

The Cornerstone News

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Thoughts from Ian...

Does your family have the tradition of giving Easter baskets? Did you get one this year? There

seems to be a lot of misinformation about Easter traditions in recent years. For example, there have been recent attempts to trace Easter baskets from a thousands year old tradition of Eostre worship, an Anglo-Saxon god. Because of this, some Christians shy away from Easter eggs and baskets in fear of participating in a pagan ritual. The true history of Easter eggs and baskets could not be further from this far-flung story.

Dr. Beth Allison Bar, a history professor at Baylor university, explains "The most direct historical link to Easter eggs, however, is not ancient Middle Eastern practices but rather Medieval European practices. Medieval French scholar Terence Scully explains this well in *The Art of Cookery in the Middle Ages*. 'Because eggs were one of the most important foodstuffs covered by the dietary injunctions of Lent...the end of this long period of purification and abstinence...was celebrated by a blessing of eggs in church. These eggs, stained and gaudily decorated with the happiest of bright colours in anticipation of their return to the dining board, were exchanged as gifts among

friends and relatives; quite naturally they became known as Easter Eggs.'"

For Christians, gifts on Easter are in celebration of the end of Lent and the joy of Easter. Gifts are a wonderful way to show, in a small way, the greatest gift that has ever been given: *Salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection!*

You may not have received an Easter basket this year, but God has given you gifts that are available because of Jesus' death and resurrection. As I have said, God has given you the gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8) and you have received even more! Did you know that God has personally given each believer gifts? When you were brought into God's family the Holy Spirit gave you *spiritual gifts!*

1 Corinthians 12: 1, Paul practically says "Listen up! Pay attention! You have been given spiritual gifts!" These are supernatural talents and abilities that are given to you for the encouragement and health of God's people.

As Bruce Bugbee says in his book on spiritual gifts,

What you do best in the body of Christ, we should be aware of these gifts (1 Corin. 12:1), we are expected to use them (1 Timothy 4:14), and we are responsible to steward these gifts (1 Peter 4:10). God knows his people and what gifts they need. He has not given you your gift of hospitality, helping, or teaching as an unnecessary tack on to the church. God has given you your gifts because they are needed.

As we end our Easter celebrations, finish eating our chocolates, and put away our Easter baskets, let us remember that God has given us the best gifts. He has given us salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ. And he has given us spiritual gifts for the good of the church. Let us steward them well.

(If you would like to know more about these gifts of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to join our Sunday school class at 9:00am on Sunday morning. We are currently in a series on the Holy Spirit)



May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 First Wednesday meal at 5:30, Service at 6:15 Choir 7:00	2 National Day of Prayer N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 Choir 7:00	9 N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	10 Drug Court Graduation lunch	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Choir 7:00	16 N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	17	18
19 Joe Reineck open house in the fellowship hall	20	21 Session 7:00	22	23 N.A. meeting at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge	24	25 Kristen Razo open house at their home
26 Graduation	27 Memorial Day	28 Writers' Group 7-9 in fellowship hall	29	30	31	1 (June) Erin Karlstadt open house in the fellowship hall
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please get the correct information to the office ASAP. Thanks!						

May Birthdays

2nd - Martha Punches

7th - Mike Pennington

7th - Susan Kaysor

12th -Reba Hurtig

15th -Erin Karlstadt

16th -Brenda Clark

19th - Erica Smalley Temple

20th -Brody Verfaillie

21st - Sue Crossland

23rd -Jace Crossland

23rd - Abigail Katherine Haas

25th - Bud Koenig

I have no May anniversaries on the list.

Session Highlights

At the April 16th Session meeting, (one of the briefest regular meetings in recent history!), elders:

-approved the baptism of Henry Joseph Ferguson, son of Ian and Alissa Ferguson, on either Sunday, May 26 or Sunday, June 2, depending on family plans.

-approved Pastor Ian to attend the annual General Assembly meeting of the EPC in Englewood (Denver), CO on June 17-22. Ian has applied for a EPC scholarship that helps pastors of small churches to attend. Our church is also eligible to send three commissioners to General Assembly. The remaining financial arrangements will be set at the May meeting.

-were told about the recently-filed EPC Annual Statistical Report by Clerk Barb Searing

-learned that, although we approved the use of our Fellowship Hall for seven weeks during April and May for the PROSPER program through the OSU Extension Service, no families had signed up to attend the program, so no meals are planned at this time.

-assigned elder Larry Fishbaugh to serve Maundy Thursday communion by intinction with Pastor Ian; with Larry, Matt, Rhonda and Kenny serving on May 5 (the first Sunday in May).

-were reminded of Good Friday service at our church at noon (Pastor Dwayne speaking) and Sunrise service at House of Love at 7 am Easter morning (Pastor Ian speaking), with a light breakfast to follow in the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.

-approved use of the Fellowship Hall by Drug Court on Fri., May 10, 10 am - 2 pm, for a lunch to celebrate 2 more graduates. This is separate and in addition to the gathering for Drug Court 'Alumni' on Friday, April 26.

-heard that Pastor Ian attended a couple of community revitalization meetings, one for churches and one at Kiwanis, when outside resource person Deb Brown was in town.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Searing, clerk

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Ladies Do Lunch

Watch for info on this summer's Ladies Do Lunch events for June, July and August. In the past couple of years, each summer month has offered one date for lunch at a local restaurant, and one date that is more of a 'field trip'. Not sure what the Women's Board will cook up for this year, but we bet it will be great! Watch the weekly bulletin and the church Facebook page as June gets closer.



FFA Elects Officers for Next School Year

Sydney Reineck has been elected to serve as vice-president of the Paulding FFA for the school year 2019-2020.

Congratulations Sydney!



Our Ushers in Training

Darwin Cline (already trained!) works with Tucker and Briggs Stoller while Darla Cline (also trained) takes Bristol Stoller—hidden by mic stand—to light the candles.



Come Pray!

Our sanctuary will be open for prayer from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, as will the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church. Please pray for our nation to “Love One Another.”



Stars from Shady Acres Nursing Home

While searching through photos last night I ran across the picture above. These ladies presented programs for class reunions a few years ago, spinning tales about the seniors living at Shady Acres. The odd thing was that all of the people living at Shady Acres had the same names as those in the class of 1952, who they were entertaining. Those enjoying the laughter and music at the reunion of the class of 1952 included Dick Paulus and Josephine Holtsberry.

(Sorry Rhonda Smalley and Sue Crossland. I just had to do it!)



April's Wednesday Night Meal

This is just a little of what you miss if you stay home from Wednesday night meals. Those attending were treated to Joe Reineck's 18th birthday celebration.



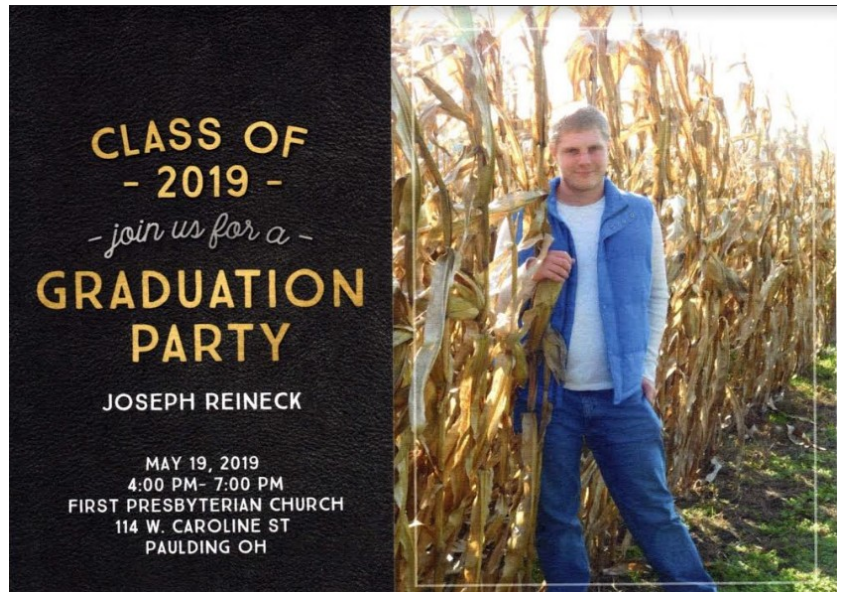
You are Invited!

We have three graduating seniors, all having an open house that you are invited to attend.

We can celebrate with
Joe Reineck, Sunday May 19 from 4:00 to 7:00
in the church fellowship hall

Kristen Razo, Saturday May 25 from 2:00 to
7:00 at her home (17374 US 127, Cecil OH)

Erin Karlstadt, Saturday June 1 from 1:00 to
4:00 in the church fellowship hall



Graduation Sunday

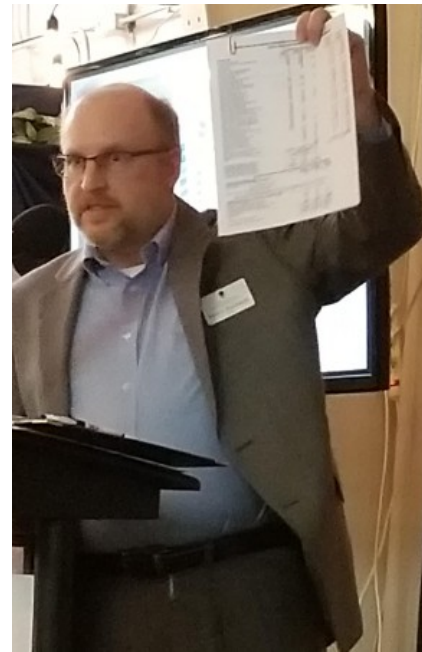
Paulding High School graduation is Sunday May 26th. Our seniors will be recognized and given Bibles from the Monroe Bible fund during the service that morning. Please come to honor their accomplishments.
(this will be our first early service of the summer, 9:15 am)



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. ... Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. This year be sure to thank the men and women in our congregation who have served our nation to give us the freedoms that we enjoy daily.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS

I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.




Economic Development Annual Meeting

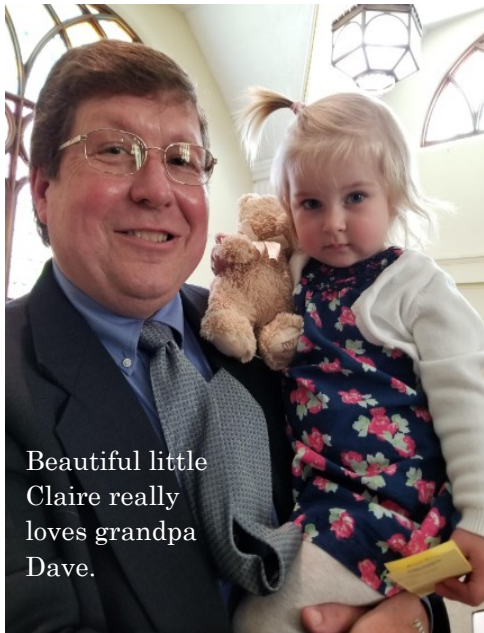
Matt Reineck gives financial information to members at the Economic Development annual meeting. In early April.



Arlene Cline, just recently home from Florida, holds her great granddaughter. "How sweet it is!!! My first time meeting Natalie Rose, 7 weeks old."

Love Through the Generations

FINANCIAL TIDBITS FROM MARCH		
Designated Gifts:		
Amount	Purpose	
\$100.00	Gideons	
\$100.00	In memory of Monica Hogan	
\$50.00	5Q events	
\$590.00	Bricks N Boiler Fund	
\$12.00	Christian education for SS books	
\$475.00	Women's group for play tickets	
\$36.00	Per member asking	
\$350.00	Weaver Camp Fund	
Notable Expenditures:		
Amount	Payee	Purpose
\$300.00	Gideons International	Special offering
\$332.00	Classic Land Deign	Snow removal February
\$888.40	Metalink Technologies	Annual internet service
\$100.00	Matthew Ferguson	Guest speaker fee
\$1,020.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators	Ron & Donna Schumacher
\$1,020.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators	Brian & Beth Schwartz
\$1,020.00	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Benjamin & Monica Bailey
\$1,020.00	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Tim & Karen Mindling
\$1,020.00	ABWE	Don & Karen Taber
\$1,020.00	Village Missions	Chris Cleland
\$75.99	JW Pepper	Easter music for choir
\$122.85	Martha Punches	Prayer shawl ministry supplies
\$158.64	Cindy Koenig	Prayer shawl & other supplies
Information from Treasurer,		
Carol Razo		



Beautiful little Claire really loves grandpa Dave.



The Ferguson family with Samuel's birthday cake. Happy second birthday Samuel!



Four month old Andrew Constein, Phyllis' youngest great grandchild



Carter Crossland beside the beautifully decorated cross.



Jill and Dan Straley dressed in their Easter smiles



Autumn Temple smiling amid the flowers at the cross.



Happy Easter from our little two year old group: Samuel Ferguson, Claire Coughlin, and Logan Crossland (Poor little Logan felt terrible, coming down with a cold)



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

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