

# The BEACON

## MARCH 2020



**Newsletter for First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, Ohio**

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**MARCH 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT/Communion**

**MARCH 6 – World Day of Prayer**

**MARCH 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour  
before retiring on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.



**MARCH 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 29 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**HYGIENE KITS** – The Mission Committee is again, asking for help to acquire supplies for approximately 150 hygiene kits for fifth grade boys and girls at Urbana Elementary. Ziploc bags will be available at the West entrance during the month of March. A supply list for a boy (blue paper) or a girl (pink paper) will be included in each bag. Each kit will contain shampoo, bar soap, comb/brush, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush and dental floss. Please join in this important mission project by taking an empty gab (or two or three!) and returning it filled with supplies by Sunday, March 29. Specific sizes will be included on the supply list. Thank you for your contributions!



**PARLOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – As Midwestern Christians, most of us are not well informed about other religions in our world. We may wonder why there are so many different religions, how should we as Christians view them, and how is God at work in these other religions? Also, what is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? The Parlor Sunday School class will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths* through DVD, reading, and discussion. During the study, the core beliefs of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judasim will be compared to those of Christianity. The class has studied several of Hamilton's books previously, including *The Journey* and *Making Sense of the Bible*. The class will meet during the Sunday school hour at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor beginning Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Even though the class has already started, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN IN. Contact Paula at 937-869-8276 or [pjarter2@woh.rr.com](mailto:pjarter2@woh.rr.com). Childcare for preschoolers is available in the nursery or school-aged children may attend Sunday school.

**READERS' CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, March 26, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Judy Brooks. We will be discussing the book *We Are the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Our April book will be *Little Mercies* by Heather Gudenkauf. We invite readers to join us for interesting discussions, fellowship and refreshments

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

The season of **Lent** leads up to the most holy of Christian days, **Easter Sunday**. The forty days of **Lent** begin with **Ash Wednesday** and end at dusk the Saturday before **Easter**, not counting the Sundays in between.

**Ash Wednesday**, February 26th is the beginning of the season of **Lent**; and the service that evening (at 6:30 PM) will be rich in ritual and symbolism. In the service you will be invited to come forward to receive the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead. The words "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," from Genesis 3:19 will be said, and with these words, we will each be reminded of our mortality and, when they are combined with ashes in the sign of the cross, we will also be reminded of the hope of the resurrection. (Pastor Kazy will be available at noon on **Ash Wednesday** at the church for those who might like to receive the disposition of ashes at that time.)

The Sundays during **Lent**, like every Sunday, are considered to be weekly celebrations of the resurrection. The 5 Sunday's of **Lent** this year are: March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, & March 29th. (Pastor Kazy will be out of town on Sunday, March 15th. and Rev. Linda Niece will be filling the pulpit that day.) As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all encouraged to renew and strengthen our faith during **Lent**. This kind of preparation was practiced in the early church, so it has a huge historical significance for us. In the early church, new believers were mentored in the Christian faith the weeks before **Easter**, as they prepared for their baptisms at the **Great Easter Vigil**. Our sermon focus during **Lent** will be one that will challenge us all to ponder our daily lives and will help us all to find ways to become even closer our God.

**Palm Sunday**, April 5th, is the final Sunday of **Lent** and the beginning of **Holy Week**. On this Sunday we will commemorate the triumphant arrival of Jesus Christ in

Jerusalem, just days before he was crucified. On **Palm Sunday** we will receive palm branches, which we will use to participate in the reenactment of Jesus Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In all 4 Gospels we hear, that Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey. Those that were there that memorable day praised Jesus and threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of respect, as this was a customary practice during those times for people of great respect. Also, palm branches have been used as a symbol of peace and victory.

**Maundy Thursday**, April 9th, 2020, is the Thursday before **Easter** Sunday; and it is the day we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Our worship service that evening will be held at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall; and it will involve a simple meal of soup and bread. The Presbyterians will help in the leadership of this service.

**Good Friday**, April 10th, 2020, is the Friday before **Easter** and it is the day we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus. You may wonder why this day is called good. Sometimes we may call this Friday Holy or Black Friday, but the term *good* reminds us of Jesus' blameless, good, and pious life. Our **Good Friday** service will be an ecumenical service and will be held at noon here at First Presbyterian Church.

**Easter** Sunday, April 12th, is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. According to the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty, and an angel told her that Jesus had risen. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God, and our faith tells us that any person who chooses to follow Jesus will receive "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3) As we know through our faith, those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, so being physically resurrected to dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.

As you ponder your own **Lenten Journey**, I want to make you aware of 2 Sunday Morning Sunday School opportunities to accompany you on your journey. Both will start at 9:30 AM:

- 1) Jim & Paula Arter's Parlor Sunday School class. They will be studying Adam Hamilton's Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths through DVD, reading, and discussion. During the study, the core beliefs of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism will be compared to those of Christianity. Contact Paula at 937.869.8276 or [pjarter2@woh.rr.com](mailto:pjarter2@woh.rr.com) for more information.
- 2) Pastor Kazy will offer a 4 week Book Study of Parker Palmer's Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation beginning March 8th in the Conference Room during the Sunday School time. In this book Parker Palmer asks us, "Is the life I am living the same as the life that wants to live in me?" With this searching question, Parker Palmer will take us on an insightful and moving meditation helping us to find our one true calling. Contact Pastor Kazy at 937.570.2758 or [KazyBH@gmail.com](mailto:KazyBH@gmail.com) for more information.

You remain in my prayers as you travel this Journey of Lent ~ *Pastor Kazy*

*Happy  
Anniversary*

**Mar. 31, 2012** – Abby & Nick Smith



**Mar. 1** – Ryleigh Schafer

**Mar. 7** – Donna Finkbine

**Mar. 11** – Suzie Phillips

**Mar. 14** – Betty Faulkner

**Mar. 18** – Hailee Hard

**Mar. 24** – Bette Salzgaber, Jeri Powell

**Mar. 26** – Doug Crabill

**Mar. 30** – Jacob Circle

**Mar. 3** – Jennie Henry

**Mar. 8** – Sheila Boyer

**Mar. 12** – Kylie Detwiler

**Mar. 17** – Reagan Nawman

**Mar. 20** – Paula Arter

**Mar. 25** – Mollie Greenlee

**Mar. 28** – Ava Buell, Jenna Rittenhouse

**Mar. 31** – John Detwiler

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS:** Julia Stevens, Miriam Wertenberger, Joann Schafer, Janet Ebert, Linda Phillips, Patti Lantz, Chuck Hazelton

**RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Debbie Karl, Grace Jarvis, Richard Armstrong, Tom Reed, Bill Barrett, Jean Hidy, Kai Scott, Larry Shaffer, Carolyn Jarvis, Mackenzie Simmons, Judy Harmon, Cynthia Miller, Barrett Fitzsimmons, Gary Sr. & Vera White, Sharon Woods, Audrey Phillip, Joyce Hurst, Gerry Henry.

## **ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

Hearth & Home–Betty Woods, Rm. 6; Cynthia Spellman, Rm. 22

Oakwood Village, Springfield – Marianne Watson, Rm. 26; Betty Faulkner, Rm. 36

McAuley Center – Virginia McIntosh, Mary Jane Canan

Heartland of Bellefontaine – Ardrita Mast, Rm. 408

Bluebird Retirement Community, London – Martha Hunt, Rm. 313

Wooded Glen, Springfield – Edie Howell, Rm. 107

Urbana Place – Ina Mae Wagner, 609 E. Water St., Apt. 118, Urbana, OH 43078

Parkside Village – Al Webster, Unit 114, 730 N. Spring Rd., Westerville, OH 43082

## **REMEMBER OUR MILITARY**

Air Force: Thomas Ryan, Colin Ryan, Devin Ryan; Air Force National Guard: Wesley Wagner; Air Force Reserves: Adam Dees; Army: Alex Wilbur; Ohio Army National Guard: Rachel Ritchie, Roger Ritchie, Robert Ritchie.

# MARCH 2020 CALENDAR

Tuesday – Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – LOGOS, 4:30 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday – Prayer Group, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday & Saturday – AA, 8:30 p.m., Upstairs



Sun., Mar. 1

## **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:25 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

Wed., Mar. 4

10:00 a.m. Communications/Connection Committee

Fri., Mar. 6

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Sun., Mar. 8

## **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT/ Daylight saving time begins**

9:00 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Mar. 9

6:00 p.m. Mission Committee

6:45 p.m. Deacons

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Sun., Mar. 15

## **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:00 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Mar. 16

6:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee

Sun., Mar. 22

## **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:00 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Mar. 23

7:00 p.m. Session

Sun., Mar. 29

## **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:00 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday school

10:25 a.m. Worship Service

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**Thank you. Orders must be in by March 29.**