



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban JUNE 2017 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

The story is told of a man whose car stalled in heavy Friday evening traffic just as the light turned green. All his efforts to start the engine failed. A chorus of honking rose from the cars behind him.

Feeling just as frustrated as the other drivers eager to get home or on to their weekend destinations, he finally got out of his car, walked back to the first driver and said, *"I'm sorry, but I can't seem to start my car. If you'll give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn for you."*

It's said, *Patience is the quality you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.*

Well, the weather is warming up, and the orange barrels are proliferating. Expect delays. Perhaps we could use them as an opportunity to practice patience. Consider why you are in such a hurry. Take a moment to look around, listen and take in where you are. (I'm talking to myself here – Ms. Impatience☺)

Scripture lifts up patience as a virtue. In the 7th chapter of Ecclesiastes we're told, *"Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit."* In the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, Paul describes love as *"patient and kind."* Certainly Jesus' example of patience with disciples who so often misunderstood him and responded with *"little faith"* offers comfort and hope to the rest of us. I'm sure grateful for the Lord's patience with me!

Patience is an attribute that can defuse a potential conflict and heal hurtful interactions. It can surface when we just stop and take a few deep breaths, instead of quickly reacting. Patience is a gift we give to ourselves, as well as, to others. Think of it as a corollary of the Golden Rule that Jesus puts this way in the Sermon on the Mount:

"So whatever you wish that people would do to you, do so to them."

And breathe deeply.

Grace and Peace,
Lynn

SESSION

Rev. Shetzer spoke about the visits she has made to our parishioners and the memorial services for both Phyllis Greene and Ray Dodds. She will be away from the pulpit on 28 May and 18 June. **Building and Grounds** has received and submitted for payment the repair bill for the outdoor lights. David Wright caulked a few areas of the building and replaced the step on the gazebo. An Eagle Scout candidate has proposed a project which is under review by the committee. **Outreach** presented the annual Mother's Day Breakfast with Chuck Blackstone and Dwight Newsome making the casseroles and the men serving. The Church Picnic will be July 9th, a pot luck dinner and ice cream social. **Parish Health** stated that they conduct an average of 15 blood pressure checks during the Community Dinner and have had occasion to make a few referrals for other health care services to some clients. **Finance** The stewardship is in good shape and the list of dedicated accounts was reviewed. **Worship** committee served communion to 47 people in May. The 5th Sunday in July will include a performance by Geoffrey Darling on the book of Mark. Outdoor Worship will be 16 July and the committee is making plans for Java, Juice, and Jesus. **Session** will not meet in July unless there is some pressing business.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Lichtenwalter, Clerk of Session



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

It is time to get ready for warm weather with graduation parties, picnics, barbeques and family reunions. Fun times ahead but here are some safety tips to prevent food borne illness or food poisoning.

Safe food preparation comes first. Washing hands and preparation surfaces to prevent food borne illness. Rinse and scrub fresh produce immediately. Work in small batches, refrigerate cut fruits and vegetables immediately.

Safe travel using a cooler and ice packs. Items that must be kept cold are raw meats, lunchmeats, summer salads, cut fruit and vegetables.

Watch foods left out in danger zone (40° F -140° F) bacteria multiply rapidly.

Cold food not kept below 40° F must be discarded after 2 hrs. If temperature is 90° F, discard food after 1 hr.

Hot food if not kept above 140° F should not be out longer than 1-2hrs.

Test food with a food thermometer to check internal temperatures.

Cook chicken and poultry to 165° F, Ground beef to 160° F, Whole cuts of beef, pork or lamb to 145° F.

Just as time can slip away and foods left sitting out in the danger zone can cause food illness; high blood pressure could be developing which have no symptoms.

If you haven't had your blood pressure checked recently, come to the blood pressure screening from 4-6:30PM at the Community Dinners on Tuesdays May 30, 2017 and June 27, 2017.

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day holiday.

Submitted by: Gwen Weston



The Deacons are collecting school supplies (i.e. pencils, paper, notebooks) and summer toys for the **Giving Tree** through June. They may be left in the basket in the Welcome Center.



Thanks for all your generous donations to the food cupboard. At this time we are well stocked. We greatly appreciate it.

The Deacons will not be meeting in the months of June, July and August.

Would you like a CD of our Sunday Services? If so, please contact the church office. Great idea for shut-ins.

As always thank you for your support.



SPRING WORK DAY

Spruce Up For Spring - All interested and willing workers, please note: **Saturday, May 20**, 9 am – noon, the Building and Grounds Ministry Team is scheduling a work day on the church property. There will be do-able projects inside and out, so bring a pair of gloves, a spade or polishing cloth and some “elbow grease,” and let’s get the church ship-shape!

FLOWERS - PLANTING & WATERING



If anyone would like to plant a geranium or another favorite flower around the church for Memorial Day to honor or remember a loved one, please feel free to do so. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful piece of property and the flowers you add each year only makes it more beautiful.

Once all the flowers are planted around the church we need your help keeping them looking beautiful. If you would like to help out by watering, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for the week that best suits your schedule. The hoses are located towards the back of the building and a watering can is in the UPS box outside the front door. Any questions, please call the office. Thanks so much for your help.



PERRY COMMUNITY HEROES DAY

On **Saturday, May 27**, an event to honor veterans is being planned at Perry High School. Opening ceremonies are at 9:00am, and the festivities continue all day and into the evening with a concert by Ricky Lee at 7:30pm. A huge flag display and mobile military history museum will be part of it with children’s activities and a prayer service. All events are free and open to the public.



Pentecost is Sunday, June 4, 2017. We are encouraging the wearing of red in celebration of the Birthday of the Church and coming of the Holy Spirit.



We invite all fathers and men to join us on Sunday, June 18th at 9:30 am for breakfast. There is no charge but please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. You will be treated to a delicious breakfast prepared by the Outreach Committee along with great fellowship.

JAVA, JUICE & JESUS

Java, Juice & Jesus will be held during the summer months beginning at 9:15 am. More information to follow.



Weather permitting we will have our outdoor service on Sunday, July 16. Dress is casual. Chairs will be set up but you can bring your own lawn chair if you would like.



The Spaghetti Dinner held by the Deacons on Saturday, May 13th was a great success. 104 tickets were sold and \$49 was netted from the cake walk. Overall \$802 was taken in and expenses were \$148.52. \$653.48 was donated to the Deacons' Fund.

The Confession of Belhar

Our denomination is a church “*guided by our Confessions.*” We have a book of the Church’s confessional statements from its earliest years. We often say *The Apostles Creed*, sometimes *The Nicene Creed* or parts of the longer statements included in the BOC. In the last year the vast majority of Presbyteries voted to include *The Confession of Belhar*, which comes out of the struggles with apartheid in South Africa. Congregations are being asked to introduce this new confession, and we will be doing so in worship this year.

The confession was created and adopted in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa, which united with the Dutch Reformed Church in 1994 forming the Uniting Reformed Church in southern Africa (URCSA).

Belhar emphasizes reconciliation and unity in Christ, justice, freedom, peace and the love of God for all people.



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.

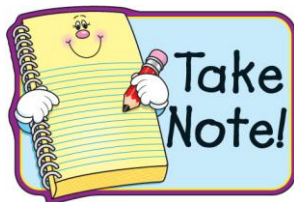
Crafty Knitters – 2nd and 4th Thursdays 10:00 am - church. Questions: Carol Mossor 330-433-0701 or Pam Baxter 330-477-3389.

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

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



The Monthly Community Dinner sponsored by the Men’s Breakfast Group is held on the last Tuesday of each month from 4:00-6:30 pm. The next dinner will be on **Tuesday, May 30**. If you can spare some time the men would welcome any help as well as desserts. Blood pressure screenings are offered as well. Jack Robinson (330-837-8217) can answer any questions.



Sue Larke is in need of maps and atlases. If you have any that you don’t need, please leave them in the Deacon box or see her at church. See would very much appreciate as many as she can get.

Sharing Ministry and Mission

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 *Tim Shetzer* to share his faith story this month.

I grew up in the Catholic Church and joined the Presbyterian Church during my time at college. Looking back, I realize I was religious, but not very spiritual. I paid more attention to my own power, money and status, and should have been more compassionate, humble and generous. In fact, I didn't have much compassion at all. Thomas Merton said that pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real. I was pretty artificial.

It was a long and dark journey to get to a healthier place. Through the grace of God and family support, my eyes and heart were open to Christ's selfless spirit. C.S. Lewis said that humility is not thinking less of yourself it's thinking of yourself less. That's what I've tried to do.

Morning contemplative prayer is an important time each day to better see things through the eyes of Christ. It's an important time each day to be empty and open listening for the quiet voice of God. It's an important time to be open to my faith expanding and evolving. Max Picard said that the soul finds what it needs in silence. This is so true for me each morning.

I'm thankful for the community of faithful members at Reedurban Presbyterian Church. We need caring communities like our church to help us love God, and love all our neighbors, here in Stark County as well as around the world. We need caring communities to help us learn how to transcend and include everyone and everything in our lives. We need to be part of caring communities to help us live in the present, one day at a time, and as Rob Bell suggests, with a fearless lightness.

Tim Shetzer

2017 SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Lynn Shetzer

Class of 2017:

Class of 2018:

Class of 2019:

Clerk: Wendy Lichtenwalter

Victoria Brunk

Chuck Leeser

Charles Blackstone

Dwight Newsom

Debbie Anderson

Gary Steinbach

Carol Kaufmann

Gwen Weston

Paula Bracken

Jack Robinson

Wendy Lichtenwalter

Jim VanEtten

2017 DEACONS

Moderator: Linda Radsick

Class of 2017:

Class of 2018:

Class of 2019

Vice-Moderator: Darlene Mock

Pam Baxter

Linda Radsick

Marge Merrin

Tim Shetzer

Jeanne Carson

Lois Pinhard

Sue Larke

John Whitacre

Darlene Mock

Renate White

Katie Hinson

Margaret Whitacre



Many members of the congregation have stepped up and responded in ways that make us all very grateful. Thank you to:

Dave Wright, member of the Building and Grounds Ministry Team for donating calking to patch cracks in the church's brickwork and doing the work himself.

The Outreach Ministry Team, especially the male members and the other gentlemen who cooked and served the Mother's Day breakfast for about 30 grateful women who gathered on Sunday, May 14. It was delicious!

The Board of Deacons who planned, prepared and provided a tasty Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 13. Many thanks also for the chance to win a special cake. Hooray for the great attendance – your hard work was amply rewarded!

The choir for another season of wonderful music in worship, and to Chuck Blackstone and Margaret Whitacre for their skillful creative leadership. We thank God for you!

Rod Anderson and his Community Dinner crew, and to John and Margaret Whitacre for the extra special gourmet dinner on Tuesday, April 25, to honor the memory of Phyllis Greene.

Don and Jackie Peel for the gift of a coffee table for the Parlor.

Chuck Blackstone recorded the "Simple Gifts" concert that was held at the church on April 23. A copy with commentary by the musicians and a copy of just the music are available to borrow from the church office. Sure appreciate it, Chuck!

To My Friends at Reedurban,

Thank you all for the prayers, concerns and cards during my recovery and for visits which I looked forward to in my days away from church. God bless you and take care.

Juanita Luoni



THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

The month of May has been very busy. Both classes are learning about insects, butterflies, and how to grow flowers, grass and vegetables from seeds.

Both classes were very excited to make and take home their gifts for Mother's Day.

The children have been practicing very hard for the end of the year program and graduation of the Pre-K class.

We would like thank the congregation for all their continued support.

Also, we still have openings for the up-coming school year. Please contact us if you need more information.

Reta Hale and Tricia Conner

JUNE



1st Marjory Trimmer
 7th Rob Townsend
 8th Glenn Baxter
 Elliana Ramsey
 10th Paula Bracken
 18th Carol Kaufmann
 Jacob Koprivec
 21st Connor Baxter
 29th Jerry Larke

June 4 Darlene Mock
 June 11 **OPEN**
 June 18 Dave & Barb Wright
 June 25 **OPEN**

Would you like to be a **Greeter on Sunday mornings?** If so, please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the office or call Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.



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



Congratulations to Bill and Dorothy Bowen on the recent birth of their Great-Grandson Aiden Emerson Myers born on April 24th. Parents are Curtis and Kari Ann Myers and big brother Brik. All are doing fine.

Congratulations to Patrick and Natasha Bracken on the birth of their son Alexander born May 10th. Proud grandparents are Jim and Paula Bracken.

June 4 Jeanne Carson in memory of Bill & Mary Little
 Bill & Dorothy Bowen in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary
 June 11 Mary Lou Upton in memory of parents
 June 18 In memory of grandmother Helen Craigo Schumacher
 June 25 **OPEN**

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a liturgist for April. The sheet for May and June is posted. We are always looking for new faces. Won't you consider volunteering?

If you are interested, please sign your name for a Sunday that best fits your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am – 12:30 pm Monday – Thursday

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.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to friends of Ray Dodds who passed away on May 1st.

Condolences of the congregation are extended to George and Merleen Davis and family on the recent passing of Merleen's sister.

May the Lord extend His comfort to all. Our prayers are with you.



Juanita Luoni (Canton Regency)
Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Bill Bowen
Dorothy Bowen
Maxine Daniluk
Paul Daniluk
Jerry Givens
Edna Harper
Katie Hinson
Jackson Kiger II
Scott Phillips
Nadine Regula
Jim Trimmer
Lori Waibel
Paul Waibel

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.