



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

Our dwelling place has been with the Lord for 89 Years of Ministry

Reedurban FEBRUARY 2015 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Our biblical faith encourages kindness, patience, compassion, justice and so many other gifts. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," catches up the spirit of Jesus' command to love one another. The more we remember and affirm the healthy, positive teachings of our faith, the more we become healthy, positive disciples of our Savior. The following story offers a wonderful affirmation along such lines. See what you think:

His name was Fleming, a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to work out a living for his family he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to it. There, mired to his waist in black muck was a terrified boy screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out of the carriage and introduced himself as the father of the boy Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," the nobleman said. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment," the farmer said, waving off the offer. At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," replied his proud father.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of." And that he did.

In time Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the brilliant Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin. Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Kindness, patience, compassion, justice – whenever we extend ourselves in caring service to others we participate in the flow of God's saving love and enable that flow to reach far beyond even our highest expectations. Who knows what effect the small kindness you may show today will have in the future? Listen to Paul's encouragement from his letter to the Philippians:

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Blessings,
Lynn

Heartfelt Thanks!

I want to thank all of the people who contributed to making the Installation Service a very meaningful and beautiful experience. Thank you to Rob Townsend for helping to lead worship. Thank you to the musicians – Margaret Whitacre, Chuck Blackstone and the choir – for providing wonderful music. Thank you to the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee for organizing and providing the delicious reception afterwards. Thank you to Mary Kay Cutlip for organizing the ushers, to the faithful offering counters, and to Janice Mays for extra office preparations. Many thanks to the whole congregation for the opportunity to serve with you. I thank God for the call to ministry with Reedurban and look forward to following where God leads us! **Lynn**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Watch for more information about opportunities for spiritual growth during the Lenten season. **Ash Wednesday** fall on *February 18th* this year, and we will have a service of penitence and the imposition of ashes to begin the journey to Easter. The Service will begin at 7 pm. There will also be a special **“Java, Juice, and Jesus”** during the Sunday School hour where we will consider, *“Discovering and Speaking Our Truth in Love,”* a study focusing on how we speak with one another on important, contentious, faith-related ideas and concerns. In our culture where words are so often inflammatory and divisive, couldn't we use a “time out” to reflect on speaking faithfully and respectfully – and listening with the same care? Please consider making Sunday School part of your Lenten discipline.



Stewardship through the end of December of \$119,737 is \$11,914 more than expenses of \$107,823. Total income for the same period of \$127,730 is \$19,907 more than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*



Congratulations to our new church officers who were installed and ordained on Sunday, January 11th. They are Elders: Carol Kaufmann, Chuck Leaser, Rick Lichtenwalter and Gwen Weston. Deacons: Pam Baxter, Mary Kay Cutlip, Katie Hinson, Linda Radsick and John Whitacre. We know you will do a wonderful job as representatives for the congregation.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for January 25th following our worship service. A light luncheon will be served. Please plan to attend and hear about all the exciting things that each Ministry Group has been doing over the past year.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Are you already tired of the cold, snowy wintery weather? Have you lost some motivation to stay active and socialize? Do you find you have increased feelings of anxiety or depression?

Let us explore some options for coping with the “**Winter Blues**”!! We can’t change the weather, but we can change our attitude and think about the positives instead of the negatives. Making small changes to your daily routine can help you feel less bored with your life.

- Use those “snow days” at home to do something you never have time to do or curl up with a good book and sit by a window and absorb the sunshine and feel the quiet beauty and peacefulness of freshly fallen snow.
- Re-arrange a room; it is amazing how just a few changes in a room can improve our mood.
- Winter is the perfect season to start a new hobby or try new cooking or baking recipes.
- Get up and move; do some stretches which improves the circulation and oxygen to the brain.
- If you are feeling down, put on a favorite shirt, sweatshirt or sweater that makes you feel comfortable, secure and happy.
- You are what you eat, so understand sugar addiction and that perpetual cycle. Eat fruits, vegetables and whole grains to prevent the sugar swings and improve your mood.

Join us at the Community Dinner, for a hot meal and **blood pressure screening** on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 4 PM to 7 PM.

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*



DEACONS' MINISTRY

For the month of February we will be collecting winter items such as scarves, mittens, gloves, hats, etc. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

The Food Cupboard is in need of Brown Bags.

There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the office for the months of January and February if you would like to be a “Greeter.” For more information, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.



Deacons will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 21st from 5-7 pm. Adult tickets are \$7.00, Children ages 4-12 are \$4.00 and children under 4 are free. Tickets will be available from any Deacon or before worship beginning on February 1st.

Submitted by: *Mary Kay Cutlip*

OUTREACH

Parents and Grandparents! If you have a child or grandchild attending college, the Outreach Ministry would like to have the names and addresses so that we can send a Valentine's **Goody Box**. You can put the info in the Outreach mailbox, the offering plate or call the office. Deadline for submission of names is January 25th.

Outreach is collecting used Christmas cards during the month of January. Please save the front of your Christmas cards. No backs with names. No larger than 5x7. The fronts will be sent west for a children's group to use as a fundraising craft. There is a box located on the shelf in the Narthex to put your cards in.

PER CAPITA

The 2015 Per Capita is \$28.68 per person. It would be appreciated if everyone contribute their share. This would mean that the money would not have to be expended out of the general fund.



The February Liturgist Schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are interested in being a liturgist and have questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316. She would be happy to go over everything with you. New liturgists are always welcomed.

We Want You to Know

The Committees Chairs from the Session have been assigned for 2015. If you have a question or suggestion about the church, you should contact the person in charge directly. The committee chairs and their phone numbers are listed below.

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| Outreach: | Jack Robinson 330-837-8217 |
| Buildings and Grounds: | Chuck Leaser 330-837-1260 |
| Christian Education: | Pat Smith 330-417-3461 |
| Worship: | Carol Mossor 330-433-0701 Carol Kaufmann 330-546-7316 |
| Mission and Stewardship: | Don Peel 330-877-8745 Paul Waibel 330-495-5045 |
| Finance: | Gary Steinbach 330-478-5732 Rick Lichtenwalter 330-833-3564 |
| Administration: | Jim VanEtten 330-837-8669 Rob Townsend 330-477-3276 |
| Parish Health: | Gwen Weston 330-879-2504 |
| Clerk of Session: | Rob Townsend 330-477-3276 |

Older Children Church School (Upper elementary)



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|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Teachers: | January 25 th | Rob Townsend |
| | February 1 st | Katie Hinson |
| | February 8 th | Mary Kay Cutlip |
| | February 15 th | Rob Townsend |
| | February 22 nd | Darlene Mock |

If you have a conflict on your calendar, please let Darlene Mock know at 330-809-0133. If you care to teach, please let Darlene know and you can be added to the schedule. We can always use extra teachers.

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*

Younger Children Church School

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| Teachers: | January 25 th | Paula Bracken |
| | February 1 st | OPEN |
| | February 8 th | Darlene Mock |
| | February 15 th | OPEN |
| | February 22 nd | OPEN |

If we do not have a teacher in this class your child could go to the crib room or the Older Children's Sunday School across the hall. If anyone would like to volunteer to teach this class, please contact Darlene Mock at 330-809-0133 or Pat Smith at 330-417-3461.

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*



Congratulations to Brandy (Baxter) & Barry Valentine on the birth of their son, Preston Michael on January 17th. He weighed 7 lb. and is 19" long. Proud grandparents are Glenn & Pam Baxter.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers meet here on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone from the church who is a widow or widower is invited to join the group. You are asked to please bring a covered dish to share. If you have never heard of the group you can get more information on their purpose and their mission statement from the flyer and calendar of events located on the bulletin board outside the office. They would love to have you join them.

REEDURBAN'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

is open to anyone who would like to grow in their faith in the company of loving Christians.

Belayers – meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room (*Check the calendar for meeting dates.*) Any questions, please contact Chuck Blackstone at 330-936-3534.

Friends Bible Study – This group of women meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Blue Fig restaurant. They have breakfast and study the Bible. For more information, contact Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

Seekers – meet every other Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Village Club House. If you would like more information, please call the Kaufmann's at 330-546-7316.

Pathfinders - meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the church Conference Room. For more information, please contact Wendy Lichtenwalter at 330-833-3564.

Sowers – meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the church. For more information, please contact Don and Jackie Peel at 330-877-8745.

Men's Breakfast Group – meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Street Grill located inside Buehler's. Arrangements for a ride, if needed, can be made. Any questions, please call Jack Robinson at 330-837-8217.

Merry Knitters – meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, please call Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Community Dinner



The Men's Breakfast Group holds their free monthly "Community Dinner" on the last Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our next dinner will be on Tuesday, January 27th. We offer the blood pressure screenings during that time as well. If you know of anyone that is in need of a hot meal, please invite them to come. All are welcome. Contact Jack Robinson at 330-837-8217 or Dave Weston at 330-879-2504 if you have any questions.

Submitted by: *Jack Robinson*

THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

Preschool News (ages 3-5)

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In January, the students will learn what the word hibernation means. We will read books about bears and other hibernating animals. We will enjoy another visit from the Kidmobile. Later in the month we will take a field trip to Sippo Lake Park that will enhance our study of hibernation.

Little Sprouts (ages 2-3)

We are learning about colors and shapes. The children are being introduced to these concepts through stories, posters, and hands on activities. This group meets Mondays from 9:30 - 11:00. It is open to children ages 2-3 with an attending adult.

Tricia Conner and Reta Hale

Reminder: For safety reasons no one will be permitted to use the back entrance or go beyond the partition from 8:30 to noon Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday while the Preschool Around the Corner is in operation. They are adding a new program this year called "Little Sprouts" and it's an "adult and me class" for 2 and 3 year olds. For more information please contact the preschool at 234-348-0620. Thanks for your cooperation.



Since Jack's diagnosis and subsequent treatments, we have received such an outpouring of love, encouragement and support from this wonderful church family! Thanks so very much for all the cards, notes, phone calls, offers of meals, transportation and most importantly your prayers. May God continue to bless this church and our new pastor in 2015 and always.

Jack & Carol Kaufmann

Thanks to all who helped in taking down the Christmas decorations. All help was greatly appreciated.

Worship Committee

A big "Thank You" to Building and Grounds for their hard work on the remodeling of the Narthex/Welcome Center. A special thanks to Rick Lichtenwalter for the wonderful job you did covering the post. What a wonderful improvement when you enter the church. We have had many compliments.

LAUGH A LITTLE

Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.

Teacher: "Johnny, you know you can't sleep in my class."

Johnny: "I know. But maybe if you were just a little quieter, I could."

A teacher was having trouble teaching arithmetic to one little boy. So she said, "If you reached in your right pocket and found a nickel, and you reached in your left pocket and found another one, what would you have?" He answered, "Someone else's pants."

The child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks, "What did you learn today?" The kid replies, "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel.

Teacher: Johnny why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

Johnny: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Louis: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

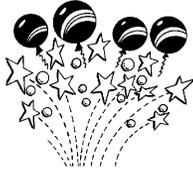
Harold: A teacher.

THE CENTIPEDE

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 st | Dee Hartmann |
| 3 rd | Katie Hinson |
| 4 th | Madeline Crawford |
| 5 th | Keri Dean |
| 6 th | Jimmy Kline |
| 7 th | Virginia Blankenship Linda Radsick |
| 8 th | Nadine Regula |
| 9 th | Mildred Kowell |
| 11 th | Carol Holmes Michele Kearns Karen Kline |
| 12 th | Tyler Bragg Landon Thiel |
| 14 th | Clarence Ogle Jamie Whitacre |
| 17 th | Kevin Pinhard |
| 18 th | Claire Weston |
| 19 th | Mary Lou Hambleton |
| 20 th | Ruth Anderson Lucille Bennington Melanie Whitacre |
| 21 st | Carol Frye Maggie Secrest |
| 24 th | Susan Altier |
| 25 th | Heather Finnicum |
| 28 th | David Fox |
| 29 th | Gary Nist, Sr. Steven Scarpino |

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **March** newsletter is **February 15th**. Please have your articles to Cheryl Robinson (330-837-8217) (e-mail: car929@aol.com) or to the church office by then. The mailbox is located outside the office door.

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

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| 1 st | Heike Townsend |
| 8 th | Boy Scouts |
| 15 th | Jack & Cheryl Robinson |
| 22 nd | Gary & Elaine Steinbach |

Greeters will be provided with a name badge to wear while greeting. Before you go home, please be sure to leave that badge on the counter in the Narthex.

Submitted by: *Pam Baxter*

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

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| 1 st | OPEN |
| 8 th | Darlene Mock in memory of her mother, Delila Hines |
| 15 th | Paul & Lori Waibel Ruth Anderson in loving memory of Ken |
| 22 nd | Berryl Fox in memory of Jeen Nunn |

2015 FLOWER CHART

The 2015 Flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the office. If you would like to give flowers for a special occasion or a special person, please fill in your name next to the date. You will be billed from Flowers By Pat.



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| January 25 th | Amy Smith |
| February 1 st | Heike Townsend |
| February 8 th | Pat Smith |
| February 15 th | Lois Pinhard |
| February 22 nd | Amy Smith |

The Crib Room is for children under age 4. Helpers, subs or even a regular are always needed in the Crib Room. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please trade with someone on the list or call Darlene Mock at 330-809-0133.

Ray Dodds (Hospitality House)
Phyllis Greene (Laurels of Massillon)
Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Dorothy Carpenter
Berryl Fox
Bob Hookey
Jack Kaufmann
Dick Larson
Gloria Perrin
Nadine Regula
Evelyn Rennecker

Those in the military, active and inactive:

Mikel Carr
Taylor Cordea, USN
Cody Radsick
Patrick Steiner
Stephen Steiner
Sean Stuckey
Aaron Sullivan

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are:

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

2014 YEAR END STATEMENTS

The 2014 year end statements are ready to pick up. They are on the shelf in the Narthex.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Jeff Bracken who passed away on January 7th. He is the nephew of Jim Bracken and son of former members Dick & Sue Bracken. May the Lord extend his comfort to all.

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Gary Steinbach

Jim VanEtten

Chuck Leeser

Gwen Weston

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Lori Waibel

Katie Hinson

Lois Pinhard

Pam Baxter

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Heike Townsend

Renate White

Sue Larke

Margaret Whitacre

Mary Kay Cutlip

John Whitacre

Our Vision Statement Is:

"To Glorify God, Make Disciples and Meet Human Needs."

Our Mission Statement is:

*The Reedurban Presbyterian Church is a **caring family** of Christians who **invite Jesus Christ** our Lord and Savior **to come in and control** our lives **through the Holy Spirit**. We receive directions from and follow the **teachings of God** in the scriptures. We worship and teach in a way that **nurtures, inspires, and encourages** members and friends through the Word of God. We **commit ourselves to grow** together in Christ by **serving one another, our church, our community and our world**.*