



Jeri-Lynne's Jottings

Ephesians 4:15-16

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

NLT New Living Translation

Summer transitions are underway at Circleville Presbyterian Church! We “dug in” and launched our Christian education hour with a wonderful breakfast and celebration of our students and teachers! Our classrooms have been revitalized, updated, freshened and moved around a bit. The time we hold our Christian education classes has changed as well. Christian education classes now begin at 10:00 a.m. Leadership recognized the need to change the way we approach our Christian education ministry.

It has been challenging to for us as a congregation to find common ground during this time of transition but we have all agreed on one thing: we want to reach out to the community and expand our family ministry! This makes perfect sense because people consistently share with me that Circleville Presbyterian Church is like a family!

The Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Team (DSFT) is exploring new ways to approach Christian education which may seem odd, different, “not the way we did it before”, ideas that come from thinking outside of the box! The team needs you to trust them, empower them, support them and encourage them! They are working on a model of family based ministry that embraces all the generations of the church. In other words, something for everyone!

That is why on September 18 we will begin our Alternative Worship. This worship service will begin at 9:00 a.m. and it has a “target” end time of 9:45 a.m. There will be less structure and liturgy in this service with congregational singing of

praise and worship songs utilizing worship videos produced professionally. We want to leave the service as flexible as possible, open to changes and transformation as needed. There will be no need for ushers, bulletins, or liturgists. Typical order of worship will be:

Welcome and opening prayer

Call to Worship (reading of a psalm)

Songs of Praise

Word (Scripture and Sermon)

Prayers

Offering (special music-perhaps similar to signing up during the summer)

Songs of Praise

Charge and Benediction

If this sounds like your style of worship, then join us September 18!

The church, not this church in particular, but the church in general, has been working with a model of “being church” that is over 60 years old. The world has changed significantly in 60 years and we have to be aware of our conditioning. The children and youth of today are being educated differently and have grown up exposed to a world engulfed in media. Our curriculum, classrooms, teachers, resources, activities need to reflect current educational practices. We also have to recognize the need to build a base of young families in order to grow Christ’s ministry for the future. So I share a story with you.

If you put five monkeys in a cage and hang a banana on a string at the top of the cage with a ladder leading up to it, before long a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey will make an attempt with the same response -- all of the monkeys are sprayed with cold water. Keep this up for several days. At this point you shouldn’t need more cold water. If, later, another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it even though no water sprays them. Now, remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his horror, all of the other monkeys attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he

tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted. Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm. Replace the third original monkey with a new one. The new one makes it to the stairs and is attacked as well. Two of the four monkeys that beat him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs, or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey. After replacing the fourth and fifth original monkeys, all the monkeys which have been sprayed with cold water have been replaced. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs. Why not? "Because that's the way it's always been done around here.

The process is gradual and we don't even recognize that we are a part of the process. But indeed it happens. Unfortunately, we also fail to recognize the damage that has been done until it is too late. Friends it is not too late!

"We have a wonderful thing called Christian freedom. It allows us to do anything we want within the realm of God's permission. God has given us wisdom to be more than monkeys.

I chose this illustration to share because I believe we have so much more to share as a Body of Christ than the wisdom of monkeys. God has given us each such unique and wonderful gifts to be used in creative ways in response to God's leading. I pray that together each of us may open our hearts and minds to God's purpose so we do not miss out on the many possibilities for sharing Christ's love through the work and ministry of Circleville Presbyterian Church.



SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You donated more than 500 pairs of socks and underwear in various sizes, colors and styles to the youth of our community. Thank you for your generous support!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Shalom is the Hebrew word for peace and its definition is much more than the absence of war. Wholeness, tranquility, safety, health, perfection – these are but a few of the attributes of shalom but they all speak to God's plan for us to live in harmony with each other and our world.

On October 2nd, the third of the four annual PCUSA Special Offerings will be received. Each congregation may retain 25% of the offering to be used for local programs addressing the whole meaning of peace. Mission Team would welcome your suggestions if there is a local program you would like to have considered when we make our distribution.

Please continue your generous support of these "ministries that promote Christ's peace and reconciliation" in our community and beyond.

SAVE THE DATE

There will be a walk to raise funds for Mission on Saturday, September 24th at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park. St Joseph Catholic Church has invited other local churches to participate with funds raised by members to stay with their home church. More information will be available later.

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



...of Werner Schanzenbach
who died August, 2016.
This is the brother of Doris
Yamarick.

...of Pastor Steve Moulton
who died Aug. 5, 2016.
Memorial service is Sept. 3,
4:00 p.m., at Boulevard PC,
1235 Northwest Blvd.

...of David Mader who died Aug. 18, 2016.
This is the uncle of Jack Mader.

Another GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!

To everyone who helped this summer in cleaning and preparing for Sunday School! From the 50+ who helped with the initial moving of items to those who helped with painting, electrical, carpentry and technical work...there were always friendly faces and warm smiles and that is what made the preparation a success!! We are all blessed with a special church family.

Many thanks and God's blessings upon each of you,
Marcia and Carla

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Elaine Greenlee
Elinor Butler
Myron Rorick
- 5- Judy Palm
Stephanie Hess
- 7- Blaine Keckley
- 8- Hannah Johnson
Ann Shannon
Michael Vance Clark
Brian Weller
- 9- Grant Davis
- 10- Megan McAlister
- 11- Dwayne Calder
- 12- Nelson Embrey II
- 13- Judy Pontius
- 14- Laura Burchfield
Jennifer Tomlinson
- 15- David Hall
Marcella Hostetler
- 16- Alvin York
- 17- Bryson Parish
- 18- Rodney Smith
- 20- Marjorie Eggleston
- 21- Nancy Parish
- 23- Jim Lungo
Derek Sauerbrun
- 24- Andrew Smith
- 26- Keller Clouse
Mitchell McAlister
- 30- Louise Adkins
Mira Acklin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We have two special people who will be celebrating their "100th" birthday in the coming months.

Mary K May on October 11

Jasper Hedges on November 9

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-Assisted Living

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Jack Ely

Doris Luna

Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

Sharon Ryan

George Butler

Dorothy Sampson

Bill Campbell

Ron Studebaker

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Tom Dixon

Bill Fisher

Marcella Hostetler

Barb Hull

Alfred Johnson

Jimmie McKelvey

Nancy Ott

Gwen Painter

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Eric Berger

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Tom Farynowski

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

George Grigg

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

Wendy Jordan

Nathan Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Phyllis Smith (Rod Smith's mother)

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.



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Looking ahead to...

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

2 World Communion Sunday

**16 Super Soapy Sunday
Pickaway Manor Service**

19 Pres-Line Deadline for November Pres-Line

19-22 Pumpkin Show Week

21 Office Closed

