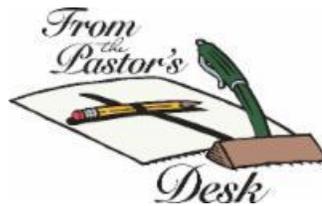




Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban JULY 2017 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

The divisiveness and confusion in our nation's political life affects all of us. I don't know about you, but I rarely turn on TV news and I've really been limiting radio broadcasts. Though the headlines in the papers may be disturbing, they are at least quiet, so that's where I'm most likely to turn for information about what's happening.

I read an article by the Quaker, Parker Palmer, whose books on faith in life have inspired me. *Five Habits to Heal the Heart of Democracy* gives food for thought to people who are concerned about the challenges we face as a nation. The essay tackles the question, "How can we call American democracy back to health?" Palmer's 5 ideas include:

1. *Understanding that we are all in this together.* Despite the emphasis on individualism, we humans are a profoundly connected species – and intertwined with all forms of life. We are dependent and accountable to one another.
2. *An appreciation of the value of otherness.* Though we are *all in this together*, we spend our lives in certain fairly homogeneous groups and tend to think of the world in terms of "us" and "them." The good news is this doesn't need to mean us *versus* them. Instead, it can remind us of the biblical virtue of hospitality and encourage us to learn and grow to appreciate the value of differences.
3. *An ability to hold tension in life-giving ways.* Our lives are filled with contradictions. There's often a gap between our aspirations and our behavior, for example. There are rarely easy quick answers to most issues. Holding contradictions in tension allows our hearts and minds to expand and open us to new understandings of ourselves and of the world.
4. *A sense of personal voice and agency.* Insight and energy gives rise to new life when we speak from the experience of our lives while respecting the experiences of others. It's important that we find our voice and the confidence to contribute to the public dialogue in search for common ground.
5. *A capacity to create community.* Dr. Palmer asserts that community is vital to helping us grow and develop the courage we need to speak and act as citizens. We must all become gardeners of community if we want democracy to flourish.

In these days of so much emoting and bombastic rhetoric in our political life, I find Parker Palmer's ideas quietly thoughtful and engaging. As we look to the coming 4th of July celebration and remember our nation's origins, I hope an idea or two may give us guidance and inspiration, as well.

God Bless You,
Lynn

SESSION

Rev. Shetzer spoke about the funeral celebration for Edna Harper, the wonderful Preschool end-of-year celebration and the Perry Baccalaureate. **Building and Grounds** reported that Steve Mays has completely replaced both fixtures and all the hardware in the men's restroom at a total cost of just about what one urinal would cost. Our thanks to Steve! The Session thanked B&G for the Coffee Hour. **Outreach** provided the Father's Day breakfast on Sunday for about a dozen Fathers with food prepared by the women of the committee. **Stewardship and Mission** reported that the Pentecost and Peacemaking collections were generous and we may be able to support missions to a greater extent. Statements of year-to-date giving will be sent out at the end of June with a reminder about per capita contributions. **Parish Health** – Gwen and Lynn went to a program sponsored by Aultman on Suicide Prevention. Gwen has the following handouts available for those who are interested: Self-care checklist; My self-care plan; Coloring—an alternative to meditation; and Helping someone who is grieving. **Worship** committee talked about two events. The outdoor worship is scheduled for July 16. Victoria Brunk's brother-in-law, Geoffrey Darling, will present the book of Mark on July 30th. He is a Shakespearean actor and will perform this gospel in costume. The Java, Juice, and Jesus studies were discussed. Please see the bulletin for specific information. **Administration** will meet with Lynn this week to review her performance. Ongoing staff evaluations will be in September. The Small White Crosses will be available for folks to accept at the June Community Dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Lichtenwalter, Clerk of Session



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. We are currently in need of all items again. We greatly appreciate it.

The Deacons will not be meeting in July or 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.

Java, Juice and Jesus: (A Few Words from Rev. Shetzer)

Christian Education during the summer is going to address, "*Questions of Faith and Spiritual Growth.*" I have discovered a goldmine of great resources on an internet website called *The Work of the People*. Victoria Brunk has suggested a wonderful little book by Henri Nouwen called, The Way of the Heart. And of great importance whatever resources we use are the thoughts and questions those of you who participate in the discussions bring.

I hope and pray you will come and bring your thoughts and questions about faith and spiritual growth! It is truly a blessing to wonder and question and share our faith together. The group convenes on **Sunday mornings at 9:15am**, and you can count on a tasty beverage and snack of a breakfast nature to be waiting for you.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Hard to believe the 4th of July is just around the corner! It is also hard to comprehend the tragic news of the shooting that occurred at the capitol today!

We need to be thinking positive thoughts as we go through our day instead of negative ones wondering if evil is just around the next corner! With all the TV news around the world, this may be a real challenge to stay positive at times.

Begin your day with an attitude of gratitude is the best way to start. The only thing each of us can do is understand factors that contribute to individual well-being (self-esteem, social skills, having a purpose in life, spirituality and emotional stability) and maintain physical health by following a healthy diet, enough sleep, exercise and healthy stress management.

Everyone has a few favorite stress relievers they may like doing; exercise, reading, yoga or other type of meditation. What about trying a new one? What was your favorite thing to do as a kid? How could you recreate that activity now as an adult?

The 6 top 20 selling books on Amazon are adult coloring books!! You can find them in book stores and almost anywhere!

Psychologists say that the coloring activity provides a low stress, relaxation technique and unlocks the memories of childhood. Makes us recall the fun times spent with our children and grandchildren! Coloring could be the new alternative to meditation. Everyone in our church family also knows we need the daily devotional reading and time spent in prayer to enhance our mental and emotional health.

Join us at the Community Dinner Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 4PM-6:30PM for blood pressure screening.

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*

FLOWER WATERING



Now that 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.



Picnics and ice cream go hand in hand. Please join us immediately after worship on **Sunday, July 9th** for our annual church picnic hosted by the Outreach Committee and ice cream social sponsored by the Deacons. **Bring along a potluck dish to share.** Desserts are not needed because Deacons will be serving up ice cream with a variety of toppings.



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



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, June 27**. 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.



Sincere Thanks goes to:

Jack Robinson, David Wright and Lynn Shetzer, who came to work on the church grounds Saturday, May 20. Thanks also to *John and Margaret Whitacre* who worked on the flowers earlier in the week and later on Saturday, and to *Wendy Lichtenwalter* who came mid-week and took care of the planting bed on the front corner. If we missed you, please forgive and know that we are grateful for your efforts, too.

Rod Anderson and Carol Kaufmann, who shared their faith in worship leadership and preached in the absence of Rev. Shetzer on Sundays in May and June. We are blessed by your witness!

The Deacons and friends who gave time, attention and labor that the church might provide the gift of hospitality to Edna Harper's family and friends during the luncheon after the service that celebrated the gift of her life.

Pam Baxter, Chuck Lesser and Rod Anderson for doing such a wonderful job bringing the biblical story of Pentecost to life during worship on Pentecost Sunday.

Jim Bracken for the incredible change his hard work has brought in the garden outside the Fellowship Hall. It was amazing to watch the difference his labor of power washing made turning the lattice from dirty and mossy to sparking white. Bless you, Jim!

Paul Waibel who labored in the raised planting bed to prepare the soil and plant beans and flowers. The man has a green thumb, and it will be fun to watch the good stuff grow! Thanks also to *Rod Anderson* for fertilizing the planting bed.

CRAFTY KNITTERS

The Crafty Knitters will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 am. All are welcome! Knitting, crocheting and crafting are fun things done during our time together as well as many laughs and good conversation. If you don't know how to do any of the previous things we would love to help you get started. Most of the items we make are made for a special cause and are donated. Come join us and invite a friend if you'd like! For more information, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389 or Carol Mossor at 330-433-0701.



THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

School is out for the summer. There are still a few openings for the fall if anyone knows someone that is interested. They can call "The Preschool Around the Corner" at 234-348-0620.

Reta Hale and Tricia Conner

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 **Gwen Weston** to share her faith story this month.

I was baptized as an infant in my parents Trinity United Church of Christ in Allentown PA. Both my parents and all their siblings for many years belonged to this same church. Once I was in grade school, I could walk a few blocks to St. John's UCC in my hometown. I went to Bible school, Sunday school and Youth group. My parents would support me if I were in a church program. Once I was 14 years old it was time to be confirmed and join the church. My parents did honor my strong request that my decision was to join St. John's. After being confirmed, sometimes they would attend there with me.

Another huge influence in my faith journey was my Girl Scouting experience. I was in a very unique troop, with having the same troop leader from Brownies through our senior year of high school. You cannot recite the Girl Scout laws for all those years and not deeply believe that in serving others, honesty, kindness, appreciation of all God's creation and praising and serving God is the only way to live. You really felt God's presence as we sang beautiful spirituals around the campfires.

My senior year of high school, I was feeling stressed over which school of nursing to attend; I had 2 interviews scheduled the same time and date in different cities! I recall praying about the decision I had to make, and waking in the morning having a strong feeling of peace on where I would go. It was in those moments I realized I was to walk in faith and God has a plan for us.

Walking in faith is what has brought me through tough decisions, pains, sorrow and disappointments that everyone will face in life. Our little family of 4 had the courage to walk in faith 39 years ago by moving to Ohio without knowing anyone.

Trusting in the Lord, gratitude for all your blessings, and sharing the love of God is the only way to find "true peace in life."

Gwen Weston

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

JULY



7 th	Sue Van Etten
9 th	Norma Nebo
13 th	Sandy Oplinger
14 th	Jim Bracken
15 th	Sue Larke
	Margaret Whitacre
20 th	Joy DiLorenzo
22 nd	Rhoda Moledor
23 rd	Chuck Leeser
25 th	Madalynn Pinhard
26 th	Donald Grimes
28 th	Meranda Anderson
30 th	Carson Weston

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. For more information on being a Greeter, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.



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



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.

July 2	Richard Larson in memory of their anniversary
July 9	Paula Bracken in celebration of Jim's 75 th birthday
July 16	John Whitacre in celebration of Margaret's birthday
	Dave Oplinger in celebration of Sandy's birthday
July 23	OPEN
July 30	OPEN

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a liturgist for June. The sheet for July is posted. Won't you consider volunteering?

If you are interested, please sign your name. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

THE CROSS

Whatever your cross,
Whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine,
After the rain...

Perhaps you may stumble,
Perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready,
To answer your call...

He knows every heartache,
Sees every tear,
A word from His lips
Can calm every fear...

Your sorrows may linger,
Throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish,
In dawn's early light...

The Savior is waiting,
Somewhere above,
To give you His grace,
And send you His love...

Whatever your cross,
Whatever your pain,
"God always sends rainbows...
After the rain."

Submitted by:
Ruth Anderson



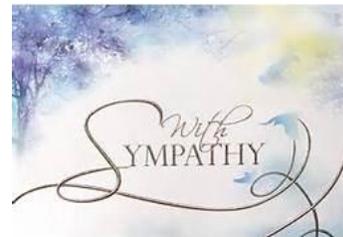
Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers
and cards during this difficult time for our family.
It is greatly appreciated.

Rick & Annette Schreffler



Juanita Luoni (Canton Regency)
Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Bill Bowen
Dorothy Bowen
Paul Daniluk
Jerry Givens
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.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to
Lori and Paul Waibel and family on the passing of
Lori's mother, Edna Harper on May 31, 2017.

Condolences are extended to Rick and Annette
Schreffler and family on the passing of Annette's
mother, Mary Melito on June 5, 2017.

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

July 2017

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