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In a popular cartoon, two little children have discovered their Easter baskets and are busy enjoying the contents. "Who colored all these eggs?" one child asks. "The Easter Bunny," says the other... "Who gave us these jelly beans?" "The Easter Bunny." "And the chocolate rabbit?" "The Easter Bunny."

Later that Easter morning, in Church, they heard the preacher say, "They came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away. Now, who could have done that?" To which the two little children cried out in unison, "The Easter Bunny!"

One of the great things about Easter is that we can get in touch with the feelings we had when we were children. How many of us love Easter Candy? Just down the street at Main Street Treasures they are selling Marie's candy for Easter...So, there is a little nostalgia at Easter. It's important, because Jesus said that unless we become like little children we cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

Today I ask myself "when did I accept the difference between reality and make-believe? On what day did I transition and learn the truth about Easter?" When did I say: "Please Lord, let me be like a child again. Please Lord, let me trust like a child again so that I may encounter the real Risen Christ -- in Person -- not as I picture Him, but as You reveal Him."

Easter is a time to surface the conviction deep within us that God is in charge, and that God will be present with us in life and in death.

What happened on Easter morning makes all the difference for us. It is, among other things, the sign, as well as the means by which God communicates to us God's Resurrection Power. God is always acting to bring salvation.

Out of our despair God brings hope; out of our brokenness God brings wholeness; out of our sorrow God brings joy; out of our death God brings life. Easter is the day, above all other days, that we celebrate this tremendous reality. Easter is the day, above all other days that our mourning becomes dancing. In order to experience it, we need only to open up our hearts to the God who loves us and wants us for God's own.

Resource: Sermon Warehouse, Harmony House Publishing, LLC

Grace and peace to you from the Lord Jesus Christ,
Don



HEAD DEACONS for April are:

Jane Denhardt
Carolyn Gibeaut

THE USHERING TEAM for April is:

John and Kim Bodenbender
Valerie Merideth and Kim Moody

ELDER GREETER for April is: Judy Brady

TRUSTEES MEETING:

April 10th – 11:15 a.m.

DEACONS MEETING:

April 17th – 11:15 a.m.

SESSION MEETING:

The April Session meeting has been
Postponed to Sunday, May 1st.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 17th

9:00a.m. Sunday School
10:00a.m. Worship Service

Maundy Thursday – April 21st

7:00p.m. Tenebrae Service

Good Friday Service – April 22nd

7:00p.m. At Plain City Presbyterian Church
Pastor Bob Yoder of Sharon
Mennonite Church delivering the
Message

Easter Sunday – April 24th

7:00a.m. Sunrise Service at Pastime Park
9:00a.m. Sunday School
10:00a.m. Worship Service



Easter early birds will meet at the Picnic Shelter at the North Entrance of Pastime Park on Rte. 42 at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday for our Annual Sunrise Service which will be followed by a continental breakfast provided by the Congregational Life Committee.

THE GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE will be at our church this year at 7:00 p.m., April 22nd with Pastor Bob Yoder of Sharon Mennonite Church delivering the message.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing is continuing to help our neighbors who have suffered from poverty, hunger, and lack of opportunity find a foothold on more solid ground. Thanks to your gifts, both the immediate and the long-term ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing continue to be a faithful witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ throughout the year and around the world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected Easter Sunday. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin on Palm Sunday for your convenience.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S NEWS

April Meetings and Events

- 10 - 11:15 PW Board Meeting
- 12 - 7:30 Serendipity Circle at Caribou Coffee
- 14 - 2:00 Friendship Circle at Betty Mayer’s
- 18 - 6:30 LR Circle at Salvi’s Bistro, Dublin
Belva Latham, Hostess
- 19 - 7:30 Semi Circle at Janell Tuller’s

Please note the change in date of the PW Board meeting.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER – COUNTY ROAD CLEAN-UP

Again this year, we have the opportunity to pick-up trash from selected roads in Darby Township, Madison County. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will join volunteers from our Congregation who will meet at the Church at 8:30 the morning of Saturday, April 2nd for coffee, milk and donuts; we will leave to begin the clean-up at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact Bill Pettibone and let him know you will participate in this service/fundraising event that will yield \$1,000 for our mission trip fund. *Many thanks to the Darby Township Trustees for this opportunity!*



MAX & ERMA’S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a meal (lunch or supper) at Max & Erma’s on Thursday, April 7th and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. Vouchers are included with your newsletter. *Gather up your family and friends, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!*



ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3 - Steve & Laura Lamphear
- 8 - Jay & Paula Ferguson
- 19 - Roy Woods & Lisa Nelsen-Woods
- 20 - Dave & Rita McCray
- 26 - Bob & Charlene Smith
- 27 - Brian & Linda Erdman



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Lauren Erdman
- 5 - Julia Heimlich
John Snively
- 7 - Bob Smith
- 8 - Jim Kaufman
- 10 - Matt Brown
- 11 - Mary Alice Davis
- 14 - Elaine Wilcox
Meredith Foust
- 15 - Lily Marie Kent
- 17 - Brian Erdman
Natalie Walker
- 18 - Brandon Bradley
- 19 - Brian Beach
- 20 - Logan Beach
Sydney Hilkerbaumer
Katelyn Rihl
- 21 - Brian Neidenthal
- 22 - Briar-Rose Wilcox
- 24 - Beth Beach
- 26 - Liz Schlitz
- 27 - Mary Lou Rihl
- 28 - OluBunmi Longe
- 29 - Sarah Ferguson
Shane Manring
- 30 - Larry Myers

Covered Dish Supper



KUMJOINUS will meet Saturday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the church in Fellowship Hall for a **salad potluck** and then go to the musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at Jonathan Alder. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this jovial group is welcome and encouraged to “kumjoinus”! Just bring your own table service and a meat, vegetable, pasta or dessert salad to share.

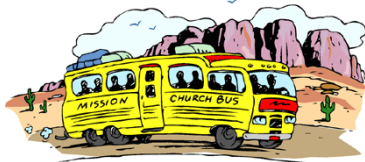


PAPER RECYCLING NEWS

The proceeds from this program help support our Mission Projects. In February we collected 3.16 tons of paper for which we received a check in the amount of \$15.84. Don't forget to thank your friends and neighbors for helping with this important mission project and, at the same time, helping to keep Plain City green!

CAN SUNDAY is April 24th.

Regular can drop-offs for recycling are *the last Sunday of each month*. If you need to have a large amount of cans picked up, call Bill Bowen at (614) 371-3266. **Thank you!**



Mission Trip

2011 MISSION TRIP

Planning is well underway for our 2011 mission trip. We will be traveling to Marion, Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, to provide assistance in rebuilding homes damaged in a major flood about two years ago. That area did not receive the kind of publicity or assistance that many disaster stricken areas have received, and many folks are still struggling to recover from the effect of the flood.

We plan to fly to Iowa on Saturday, June 18, 2011, and to return on Saturday, June 25th. Everyone in the congregation, who is 14 years or older and is willing to spend a week providing hands-on assistance to someone in need, is encouraged to volunteer for this event. You will meet and work with people from Dublin, Marysville, and Plain City, as well as residents of Marion, Iowa. Past mission participants will tell you that it can be a very rewarding experience.

The cost of the trip will be borne by the Mission Trip Fund. If you are interested, or have questions, please see Pastor Don or Harley Bodenbender.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Plain City Presbyterian Church is partnering with the Plain City Church Fellowship (PCCF) and United Methodist Community Ministries to host the **Bridges Out of Poverty** Workshop in Plain City on Saturday April 30, 2011. **Bridges Out of Poverty** is not a program; it is a method or tool to help bring “good news to the poor” and good news to those who want to faithfully serve Jesus and help people out of poverty. It is not a workshop to make us feel good that we are helping poor people, or that we have what poor people need or know how to fix their problems. We don’t. It is a lifetime commitment to being co-learners with persons struggling with poverty by slowly building meaningful relationships in which we stand alongside but do not advise or control. Together is the way solutions can be found. There are four main aspects of Bridges out of Poverty:

- 1) Training for middle class persons
- 2) Classes for persons in poverty
- 3) Putting Bridges concepts into practice in the places we serve, and
- 4) Forming and becoming a Bridges Community-impacting the whole society.

The **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop** on April 30th is the Training for Middle class persons. The day-long event will begin with a “Poverty Simulation” from 8:30am to 12:00pm. During the simulation, each person experiences what it is like being a person living with limited resources through an elaborate role playing activity. After lunch, we will participate in a three hour workshop that will help participants identify their own mental models (the lens through which they see the world) and the mental models of persons living in poverty. Poverty is defined as having a lack of resources (financial, emotional, mental, physical, spiritual, support systems, role models, etc.) and knowledge of the hidden rules pertaining to a particular economic class—the unspoken habits of the group.

Partnering with the PCCF to provide this workshop for all the area churches and local community leaders is an incredible opportunity that will bear lasting fruit for the Kingdom of God in our community. It gives us the opportunity to all be on the same page when it comes to ministry with and to those living in poverty in our community. The workshop will help us gain insight and understanding that could revolutionize the ways we serve the poor.

I hope you will plan to participate and invite a friend. We will have to cap the morning session at about 60 participants, but the afternoon session could accommodate as many as we can fit in Sharon Mennonite Church, which has graciously volunteered to host so we have adequate space available. For more information, contact Pastor Don or Pastor Blaine Keene at the PC United Methodist Church.

When: Saturday April 30, 2011
8:30am to 4:00pm

Where: Sharron Mennonite Church
7576 Amity Pike, Plain City

Who Should Attend?

- Anyone who wants to live out Jesus’ command to serve the poor
- Anyone engaged (or ready to engage) in outreach ministry of any kind
- Teachers, administrators, public servants or other community members who interact with people in poverty

Cost: \$15 per person
Lunch and Workbook provided



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30am Township Road Clean-Up 9-2:30 Craney's Mtg. Stenner Hall
3 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 Worship 6:30 Bible Study	4 7:00 Cub Scouts	5 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 7:00 Choir	7 MAX & ERMA'S 7:00 Scout Dist. Mtg. Stenner Hall	8	9 6:00 pm Kumjoinus Salad potluck at church then go to play at Jonathan Alder
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24 EASTER 7:00 Sunrise Service 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 Worship	25	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 7:00 Choir	28 7:00 Scout Leaders Fellowship Hall	29	30 8:30 am—4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop



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Dublin & Plain City
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FUNdraiser

Thursday, April 7th

20% of your lunch, dinner &
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



April 30, 2011
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Union County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with other government, community, public health and law enforcement agencies across Ohio, will be partnering with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration for the first ever nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back;"

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.
- Non-medical use of prescription drugs rank second only to marijuana as the most prevalent category of drug abuse in the United States.
- More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those abusing cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined.
- One in ten 12th graders have used the pharmaceutical narcotic Vicodin for non-medical purposes.
- The majority of teenagers using prescription drugs get them from family and friends; including the medicine cabinets at home.



Location:

Union County Sheriff's Office
Sally Port (Garage)
221 West 5th Street
Marysville, Ohio 43040



Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please enter the Sally Port from the South off 6th Street; signs will be posted.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE AND ANONYMOUS, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.