



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban MARCH 2018 Newsletter

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

Charles Blackstone

Saturday, February 24, 2018

1:00pm

In the church sanctuary

(A time of reception and greeting the family will precede the service from noon until 1:00pm.)

A dinner for all members, colleagues and friends will follow the cemetery interment. *It is a benefit for Chuck and his family to help with medical and other costs. Donations will be gladly accepted.*



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Lent is here already. It actually coincided with Valentine's Day this year, something that hasn't happened since the 1940's. Easter is April 1! When I was growing up April Fool's Day often included snow flurries. How about we pray for sunshine?

So much has happened this year. Right now, we are all hurting from the loss of dear friends and members. Marge Showers and Paul Daniluk passed into life eternal in January, and now Charles Blackstone has joined the celestial chorus. This is hard. I, for one, long to feel the healing touch and comforting presence of the Lord. As we go through this Lenten season, let's covenant to pray for one another, especially the families who have lost loved ones. And let's pray for the Church, capital "C" and our congregation to see God's way forward for us as a part of the body of Christ here and now.

How can we reach out and be a blessing beyond the corner of 12th and Perry?
How can we welcome others into the life of faith we are trying to live?

Grace and Peace to You,

Lynn

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 25: We will observe both *the Palms and the Passion* of Jesus in scripture, songs and prayer. Mission Co-Workers, Lynn and Sharon Kandel will bring the morning message and update us on their work in Africa, particularly the South Sudan. Come and be inspired! A Coffee Hour will be held following worship hosted by the Worship Team.

Maundy Thursday, March 29: We will meet in *Fellowship Hall* for a covered dish supper at 6:30pm (**no desserts**), and the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* around the tables. We will then proceed to the sanctuary at 7:30pm for a brief service of *Tenebrae* as we remember Christ's betrayal and arrest. (A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Welcome Center for people to write their contribution for the supper ahead of time.)

Good Friday, March 30: A *Prayer Vigil* will be observed in the sanctuary and at home from 7am to 5pm. The church building will be open and the *Stations of the Cross* will be displayed in the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Welcome Center in March.

Easter Sunday, April 1: *A joyous service of praise and thanksgiving is being planned for the whole family.* Take the opportunity to reach out to friends and family who do not have a church home and bring them to worship at 10:30am. (Communion will not be observed since we had Communion on Maundy Thursday. We will resume the regular schedule on the first Sunday in May 5-6-18.)

Lenten Series: "Way of Life"

Conversations about Jesus and Being the Church
into the Future

Wednesdays in Lent (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21)

Soup's On at 5:30pm

Program 6:00-7:00pm

In Fellowship Hall

Major changes are happening in the body of
Christ calling for openness to the leading of the Spirit.
How may we faithfully be part of the new thing God
is doing?

A Reflection on Lent

By: F. Richard Rohr

"There are two moments that matter. One is when you know that your one and only life is absolutely valuable and alive. The other is when you know your life, as presently lived, is entirely pointless and empty. Lent is about both. The first such moment gives you energy and joy by connecting you with your ultimate Source and Ground. The second gives you limits and boundaries, and a proper humility so you keep seeking the Source and Ground and not just your small self."

A Lenten Prayer

By: Langston Hughes

On, God of Dust
and Rainbows,
Help us to see
That without the dust
the rainbow
Would not be.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

March is National Nutrition Month and I thought I would pass on some important dietary nutrition tips to keep our bodies healthy.

- Maintain a healthy weight to reduce risk of cancers and other diseases
- Reduce your intake of calories from solid fats and sugars
- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables including beans
- Limit alcohol intake

In the wake of disturbing national news, political unrest and grieving our loss over a death, divorce, a friend or relative's declining health status; we all need to find spiritual nutrition.

- Pray to God with gratitude, then turn all of your worries over to Him
- Start your day listing 3 things of gratitude
- Let the Lord use you, to listen with empathy, to anyone needing to express the deepest hurts and feeling in their heart
- We may not thank God for current difficulties, but we can be thankful for blessings in the middle of strife. Spring is just around the corner! We surely can all be thankful for this.

Blood pressure screening at Community Dinner, Tuesday February 27, 2018.

Respectively submitted,
Gwen Weston



The Deacons are collecting cleaning supplies (Spic & Span, window cleaner, cleaning cloths) for the **Giving Tree** through March. They may be left in the basket in the Welcome Center.

The Deacons are in need of brown bags. You may bring them to the church and put them in the kitchen.



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

Seekers – Every other Tuesday 1:00 pm - Woodlawn Village Club House. Questions: Carol Kaufmann 330-546-7316.

Men's Breakfast Group – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 8:30 am – Main Street Grill (inside Buehler's). Contact: Jack Robinson 330-837-8217.

Crafty Knitters – 2nd and 4th Thursdays 10:00 am - church. Questions: Carol Mossor 330-433-0701 or Pam Baxter 330-477-3389.

Sowers – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10:00 am - church: Don and Jackie Peel at 330-877-8745.

Free Community Dinner



The Men's Breakfast Group have their Monthly Community Dinner on the last Tuesday of each month from 4:00-6:30 pm. This month's dinner will be **Tuesday, February 27th**. Any help would be greatly appreciated. **Desserts** are always welcomed. **Blood Pressure screening** will also be **available**. Any questions, contact Jack Robinson (330-837-8217).



Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and comfort at this difficult time. We deeply appreciate your expressions of sympathy.

With Love,
The family of Paul E. Daniluk



Congratulations to Dorothy and Bill Bowen on the birth of a great-grandson, Griffin Knox Gottshall, on January 18. Griffen is the son of William and Christie Gottshall and the grandson of Gregory and Kaye Gottshall.

Sincere Appreciation

- Thank you to *Marge Merrin* and *Darlene Mock* for giving their time to “babysit” the church office while our secretary, Janice Mays was on vacation.
- Thanks *Mary Kay Cutlip* for coming early on Sunday, February 11 to open up the church building for Sunday School and worship while Rev. Shetzer was away.
- Gratitude to *Paula Bracken* and *Darlene Mock* for planning, purchasing and preparing “Care Packages” for 5 post-high school young people. We’re glad to let them know the congregation is thinking of them and supporting them.
- Thanks to the *Worship Ministry Team* for all their work preparing for worship during Lent and Easter.
- Blessings to the *Men’s Breakfast Group* for planning and providing a delicious spaghetti dinner to promote healing fellowship after the service for our brother, Charles Blackstone and to aid his family.
- Blessings also to *the Deacons* for providing hospitality and welcome between the service and the meal.
- Thank you to the *members of the choir*, who are seeking a way forward without our beloved director.

Gems for thought

The stone for March is in two parts: AQUAMARINE which is usually greenish-blue Aquamarine is also known as BERYL crystal and was known as the diamond of poor people. Neptune followers considered it sacred. During the Roman period it was believed to be a healing stone that cures throat, stomach, and other ailments (earthsky.org).

BERYL is mentioned in the 4th row in the breastplate of the High Priest as TARSHIYSH. It is also listed as the eighth gemstone in the foundation of New Jerusalem (biblestudy.org).

AQUAMARINE is known to calm, soothe, relax and prevent seasickness. If you're planning a trip out to sea, maybe you should take along some AQUAMARINE!

Submitted by: *Victoria Brunk*

A Hurricane Update from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hello Mission Partners in Reedurban Presbyterian Church,

I'm writing to share with you an update about the three hurricanes that battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions.

Your faithful and generous support allowed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to respond with the light of hope in the midst of chaos, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Your gifts provided emergency funding in Texas, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the days after each storm, PDA was on the ground, assessing damage, providing expert support, partnership, consultation and coordination. Impacted congregations received urgent assistance to continue in ministry to their affected neighbors. *PDA's response is widening*, providing resources for long-term recovery, working with partners to set up volunteer rebuilding opportunities, supporting capacity building and providing support and training for leaders in Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency. *Fatigue and hopelessness often cause a second crisis long after the winds subside and the waters recede.*

Support from Presbyterians ensured a swift response. In Florida, decades of work in partnership and capacity building with the Florida PDA network meant that preparation and coordination began before Irma made landfall. Collaboration with presbyteries in Texas provides coordination of disaster efforts.

Nowhere is the need so pronounced as in Puerto Rico. Throughout the island the loss of homes, infrastructure and loved ones has touched almost every resident. Many months later, thousands of people still lack electricity and running water. *Your support is delivering the light of hope into the darkness of the disaster.* Your gifts have made the church's response possible. Because of your support, PDA is able to support a coordinator for relief and development efforts in Puerto Rico from the local Presbyterian community. This important step ensures that the work done by the church will be delivered efficiently and effectively and will build capacity should future disasters strike the U.S. territory.

You have been so generous to us and we thank you. You can continue to support PDA's emergency response through giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Thank you for sharing the Light with those in need by standing in the "GAP:"

GIVE – ACT – PRAY

Chris H. Roseland, Mission Engagement Advisor



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Margie Showers who passed away on January 15th.

The condolences of the congregation are extended to Maxine Daniluk, Sue and Jerry Larke and family on Paul's passing on January 19th.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Normajean and Lisa Blackstone on the passing of Chuck on February 14th.

God grant peace and consolation to all and may you know our prayers are with you.

2018 SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Lynn Shetzer

Class of 2018:

Class of 2019:

Class of 2020:

Clerk: Wendy Lichtenwalter

Paula Bracken

Jack Robinson

Debbie Anderson

Gary Steinbach

Victoria Brunk

Ron Merrin

Dwight Newsom

Wendy Lichtenwalter

Jim VanEtten

Carol Kaufmann

Don Peel

2018 DEACONS

Moderator: Darlene Mock

Class of 2018:

Class of 2019

Class of 2020:

Marge Merrin

Tim Shetzer

Jeanne Carson

Lois Pinhard

Jackie Peel

Darlene Mock

Renate White

Katie Hinson

Margaret Whitacre

Elaine Steinbach



Bill Bowen

Dorothy Bowen

Jerry Givens (Laurels – Massillon)

Jackson Kiger II

Nadine Regula

Sue Letcher

Lori Waibel

Paul Waibel

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

The men of the church will be cooking and serving a great pancake and sausage breakfast on Easter morning beginning at 9:00am. Come and join us for wonderful fellowship and great food.

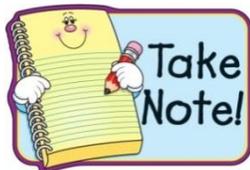


Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you call after office hours, please leave a message on the machine and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. If it's an emergency, please call Rev. Shetzer at home 330-494-2288. She will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is available by phone on the other days.

If you or a family member is admitted into the hospital, please call the office and let us know. We cannot set up visitation or put you on the prayer chain if we do not know. The hospitals no longer call us.



Jeanne Carson
1728 Harvard Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44703



Following our morning worship on Sunday, March 11th, we will be having a special Coffee Hour being hosted to celebrate Victoria Brunk's milestone 65th birthday. Because of the flu the coffee hour had to be rescheduled from the February date. Please come, worship and enjoy the party.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before retiring on March 10th.

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1 st	Olivia Catlett
2 nd	Juanita Luoni
3 rd	David Oplinger
4 th	Derek DiLorenzo
8 th	Kendall Anderson
	Cal Simpson
10 th	David Crotsley
	Mary Lou Upton
13 th	Carol Mossor
24 th	Gwen Weston
28 th	Maggie Larke
29 th	Carrie Larke
30 th	Don Peel
	Elijah Peel

March 4	Tim Shetzer
March 11	Debbie Anderson
March 18	Mary Lou Upton
March 25	Gary & Elaine Steinbach

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office.



The **APRIL** newsletter deadline is **March 15th**. Please have your articles to Cheryl Robinson (330-837-8217) (email: car929@aol.com) or to the church office by then.

March 4	OPEN
March 11	Dwight Newsom in memory of grandparents Clyde & Thelma Blackstone
March 18	Don & Jackie Peel - family
March 25	Don Peel in celebration of his birthday

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