



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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Reedurban APRIL 2015 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

As we move closer to Easter I have remembered a story I heard some years ago that was reported as actually having happened. I cannot attest that it did, but I know its message is true.

“Let me tell you about Rusty and his Sunday School class. Rusty was a boy of about 10 years of age when these things happened. He was a child with developmental disabilities, a loving child, wanting very much to be part of every group and enter into all the experiences possible. He really enjoyed Sunday School, and by and large the other students accepted and included him, supporting his contributions to the class.

A couple of weeks before Easter, the Sunday School teacher passed out those colorful plastic eggs that can be easily opened to reveal an empty space inside. Each student got one of the eggs with the assignment to think about something they could put inside the egg that would represent “Easter” or “the resurrection of Jesus.” On Easter Sunday they would bring their eggs in and share their ideas about Easter with the class.

On Easter Sunday the class gathered. Most of the children were all dressed up, and everyone was excited for the special holiday celebration. Every student remembered his or her plastic egg. They took turns opening their eggs to reveal special items that witnessed to new life. One had a couple of *speckled bird’s eggs* (candy) to stand for baby birds born in the Spring. Another had a *cross* to symbolize that Jesus died to bring us new life. Yet another had a *crocus* from her yard to remind them of the new life growing up from the ground. There were *seeds*; there was a *rock* standing for the rock rolled away from the tomb, and many other wonderful ideas were shared.

Then it was Rusty’s turn. He opened his egg, and it was *empty*. For a moment no one spoke. Then someone said what they all were thinking, “He doesn’t have anything!” Several children shook their heads and looked askance. Rusty spoke up and said, “*The tomb was empty.*”

It was less than a year when tragedy struck, and Rusty died. The Sunday School class attended his funeral service together, and each student held an empty plastic egg, because, “*The tomb was empty.*”

That is our faith. And didn’t Rusty understand that it is also our hope for life in this world and in the world to come?

May God open our hearts and minds to inspiration and guidance, especially from unexpected places as we journey to Easter this year.

Grace and Peace,
Lynn

Worship Opportunities During Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

Morning Worship, 10:30am
Come, sing praise to our Savior, and wave the palms!
Remember in scripture, song and prayer Christ's
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
And the beginning of his *Passion*

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Potluck supper in Fellowship Hall **at 6:30pm**
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the tables
in context of *Passover*
Service of Tenebrae (shadows) in the Sanctuary
Come, and remember *the Last Supper* and events in the
Garden of Gethsemene that followed.

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

The Good Friday Vigil
A Time of Remembrance and Prayer
Offer 15 minutes or more in the sanctuary or at home
to *read and remember* the events of Christ's Passion,
to *pray* or to *contemplate in silence*.
A Vigil form will be available in the Welcome Center
to register your participation.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

"The Lord is risen!"

Easter Breakfast, 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

The "men of the church" will offer a wonderful *breakfast*
and *fellowship opportunity* for everyone to enjoy!

Celebration Service at 10:30am

We gather to proclaim our Easter faith: "*The tomb was empty!*"
Come, sing, pray and give thanks for the *mercy of God,*
the victory of Christ, and *the Presence of God with us.*
"The Lord is risen indeed!"

“Nothing Left to Live By”

The cave was empty,
vacant, void – don't you see? –
contents vanished, absolutely nothing
there, no thing left inside, wrapped up,
signed, sealed, yes, and delivered.
And everything,
every blessed thing
was now, is now, outside,
unwrapped, unsealed, unbound.

expectant, waiting to be recognized,
to be approached, to be announced,
to be answered to with more
than words, with nothing
less than life.

by J. Barrie Shepherd

A Word of Interpretation about *PER CAPITA*

Per Capita has been the Presbyterian way of supporting the administrative work of the church for generations. Every year each congregation is asked to contribute a set payment for each member on the church's rolls. Especially in recent years with tight congregational budgets, members are asked to help by contributing a one-time payment of so much money for the work of the church beyond our local congregation. Paying per capita is similar to:

contributing your dish to a potluck meal

paying to be connected to the Internet

paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, water, and telephone

pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline on a road trip

participation in community supported agriculture or a similar co-op

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the PCUSA through the mid councils to participate sharing equally the costs of doing the business of the church. Over the last 20 years or so there has been much attention given to streamlining Presbyteries, Synods and the General Assembly to make the work of the church as efficient and cost-effective as possible. Per capita contributions are not squandered. They are invested in people and the nuts and bolts of enabling our ministry in Jesus name, and in doing this as a nation-wide community of faith.

Per Capita is often referred to as a tax. Perhaps, but how many tax payments do you know that support three levels of government for a whole year for less than \$30? (\$7.07 to GA, \$3.25 to Synod, \$18.36 to Presbytery)

If you have not yet decided to make a special per capita offering through Reedurban this year, please give it some thought. Your special gift of **\$28.68** helps enable the mission and ministry of this congregation as well.

Maundy Thursday Worship

The opportunity to share Holy Communion in the context of our Savior's last supper happens only once a year, on Maundy Thursday. Once again this year you are invited to share a simple potluck supper as we remember how Jesus and his disciples gathered in an upper room to share the Passover meal. As Jesus heightened the meaning of the feast then as he broke the bread and shared the cup, we will share the sacrament of Communion around the tables. Then, as Mark records in his gospel, we will "sing a hymn and go out to the Mt. of Olives."

For us, the Mt. of Olives will be the sanctuary where we will remember the events that followed as the disciples fell asleep while Jesus prayed, as the Lord was betrayed and arrested and all the disciples "forsook him and fled." The events of that first Maundy Thursday are at the heart of our faith. Please come and gather with your church family as we remember Christ's Passion and give thanks for his saving love.

PLEASE NOTE: *Holy Communion will only be celebrated on Maundy Thursday this year.* We will *not* participate in the sacrament on *Easter*. Our emphasis is the Holy Week observance of the Last Supper.



Stewardship through the end of February of \$17,120 is \$5,434 less than expenses of \$22,554. Total income for the same period of \$17,496 is \$5,058 less than expenses. Unusually large utility bills and reduced attendance due to the extreme weather have caused a temporary imbalance in giving versus spending.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Most people feel an increase in exuberance, energy, optimism and excitement that can come from what Americans call “spring fever”, reports Harvard psychiatrist, **Dr. John Sharp**. He goes on to explain extra hours of sunlight and rising temperatures can increase levels of serotonin and dopamine (chemicals of well being). Festivals, summer holidays, and event anniversaries make us feel more positive, ***but***, for those who suffer from depression spring can have the opposite effect. Statistics show suicide rates are the highest in April and May. Increase in physical activity and exercise, as well as, eating a healthy diet have proven to be helpful in coping with depression.

We will be having a CPR and AED recertification class in May. Information regarding date, time and cost will be available, as soon as, decisions are finalized. Our last class was August 2013. Participants will receive an American Heart Association certificate valid for 2 years.

Blood pressure screening will be available at the Community Dinners from 4 PM - 7PM on Tuesdays March 31, 2015 and April 28, 2015.

Happy Spring everyone!!

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*

SPECIAL “JAVA, JUICE AND JESUS” DURING LENT

Please make Sunday School a priority during Lent. Rev. Shetzer will be leading the discussion starting at 9:00 a.m. during the Sundays leading up to Easter, you are invited to participate in discussions designed to help us “*speak our truth to one another in love.*” **How can we better deal with conflict at home, at work, in the church? What insights can we see and what skills can we learn to speak with one another about contentious ideas and issues?** These are vital questions for relationships and community. Your input is needed? Please put Sunday School during Lent on your calendar and join and add your voice to the discussions. **Oh yes, and enjoy some tasty treats, too?*



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



The April 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.



DEACONS' MINISTRY

For the month of April we will be collecting cleaning items (Spic & Span, window cleaner, cleaning cloths, etc.) and toys for children (jump ropes, balls, games, etc.). They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

The Food Cupboard is in need of Brown Bags.

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Deacons will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 18th 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.

Submitted by: *Mary Kay Cutlip*

REVERSE OFFERING

On Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015, Outreach will again sponsor our "Reverse Offering." Every adult will receive a plastic Easter egg which will contain a brief scriptural thought and a penny. Everyone will also be given a Reedurban business-size card that reads "God Loves You." We ask that you take to heart the scripture (Glorifying God) and allow the penny to be a reminder of the importance of reaching out to those who are less fortunate (Meeting Human Needs). Additionally, several of the eggs will contain a \$20.00 voucher (to be claimed after Worship in the Narthex). **Those who receive this money need spend it as a "random act of kindness" for a complete stranger** and give them the "God Loves You" card. Use the \$20 *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE* towards someone's groceries, a meal at a fast food restaurant, gasoline purchase, etc. We only ask that you let us know **within the next 2 weeks** how the money was used and the effect that it had on that person. You may email Jack Robinson (jellojr@gmail) or place your written response in the Offering. If you request, we will not publish your name.

Keep the egg in your car as a constant reminder that there are people who need help every day. By our Christian actions, we are Making Disciples.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Immediately following worship on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, join with us as the children of the congregation and surrounding community participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt for those ages 10 and under sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Please invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to visit Reedurban on this glorious day!



We have combined the young class and the older class. We are working on some new material that will be easy to teach for both age groups. If you cannot teach that particular Sunday, please switch with someone or contact Darlene Mock at 330-809-0133 or Pat Smith at 330-417-3461. Please pray that we will get more children in our church school.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING.

Teachers:	March 22 nd	Rob Townsend
	March 29 th	Debbie Anderson
	April 5 th	Mary Kay Cutlip
	April 12 th	Darlene Mock
	April 19 th	Rob Townsend
	April 26 th	Debbie Anderson

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*

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 APRIL 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, March 31st. 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*

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.

THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

In the month of March the children will study various concepts. With the change to daylight savings time we will talk about the moon, stars and the sun. We will make edible star constellations and preform a science experiment with the globe and a flashlight to show the concept of night and day. We will read the book GOOD NIGHT MOON and make goodnight moon sandwiches for snack.

To go along with St. Patrick's Day the children will paint with green paint and cut out shamrock shapes for decorations in our room. The class will also learn more about spring and the Easter season through reading Bible stories, books, flannel board stories and poems about the meaning of Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter.

Reminder: The pre-school will be on spring break March 30th – April 6th.

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.



The church has an account with Gordon Food Services (GFS) that builds up rewards toward reducing our costs when we make purchases for the church. Whenever a member shops at GFS they may ask that the purchase be credited to Reedurban Presbyterian Church. This will not cost or save church members any money on their individual purchase, however it will help the church to reduce its cost for purchases for church events. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

We had a phone call from someone that is looking to give away a walnut Spinster/Baldwin piano. If anyone is interested in it, please contact the church office.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Dick Rennecker who passed away on February 9th and Evelyn Rennecker who passed away February 25th. Our prayers are with each of you and may the Lord extend his comfort to all.



Congratulations to our newly baptized, Rhoads James Marshall Anderson. He is the son of Jason and Sasha Anderson and has two sisters, Kendall and Presley.



We were overwhelmed at your out pouring of love and offers of support. "Thank You" doesn't convey our humble appreciation.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray.
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

By the family of: Berryl Fox
Rick & Wendy

Special thanks to John and Margaret and all my church family and friends for all their prayers, cards and calls during my hospital stay. May God bless this church and our new pastor in all days to come.

In God's Love,
Jim Whitacre

If my daughter had asked me in advance if it was OK to have a 90th birthday party for me, I would have said "NO." I am glad now she did not ask! It was great to have so many friends and family turn out for the occasion. Thanks to the church for the use of the facilities, to the ladies in the kitchen and all who had a part in the occasion. I shall remember it the rest of my life!

Cal Simpson

THREE TREES

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and Queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree. I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree. I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying Kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

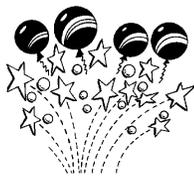
Finally someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 nd	Todd Herrod Anna Luxenburg Bob Radsick Kathy Steiner
3 rd	Jackson Kiger
4 th	Jeff Robinson
5 th	Pam Baxter Isaiah Hayes Dave Miller
6 th	John Whitacre
7 th	Amy Thiel
8 th	Yvonne Wise
10 th	Barbara Wright
17 th	Blake Newsom Megan Swihart
18 th	Rod Anderson
19 th	Korine Kowell Steven Secrest
21 st	Jay Duckworth
22 nd	Jon Nebo
23 rd	Leighton Rosendale
30 th	Chuck Blackstone Phyllis Greene

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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

5 th	EASTER
12 th	Don Peel
19 th	
26 th	Dave & Barb Wright

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 APRIL

5 th	Easter Lilies
12 th	Lloyd & Katie Hinson in remembrance of Katie's dad's birthday
19 th	Darlene Mock in memory of her father Roy Hines
26 th	Margaret & John Whitacre in celebration of their 50 th wedding anniversary

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.



Mach 22 nd	Pat Smith
March 29 th	Pat Smith
April 5 th	Lois Pinhard
April 12 th	Pat Smith
April 19 th	Pam Baxter
April 26 th	Pat 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
Bob Hookey
Dick Larson
Gloria Perrin
Nadine Regula
Paul Waibel

Those in the military, active and inactive:
Mikel Carr
Taylor Cordea, USN
Cody Radsick
Patrick Steiner
Stephen Steiner
Sean Stuckey
Aaron Sullivan

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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 **servicing one another, our church, our community and our world**.*