



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

*Our dwelling place has been with the Lord for 90 Years of
Ministry*

Reedurban MARCH 2016 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Do you remember when you were baptized? If you were a young child, have your parents or others told you stories about it? For most of us in Reformed churches, *Baptism* is something we claim, but without much data. It was when we came of age to be Confirmed in the Christian faith that we have clear memories. *Confirmation*, of course, is the important follow up to the sacrament of infant Baptism, when we take on for ourselves the vows and promises our parents and church family made for us when we were too young to know or do it for ourselves. Though infant Baptism is not detailed in the New Testament, it is a development of the faith community when households were baptized into faith in Jesus Christ. It beautifully attests to the grace of God which claims us first, before we can even say, "I believe."

While we are only baptized once, it is appropriate and very meaningful to *reaffirm our baptism* throughout our lives. Often in the history of the Church, Easter Sunday was the time to make such reaffirmation. In fact, Easter has been the time to welcome converts into the family of faith since the days of the Early Church. The Lenten season of preparation has been a time of new member preparation over the centuries.

This year on Easter Sunday, March 27, members of our congregation will be given the opportunity to reaffirm our baptism. A rite of Reaffirmation will be part of our Easter celebration. In preparation, time for reflection on the meaning of baptism and church membership will be part of our worship during March. And you are invited to consider prayerfully the questions of faith asked of people coming for baptism and the families of children being baptized. The sacrament of Baptism contains these declarations and questions:

"In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Do you trust in him?

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word and show his love?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?"

Let's get ready to celebrate the Lord's unconditional love and acceptance of us at Easter. May we hear God's voice speak to us as to Jesus at his baptism: "*You are my beloved child. My favor rests on you.*"

Grace and Peace,

Lynn



- Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday service on March 20th.
- Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 24th in the fellowship hall with a potluck meal (**NO DESSERTS**, please). Communion will be served to each other with a worship service to follow in the sanctuary.
- Good Friday Vigil will be held on March 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A breakfast (great pancakes and sausage) will be served on Easter Sunday morning by the men of the church.

Sign-up sheets for Maundy Thursday covered dish and Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be in the Welcome Center.

Submitted by: *Carol Mossor & Carol Kaufmann*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One of the most effective special offerings we take during the year is the One Great Hour of Sharing. Many denominations contribute, and our PCUSA is a leader in keeping this important fund full and ready to be of aid when and wherever needed. OGHS allows Presbyterians to unite with others working to make progress towards a more resilient, just, and sustainable future for all of God's beloved children.

Projects supported by OGHS are underway in over 100 countries worldwide. For example, we are actively responding to provide humanitarian care to tens of thousands of Syrian refugees who fled their war-torn country for their safety. Almost \$2 million went to the Self Development of People program in 2014 to help people here and around the world who are affected by oppression and injustice in becoming self-sustaining.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are life-saving. Please be generous this year. *We receive OGHS during March with special emphasis on Easter Sunday, March 27.*



Stewardship through the end of January of \$8,206 is \$1,280 less than expenses of \$9,486. Total income for the same period of \$8,757 is \$729 less than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*



There will be a joint Session/Deacons Gathering on Sunday, February 21st from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



For the month of March we will be collecting cleaning supplies (Spic & Span, window cleaner, cleaning cloths, etc.) for the **Giving Tree**. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.



The food cupboard is in need of all items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Deacons will be having their Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 23rd from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

There are several National Health topics for the month of March, but **Brain Awareness**, caught my attention. We can stay mentally sharp as we age and practice gratitude and positive thinking to reduce stress and improve our immune system.

Health tips for maintenance of cognitive function include:

- Increase level of mental activity by reading, doing word puzzles and board games
- Increase level of physical activity to at least 30 minutes 3 times a week
- Eat well balanced diet and control vascular risk factors of blood pressure and stress
- Increase level of social engagement

Health tips focusing on gratitude and positive thinking:

- People who practice grateful thinking reap emotional, physical and interpersonal benefits
- Turning negative thinking into positive thinking takes time and practice to create habit
- Identify 1 area of life you want to change from negative to positive thinking
- Be open to humor and do positive self-talking
- Eat a healthy diet and surround yourself with positive people

When your state of mind is generally optimistic, you are better able to handle everyday stress and improve your immune system and sleep patterns.



Submitted by:

Gwen Weston

Kitchen Renovations Completed

If you haven't stopped to look into the kitchen in the last couple of weeks, be sure to do so the next time you are at the church. A wonderful practical and aesthetic upgrade has happened thanks to the generous gifts of time, talent, elbow grease and treasure from a number of people. *New countertops* to replace the worn and peeling originals, *a fresh coat of paint on cabinet doors and the walls*, *a new lower surface shelf for big cooking pots*, *new sink faucets* and *plumbing* complete the project.

To think that it was all done for around \$1,500 is remarkable. Memorial funds paid the bills, as it seemed a fitting resource for a room that has been so heavily and consistently used by all generations throughout the years.

Sincere thanks go to Gary Nist, David Wright, Don Peel, Jim and Paula Bracken, Rick and Wendy Lichtenwalter, Jack Robinson, Dave Weston, Chuck Leaser, and Rick Shreffler for their invaluable and generous help with the project.

LIGHTS IN THE SANCTUARY

Session has approved Abbott Electric to replace the 28 light sockets in the sanctuary with new LED bulbs. The total cost of the project is \$3,920.00. This includes new sockets, bulbs, labor and the use of a lift to do the work. We are asking the congregation to help defray the cost by donating to this cause. Perhaps you could help by purchasing one or more of the 28 lights needed at a cost of \$140.00 each. Any amount you could donate would be appreciated. Please prayerfully consider this major project in the life of our church. If you have any questions, please contact any session member.

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. If you have questions, please 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. For 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 have questions, call Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

Pathfinders – meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the church Conference Room. For more information, 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 information 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. Call Jack Robinson at 330-837-8217 if you have questions.

Crafty 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 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 6:30 p.m. Our next dinner will be on **Tuesday, February 23rd**. We offer the blood pressure screenings during that time as well. 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*



Church School Teachers: February 21st
February 28th
March 6th
March 13th
March 20th
March 27th

Debbie Anderson
Darlene Mock
Children worship w/parents
Pam Baxter
Debbie Anderson
Paula Bracken

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*

A poster for a fundraising event. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color. At the top, it says "High Mill Church Presents A FUNDRAISING EVENT". Below that, in large white letters, is "LASAGNA DINNER" and "And Music". In the center is a black and white photograph of the band Master Plan. Below the photo, it says "by Master Plan" and "Concert 6:00 pm". At the bottom, it says "Sunday, March 6th | Dinner 4:30 | Love offering - proceeds to Ukraine Missions 2016" and "High Mill Church 1920 Schneider St. NE, Canton, OH 44721 (330) 497-3166".

Benefit Concert Set

Master Plan, the Christian band of which our own Chuck Blackstone is a member, will be performing on **Sunday, March 6**, to raise funds for a Ukrainian Mission project. A lasagna dinner at 4:30pm will precede the **concert at 6:00**. High Mill Christian Church at 1920 Schneider St. NE, Canton (across from GlenOak High School) is the setting for the event.

Complementary CD's of several of *Master Plan's* songs are available in the Welcome Center at Reedurban P. C. Come to the concert, enjoy some great music, and help support a very worthwhile mission project.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

In 1923, a Sunday School was started and Miss Corena Dougherty was appointed by the Board of Home Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to carry on the work. Miss Daughterty had already been the home missionary for the Bedford Avenue and Fairmont Park United Presbyterian Churches. Services were first held in the schoolhouse until the present church building was ready. Arch M. Neale, pastor of the Bedford Avenue U.P. Church, preached each Sunday afternoon for the first year.

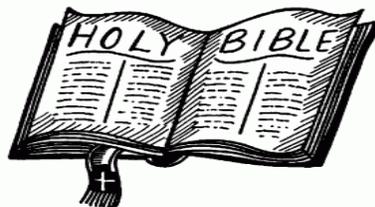
In October, 1924, the building was purchased from the Becker family. The building was built and first used by a Baptist congregation. Later, the Reedurban Public School and the Becker family used the building.

In March, 1925, the Church was organized by the Mansfield Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America with thirty seven charter members. The first pastor, Joseph A. Mears, began serving in May of 1925. Thomas S. Cochard became the second pastor in 1926. Glenn M. Sauder was ordained and became the third pastor in June, 1929. J.E. McCall came to serve the congregation in January, 1938. Glen R. Hueholt was installed on August 1, 1955. Sherwood W. Roach began the present pastorate on July 1, 1962. In addition, Arch Neale served as "Interim Pastor" in 1955 and again in 1962.

In 1925, the Mansfield Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America appointed a "provisional Session" consisting of three elders from neighboring congregations. In 1930, three members of the congregation were elected, ordained, and installed as elders of the permanent Session. The present Session numbers nine; the Board of Trustees have six members; and the Board of Deacons is composed of twelve members.

In 1926, a new manse (home for the pastor) was erected. The improvement on the church building was started in 1935, when the teacher of the boys' class suggested that one corner of the basement be dug out to make a boys' classroom. The work thus started, has kept on growing. An extensive remodeling program was completed in 1955 with about 30% addition to the building.

Our congregation is a member of the Wooster Presbytery of the Synod of Ohio in the United Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. This denomination is an official merger (January 1, 1959) of the Scotch branch of Presbyterianism, the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and the English branch of Presbyterianism, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Our congregation is governed in accordance with the Presbyterian form of representative government by the Session (Elders and pastor as Moderator) which is annually elected by the congregation. Through Session, the congregation is represented in the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. Through the General Assembly, our congregation is represented in the National and World Council of Churches. Locally, our congregation is a member of the Council of Churches of Greater Canton, which is a member of the Ohio Council of Churches.



Sharing Ministry and Mission

A feature of our Sunday worship during the fall has been the sharing of Ministry Teams and mission-related groups. We are learning and re-learning the faithful, caring things that the congregation undertakes in order to “*Glorify God, Make Disciples, and Meet Human Needs.*” The presenters have done a wonderful job, and each week’s sharing has been inspirational!

The church is filled with inspiring stories of faith. Each of us has a story to tell of our individual faith journeys and how the Lord has blessed us along our way through caring people and the church community. You are invited to offer your story for publication through our monthly newsletter. It is an opportunity to glorify God and inspire the church. We are blessed by Mary Kay Cutlip to share her faith story this month.

As a child I went to church with my mom (Bea), sister and little brother. We attended the Assembly of God church in Toronto, Ohio. I attended every Sunday morning, evening, Wednesday night and every night we had a revival. I loved going to hear about God and his teachings every Sunday.

When I was 8 years old I received my first Bible for one year of perfect attendance and a perfect attendance pin. I had up to 10 years perfect attendance pins.

I gave my life to God when I was very young (around 10 years old), was baptized in water in my early teens and I also spoke in tongues when I received the Holy Spirit a couple of years later.

We also attended youth groups in other Assembly of God churches around Ohio (Salem, East Palestine, Lima, Lisbon and many others). I got to meet other teens who believed and loved God and worshiped with them.

After graduating high school I had a chance to attend Bible College in Allentown, PA for a year until things had changed in my life.

I got out of the Assembly of God for a while and attended Methodist and the Nazarene but always went back to the Assembly of God as this was where I felt more close to God’s presence.

As an adult I left the church for a while but my children would go to Sunday School with their friends. Finally I got back into church and now I attend the Reedurban Presbyterian Church with my daughter, her husband and children.

I am a Deacon of the church, attend and lead Friends Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Blue Fig, attend knitting class on the second and fourth Thursdays and also am head usher of the church (open the church and get ushers). I thank God every day for his many blessings and his love he has for me.

God Bless you all.

Love-n-Prayers
Mary Kay Cutlip

2016 SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Lynn Shetzer

Class of 2016:

Class of 2017:

Class of 2018:

Clerk: Rob Townsend

Carol Mossor

Rob Townsend

Carol Kaufmann

Rick Lichtenwalter

Charles Blackstone

Dwight Newsom

Gary Steinbach

Jim VanEtten

Chuck Leeser

Gwen Weston

Paula Bracken

Jack Robinson

2016 DEACONS

Moderator: Linda Radsick

Class of 2016

Class of 2017:

Class of 2018:

Vice-Moderator: Darlene Mock

Katie Hinson

Lois Pinhard

Pam Baxter

Linda Radsick

Marge Merrin

Heike Townsend

Sue Larke

Margaret Whitacre

Mary Kay Cutlip

John Whitacre

Darlene Mock

Renate White

Following Jesus to the Cross and the Empty Tomb

During Lent our Sunday morning worship will *emphasize prayer* and include *reflections on baptism and being part of a faith community*. Come and remember the events of our biblical faith as we sing praise to God and open our hearts in gratitude for the gift of our Savior.

The special events of Holy Week include:

Palm Sunday, March 20

A service that begins with *praise* and ends with *foreboding* as Jesus moves to the cross

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

March 25

7:00am – 5:00pm

Offer 15 minutes of prayer in the sanctuary or at home.
(Sign-up sheet at the church)

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Potluck Supper, 6:30pm

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
in Fellowship Hall
Candles around the Cross
In the sanctuary

Easter Sunday!

March 27

9am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:30am Worship
Renewing Our Baptismal Vows

THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

This month's focus has been on friends, sharing and empathy. Preschool 2 is being introduced to the letter P, and a new shape, parallelogram. The children are working on numbers up to 20. Both classes celebrated Valentines Days by passing out valentines and special treats. The students had a very special valentine visitor. It was Officer Blanc (Jack's Mom)! Officer Blanc explained what her jobs are at the schools and also in the community. She told the children about all the tools she had to carry on her belt and we even got to see her neon pink handcuffs. We had a chance to look inside her police car and hear the siren. Thank-you Officer Blanc and to all the parents who help to make our school special.

Reta Hale & Tricia Conner

Reminder: For safety reasons no one will be permitted to use the back entrance or go beyond the partition from 8:30 to noon while the Preschool Around the Corner is in operation. If you would like to contact them for enrollment information, please contact the preschool at 234-348-0620. Thanks for your cooperation.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 st	Olivia Catlett Tyler Marshall
2 nd	Juanita Luoni
3 rd	David Oplinger
4 th	Derek DiLorenzo Kara Lockaby
6 th	Ellen Sutton
8 th	Kendall Anderson Cal Simpson
10 th	David Crotsley Mary Lou Upton
12 th	Taylor Bragg Reese Finnicum
13 th	Logan Knechtl Carol Mossor
14 th	Dalton Thewes
16 th	Christy Altier Christina Newsom
19 th	Jennifer Pinhard
22 nd	Daphne Thornburg
23 rd	Paul Daniluk Logan Finnicum
24 th	Gwen Weston
26 th	Jordyn Finnicum
27 th	Erin Pinhard
28 th	Maggie Larke
29 th	Carrie Larke Steven Wise
30 th	Don Peel Elijah Peel Brooke Thiel

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **APRIL** newsletter is **MARCH 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 MARCH

6 th	Deacons
13 th	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
20 th	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
27 th	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. 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 Welcome Center.

For more information on being a Greeter, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

6 th	Dave & Barbara Wright in memory of their parents Denny and Burdine Mowery in memory of Holly Haxton and Holly's parents
13 th	Mary Lou Upton
20 th	Don & Jackie Peel in celebration of Don's birthday
27 th	EASTER



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before retiring on March 12th.



February 21 st	Pam Baxter
February 28 th	Paula Bracken
March 6 th	Paula Bracken
March 13 th	Lois Pinhard
March 20 th	Pam Baxter
March 27 th	Debbie Anderson

Phyllis Greene (Laurels of Massillon)
 Marge Showers (Hanover House)
 Patrick Bracken
 Dorothy Carpenter
 Gerry Givens
 Edna Harper
 Jackson Kiger II
 Gloria Perrin
 Nadine Regula
 Stephen Steiner
 Jim Trimmer
 Paul Waibel

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.

Anyone that could volunteer in the crib room during the church service would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office or Darlene Mock.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you call the office and we are not in, please leave a message on the machine and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

The liturgist sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office for the months of March and April. If you are interested, please sign your name. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers meet here on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone who is a widow or widower is invited to join the group. You are asked to please bring a covered dish to share. They would love to have you join them.

2016 FLOWER CHART

The 2016 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.



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT!

Don't forget to VOTE –

Tuesday, March 15th