way. They were only in Claremont for six months but she became involved immediately as the room mother for one of her sons.

She was pregnant with their twin daughters when they headed back to TN. 1960 found them in Middletown, OH where she added a bridge club, bowling, Middletown Safety Council to her usual standard of P.T.A. activities. She and Alton also coached a Knothole Baseball team. To us, that means a Little League Team. Their fourth son was born there in 1961 before they moved to Cleveland that same year. Their eighth child, a girl, was born in 1966. As if eight children were not enough to keep her busy, Marian continued in the P.T.A. (president), Child Conservation League (president), and Southwest Mothers of Twins Club, which became a part of her life for more than 15 years. She served as secretary, treasurer, and was president three times. When their Twins Club joined the Ohio Federation Mother's of Twins, she served on every committee, was secretary, treasurer, 1st and 2nd vice president before being the president three times. No wonder she was voted the state's Mother of the Year in 1967. It wasn't until 1971 that she took up golf.

They traveled extensively over the years and have visited all 50 states. The trips included crossing the country nine times, annual camping trips with the kids, and returning to the south for visits with relatives every three years. They continued to travel and progressed from camping, to cruises and tours. In May they will journey to points in Alaska including Denali.

Alton retired in 1982 and they moved to Circleville in spite of the fact they had never been here before. They liked the weather in this area and wanted to keep their daughter and last child, in Ohio because she still had two years until her high school graduation. They joined this church, made friends, and decided to stay. Unable to find an available house, they purchased a mobile home in 1983 where they have lived ever since. Typical of her, she jumped right in and joined a golf league where she served as president, secretary and treasurer during the following 15 years plus back to bowling. After joining the Berger Hospital Gift Shop Board, she began working in the gift shop and has continued to do so for more than 30 years. She is a passionate amateur photographer, loves her computer (Windows 10) on which she has stored her photos and makes all her greeting cards. Sewing is another hobby where she made all her daughter's clothes including prom dresses and one wedding gown plus sewing for the boys and herself. She crochets and has made so many sweaters that she started giving them to her daughters. She has created prayer shawls, baby blankets and hats for the church. The small garden she plants each year doesn't produce much but as she says, "The fun is still in the doing." Of their eight children, six graduated from O.S.U. and two were educated elsewhere. One son has a Ph.D and another has a Master's Degree. They have 18 grandchildren and six great-grands, all living in various and sundry states.

She told me she purposely left her spiritual journey for the last because no matter where they lived, church was always very important to her and the children attended Sunday school. She is a life-long Presbyterian. When she was growing up, her father was active in the Christian Endeavor program at their church and it was a big part of her life. One year, when she lived in Birmingham, she was in charge of the V.B.S. In this church she has served as a deacon and an elder, helped start the Community Kitchen and belongs to Around the Cross. Over the years Marian has experienced multiple health issues causing joint replacements and including one year when she was on bed-fast traction for three months due to a back problem. That was the time when members from this congregation kept body and soul together with food and personal carrying touch. She has nothing but high compliments for her fellow parishioners. Like me, she loves the old traditional hymns, i.e. "In the Garden," "Just As I Am," and "The Old Rugged Cross." We both realize these are hymns that teach theology unlike many of the modern praise songs.

We are indeed blessed to have this couple in our church family.
Diane Berger

THANK YOU NOTES

To my beloved church family,

My grateful thanks for all the calls, cards, texts, wonderful food, and rides home for Nate.

With the Lord's Blessing,
Sue and Nate Twining

Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped with our Lenten Luncheon. We received many compliments about the great soup and sandwiches. We worked well together and had fun doing this service for the church.

You are the BEST.

Blessings,

Carla and Meg

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the "Alive Inside" Project at Brown Memorial Home. Your generous contributions will help enhance the quality of life of many of the residents there. I hope that you'll be at the Deacon Pancake Brunch on April 24, to view the Documentary, "Alive Inside".

Blessings and Many Thanks,
Teresa Ankrom,
Deacon-Brown Board Member

To My Dear Church Family,

You cannot know how meaningful your phone calls, cards with words of kindness and encouragement, and your prayers have helped me recover from the fall and other medical issues! These past few months have been very painful, trying, and discouraging but knowing you all were there caring helped me so very much!

Thank you, thank you!!

I pray in Jesus' name,

Lyda Cook

FROM BERGER HEALTH SYSTEM

Dear Pastor Bouterse,

I want to thank you and the Presbyterian Church for the generous donation to the Berger Hospital Chapel remodeling project. Your generous donation will allow Berger to provide a healing sanctuary for our patients as well as their families.

Thank you again for your support of this project.

Appreciatively

Tim A. Colburn

President & CEO

Berger Health System

CALLING ALL BAKERS AGAIN

Congregational Care and Nurture Team will again be serving lunch to the Pickaway Bar Association and its Administrative Assistants on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:00 noon in Campbell Hall. Although the team is leading this fundraiser, it by no means is limited to team members. The proceeds will benefit programs of the church. If you love to bake, we are in need of desserts. If you love to cook, we will need help at 9 am on April 27 as we prepare the main dish. And if you love to serve, we will need help during the luncheon and afterward as we clean up. If any of these tasks sound fun or fulfilling, please call Marcia Smith at 614-306-8633 or 740-477-1772. The team will also be coordinating the Rotary Law Day Breakfast scheduled for May 3 in Campbell Hall. Again the proceeds will benefit programs of the church. The menu will resemble our own Advent Brunch. Help is needed May 2 at 9 am to prepare the breakfast casserole. Assistance will be needed on the dawn of the breakfast to prepare fruit, juice and coffee. Please call Alice Harker at 740-474-4435 or 740-248-6083 if you would like to help with this community project.



The Board of Deacons invite you to a Pancake Breakfast on April 24, 2016 after church. It's a great way to share a meal and meet someone new. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, and drinks. We hope all of you will join us to celebrate spring. Psalm 104:33 says "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." During the breakfast we will watch the documentary titled "Alive Inside" a program that is underway at Brown Memorial.

Teresa Ankrom (who serves on the board at Brown) will share this video which won the Sundance Film Festival award in 2014. This worldwide program advocates the use of music therapy for dementia patients. Our church is participating in this project through monetary donations and donations of used iPods and iTunes gift cards. Members of our congregation have participated in completing musical assessments of the residents.

Donations will be accepted during the breakfast to continue our participation with this project as well as the other ongoing opportunities that the Deacons take on to demonstrate hospitality and fellowship. We hope all of you will attend to eat and learn about this significant outreach project.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL
MAY LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

CAMPBELL HALL

Please tell all your friends, relatives, and neighbors about our delicious homemade marzetti, chicken noodle casserole, salads, and desserts. You may dine in or carry out, but please no phone orders. If you have not been called and are available to help in any way, please call Meg Rorick at 740-474-1741 or 614-446-1741. We sincerely appreciate your time and loyal support in making this a successful and profitable event for our many projects.



**SPRING SCHEDULE FOR THE
CHALLENGERS' CLASS**

April

3 – Seven Last Word

10 & 17 – Wonderfully Made

24 – Luther

May

1 – The Story

8 – The Future Church

15 – Ecclesiastes

22 – Forgive – But How?

29 – Planning Ahead

NEW ARRIVAL

Jacob Kenneth Winegardner, born March 18, 2016 to Tony and Sarah Winegardner. Grandparents are Ken and Clare Hall.

KROGER REWARDS

As a reminder the Kroger Rewards program to be used by our Music Department under the supervision of WMA requires enrollment or re-enrollment after April 1 (**no sooner**) to continue earning rewards during the coming year. Just visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Columbus, OH" and click on "Enroll" to sign up for a Kroger.com account. To re-enroll, go to the website or Kroger.com and SIGN IN. Again, if you need assistance with this, Erin Spring will be available at coffee hour to assist you. Here are the instructions that were used previously.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM (FOR NEW ACCOUNTS):

1. Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
3. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
4. Click on Sign In/Register
5. If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
6. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
7. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
8. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
9. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
10. Update or confirm your information.
11. Enter NPO number (#84819) or name of organization (PRESBYTERIAN CH. MUSIC PROG.), select organization from list and click on confirm.
12. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
13. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card(s).
14. Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
15. Then just swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to it when shopping and each purchase will yield rewards for Circleville Presbyterian in addition to the rewards you already receive!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Brookdale at Lakeview

Woody Jones

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Clearmont Retirement Village

Doris Gruebel

Franklin Woods

Judy Palm

Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

George Butler

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Carol Higgins

Marcella Hostetler

Alfred Johnson

Carol Mader

Gwen Painter

Sharon Ryan

Dorothy Sampson

Sage Sill

Sue Twining

Art Wolfe

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Mark Bouterse

Susan Bouterse

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

George Grigg

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

Nathan Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Phyllis Smith (Rod Smith's mother)

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

Kim Welter (Pastor Steve's daughter)

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6 - Louis McFarland

Allison Lee Weller

9 - T. J. Groves

10 - Bill Campbell

11 - Cameron Crego

12 - Kara Smith Allread

Graham McKaig Clark

15 - Jay Baehr

19 - Bonnie Rector

20 - Phyllis Johnson

22 - Jenifer Kraus Clouse

Ish Gearhart Michelson

Ryleigh Samantha Bragg

25 - Eric Davis

Elizabeth Hess

29 - Doris Yamarick

30 - Morgan McFarland

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



...of Trudy Yates (former member) who passed February 23, 2016 in England.

...of Myron Watson who passed March 23, 2016. This is the grandfather of Brooke Parker.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY MEDITATIONS

“The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.”

Winston Churchill

“It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.”

Socrates



Presbyterian Women

We will gather April 5 at 6:00 in Campbell Hall.

Presbyterian Women invite you to a delicious
dinner catered by Jean Radcliff.

The menu includes:

Chicken

Cheesy Potatoes

Green Beans

Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Drinks

Cost for the meal is \$15.00

PROGRAM

*Several of our young women have agreed to share their
thoughts on how they juggle their families, work and church lives.*

All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Presbyterian Women Catered Dinner and Program.

Please return reservations to the church office (Box 47) by April 3

Name: _____

of reservations @ \$15.00 each: _____

For dinner reservations please make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women
Child care will be provided with reservations by March 31, 2016

Thank you!

Focus On...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Diana Jones, D.C.E.

EASTER IS ONCE AGAIN HISTORY, BUT HOW HAS YOUR LIFE CHANGED? Was it such a hectic time, that you didn't stop to think about the true meaning? It is not too late to let God be in control of your life and for Him to help you to focus on the important things.

NEW TO US ON CHRISTIAN ED IS OUR NEW NAME! We are now going to be a team, not a commission. Our team will be DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION (or DSP). We will be talking more about this at our meeting on Sunday, APRIL 10TH after worship in the Youth Area. All members are asked to be present since we will also be deciding on a new curriculum for fall.

ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS. You may pick up an application on the table outside the office. They are due back to Diana no later than April 30th.

GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND WE WILL BE HONORING OUR SENIORS ON Sunday, May 22 during worship. Our seniors are Ally Bretthauer, Mac Clark, Jeff Clydesdale, Neal Davis, Monica Gans, Emily Hardin, Andrew Hill, Emma Johnson, Brayden Kershaw, J.T. Lamb, and Flynn Shannon.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS is getting closer and closer to membership into our church family. They are working on their statements of faith and preparing to do a worship service on May 8th. They will be received on Sunday, May 15 (Pentecost). I am sure that the sponsors are keeping in contact with them.

WORDS CANNOT BEGIN TO THANK the middle school and senior highs on their participation in our Easter and Maundy Thursday services. Their dedication and willingness to serve this church is extraordinary, and I hope that each of you have recognized and thank them. The message given by Emily Hardin at the sunrise service was inspiring and demonstrated her commitment to her faith. Andrew, Jeff, Morgan, Mac, and Brayden spoke with conviction and Monica's solo was a tribute to her God. Maddy and Michael Clark did a fine job with ushering and as acolyte.

MANY THANKS FOR THE HELPING HANDS THAT made a delicious breakfast organized by Curtis. Our servers were the middle school students who each contributed to the success of the morning.

COMING UP: Sunday School rotation will be the "Good Samaritan" for K-4.

May 8 – children sing and confirmation class does the worship service

May 15 - Confirmation Class received

May 22 - Graduate Recognition

**Much love,
Diana**

Dear Members of my church family;

This is a bittersweet letter to each of you. As of June 1st, I will be retiring and moving to Wooster, Ohio. This has been a long and difficult decision, but one in which I am convinced is the right thing for me to do. My family is two and half hours away and since the triplets activities have now been set for week days rather than weekends, it makes it more difficult to drive up and back the same day. Even though my house has sold, I still am looking for a condo in the Wooster area.

Circleville will always be our home since we have lived here since 1970. We have met and loved some extraordinary people through the years and hope those friendships will remain close. There have been many times, especially in the last three years, that the support and love of our church family has gotten us through tragedy and sadness .

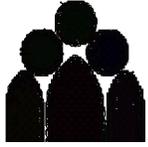
I have loved every minute working in Christian Education. There have been many changes over the years and will continue to be as the church grows. However, the one constant is the love, support, and generosity of this church to each other. No matter what issues have come our way, we eventually have come back together as a whole. My wish is that this will continue. Jesus teaches us to forgive and that is what we must do in order to heal.

There are super children and youth in this church family as well as the parents that are raising them. We need to do everything in our power to understand the life they are living today, and not wish for the “good old days when...”. When we work together to compromise on something rather than pick sides, we become stronger and more focused on the entire picture. I have always “expected” children to do their very best in any circumstance, and consequently never have been disappointed in the outcome.

And so, I do not say goodbye, but rather so long and thank you for making my life richer in so many ways.

My love always,

Diana



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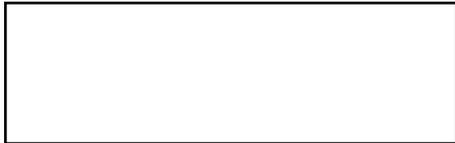
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Looking ahead to...

- 1 Cradle Roll**
- 3 Rotary Law Day Breakfast**
- 8 Mother's Day**
- 10 Clothing Center work day**
- 11 May Luncheon**
- 15 Pentecost Sunday—Communion**
- Super Soapy Sunday**
- Receive Confirmation Class**
- 18 Deadline for June-July Pres-Line Issue**
- 30 Memorial Day-Office Closed**

