



# *Reedurban Presbyterian Church*

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

## *Reedurban AUGUST 2016 Newsletter*



Dear Friends,

The experience of the Early Church became more and more about living with diversity. Jews and Greeks, slaves and free, men and women were responding to the good news of Jesus Christ and embracing the gracious new life his saving love made possible. But it wasn't easy to live together. As he founded congregations around the Mediterranean Sea, the apostle Paul tried to help the people accept each other and embrace the challenges of a diverse community. We are familiar with his image of "the body of Christ" in his letter to the Corinthians. He also wrote to the Galatians:

"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. . . There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

The talk today, especially the political talk, is so divisive, so "us or them." Followers of Jesus Christ have received a different message about "unity in diversity," about accepting others as God has accepted us and working for reconciliation. My heart swells when I hear a good word of faith. A friend and retired professor of political science from the College of Wooster sent me a thoughtful response to the violent events of recent weeks. See what you think:

To Light a Candle? from Dr. Gordon Shull

"Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked a mile in their moccasins."  
(Native American prayer)

In the midst of all the violence and polarization, it has occurred to me that many people might feel the need for a simple declaration, to which they could put their names. What if some persons or groups sponsored a 'Moccasin Society,' to which people could attach their names? What if it quoted the native American prayer, depicted a pair of moccasins, and invited people to declare, "I count myself a member of The Moccasin Society. I promise to walk in others' moccasins before judging them. Each week I will make some positive gesture toward a member of a race, creed, country or political party different from my own."

Pretty radical, huh? Pretty biblical, too. I urge you to take it to heart and let's covenant to make "positive gestures" to people with whom we disagree or oppose or consider "other" in some way. Instead of judging, let's be actively building Christ's Kingdom here and now.

Grace and Peace,  
*Lynn*



Stewardship through the end of June of \$56,599 is \$7,299 less than expenses of \$63,898. Total income for the same period of \$60,937 is \$2,961 less than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*



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

The **Food Cupboard** is in need of all items. If you can help donate some items it would be very much appreciated.

## **JAVA, JUICE AND JESUS (through August)**

You are welcome to join in any Sunday at 9:00am for faith conversations about *living together in a diverse society*. The resource we're working from is called "Crossing the Racial Divide." It is full of information to help us understand the different perspectives of life in our country held by people of various racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. It has been said that "*11:00am on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week*" in the United States. Scripture and the witness of many faithful people through history challenge the church to address that reality and consider what the Lord has to say about living together as the beloved community. Come and share your faith questions, and let's grow together. (Breakfast snacks and beverages are shared.)



The Worship Team has scheduled an Outdoor Service on August 14<sup>th</sup> providing the weather cooperates. Mark your calendars.

## **"A Community Dinner Mission On the Road"**

On Thursday, July 21, a crew of mission-minded volunteers from our congregation will help with a project of the Early Childhood Resource and Development Center of Canton. The Center, a mission of the Sisters of Charity, is hosting several neighborhood gatherings this summer. They hope to help neighborhood families get to know each other better and make resources available that can help with parenting and education. Thanks to Dave Weston and Don Peel for their knowledge, expertise and cooking skills, our congregation will provide a delicious, healthy supper for those who attend the program. Our site is the southeast section of Canton that includes the Southeast Community Center and Allen School. A half dozen or so church members are going to help with the project. The supper and program run from 4:00 – 6:00pm.

If you receive your newsletter in time to DONATE A DESSERT, it would be most appreciated. Please drop it off at the church by 2:00pm on Thursday, July 21. Many thanks.



## PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

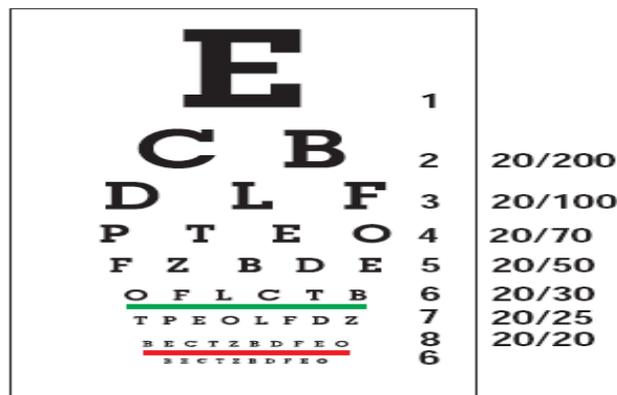
August is **National Eye Exam Month**. Persons aged 40-65 need vision checked every 2-4 years. Over age 65, have vision checked every 1-2 years. Chronic illness such as diabetes, person must have yearly eye exams.

Seniors are also more prone to have symptoms of vision problems due to weakness in the eye muscles. Consult your doctor if you develop: blurred vision, consistent eye pain, red eyes, burning sensation or black spots in sight.

Seniors can protect themselves and prevent long-term issues by practicing these rules: No Smoking, get healthy amount of rest, consume Vitamin A and proteins, use good lighting for watching TV, using the computer and reading. Do not read in a moving vehicle or read in bed. Wear UV protective sun glasses when outdoors.

August is also **Cataracts Awareness**. Cataracts are an eye disease that clouds the lens of the eyes and can lead to vision loss. Symptoms may be blurry vision, a glare, colors may appear faded, and double vision.

Join us on August 14<sup>th</sup> for *coffee hour* following worship service. Blood pressure screening will be available Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> during the Community Dinner from 4PM-6:30PM.



Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*

### ***Taking Care of the Carpet***

On Wednesday, July 27, the carpets in the offices, meeting room and one Preschool classroom will be cleaned, and so will the parlor furniture. (No one on the Building and Grounds Ministry Team could remember when or if the furniture has ever been done, and a special gift to finance it was given.)

On Tuesday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 3 new carpet will be installed in the other Preschool classroom and the Parlor. Volunteers to help move the Parlor furniture would be most welcome. The Preschool will take care of their room. See David Wright to volunteer to help.

## Highlights from the 222<sup>nd</sup> PCUSA General Assembly Portland, Oregon – June 18-25, 2016

The General Assembly took several historic actions – choosing female co-moderators; adding the *Confession of Belhar* from South Africa to the PCUSA Book of Confessions; and electing the first African-American Stated Clerk.

Themes of reconciliation and justice – particularly racial justice – were woven through the week. Plenary sessions began with personal testimonies – for example, Therese Taylor-Stinson, moderator of National Capital Presbytery describing her rise in leadership in her church and then hearing someone say: *“The little colored girl is in charge today.”* Participants recited together almost as a litany sections from the Belhar confession, affirming the biblical mandate of unity won for us in Jesus Christ.

As the country struggled again in the wake of the violent massacre in Orlando, as floods devastated parts of the country, and as the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union, Presbyterians sang, *“This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.”* Prayerfully, the actions of the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly are part of that transformation.

### **Also of note:**

The assembly voted to create a 15-person *“2020 Vision Team”* to set a new vision for the denomination by 2020. The vision team will draft a guiding statement to *“help us name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future.”* A vote also created a 12-member administrative commission with the power to determine the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies.

The Assembly adopted an amended version of a report called *“For Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace”* – which addresses Israel’s continuing violations of Palestinian human rights. The G.A. also reaffirmed the PCUSA’s long-standing call for a two-state solution.

The Assembly voted 391-161 to pursue a process of trying to influence energy companies through stockholder engagement rather than divesting comprehensively from fossil fuel companies.

The new leaders both challenged the church to become more diverse and engaged with a hurting world, and sounded a theological vision of hope. *“Look at what breaks God’s heart in your neighborhood, and act.”*

## Update on Lynn and Sharon Kandel, *Missionaries to the South Sudan*

In early June, Sharon and Lynn Kandel, who are home this summer on furlough, came to speak with our congregation about their life and work in South Sudan under the auspices of PCUSA World Mission. We learned a lot about this youngest nation in the world that was created in hope but has degenerated into conflict in the last couple of years. Perhaps you are aware of reports in the media about renewed violence and intertribal warfare just in the last couple of weeks.

Lynn and Sharon are scheduled to return to South Sudan on August 4, but the situation may well prevent them from returning then. Sharon reports that the students she had been working with in a town called Yei, must get out as soon as possible because fighting is starting there. She asks for prayers for Lynn as he makes evacuation plans for the 6 men there, and prayers for Leisa, a co-worker as she tries to deal with the very stressful situation.



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

**Belayers** – Sunday evenings 5:30 pm - conference room. Questions: Chuck Blackstone 330-936-3534.

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

**Pathfinders** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30 pm - Conference Room. Information: Wendy Lichtenwalter 330-833-3564.

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

**Crafty Knitters** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 10:00 am - church. Questions: Carol Mossor 330-433-0701

**Sowers** – Do not meet during the summer months. Information: 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, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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) or Dave Weston (330-879-2504) can answer any questions.



Now that the flowers have been planted around the church we really need your help keeping them alive and 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 (or weeks) 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. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call the office.



Thank you Lynn, Gwen and the other members of the church who came to my house to do the drops after my cataract surgery. God bless you.

*Robert Hookey*

## 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 *Marge Merrin* to share her faith story this month.

I was about four or five years old when I started asking a lot of questions about Jesus. I attended Vacation Bible School and so excited to ask my mom to tell me more when I arrived home.

My young years through adulthood I looked for a home church where I was hearing the Bible based teachings and support group to be there for me. My mother was my mentor in learning of God's grace and mercy. To be of good faith and live life as the Bible teaches.

The family always told the story of my running off to different churches asking to be baptized. After four times I guess I felt closer to Jesus. Well, I liked to be dunked – sprinkled – oiled in the name of Jesus.

When I was six years old, I asked my mother if I could have a cross and chain to wear. With eight children at home and dad working one full and one part-time job just to take care of us, money was tight. But in a few weeks dad and mom gave me a cross. In the middle of the cross was a small bubble of glass. Under the bubble was printed the Lord's Prayer.

That cross was my most prized possession. I wore it as a reminder of Jesus and what he meant to me. I felt it was like a badge to let others know my belief in our Lord.

God has blessed me and protected me in so many ways. Through Faith, Prayer and family I truly praise his Holy Name.

In Christ's Love,  
*Marge Merrin*

### 2016 SESSION

**Moderator:** Rev. Lynn Shetzer

**Class of 2016:**

**Class of 2017:**

**Class of 2018:**

**Clerk:** Rob Townsend

Carol Mossor

Rob Townsend

Carol Kaufmann

Rick Lichtenwalter

Charles Blackstone

Dwight Newsom

Gary Steinbach

Jim VanEtten

Chuck Leaser

Gwen Weston

Paula Bracken

Jack Robinson

### 2016 DEACONS

**Moderator:** Linda Radsick

**Class of 2016**

**Class of 2017:**

**Class of 2018:**

**Vice-Moderator:** Darlene Mock

Katie Hinson

Lois Pinhard

Pam Baxter

Linda Radsick

Marge Merrin

Heike Townsend

Sue Larke

Margaret Whitacre

Mary Kay Cutlip

John Whitacre

Darlene Mock

Renate White

## Gratitude and Good News

Have you noticed the lovely bookmarks in the pew Bibles? Carol Mossor has created them to help us keep our place between readings. Thank you, Carol!

The sanctuary lighting is complete. All the lights are in and the sanctuary is brighter than it's been in recent memory. Many thanks to the Building and Grounds Ministry Team, and especially to Jack Robinson for all the planning and oversight of the project. Sincere thanks to all who made monetary contributions. Your generosity covered the entire cost.

Gratitude goes to the Outreach Ministry Team for their work on the church picnic in July and to the Deacons who served up ice cream sundaes. Our congregation sure has a bumper crop of good cooks!

The church office has benefited from a gift of copy paper from the *Total Living Center*. A staff member came to the church to speak with the pastor about the work of TLC, and she brought the two heavy boxes as a love offering and in gratitude for our support of Souper Bowl Sunday in February. We send our donation to TLC.

Sincere gratitude is extended to all the "waterers" who have taken care of the flowers and church vegetable garden so far this summer. It's been a hot one, and your time, energy and sweat is most appreciated. The growing things are looking good.

We couldn't enjoy worship outdoors without volunteers to get everything set up. Thank you to the crew who came early on July 17 to put it all in order. It wouldn't happen without you. Special thanks to Margaret and John Whitacre and Chuck Blackstone for the music and enabling us all to sing God's praise.

Many thanks to Darlene Mock, Pam Baxter and Dona Tumlin for coming in the office to help with the phones while Janice was on vacation.

## AUGUST



11<sup>th</sup> Michelle Crawford  
Lynn Shetzer  
12<sup>th</sup> Maxine Daniluk  
13<sup>th</sup> Doug Daniluk  
Ray Dodds  
19<sup>th</sup> Presley Anderson  
28<sup>th</sup> Amber Doubrava  
Roxane Swanger  
30<sup>th</sup> Marianne Lockaby



August 7 Deacons – Darlene Mock

August 14 Chuck & Nancy Leeser

August 21 Dave & Barb Wright

August 28 Dick Hambleton

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



August 7 Tim and Lynn Shetzer "To the Glory of God"

August 14 **OPEN**

August 21 **OPEN**

August 28 Ron & Marge Merrin in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary



Congratulations to Rick and Wendy Lichtenwaller on the birth of their new grandson, Elliot Anthony Fries. Elliot was 9 lb. 7 oz. and 21 ½" long.



Marge Merrin - Mercy



July 24	Debbie Anderson
July 31	Darlene Mock
August 7	Pam Baxter
August 14	Paula Bracken
August 21	Debbie Anderson
August 28	Lois Pinhard

Phyllis Greene (Laurels of Massillon)  
Marge Showers (Hanover House)  
Dorothy Carpenter  
Paul Daniluk  
Jerry Givens  
Edna Harper  
Jackson Kiger II  
Marge Merrin  
Gloria Perrin  
Nadine Regula  
Kathy Steiner  
Jim Trimmer  
Lori Waibel  
Paul Waibel

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.

**Anyone that could volunteer in the crib room during the church service would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office or Darlene Mock.**



**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.

## LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a liturgist for July and August. Soon the sheet for September/October will be 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.

# August 2016

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