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OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER

by guest writer Stan Searing

Psalm 130:5 "*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his work I put my hope.*"

PNC - Update!

UPDATE. PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE.

The survey work is done, the Church Information Form is on-line, we even have the information filed with one seminary. And...four people have already responded!

We have quickly let the four applicants know we received their materials.

Next is to carefully review the information they submitted and, when appropriate, to contact references. Reading about their beliefs, experience and education will help us know more about each person.

This process of calling a new pastor has allowed us to learn more about how the EPC denomination directs and assists the process.

It is a given that our new pastor must currently be ordained or eligible for ordination. In the EPC, the governing body that approves a candidate as having appropriate training and beliefs is the Presbytery. The EPC is divided into a number of Presbyteries with more being created as the denomination grows. The Presbytery reviews the candidate going so far as to question the candidate in public at a Presbytery meeting even if the individual already serves as an EPC pastor in a different Presbytery.

This process provides great help to our congregation as we know that a higher body has deemed a final candidate as theologically appropriate. Once ordained by our Presbytery, our church will be able to install the individual.

You may find it interesting that the EPC identifies three categories of elders. First, a ruling elder is one who is currently serving on Session and has been ordained by our own church to do so. Second, 'once an elder, always an elder,' as the title continues even after the term ends. The third category is teaching elder, the EPC title for a pastor.

As Christians we believe in the power of prayer. Our committee is composed of seven regular people from our congregation. Now that the call is out to the world, and people are responding, we seven need your prayers to help us discern, to hear from God to whom we should respond. Thank you.

Each of us on the Pastor Search Committee appreciate the ideas we have heard from so many people. Please feel free to contact any of us with ideas and questions.

Sue Crossland
Stan Searing
Judy Robinson
Jane Nice
Bud Koenig
Brent Fishbaugh
Alex Straley

by perseverance the snail reached the ark.



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						I Work day at Live Oak and Paulding Me- morial cemeteries
2 Scott Long, Administrative Pastor from Findlay Communion	3	4 Christ in the Passover 7:00	5 Prayer at 8:00 Lunch by Nazarene Church at noon, supper by Pot Pouri at 5:30 followed by worship service 6:15 Choir at 7:00	6	7	8 4-H in fellowship hall at 9:00 am
9 Dan Young, retired Pastor from Findlay Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Prayer at 8:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	13 Maundy Thursday	14 Good Friday service at noon Nazarene Church Pastor Stetins speaking	15
16 Easter Sunrise Lutheran Church Pastor Thompson speaking Dan Young, retired pastor from Findlay here	17	18	19 Prayer at 8 Choir at 7:00	20 Preparing for the Harvest training 7:00	21	22 Preparing for the Harvest training 7:00
23 Dave McMaster	24	25	26	27 Preparing for the Harvest training 7:00	28	29 Preparing for the Harvest training 7:00
30 Dwayne Richardson						

April
 3rd - Joseph Reineck
 4th - Brock Verfaillie
 5th - Candi Koenig
 10th - Megan Fife
 10th - Nikki Verfaillie
 16th - Caitlin Pennington
 21st - Allie Meriwether Brown
 21st - Cleo Zeigler
 23rd - Paul Punches
 29th - Deston Verfaillie



Session Highlights

At the March 21st Session meeting, elders:

*started the meeting by hearing from Sue Paulus about a county-wide revival-type event that is being planned by IGNITE-Paulding on July 16-19. Entitled “Is This the Time?”, the event will be held at Wayne Trace High School, and has the support of 30+ area churches. Sue is our church’s contact to this group and this event. See article regarding the event and upcoming training on page 5 of this newsletter.

*heard that David Meriwether’s name has been added to the plaque of pastors who have served our church over time.

*agreed to order the newest Book of Order from EPC.

*learned that the church van has been gone over by St John Tire. Brakes and tires have been updated, and the van has been deep-cleaned inside and out.

*signed the Commitment form to prayerfully support the “Is This the Time?” event.

*approved the April schedule of pulpit supply provided by the Worship Committee; and asked them to proceed with filling the pulpit for May.

*approved use of the Fellowship Hall on Mon., May 8 by the Bargain Bin for their Annual Member Luncheon; and by the Gideons Auxiliary on Sat., Aug. 5th for a regional meeting.

*approved a bid for summer yard maintenance with Classic Land Design (Randy Bostelman) for \$65 per mowing occurrence. This company, which is the same group that does our winter snow removal, will also trim bushes and refresh mulch per agreement with the Property Committee.

*the Property Committee continues to keep many items on their radar....the new garage and its placement, tree removal on Cherry St, work needed in the cottage laundry room, security at the church, replacement of lighting with LED over time, and plaster troubles in the sanctuary. No final answers have been reached at this time.

Submitted by Barb Searing, Clerk of Session

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Celebrate His Resurrection!

Often called “white-robed apostles of hope”, lilies were found growing the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ’s agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies grew up where drops of Christ’s sweat fell to the ground in His final hours of sorrow and distress.

Because of this **Legend of the Easter Lily**, churches today surround their altars and their crosses with masses of white lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of life everlasting.

Yes, I want to contribute to the beauty of our Easter celebration by my purchase of an Easter Lily (5-7 blooms) at the cost of \$16.50 per lily.

My Name:

Contact phone number:

My Lily is in honor or memory of (please circle one):

(these lilies have to be preordered so please act as quickly as possible)

Please drop in the offering plate or leave on the secretary’s desk



Check it Out!

A plaque with David Meriwether's name and dates of service to this church has been added to the board with all the pastors from our church's beginning. This plaque hangs on the wall facing Caroling Street.

Help from Gateway Church



Scott Long (left) and Dan Young (right) are Presbyterian pastors who have been here to help us during our time of transition. Both are returning in April.



Pictured above are Julie's daughter, Danielle, Julie Solis wearing a cap and Cindy Koenig.



Hands of Love Reaching Out!

Martha Punches sent 21 hats she had made along with me to Julie's mid February. Martha gives locally but was willing to share her gift of love to reach to IL. Julie was taking radiation treatments and realized the hat and gift basket had been empty for a couple weeks. Julie made 3 hats and I made 2 , giving us a total of 26 donated!! Julie's daughter, Danielle also contributed to the project with her beautiful gift of writing a little prayer card with each hat.

Just a reminder that God is using our church's Hands of Love to reach and encourage many! Cindy Koenig

CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

Donations have been very generous since we entered the season of Lent. Thanks for remembering to bring items when you attend the Wednesday lunches and suppers.

Please keep these supplies coming:

Hygiene items for men, women and children
Toilet paper
Dish soap and laundry soap
Canned fruit of all kinds

We have been blessed to be a blessing to others

Becky Fishbaugh



Women's Circle

Tuesday March 7th, 7:00 pm,
Fellowship Hall

We will continue our book study,

Lesson two
Jesus Calling-Experiencing God's Presence
by Sarah Young.

Caring & sharing church at 7:00 pm
Everyone is welcome to come for a time of prayer,
looking into God's Word and for fellowship.

Cindy Koenig

Uniting in Prayer: with Anticipation for the Spiritual Future of Paulding County

You are invited to pray with others for the planning of the upcoming evangelistic revival:
Thursday April 6th at 7:00 at Paulding County Senior Center.

Planning is taking place for an Evangelistic outreach taking place July 16-19 with guest speakers, music, a community choir and more.

As part of the program, named *Is This the Time?" a Beautiful Feet Celebration*, training in evangelistic outreach or *Preparing for the Harvest* will take place in our fellowship hall on Thursday April 20, 27 and May 4 or Saturday April 22, 29, and

May 6. The same training is offered on Thursdays and Saturdays. This 6 hour training is free of charge and valuable to all of us as Christians. You may register online by going to

IGNITE! facebook page or
BeautifulFeetromans1015

As a church, we have talked about knowing how to evangelize for years. This is an opportunity to prepare ourselves.



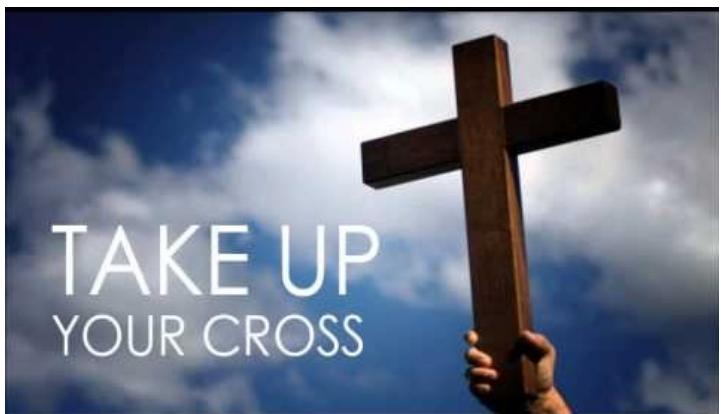
Fellowship During Lent



Here are some really nice pictures of what is happening in the fellowship hall during Lent. One of our youngest evening attendees is pictured above; Demi is the Granddaughter of Rodger and Betty Lane.

Below on the left is Mike Zeedyke who spoke on a Wednesday evening on the work of Youth for Christ. Roger Emerson is pictured on the right as he delivers his noon Lenten meditation on *Take Up Your Cross*.





Lent 2017

Lunches:

March 1 - First Presbyterian -
speaker is Vinny Kroterfield

March 8 - Divine Mercy
speaker is Dwayne Richardson

March 15 - United Methodist -
speaker is Roger Emerson

March 22 - St. Paul Lutheran -
speaker is Karen Stetins

March 29 - First Christian - speaker tbd

April 5 - Church of the Nazarene -
speaker Jeremy Thompson

Evening Meals:

March 1 - the Women's Group, Ash Wednesday speaker
is Becky Fishbaugh. Communion is part of the service

March 8 - Deacons

March 15 - Choir

March 22 - Session

March 29 - Sunday School

April 5 - Pot Pouri (we worked it out, look for article)

Scheduled Sunday Speakers during Lent:

Sunday March 5 - Scott Long, Administrative Pastor at
Gateway Church in Findlay, from Pandora

Sunday March 12 - Dan Young, retired pastor from
Findlay

Sunday March 19 - David McMaster

Sunday March 26 - Pastor Dwayne Richardson

Financial Tidbits:

In February we sent:

\$1,100.00 to NOCAC for
Warm Hearts/ Warm Homes

\$1,000.00 to the Caring and Sharing Food
Pantry

\$1,000.00 to the Bargain Bin Building Fund

\$2,600.00 love gift to Pastor Dave and Patty

And paid several guest speakers, fee plus mileage

Carol Razo, Treasurer

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Sunday April 2 - Scott Long

Sunday April 9 - Palm Sunday, Dan Young

Sunday April 19 - Easter, Dan Young

Special Days and Times:

Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil 7:00 to 5:30

Tuesday April 4 - Christ in the Passover (here)

Thursday April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service (here)

Friday April 14 - Good Friday Service; noon at the
Nazarene Church with Pastor Karen Stetins delivering
the message

Sunday April 16 - Easter Sunrise; 7:00 am at
St. Paul Lutheran Church with Jeremy Thompson
delivering the message

Sunday April 16 - our Easter Celebration here at
10:30, Praise singing starting at 10:15





This is my second project for FCCLA and you have helped me with both.

Thank you SO MUCH!

Last year your donations went to Hands of Hope and my project went to state. This year your donations are helping with
HERITAGE FARMS RESCUE CENTER

My dog, Winston, came from Heritage Farms last May for my birthday and that is when I started planning for this project. Thanks to your help with the bake sale and donations, as well as the kids at school purchasing brownies that I continued to bake, there is over \$450.00 to donate to the Rescue Center.



To follow current news online from our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), go to epc.org; select EPConnections from the options list.

If you would like the information that appears there to be delivered to your email, scroll to the very bottom and find the "FOLLOW" button in the bottom righthand corner.

Needed for our Last Lenten Supper

This supper will be April 5th.

Our speaker that evening is Dwight Stoller.

What we had previously labeled our Pot Pouri Supper is now turning into another Italian meal. The choir had a lot of sauce left so we will fix casseroles to use it up. In addition to the casseroles, we will need:

Salads, bread and desserts

We will also need volunteers for prep and to clean up. Look for the sign up sheet in its usual place at the top



At annual Chamber of Commerce awards. Susan and Phyllis Crossland receive Milestone award for 20 years at Bittersweet Inn.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards

Our members are a vital part of our community. Thank you, ladies, for taking the church outside of its walls and to the people.

At the annual Chamber of Commerce gathering: Rhonda Smalley - outstanding volunteer!!!



ELDERS

Needing or wanting a home visit? Want to meet at church to discuss something? The elders are available for either of those things! Please feel free to reach out to any of them to make a request. Ruling Elders are: Barb Searing, Phyllis Lutz, Dave Nice, Ed Cline, Rhonda Smalley, Matt Reineck.



Recycling...we are grateful to Becky and Rick Craft for stepping forward to be responsible for recycling. They will keep an eye on the kitchen tubs and the paper box in the secretary's office and act accordingly. THANK YOU, CRAFTS!

A Season of Refreshing: prayer for our new pastor

The Wednesday morning time of prayer came up with a list of suggestions for prayer for our new pastor. They are praying for a “season of refreshing” for our church according to Acts 3:19-20.

Praying for our new pastor:

1. A balanced life according to Jesus' model of growth and maturity (Luke 2:52). That the new pastor attends continuing ed. workshops and seminars with other spiritual leaders/pastors and led by professionals
2. An increased passion for the Word of God
3. That God would give this pastor strength to leave the position currently held and initiate love for the new pastorate
4. The God would prepare this pastor to shepherd our church through the trials and blessings he/she has faced and is currently facing
5. Pray for the pastor's family: stability, agreement, clearly defined roles for support and encouragement as the head of the family
6. Pray for a relational style of ministry so that beginning new relationships within our church will start off in the right way
7. Pray that our new pastor is community minded and becomes involved in the outreach of our church beyond the building



Thank You from the House of Love

Picture on the left are Pastor Dwayne and Brenda Richardson as well as others from their congregation on February 19 when House of Love used our fellowship hall to host a birthday celebration for both Brenda and Dwayne.

Included in the celebration was a baby shower for Richardson's new grandbaby born earlier that same week.

A good time was had by all, and the church expresses its gratitude for the use of our facility.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to this wonderful event.



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Christ in the Passover

First Presbyterian Church

114 W. Caroline Street, Paulding OH

Tuesday April 4th at 7:00 P.M.

A free will offering will be taken

Call 419-399-2438 for more information



"Christ in the Passover" is a great time for church members to invite their Jewish or unbelieving friends to attend. Oftentimes "pre-saved" people are open to coming to a service like this if they know they won't be pressured. One approach might be to encourage the people at the church to let their friends know that "even if you don't agree with the message, you might find it interesting to hear how the Last Supper was a Passover Seder". ("Seder" is the name for the Passover meal and it literally means "order", because the Passover follows a very specific order of service). Perhaps you could let the people of your congregation know about this special Jews for Jesus service, and they can promote this wonderful event

I'm looking forward to meeting you and I want to thank you for partnering with Jews for Jesus so together we can reach the Jewish people with the only hope for peace – Jesus the Messiah.

(Part of a note from Peter Blitshteyn, minister to Russian Jews in New York City and our presenter on April 4th.)



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Worship Service 10:30
Praise Music: 10:15
Sunday School 9:00

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In All Things, Charity.