



TOWER TIDINGS

March 2018

Dear Friends,

The month of March finds us journeying more deeply into the season of Lent. As a part of this journey, I invite you to the Lenten Soup Suppers each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. During that hour, we enjoy delicious soups prepared by the various leadership teams of our congregation and then a brief time of worship.

The last week in March is Holy Week, and we will have a 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday soup supper in Bruch Hall followed by a communion service in the sanctuary. The Good Friday service in the Chapel this year has been moved to 6:00 p.m. without a meal being served. Easter morning will be celebrated first at sunrise with a 7:00 a.m. service at Secret Arboretum and again at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. I look forward to the fellowship and worship we will share together in the weeks to come.

Finally, many of us spent a splendid evening the last Saturday of February as we attended the Junior and Senior High Youth Italian Dinner. Our young people and their parents prepared a delicious meal that was served with attentive distinction and accompanied by beautiful music. Thanks goes to all of them and to Amy Baxstrom for coordinating this event. I offer thanks as well to the members of our generous congregation, who financially support the work of our youth ministry.

Blessings and Peace,

David

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Resource Development Committee!

The RDM wants you to know that we are finalizing the stewardship campaign and working hard to create the church budget for 2018.

Again, hats off to the great job that the individual ministry teams have done in 2017 controlling costs and finding alternative funding for certain projects. The final 2017 financial reports are available now and copies can be obtained from the church office or ask anyone on the RDM to send you one.

It appears that the 2018 stewardship campaign fell about 2.5% short, or \$11,500, from the previous year. As we all know, our church takes a certain amount of funds to maintain our wonderful building and our priceless ministry and programming.

If you haven't completed a 2018 stewardship card, it's not too late! If you have completed a card, thank you and please consider increasing your contribution for 2018. Stewardship cards are available in the office and lobby counter.

The Resource and Development Committee:

Sarah Baker, Dana Brooks, Stuart Miller, Laura Neill, David Rice, and Tom Rumbaugh

ADULT EDUCATION IN MARCH AT 9:15 A.M.

PARLOR

Do Old Testament Prophets have anything to say to us in the 21st century? Professor Walter Brueggemann, distinguished Old Testament scholar on the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary, will be answering that question during the month of March in the class which meets in the Parlor at 9:15 each Sunday morning. Brueggemann will come to us via DVD, where he will begin each week with what should provoke lively discussion on the topic of the day. Come and meet this interesting man. Gerald Stephan will facilitate the discussion.

CLASSROOM 1 – DOWNSTAIRS:

We will be diving into the Beatitudes or beautiful attitudes – through an abundance of heart-warming conversation. Coffee and refreshments will be served! For more information see Amy Baxstrom.



PCUSA Mission – Presbyterian Church for Study and Prayer

Presbyterians believe that the church exists for mission. Every day, in many ways and in more than 80 countries around the world, including the United States, Presbyterians engage in mission. Why? Because we have always been a church in mission, believing that at its core the church exists for mission that flows from the very heart of God.

The church is called to be Christ's faithful evangelist:

1. *Going into the world, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all he has commanded;*

Where are the unreached today? Out there? In our workplace, schools and communities?

2. *Demonstrating by Gwen Crawley Reprinted from the April 1997 issue of Presbyterians;*

Today by the love of its members for one another and by the quality of its common life the new reality in Christ; sharing in worship, fellowship, and nurture, practicing a deepened life of prayer and service under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; Is ours a church of Christian hospitality and acceptance of others, or one of judgment, meanness and division? Do we pray, "Thy will be done"?

3. *Participating in God's activity in the world through its life for others by:*
 - A. *Healing and reconciling and binding up wound;*
Can we condemn ethnic violence in Rwanda and Bosnia while our ethnic churches burn?
 - B. *Ministering to the needs of the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the powerless;*
Out there? On our church steps? In our own congregations?
 - C. *Engaging in the struggle to free people from sin, fear, oppression, hunger and injustice;*
What about buying sweaters made by workers under inhumane conditions paid 38 cents an hour?
 - D. *Giving itself and its substance to the service of those who suffer;*
How much does God consider enough? 5 %? 10%? What about Barnabas, who sold all he had? The widow's mite?
 - E. *Sharing with Christ in the establishing of his just, peaceable, and loving rule in the world;*
When our country sells more arms internally and externally than any country in the world?

Submitted by: Jim MacMillan for Social Justice and Peacemaking



SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNIOR: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Senior High Sunday School: In February the senior high Sunday School class wrapped up its exploration of faith and money with a discussion of how to evaluate non-profit organizations, including how to research charities online. We then started a new unit in the PC(USA) Faith Questions Youth Curriculum on Faith and War which will continue into March. We also spent time planning the Italian Dinner and working on our service project of creating a sleeping mat for the homeless using plastic shopping bags.

Junior High Sunday School: The junior high class continues to go through the Grapple Series on Sunday mornings. They are finishing up ways we can talk to God including topics like praying, listening and acting on God's word. In March we will discuss "What Really Matters?" Topic will include "Do I Have to Like Everyone?" and "Is it Ever OK to Lie?" Join us in the Youth center at 9:00 a.m. for snacks.

SENIOR HIGH WEEK LONG TRIP TO the Montreat Youth Conference is June 9-16. This is a trip the youth look forward to every year, and have made some great relationships there. Although this is a wonderful week at camp, it is also a costly week. If you would like to help sponsor a youth to go to Montreat, you can donate in the following ways:

- 1. Transportation will cost about \$30 per person.**
- 2. The food bill will be about \$60 a youth.**
- 3. Each student will have to pay roughly \$200 for housing for the week.**
- 4. It will cost each youth approximately \$280 for the camp registration.**

If any of these ways of helping our youth get to Montreat are of interest to you, please see Amy Baxstrom or make a donation in the church office.



THANK YOU!!! Thank you to everyone who prayed, volunteered, ate and donated for the Italian Dinner. The Youth were able to raise \$1686.46 that will be used towards Montreat, mission opportunities and other fellowship fun! We appreciate the continual support from our church family!

Congratulations to Edgewood Middle School's new National Junior Honor Society members:

Sophia Baxstrom, Olivia Hiner, Emily James, and Hannah LoGuidice.





All youth and their friends are invited to join us at the new Escape Room in Wooster. We will meet at Unlocked- 1535 Madison Ave, Wooster- at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 11th. Please RSVP to amybaxstrom@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 7th. The cost is \$20 a youth. It generally takes 45-hour to get through the room so parents can pick up at 5:00 p.m.



Join us on Sunday April 1st for our annual Easter Egg hunt during the 9:15 Sunday school hour. The youth group will help fill and hide the eggs! Any donations of treats is appreciated! See Amy Basxtrom for more info.

GOOD BOOK CLUB

On Monday evening, February 12th, eight members of the Good Book Club met to discuss “The Meaning of Everything” by Simon Winchester. He revealed how the first edition of the “Oxford English Dictionary” was compiled over a period of 70 years. The editor primarily responsible for this task over a 30-year period was James Murray, who unfortunately died before the words beginning with the last few letters of the alphabet were done.

The process to gather the necessary information was to recruit volunteers who submitted on slips of paper quotes from books, newspapers, etc. sentences containing a word of interest. Two of the more unusual, but reliable, volunteers were two Americans who lived in England. One was a recluse and the other a mad man confined in an institution.

We found this a most interesting story told in 250 pages. The devotion of Murray, father of eleven children, to the project, the range of very interesting characters who played a role in the project, and the insights into the upper-class, highly exclusive nature of Oxford University kept us engaged.

At our March 12th meeting we will discuss “The Elegance of the Hedgehog” by Muriel Barlberry. If you’ve read the book, please consider joining us that evening.



Submitted by: LeRoy Haynes

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – As the name implies, it's **FELLOWSHIP** on every other **FRIDAY**---- with **LUNCH** -- and a **PROGRAM**. All are invited and welcome. Sign up in the Gathering area or on Fellowship pads so that we know how many to plan for lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Cost of lunch is a \$5.00 donation.

March Schedule:

March 9th – Kris D'Atari, social worker at Wooster Community Hospital
“Maintaining Independence, Security & Self-Confidence.”

March 23 – Tom and Jane Buch
“Guatemalan School and Sponsored Child”



Lent/Holy Week

Soup Suppers

Every Wednesday and Maundy Thursday

3/7; 3/14; 3/21; 3/29; sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area

3/25 Palm Sunday

3/29 Maundy Thursday:

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

3/30 Good Friday

Service at 6:00 p.m. in Chapel.

4/1 Easter

Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m. at Secrest with Communion;

Worship Service: 10:45 with Communion/Sanctuary.

NOTE: In Memory/Honor flowers for the Easter chancel are \$10.00 per pot and must be ordered by Monday, March 5.

Order forms are on the counter in the Gathering Area.



Easter Flowers

Tulips and daffodils will again be used to enhance the beauty of our gathering and worship spaces for Easter.

You may purchase a plant for \$10 each.

Please complete the form below with the name(s) of the individual(s) you wish to honor. Names will be listed in the bulletin for the Easter service.

Place this order form in the offering plate or turn in to the Church office. Please submit your request by **March 5, 2018**.

Plan to take your flowers home following the 10:45 service on Easter.

(Please complete one form per plant order or donation.)

Your Name:

In Memory or Honor of (circle one): _____

Will take plant home _____ Donate plant _____

GREETING CARD WORKSHOP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Join the Inkies to make greeting cards. Inkies is the name of the greeting card group that meets monthly at the church. The group is offering a workshop on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church parlor.

The workshop is open to church members and friends and will be limited to 16 people so be sure to sign the clipboard in the Gathering Area to reserve your spot and to see the sample cards. Sign-ups are necessary so that enough materials will be available. We will be making 4 greeting cards and all materials will be supplied in “card kits.” There will not be a charge but donations will be accepted.

Bring double stick tape or tape runners, glue and scissors, if you have them. These supplies will be provided if you are unable to bring them. Any questions should be directed to Jane Taylor at 330-345-7498 or Elaine Arnold at 330-264-9686. Cards from the presenters will be available for purchase.

WOOSTER CHORUS CONCERT

The Wooster Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Lisa Wong, will be presenting the first concert of its 54th annual Spring Tour on Sunday, March 18th at 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary. This year’s program is entitled “Let My Love Be Heard” and includes the Best of All Possible Worlds from Leonard Bernstein’s Candide, Nimrod from Elgar’s Enigma Variations, as well as the title selection by Jake Runestad. The concert is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be collected.

Founded in 1964, the Wooster Chorus consists of students representing all academic areas within The College of Wooster’s liberal arts program. Three-time finalists and recipient of a 2017 Honorable Mention for the American Prize in Choral Performance, the Chorus has been praised for its beautiful sound, high level of artistry, and engaging performances. The Chorus collaborates annually with The Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, and has recently premiered works by Eric Whitacre and Jake Runestad. The Chorus has performed at the Central Division conference of the American Choral Directors Association, and also several times at the state conference of the Ohio Music Education Association.

(PS: I am looking for a few folks to help Ann and me serve dinner to the students before the concert. Please get in touch with me if you can help. Many thanks. Eric)

SONNENBERG STATION IN CONCERT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Sonnenberg Station is a 17-voice men’s choral ensemble based in Kirdron, Ohio. For more than 10 years, the group has performed in over 50 different venues to appreciative audiences throughout Ohio. Each season offers diverse selection from contemporary to classical, hallowed to lighthearted, including arrangements by the group’s director, Tim Shue. Free will offering.

NEWS FROM WEE CARE

☘ March ☘

Can you believe it's already March? That means Spring is right around the corner!

Wee Care is having our annual candy sale through Gertrude Hawk Chocolates.

Make sure to get your order in by March 5!

Marty's Pictures will be in on Friday, March 2 to take our Spring photographs.

There is so much more going on in our neck of the woods!

Stop in anytime to peek around or just to say, "Hello!"



Thank you to everyone who helped with Marvelous Meals in January. Our next cooking time together will be Thursday April 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Choppers, washers, bakers, drivers and more are needed!

Please see Amy Baxstrom if you can help.

GNO FREEZER MEALS – February 17, 2018



**COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE
TALENTS AND SERVICES AUCTION**

Sunday April 22 at noon in Bruch Hall

Lunch available; free will offering

Here are some items offered previously which may again be available:

Leaf raking

Babysitting/child care

Coffee cakes. Ready to take home or to be ordered.

Handmade, originally designed note paper.

New, exclusive this year – a Mary Pfeiffer photograph, framed and donated by Charles Pfeiffer.

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring this fun, triennial event. We look forward to participation by and from ALL – Offer items and buy items under professional, skilled auctioneer DAVE ACKER.

Submit services and items by printing the form below or pick up a form on the counter in the Gathering Area and return it to the box on the counter in the Gathering Area no later than April 10. Keep watching the News Flash as we get additional items or services to be auctioned. Proceeds will be given to the Youth trip for Montreat; to the Startzman Clinic, and to benefit a need of the church.

DONATION FOR TALENTS AND SERVICES AUCTION

April 22, 2018 – Noon – Bruch Hall

NAME: _____

PHONE AND EMAIL: _____

SERVICE: _____

ITEM: _____

DESCRIPTION/VALUE: _____

LIMITATIONS/GUIDELINES: (Dates for Service? Advance Time Requested, etc.)

Donation forms to be returned to church office no later than April 10.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- March 1** Ken Anderson, Kelly Marcum, and Sandra Randles
- March 2** Morgan Kirchhofer
- March 3** Nick Long and Deb Plant
- March 4** William Schultz and Lynn Zimmerman
- March 6** Karolyn Rice, Sue Schultz, Gordon Tait, and Rev. James Watt
- March 7** Jon Swank
- March 9** Angela Earley
- March 13** Ted Short
- March 14** Makena Conrad
- March 15** Karen James
- March 16** Amy Breneman, LeRoy Foster and Pat Miles
- March 17** Olivia Hiner
- March 18** Edna Oswald and Marge Treece
- March 19** Cody Myers and Stirling Musselman
- March 20** Andrew Lanham
- March 21** Carol Millhoan, Kathryn Turning, and Chuck Young
- March 22** Donald Randles
- March 23** Sarah Dunlap and Neil Edmiston
- March 24** Roy Hancock, II and Robert Hooker
- March 25** Barbara Adams
- March 26** Dottie Tupy
- March 27** Peter Swank
- March 28** Shirley Badger and Lucas Burris
- March 30** Carl Zimmerman

DATE	GREETERS	SOUND TECH	LITURGIST	DRIVER	USHERS
March 4	<p>8:30 The Trevor Dunlap Family</p> <p>10:45 Tricia and Matt Vossler, Emily and Andrew James</p>	Fred Short	<p>8:30 Yvonne Williams</p> <p>10:45 Nancy Young</p>	Jack Miller 330-465-3525	Pam Giffin, Shanna Springer, Jim Black, Roy Hancock, II
March 11	<p>8:30 Will and Karen Brenner</p> <p>10:45 Lee Patterson</p>	Cameron Edmiston	<p>8:30 Sue Madick</p> <p>10:45 Julie Miller</p>	Jon Neill 330-465-7249	Mark Gooch, Dreyco and David Earley, Jacob Gooch, Chris Hyser, Seth and Jack Miller
March 18	<p>8:30 Paula Abrecht</p> <p>10:45 Mickey Asleson</p>	Jacob Gooch	<p>8:30 Ashton Dunlap</p> <p>10:45 Mina Van Cleef</p>	Mark Gooch 330-465-9857	Dana Brooks. Bryan Bigley, Jonathan Neill, Tim Walker
March 25	<p>8:30 Barbara Bostancic</p> <p>10:45 Ruby Newcomer</p>	Jack Neill	<p>8:30 Mimi Lewellen</p> <p>10:45 Dave Tugend</p>	Scott Murphy 330-201-4268	Kent Murphy, Charles Baker, Fred Short, Susie Slack

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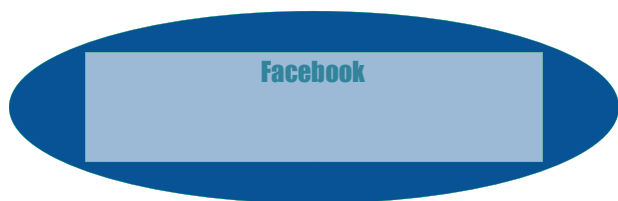
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:00 PTP - #1 6:00 Ukirk 7:00 Choir Practice	2 10:00 Co-Ed Yoga 5:00 PTP - #1	3 9:00 Al-Anon 6:00 AA
4 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 3:00 COW Emerson String Quartet	5 11:30 Senior Men's Lunch 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Staff Mtg 7:00 Nominating	6 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Ecumenical Pastors 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 AAUW 5:15 Wee Care Board Mtg. 6:00 Tiger Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 8:30 Agape Latte 9:30 Liturgical Arts 6:00 Soup Supper 6:15 Small Group 6:00 Den #2 7:00 Faith and Nurture	8 5:00 Behind Bars & Beyond 7:00 Choir Practice	9 10:00 Co-ed Yoga 12:00 Friday Fellowship – Kristi D-Atarii	10 9:00 Al-Anon 10:00 Inkie's Greeting Card Workshop 6:00 AA
11 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 3:45 Youth Outing - "Unlocked"	12 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Admin Staff 6:00 Den #1 7:00 Good Book	13 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Library 10:15 PW Meeting 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 Prayer Shawl 4:15 Social Justice 5:15 WC Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 9:30 Liturgical Arts 10:30 Wee Care Bible Story 12:00 Theologs 6:00 Soup Supper 6:15 Small Group 7:00 Faith and Practice	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16 10:00 Co-ed Yoga	17 9:00 Al-Anon 11-2 Pinewood Derby 6:00 AA
18 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 7:30 COW Choral Concert in the Sanctuary	19 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 Faith & Worship 7:00 Nominating	20 8:30 Bible Study 12:00 Kiwanis 6:00 Tiger Scouts 6:30 Inkie's Cards 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 9:30 Liturgical Arts 10:30 Wee Care Bible Story 5:15 Personnel 6:00 Den #2 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Faith and Structure	22 7:00 Choir Practice	23 10:00 Co-ed Yoga 12:00 Friday Fellowship – Tom and Jane Buch	24 9:00 Al-Anon 11:30 Cub Pack Meeting 7:00 Sonnenberg Station Concert 6:00 AA
25 8:30 Worship/ Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:45 Worship/ Sanctuary 3:00 COW Chamber Music	26 12:00 Rotary 1:00 Pastoral 1:30 Staff Mtg 6:00 Den #1	27 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Library 12:00 Kiwanis 1:00 Prayer Shawl 5:00 Boy Scouts	28 8:30 Agape Latte 9:30 Liturgical 12:00 Chamber 6:15 Small Group 7:00 Session	29 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Soup Supper - 7:00 Worship/ Communion No Choir Practice	30 6:00 Kiwanis Breakfast 10:00 Co-ed Yoga 6:00 Good Friday Services/Chapel	31 9:00 Al-Anon 6:00 AA

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TOWER TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

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Deadlines

FPC News Flash
Tower Tidings
Bulletin
Session
Session Packets

Submission Deadline

Wednesday by noon
15th of each month
Wednesday
2nd Monday of the month
2nd Monday of the month

Approximate Delivery

End of Week
End of Month
Weekly
4th Wed. of each month
3rd Sunday of the month