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## The Cornerstone News

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### OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER

This prayer was written by Marilyn Fry; loving wife of Tom and mother of Brett: a brilliant teacher and a former member of First Presbyterian. She began writing this about 40 years ago when Brett was around 4 years old. She updated and changed it many times until her death in 2010. Those of us with only daughters have to change a word or a phrase now and then, but the sentiments are certainly the same.

#### This Mother's Prayer by Marilyn Fry

My son, may I love you for what you are and not for what I might like you to be. May your dreams be yours and my dreams mine lest my dreams become your nightmares. May I be satisfied with my life so I can let you be satisfied with yours.

May I help you know that success is not always victory. Neither is failure always defeat. May I help you understand that God created man fallible. We should not despise our human condition. We need to accept ourselves and our weaknesses and accept Christ as our salvation.

May I help you get to recognize your enemies. Your most treacherous and devious enemies are within you. No man can destroy you in the way you can destroy yourself.

May I not endeavor to make your life so easy that you become too weak to stand alone. No man can stand steadily on rock which has been made too smooth. May I not make your life so difficult or your burden so great that you become unable to stand at all. Few men have the courage to face taking the roughened road that seems to lead only to bottomless places.

May I be ever aware that it is my responsibility to prepare you for separation from me. This is very difficult

for me for I would like to forever hold you to me, but this is not as God intended. In the end each man is responsible for his own self. As a mother, I hope and pray that I can help prepare you to carry that responsibility which rightfully must be yours to bear.

May I help you realize that love does begin with self-love. Self-love is not conceit. It is humility. When you know humility, you can love others as you love yourself and, above all, you can love God. Do not expect to know humility at all times. This is beyond the nature of man. Still, strive for it, for at those times when you are able to know something of it, you will know the ultimate of peace and fulfillment. Cherish this for it can sustain you when all else fails.

In loving, love life. Life is a gift from God. In living, do not fear death. Death is also a gift from God. It is not an end, but a new beginning.

I know that I may deny you many things. I pray that I will never deny you love. If I ever do, try to realize that I will first have ceased to love myself. Pity me if you must. Pray for me if you will, but do not try to join me in my self-made prison. No man can find himself by getting lost in someone else.

You are born of man but you are also born of God. God is love. Follow after love. Pursue it for it is good and lasting. Love is the very heart of all human value. It is love that gives life meaning and purpose. You are my child and I do love you. You are also God's child and God loves you always. God grant that I may help you grow according to His will.



# May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Prayer for the community and for <i>Is This the Time?</i> 7:00 at the Senior Center	<b>3</b> First Wednesday meal (5:30) and service (6:15) Choir at 7:00	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer 7-7 Preparing for the Harvest training 7:00 PNC 7:00 cottage	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Preparing for the Harvest training 9:00
<b>7</b> Dan Young, retired Pastor from Findlay	<b>8</b> Bargain Bin annual meeting and lunch 10-2	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prayer of our church at 8:00 am in Annex Choir practice 7:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Delta Kappa Gamma dinner 6-9	<b>13</b> 4-H in fellowship hall at 9:00 am
<b>14</b> Pastor Dwayne Richardson Mother's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Prayer at 8:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> "Come & See" Preparation for <i>Is This the Time?</i> Dwight Stoller	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Prayer at 8 Choir at 7:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Dave McMaster Graduation Sunday	<b>29</b> Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## May Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> - Martha PUNCHES  
7<sup>th</sup> - Mike Pennington  
7<sup>th</sup> - Susan Kaysor  
9<sup>th</sup> - Josh Pennington  
12<sup>th</sup> - Reba Hurtig

15<sup>th</sup> - Erin Karlstadt

16<sup>th</sup> - Brenda Clark  
19<sup>th</sup> - Erica Smalley Temple  
20<sup>th</sup> - Brody Verfaillie  
21<sup>st</sup> - Sue Crossland  
21<sup>st</sup> - Patty Meriwether

23<sup>rd</sup> - Jace Crossland

23<sup>rd</sup> - Abigail Katherine Haas  
25<sup>th</sup> - Bud Koenig

## May Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> - Jeff and Brenda Clark  
5<sup>th</sup> - Bill and Jillene McMichael  
29<sup>th</sup> - Ed and Arlene Cline

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please get the correct information to the office ASAP. Thanks!

## Session Highlights

At the April 18th meeting, elders had a lengthy visit with Dan and Alex Straley from the Property committee. **Property topics covered and approved were:**

\*3 ash trees will be removed, and 4 trees will be trimmed along Cherry St., and an additional tree will be removed from the lot where the garage will be placed. (\$1200 quote) Also on the subject of trees, one replacement tree will be placed in our Williams St parkway as part of the US 127 project last summer.

\*the laundry/bath room in the cottage is being restored. The quote covers new subfloor; removal of the shower stall; extension of the countertop; removal, painting and reinstallation of the cabinets; use of the same sink and stool; improved insulation; and a plumbing access door. (\$7500 budgeted + linoleum)

\*a camera and buzzer will be installed by the double doors on Caroline St. for security purposes. It is being explored whether an intercom can also be included. (\$1500 budgeted)

\*the replacement garage was discussed at length. Session received and supports the concept proposed by the committee for a garage with a pavilion and a porch. This is subject to review by the finance committee, and then to an informational congregational meeting, which is now set for Sun., May 7th after worship. Ahead of the meeting, a display of drawings will be in the hallway by the coat racks, and Dan and Alex will be available to answer questions.

\*Cleaning of the fellowship hall carpet was also covered. Session received this report as well as 2 estimates, and has delayed a decision on this item.

### Elders also:

\*learned of a coming change in the per member asking of the EPC. Over three years, it will move from \$23 per member to 1% of our operating budget. This appears to actually be a savings for our budget.

\*heard from the deacons that one call was made to a sick/hospitalized member during March. Brent Fishbaugh is the 'visiting deacon' for April.

\*approved the pulpit schedule for May as follows: 5/7 Dan Young; 5/14 Pastor Dwayne Richardson; 5/21 Dwight Stoller ("Come and See" Sunday); 5/28 Dave McMaster. The worship committee received approval to invite Pastor Dan Young to preach throughout June, if it is acceptable to the Presbytery.

\*heard that the PNC has received 3 applications, and has had encouraging interviews with 2 of those people via Skype. They continue to meet every other Thursday evening.

Submitted by Barb Searing, Clerk of Session



## Looking for the Perfect Pastor:

"The Perfect Pastor" preaches in exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly but never hurts anyone's feeling. He works from 8:00 am to midnight and is also the church janitor.

"The Perfect Pastor" makes \$100.00 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books and donates \$80.00 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years experience.

"The Perfect Pastor" has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he spends most of his time with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls a day on his people and is always in the office.

If your pastor doesn't measure up, simply send this to six others parishes that are tired of their pastor.

Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church on the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors—and one of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its former pastor back in less than three months.

(Folks, this is a joke submitted by a member of our congregation to help lighten the mood during the search. Enjoy and



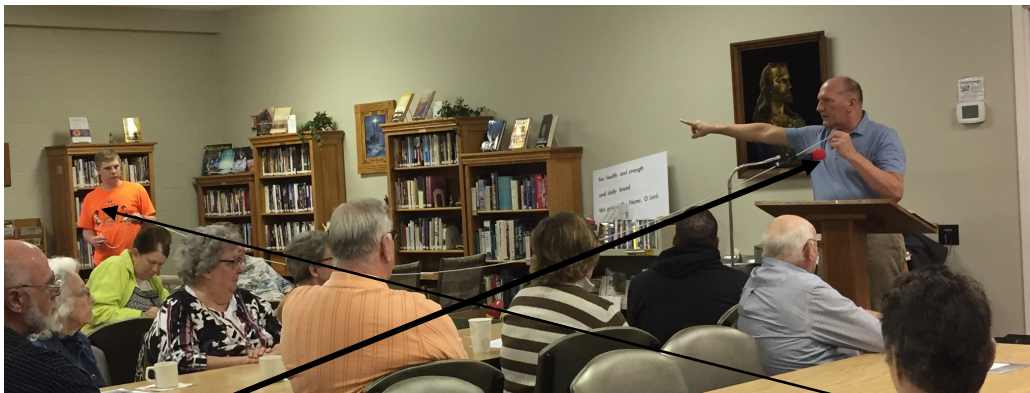
The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet regularly. To date we have received 5 applications. Of these, we have skype interviewed with two. We are checking references and a more detailed follow up on one of the candidates. We are also extending our search by contacting other seminaries to post our available position. Please keep praying that God wo;; guide us to the person He has chosen for us—in His time.

## Christ in the Passover



We hosted Jews for Jesus in a Christ in the Passover presentation on Tuesday April 4th with over 50 people in attendance. In the above picture, the presenter Peter requested that our candelabras be moved into the picture as they reminded him so much of some that had been in the synagogue where he worshiped as a young man in Russia. As a Jewish man ministering to Russian Jews in New York City, he has many stories to tell.

The Jewish explanation of the Passover and our Communion Table is something we should all hear at some time in our Christian life.



Above, Dwight Stoller demonstrates our timeline into eternity with Joe Reineck holding the far end of the rope.



Above, Dave McMaster brings us a message about picking up the cross after a supper in April. We thank all of the speakers that went out of their way to help us prepare for the Resurrection.



To the left, Doug Roop interacts with Cleo Zeigler following his presentation for Hands of Hope. Our missions program supports Hands of Hope.

## More Speakers During Lent

**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:  
Tuesday May 2 at 7:00 at Paulding County Senior Center.

Planning is taking place now for the event taking place July 16-19, 2017:

Paulding County Ohio churches are uniting to conduct our first [Beautiful Feet Celebration](#).

To be held at the  
[Wayne Trace High School](#)  
in Paulding County Ohio;  
[4915 US 127; Haviland, OH.](#)  
7:00 PM

Nightly worship provided by the Beautiful Feet Worship team, led by Miranda Harris.

This evangelistic outreach takes place July 16-19 with guest speakers, music, a community choir and more.



As a church, we have talked about knowing how to evangelize for years. This is an opportunity to step outside the box and share our faith.



Check with the Women's Group to verify the meeting.

**Circle**

Tuesday May 2nd, 7:00 pm,  
Fellowship Hall

We will continue our book study,

Lesson two

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

Everyone is welcome to come for a time of prayer, looking into God's Word and for fellowship.



**Wednesday May 3, 2017**

**Supper at 5:30**

**A celebration for the men and women participating in Judge Beckman's Drug Court**

**Service at 6:15**

Our final supper of the season will be hosted by Dave and Jane Nice. The participants and their families are invited to supper and then they will share their experiences with us. Come prepared to hear some stories of bravery and courage. God is at work in our county!



To my church family: Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and concerns over the last few months. My knee is finally healing and the wound is closed. However, it is still bandaged and I continue therapy 3x weekly. Previously I asked for prayer for patience. One of my therapists last week said I certainly have been patient through all this. WOW! Prayers answered! The snail will reach the ark! Thanks again.

*Sue Crossland*





## Ladies Do Lunch Program for this summer:

Thursday June 15th at 11:00 am:

We will be going to Linda's Glass Gallery to do an alcohol ink painting on a 12x12 tile. Cost is \$15 and she will provide the tile and all supplies necessary for us to create a unique masterpiece. She is located at 511 W 2nd Street in Defiance. Her shop does stained glass glasses, has homemade pottery from a local artist along with some unique and beautiful things. Once we have finished our project we will go to Cabin Fever for lunch and delicious coffee and desserts.

Thursday July 20th at 11:00 am:

We will be going to the Wassenberg in Van Wert. We will need to bring an empty wine bottle and Matt (Rhonda's son in law) will have corks with batteries for the string of lights to put in the bottles. We could eat lunch at the new Bistro and maybe even browse the antique store. What fun! Minimal cost involved for the lighting fixtures.

Thursday August 10 at noon:

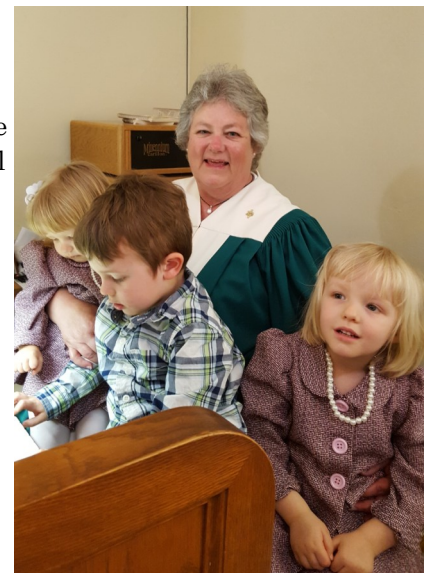
We will be doing a potluck luncheon at church. Let's all bring the recipes so we can share. Following lunch (1:00) I have invited Geniece Shuff Schaber from Funky Junk in the Country to teach us how to milk paint. She will be supplying all supplies and the vintage inspired tool box for us to paint on for the minimal fee of \$15. She will teach us the difference between glazing and waxing. She has seven spaces at Maumee Antique Mall and one space at LouisiAvenue in Perrysburg where she sells her refurbished pieces of furniture and objects that she lends her talents to. She also teaches milk painting classes at Monclova Community Center.

(Thanks to Darla Cline for putting these programs together)

## Some Photos from Easter...



Big Jace Crossland on the left, laughs with Little Jace Calame next to him. Little Jace's mom, Candi, is on the right.



Sue Crossland, our organist, holds Marie (on the left) and Noel Constien (on the right) with Jake Gutman in the middle following the Easter service.



Becky Craft and her daughter smile for the camera following a wonderful Easter service.



## Senior Olympics and Old Friends

Pictured are Herb Monroe, Dick Paulus and Joe DeMuth after their bowling event in the Senior Olympics in Toledo in approximately 1998 or 1999.



## Bargain Bin Hosts After Hours

Members of our congregation attending the Business After Hours were Phyllis Crossland, Barb Searing, Stan Searing and Sue Crossland. Rhonda Smalley, President of the Bargain Bin, was encouraged by the outpouring from the community.



## Short Trip to New Jersey

Dick and Sue Paulus, along with their daughter Pam Leever and their grandson Adam Leever, visited their granddaughter Danielle Morrison and her family in Pitman NJ in March.

Pictured are Quinn Morrison, 2 years plus, great granddaughter, and Adam Leever, 10 year old grandson. This vacation left very few photo ops for some reason.



The 66th Annual  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
Thursday, May 4

Theme: FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE!  
Daniel 9:19

Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!

There will be a twelve hour PRAYER VIGIL in the Sanctuary from 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. that day. Please take an hour to pray for our nation.

At 8:00 am, there will be a gathering of local Christians on the courthouse lawn in the gazebo. Pastors and other church representatives will read scripture and lead in prayer for government, military, media, business, education, the church and families throughout our great nation. We are so blessed to have the freedom to share out faith this way.

## Update From the Shumachers

(Ron in front row on the left)



### Ethno Arts Workshop (April 10-12)

They say “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Sometimes an art form—a musical performance, a drama presentation, a beautiful painting, a poem—can express the Good News in a new and dynamic way that captures the attention and imagination of the audience. Of course, the time will come when the message of Christ needs to be clearly delivered in the form of the spoken word based on reading and applying scripture.

God has given each people group ways of expression that they uniquely enjoy. This past week I (Ron) joined an EthnoArts team from our mission agency that conducted a workshop among the Manobo people to whom we have ministered throughout the years. The Manobo people already have the New Testament scriptures in their language, and many of you have partnered with us through your prayers and financial support to enable that to happen. But they also appreciate hearing of new approaches to spread the Good News of Christ to their fellow Manobos who are not yet believers.

As the twenty workshop participants learned how they can express their faith in new artistic forms, they became increasingly excited. In the three days we met together, they have already started to come up with songs, drama presentations, dances, art work, and even a media presentation to express their faith in Christ in their own language. They formed a committee to help review and refine future presentations and one group expressed an interest in having presentations in each Manobo village.

Again, we appreciate your prayer for work on *The Jesus Film* particularly concerning the following: Safe travel on a less familiar route which hopefully will be a bit shorter and less muddy, Fluent readers who will render the 26 “voice acting” parts with appropriate expression, Proper functioning of the recording equipment, Good weather, Cooperation of the whole community as they work together to produce and later use this film, Good visits and interactions with many old and new Manobo friends, God’s peace, joy, and blessing.

(Watch for a viewing of *The Jesus Film* sometime in the near future here at our church. The Worship Committee has a copy of the movie and it is on our list of things to get some soon.)



Hey Mom!

Just helping change a light bulb!



Jacob Fife is at the top of the ladder changing the bulb in the pulpit light as his dad, Jeremy, stands at the bottom and Bud Koenig looks on.



## Barb Searing Visits the Futey Family in NM

Well, Barb is next to the shortest now. Enjoying a Grandma New Mexico visit with Gretchen's family for a few days.

Luke on left, Leah, Barb and Elle in front.

## CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY

Please keep these supplies coming:  
Hygiene items for men, women and children  
Toilet paper  
Dish soap and laundry soap

Canned fruit of all kinds

**THINK Spring Cleaning!**

This month cleaning supplies of all kinds are needed.

Everything from table tops to toilet bowls need a "clean sweep" this time of year.

When you discover cleaning items on sale, please buy one for yourself and one to donate to the Food Pantry.

Thanks so much for your generosity.

*We have been blessed to be a blessing to others. Becky Fishbaugh*

## Hairspray!

The Joe we never knew! Pictured is Joe Reineck in full costume and makeup for his portrayal of Edna Turnblad in the Paulding High School presentation of Hairspray!

What a wonderful job, Joe!





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

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty.  
In All Things, Charity.

