



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban MAY 2015 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

It was a blessing to celebrate Easter together in worship this year! I hope the day continued with more joy and peace and the presence of our risen Savior in whatever way you observed it. Now we observe a whole season of Easter called “*Eastertide*.” It spans 50 days (7 weeks) until the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit called “*Pentecost*.” Easter is just too life-transforming for just one day.

Be inspired in the days ahead to offer *prayers of gratitude* for the saving love of Jesus Christ. Consider ways to *share your faith* in God’s victory over death in the way you interact with others. Take time to *contemplate and enjoy God’s beautiful creation* coming to new life all around us. And look for good Easter-type stories to smile about, like the following:

“Jack Murphy was a nightclub entertainer doing comedy routines before he heard the voice of God calling him into the Episcopal priesthood. He tells of a dream he had in which he had died and gone to heaven. When he got to the gate, St. Peter said, *‘In order to get into heaven you need 1000 brownie points.’*”

Jack’s wife had been the head of a Brownie troop and he remembered what the girls had to do to earn Brownie Points to get their merit badges. St. Peter said, *‘You need 1000 brownie points to get into heaven. Now I don’t know much about you, so tell me a little about yourself.’*

Murphy said, *‘I went to church faithfully for 21 years and never missed a Sunday.’*

St. Peter said, *‘Pretty good. That’s one point. What else do you know?’*

‘I have tried to be a good person. I’ve been a good neighbor. I haven’t known anybody that I’ve hurt. Everybody seems to be my friend. They like me. I’m well respected in my community.’

‘Pretty good,’ said St. Peter. *‘One more point. What else do you know?’*

‘I have been a good Episcopalian. I have tried to support the church and all of its programs. I tithed. I’ve been as faithful as I could be in doing the ministries of the church.’

‘Good for you! That’s three points. What else?’

‘Boy, at his rate,’ said Murphy, *‘the only way I’ll get into heaven is by the grace of God.’*

And St. Peter said, *‘There, that’s worth 1000 points! Now you have 1003. Come on in.’*

Easter says the Lord gives us all the points we need to live. **“Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**

Grace and Peace to YOU,

Lynn

Words of Appreciation

Many thanks to those whose participation and extra efforts contributed to a meaningful Lent, Holy Week and Easter this year. Thank you *Carol Mossor and the Worship Team* for the planning, decorations, the Maundy Thursday dinner, Good Friday vigil and Easter Flower Cross. Thanks to *Chuck Blackstone*, who did double duty as organist during March, and *our wonderful choir*, and to *Margaret and John Whitacre*, who came back from a month away and immediately dove into the music and aesthetics of the season. Thank you to *Carol Kaufmann*, who offered the beautiful communion set Jack had made especially for her to enhance the Maundy Thursday Passover table. Thanks to *Chris Townsend* for his valuable assistance with the Tenebrae service. And many thanks to the *men of the church* for the delicious Easter breakfast!

Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day

Holy Ground by Ann Weems

I know Moses took off his shoes
because God told him he was standing on holy ground.
What I don't know is,
when is the ground holy and when is it not?
When do I take off my shoes?
When is the ground holy?
this ground that yields to us Life?
If the earth is the Lord's
and the fullness thereof,
no amount of planting or tilling or harvesting
is going to mean the bounty is ours.
We can't earn it;
everything is a gift.
Just in case
I'll take off my shoes from time to time
and say, "Thank you."



Stewardship through the end of March of \$30,426 is \$7,603 less than expenses of \$38,029. Total income for the same period of \$31,958 is \$6,071 less than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School meets in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please consider joining the group. For additional information or if you are interested in leading the group, please contact either Darlene Mock (330-327-8355) or Pat Smith (330-417-3461).



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Blood pressure screening will be held during the Community Dinners from 4 PM-7PM on Tuesdays, April 28, 2015 and May 26, 2015.

Now is the time for our CPR and AED training class for certification or recertification. It will be two years in August 2015 since we last had our training class. Our church is so blessed to have an AED, and we need to be sure we always have people available who are trained to respond to such a medical emergency.

Our class is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7PM**. We are so fortunate to have 2 instructors available to come to our church to teach the American Heart Association CPR and AED class. At the completion of the class you will receive your certificate valid for 2 years. The cost is five dollars per person.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. I hope all of you who attended the session August 2013 will attend this year for recertification. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider attending this class. To have the knowledge to be able to assist in a medical emergency is the greatest gift you could ever give someone.

Life is precious, and these "sudden death" emergencies can occur anytime and anywhere. Let us be trained to be responsive and assist in saving a life.

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Mothers' Day Breakfast will be held on May 10th. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our annual breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$6.00 and includes: Egg strata, sausage links, home fries, fresh fruit, Danish, coffee and juice. You are encouraged to bring relatives and friends for a memorable time of fellowship. Tickets will be available from any member of the Outreach Committee or before worship.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Christian Education would like to recognize any seniors from our church who are graduating from high school or college this year. If you know anyone who is, please call the church office during office hours (Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.) or Pat Smith at 330-417-3461.

REVERSE OFFERING

If you received one of the eggs with the \$20 inside, we would like to hear about your "random act of kindness." Please contact Jack Robinson (330-837-8217 or e-mail: jellojr@gmail) or place your written response in the offering as to how the money was used and the effect that it had on that person. If you request, we will not publish your name.



DEACONS' MINISTRY

For the month of May we will be collecting school supplies (pencils, paper, notebooks, etc.) and toys for children (jump ropes, balls, games, etc.) for the **Giving Tree**. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

The Food Cupboard is in need of canned fruit, soup, cereal and spaghetti sauce.

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

Submitted by: *Mary Kay Cutlip*



The Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled for May 16th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. For tickets, please see any Deacon.

CPR & AED CLASS

On Wednesday, May 20th at 7 p.m. we will be offering a CPR & AED class at the church. Upon completion you will receive your certificate valid for 2 years. The cost for the class is \$5 per person. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



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:	April 26th	Debbie Anderson
	May 3 rd	Katie Hinson
	May 10 th	Debbie Anderson
	May 17 th	Pam Baxter
	May 24 th	Paula Bracken
	May 31 st	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. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, please come and someone will teach you. Any questions, please call Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

OPPORTUNITIES IN MAY 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, April 28th. 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 5:00 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. They would love to have you join them.

THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

Pre-K Room

We would like to welcome our new student Maddie to our room.

This month in the Pre-K room we are focusing on the farm and farm animals. The children will read books, sing songs and make farm animal sounds. We will lace with farm animals as well as pattern and sort with the animal shapes.

At the end of the month our topic will be on frogs. The children will learn about the life cycle of the frog and make their own life cycle to take home. The class will learn the song and felt board story: Five Little Speckled Frogs.

Preschool 1 is our new young 3's class. Welcome to Max and Jack! We are busy studying wheels through play, stories, and art.

Registration for next year has begun. We offer classes for those ages three to five, from two to four days a week. Call today for more information and a tour!

Check us out on Facebook or at ThePreschoolAroundTheCorner@gmail.com Phone: 234-348-0620.

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. If you would like to contact them for enrollment information, please contact the preschool at 234-348-0620. Thanks for your cooperation.



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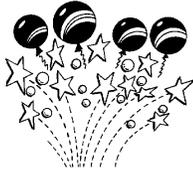


The May and June Liturgist Schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are interested in being a liturgist and have questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316. She would be happy to go over everything with you. New liturgists are always welcomed.



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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 nd	Christy Bracken Aimee (Larke) Jenkins
4 th	James Trimmer
7 th	Tim Larke
8 th	Jody Secrest
13 th	Kaitlin Fisher Lindsey Fisher Dick Hambleton Dwight Newsom Debbie Van Etten
16 th	Nichole Pierce
17 th	Christopher Townsend
20 th	Donna Miller
21 st	Derek Altier
22 nd	Ryliegh Knechtl
24 th	Brian Robinson Kyle Hookey
25 th	Sophia Catlett
26 th	Mandi Robinson Elaine Steinbach
27 th	Tammy Pinhard
28 th	Sasha Anderson
30 th	Lloyd Hinson

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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

3 rd	Sue Larke
10 th	
17 th	Dick & Mary Lou Hambleton
24 th	Ron & Marge Merrin
31 st	Rick & Wendy Lichtenwalter

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 MAY

3 rd	Ruth Ann Robey in memory of Gordon
10 th	Edna Harper
17 th	Paul & Lori Waibel
24 th	Mary Lou Upton
31 st	Cal Simpson in memory of Marilyn

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Don and Jackie Peel on the birth of their great granddaughter, Adriara on March 24th. She was 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20" long.



April 26 th	Pat Smith
May 3 rd	Pat Smith
May 10 th	Pam Baxter
May 17 th	Pat Smith
May 22 nd	Lois Pinhard
May 29 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are:

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday.



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT!

Don't forget to VOTE – Tuesday, May 5th.



On Easter Sunday we welcomed our newest member, Tim Shetzer, husband of our wonderful pastor. Welcome Tim!



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

Those in the military, active and inactive:

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



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Margaret Whitacre and family on the passing of Margaret's sister. Our prayers are with you and may the Lord extend his comfort to all.

UPPER ROOM

If you would like a large print Upper Room and they are all gone by the time you go to get yours, please let either the office or any Deacon know and we will be sure you get one.

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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**.*