



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban AUGUST 2017 Newsletter

“The Gospel of Mark: A Dramatic Telling”

On Sunday morning, July 30, at 10:30am, our congregation will welcome Geoffrey Darling, who will bring us the *Good News According to Mark* in dramatic form. He will share the story of Jesus from his baptism to his crucifixion and resurrection, including some of the miracles and teachings along his journey to Jerusalem.

Mr. Darling is a Christian actor, a native of New Zealand, where he studied his craft and has performed Shakespearean roles since his school days. Now an Ohio resident, married to Rose, (the sister of our own Victoria Brunk), Mr. Darling has performed St Mark in a wide range of denominations throughout the state.

The gospels were originally spoken, the good news of Jesus, *told*. Come and *hear* the Good News of our Savior!



Dear Friends,

“Remember your Baptism”

Throughout Paul’s letters and in our baptismal liturgy we are encouraged to *“remember our baptism.”* Do you remember yours? I was just a couple of months old, and all I know is what my mom told me: *“You cried through the whole thing!”* Oh boy. Since then I’ve witnessed countless baptisms and participated in many others as the minister officiating at the service.

In the Presbyterian Church we affirm Baptism *from infancy through older adulthood*. Every church I know has a baptismal font, but Baptism can also take place outdoors and in bodies of water. (While it isn’t the norm it’s certainly acceptable.) What is necessary is a congregation of Christ’s disciples gathered to declare their faith and their support and welcome of the ones being baptized. Every time we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, we are invited to reaffirm our baptismal vows. Youth, who are baptized as children, do this for the first time when they are *Confirmed*.

Baptism is a one-time sacred experience, and our denomination recognizes baptisms celebrated in other branches of the Church. We never re-baptize people who join our congregations from other traditions.

Having written all this, I want to also state that we are welcome to *re-affirm our baptism* throughout our lives. Baptism is an act of faith and the enfolding into the family of Christ’s Church, and it presupposes other steps taken in faith throughout our lives. Sometimes re-affirming our baptism is such a step. The PCUSA Directory for Worship even offers worship material for such services. Perhaps you will remember that two Easters ago we included “Reaffirmation of Baptism” as part of our celebration, and we participated as a congregation.

Several Reedurban members have expressed a desire to reaffirm their Baptism. Each was baptized in childhood. Each has taken on their baptismal vows, and they would like to do so again at this point in their journeys of faith. It would be part of a Sunday morning gathering of worship. The Session will be discussing the opportunity at the August meeting.

Perhaps you would like to prayerfully consider participating as well. I have materials about the meaning of Baptism, the vows we take and some particulars for a re-affirmation service. I would be happy to share them with you. Just let me know of your interest.

Grace and Peace,
Lynn



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



We are currently in need of all non-perishable food items for the food cupboard. Thanks for all your continued generosity. We greatly appreciate it.

The Deacons will not be meeting in August.

As always thank you for your support.

Java, Juice and Jesus

We will meet each **Sunday morning at 9:15 am** during the summer. Discussion will be on “Faith and Spiritual Growth.” A tasty beverage and snack of a breakfast nature will be waiting for you. We hope you can join us.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE



August is National Eye Exam Month. School will be starting in a few weeks; so perfect time to have children's eye exam done before start of the school year. Adults over age 50 need to have ophthalmologist examinations every 2 – 4 years. Diabetics need yearly comprehensive eye exam by an ophthalmologist.

An ophthalmologist can detect onset signs of hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol and glaucoma. And anyone with chronic headaches should have their eyes examined.

Many serious eye diseases often have no symptoms. An eye doctor can detect the early signs of macular degeneration and cataracts. Early detection is important to prevent serious damage.

Age related macular degeneration is the most significant visual health issue facing seniors age 65 and older. Proactive steps for seniors for eyesight health is exercising, not smoking and eating foods high in vitamins A and C (leafy green vegetables and fish).

Be sure your blood pressure is in control by stopping at the blood pressure screening during the Community Dinner, Tuesday July 25, 2017 and August 29, 2017 between 4 PM- 6:30 PM.

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.



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, July 25**. 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.

About our Friend, Bob Hookey

Good Reedurban friend and long-time active member, Bob Hookey, has moved to Mansfield, Ohio. Bob's son, Kevin, is close by, and at this time in his life the move seemed wise to them both. That being said, our congregation will miss Bob very much in worship and fellowship programs, and at the Community Dinner. Bob has served ably as the "Welcome Wagon" and head counter of the folks who participate on the last Tuesday of the month. Bob's faithfulness in all aspects of the church's life has been a blessing to us and through us to the larger community. Be sure to include Bob in your prayers as he adjusts to a new community and seeks to get to know people. His new address is:

1383 BenBrandon Ct.
Mansfield, Ohio 44906



Hearty applause goes to **Margaret Whitacre**, who masterfully responded to a major organ malfunction at the end of our July 2nd service. We saw no “rockets red glare,” but it sure sounded like “bombs bursting in air” midway through the last verse of our final hymn! Our intrepid organist moved swiftly to the piano and kept going through the postlude. Wow, Margaret!

Kudos to the **Outreach Ministry Team and friends** for setting up, serving and cleaning up after a delicious church picnic on July 9th. Sincere appreciation to **Dwight Newsom** and **Don Peel** who grilled the great burgers, and hooray for the **Deacons**, who served up some scrumptious ice cream sundaes. It was all great!

A big THANK YOU to **Jeanne Carson, Dona Tumlin** and **Linda Radsick** who took over Janice’s desk in the office while she and her family were on vacation. Your faithful service was much appreciated.

God bless all the faithful helpers who came to set up the awning and chairs for our Outdoor Worship service last Sunday and all who stayed after to put everything away. What a beautiful morning we shared, and your efforts enabled it all.



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

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

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 ***Dona Tumlin*** to share her faith story this month.

My path to God started early in my life as I was christened and confirmed in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. My connection to God was happy and strong even though my childhood and early marriage were troubled. I know God guided me through those difficulties. Many years later I met and fell in love with Thomas. He was the kindest human being I have ever known. After 8 years of marriage, Thomas was diagnosed with a glioma, a cancerous brain tumor. For a year we struggled through drugs and surgeries. Thomas suffered constantly and I was engulfed in silent heartache. Thomas died April 16, 2010 and I longed to die with him. I closed my heart to life and God. I became lost and empty. The saddest part of my path was trying to understand why both of us had spent most of our lives with broken people and this loving union lived but a short life. In 2013 my daughter urged me to move closer to her in Canton. I attended churches in the area but none felt welcoming to me. I desperately sought atonement for abandoning God. I know now that God was holding me when I cried. He protected me when I wanted to die. I know He guided my steps to volunteer for others in need and God led me to the doors of Reedurban Presbyterian in my search for a church family. My path has not ended here – as long as I walk, He walks with me.

Dona Tumlin

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike.
Because he was not treated fair in things He didn't like.
If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!
I've had enough of those on Earth, so this is what I'll do.
I'll give my orders to the sun -- cut off the heat supply!
And to the moon -- give no more light and run the oceans dry.
Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on
Turn of the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"
You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game.
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain.
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me
With all the favors of his grace and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

.....Anonymous

Submitted by: *Ruth Anderson*

TAKE A MEMO TO YOURSELF

The older I get I will try to keep going, instead of giving in to all the aches and pains that tempt me to say I don't feel up to doing things...Be as eager and enthusiastic a listener as a talker, since the sound of one's voice often grows sweeter the older one gets...Refuse to dwell on sad and tragic events, but to think and talk of happier things...Make it as easy as possible for others to lend a helping hand, instead of insisting on having things done just as you would have them...Do whatever you can whenever you can, for those friends who are less fortunate or less able to do things for themselves...Be charitable instead of harshly critical of other's faults and shortcomings...Keep on making new friends to prevent your circle of friends from growing smaller year by year...Always have something planned for the future to look forward to...See that the corners of your mouth turn up instead of down...

Submitted by: *Ruth Anderson*



Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Bill Bowen
Dorothy Bowen
Paul Daniluk
Jerry Givens
Katie Hinson
Jackson Kiger II
Nadine Regula
Jim Trimmer
Lori Waibel
Paul Waibel

AUGUST



11 th	Michelle Crawford Lynn Shetzer
12 th	Maxine Daniluk
13 th	Doug Daniluk
19 th	Presley Anderson
28 th	Amber Doubrava Roxane Swanger
30 th	Marianne Lockaby

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

- August 6 In memory of father, Thomas Newsom
- August 13 Don & Jackie Peel in memory of mom, brother & niece
- August 20 Paul & Lori Waibel
- August 27 Ron & Marge Merrin in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary



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.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be a liturgist for July. The sheet for August 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.