



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

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

Reedurban SEPTEMBER 2015 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but as I continue to try to grow up in faith, I am increasingly aware that beliefs or doctrines are far less important than the everyday witness of the faith I live out. I came across a good illustration:

Reporters and city officials gathered at Chicago railroad station one afternoon in 1953. The person they were meeting was the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner. A few minutes after the train came to a stop, a giant of a man, six-feet-four, with bushy hair and a large moustache stepped from the train. Cameras flashed. City officials approached him with hands outstretched. Various ones began telling him how honored they were to meet him.

The man politely thanked them and then, looking over their heads, he asked if he could be excused for a moment. He quickly walked through the crowd until he reached the side of an elderly black woman who was struggling with two large suitcases. He picked up the bags and with a smile, escorted the woman to a bus. After helping her aboard, he wished her a safe journey. Returning to the greeting party, he apologized. "Sorry to have kept you waiting," he said.

The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the missionary doctor who had spent his life helping the poor in Africa. In response to Schweitzer's action, one member of the reception committee said with great admiration to the reporter standing next to him, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

I spend a lot of time preparing to deliver sermons, but I spend a lot more time living my life – interacting with people, running errands, taking care of property, etc. What am I proclaiming in line at the grocery store, or driving in traffic, or interacting with the neighbors? A poem whose author I can't identify puts it well:

*You are writing a sermon,
a chapter each day,
by the things that you do
and the words that you say.
People read what you write,
whether faithless or true.
Say, what is the gospel
according to you?*

Preach a good one today.
Lynn

Congratulations Newlyweds

We pray God's blessings upon the marriage of Anna Deeds and Ryan Strizak, who were married at Second Presbyterian Church in Newark of July 25. Anna is the granddaughter of Dick and Evelyn Rennecker. Rev. Shetzer was honored to officiate at the ceremony.

"Java, Juice and Jesus" Report

In August the summer Church School program was fortunate to welcome two fine speakers.

Rev. Virginia Birks spoke about "Prayer Paths" on August 2. Through personal experiences and pictures, she shared the spiritual discipline of prayer in natural settings and through walking prescribed paths. Be sure to check out the bulletin board that highlights the topic.

Liz Fach, recruitment director for Pathways, Caring for Children, came on August 16 to share the mission and program of her social service organization. Pathways needs faithful people to serve as Foster Families for children and youth. We want to support and share their good work among our friends and in the community.

Church School Reconvenes in September

On Sunday, September 13, our Church School year will begin again with opportunities for adults and children. The Adult Class will meet in the Conference room beginning at 9:15am, and children will be dismissed early from the 10:30am worship service for their lessons. Teachers will be commissioned for their important work during worship that Sunday as well.

Fall Peacemaking Opportunities!

Our Presbytery is blessed to welcome two *International Peacemakers* in September. *Rev. Berthe Nzeba* is General Secretary of the Women and Families Department of the Protestant umbrella organization, the Church of Christ in Congo. A Presbyterian minister ordained in 1978, she is believed to be the first female Protestant clergyperson in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Rev. Nzeba oversees the work of groups to support survivors of rape and war orphans. She will be accompanied by *Mission Co-worker, Christi Boyd*, who will help with translating. Rev. Shetzer is in charge of her itinerary in the Presbytery and we hope to host her at Reedurban late in September.

On *World Communion Sunday, October 4*, we will join around the communion table, especially aware of our world-wide family of faith. An opportunity to support the peacemaking work of our church, particularly in the mission field will be available as we receive the *Peacemaking Offering*. A portion of the offering received remains in the local church, and we will decide where to invest it in peacemaking efforts of our community.

What's Happening in the Presbytery?

Rev. Debbie Rundlett, General Presbyter for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, has tendered her resignation as of the end of September. Debbie has served us faithfully, creatively, imaginatively and well for the last ten years. With her emphasis on prayer and worship, on learning from inspiring speakers and wrestling with our call to be Christ's disciples, she has aided the transformation of our presbytery in remarkable ways. To say she will be missed hardly expresses it. However, thanks to her ministry with us we are in good, faithful shape to meet the challenges of the future and seek another visionary leader to work with us.

Her last Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday, September 12, which meets at Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton. Reedurban will have one commissioner appointed by the Session, but as many others as wish to attend the meeting are welcome. Just let Lynn know of your interest.

A celebration of Debbie's ministry and time of farewell is being hosted by Christ Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, September 29, from 4pm – 8pm.

On the Lighter Side:

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked over and over what was wrong. Finally the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys!"

A mother was at the beach with her children when the 4-year-old ran up, grabbed her hand and led her to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Mommy, what happened to him?" the child asked.

"He died and went to heaven," her mother replied.

The child thought for a moment and said, "Did God throw him back?"

Some thoughts on Stewardship: I AM YOUR CHURCH BUDGET

Through me, people find faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the church proclaims the gospel. Through me, people are ministered to through Baptism and Holy Communion.

I provide educational opportunities to grow in faith through Sunday School, small groups and special events.

I provide music to enrich your worship of the Lord, as well as preaching to give you instruction from God's Word, and encouragement in prayer.

I provide pastoral services to minister to you in times of need.

I heat and light up your church building and keep it in repair for your mission, worship and fellowship. I care for the church grounds to beautify God's good creation and enhance your ministry to the community.

I reach out to your community, country and to the world, helping to bring the good news of the gospel and ministering in Christ's name to people near and far on your behalf.

Through the investment you make in me, the sick find strength, the troubled are supported, the bereaved are comforted, the discouraged are uplifted, the needs of hurting people are met, and faithful members grow as Christ's disciples.

I am your budget. With your support I can carry on in your behalf. With your help – and by God's enabling power! – I help make possible the ministries you create. Thank you for your faithful investment.

A Great Service Outdoors!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making the outdoor service on August 9 a success. Thanks so much to every man who came early to hoist and secure the canopy and set up all the chairs. Sincere thanks to Margaret Whitacre for the music and to John Whitacre for also getting the equipment in place. Oh yes, and there was all the taking down and putting away of everything, too. It was certainly worth it as we had the loveliest day imaginable and a super congregation to share and sing the faith.



Stewardship through the end of July of \$76,578 is \$5,856 less than expenses of \$82,434. Total income for the same period of \$80,927 is \$1,507 less than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

September is National Healthy Aging Month! Here are a few tips for reinventing yourself to prepare for the autumn and winter seasons. It is also the seasons for an increase in developing depression; so get a head start in staying healthy.

- Be positive in your conversations and actions everyday
- Surround yourself with energetic, happy, positive people
- Walk like a vibrant healthy person. Take big strides, walk heel first, wear comfortable shoes
- Stand erect, shoulders back and stomach held in
- People who smile more often are happier. See your dentist often and consider teeth whitening
- Feeling lonely? Try volunteering, take a class, meet a friend and start a new hobby
- Start walking, it is one of the best type of exercise
- Make this month the time to set up appointments for annual physicals, and health screenings

For more tips and ideas, view on line: ***Healthy Aging Magazine***

Don't forget blood pressure screening at Community Dinners, Tuesday, August 25, 2015 and September 29, 2015 from 4PM – 6:30PM. ***Join us for coffee hour*** Sunday, August 30, 2015 following worship.

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*



DEACONS' MINISTRY

For the month of September we will be collecting personal items (shampoo, shower soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) for the **Giving Tree**. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

Thanks to the generous donations from the Men's Breakfast Group and members of the congregation the food cupboard is well stocked at the present time however we could use soup.

Submitted by: *Mary Kay Cutlip*



Children's Church School will resume in September.

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*

FLOWER WATERING SCHEDULE

We are still looking for watering help. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office if you would be willing to help take a week to water all the beautiful flowers that have been planted around the church grounds. There are hoses to use as well as watering cans (in the UPS box). Any questions, please call the office.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

The liturgist sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office for the months of September and October. If you are interested, please sign your name. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

REMINDER – SESSION AND DEACONS

Session and Deacons will meet on Sunday, August 23rd following worship.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours beginning August 24th will be: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

SINGLE LADIES – EVENING PICNIC

Paula Bracken will be hosting a Single Ladies Evening Picnic at her house on Friday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. She will provide the meat and would like you each to bring a **small** covered dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet located on the counter for those attending. For Directions or questions, please call Paula at 330-477-8029.

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

The Preschool Around the Corner will start their school year off on August 31st. Both classes are full this year. They will have an Open House from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30th.

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 – Thursday while they are in operation. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

Pathfinders – meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the church Conference Room. They will not be meeting in August but will resume meeting in September. 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 to knit or crochet, please come and someone will teach you. Any questions, please call Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Community Dinner

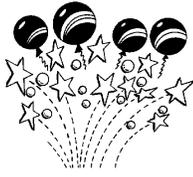
The Men's Breakfast Group holds their free monthly "Community Dinner" on the last Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our next dinner will be on Tuesday, August 25th. We offer the blood pressure screenings during that time as well. If you know of anyone that is in need of a hot meal, please 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*



The men from the Community Dinner are looking for some helpers. If you can spare some time from 4 – 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month, please sign up on the sheet located on the shelf in the Narthex. It would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact either Dave Weston 330-8879-2504 or Don Peel 330-877-8745

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



4 th	Dorothy Carpenter
6 th	Shelly (Buck) Hardwick
7 th	Marjorie Showers
9 th	Kevin Hookey
10 th	Joanne Smith
13 th	Gloria Perrin
14 th	Doug Simpson
15 th	Henry White
18 th	Jordan Bracken Tod Dean
19 th	Brandy (Baxter) Valentine
20 th	Rick Pinhard, Jr.
21 st	Mary Ellen Howenstine
23 rd	Mildred Fowler Edna Harper
24 th	Wendy Lichtenwalter
25 th	Rachael Catlett
26 th	Erik Knechtl Marleanna Pinhard
27 th	Vincent DiLorenzo Kari Senften Heike Townsend
29 th	Cheryl Robinson

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **OCTOBER** newsletter is **SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER

6 th	Henry & Renate White
13 th	Rick & Wendy Lichtenwalter
20 th	Tim Shetzer
27 th	Jim & Paula Bracken

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.

For more information on being a Greeter, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6 th	OPEN
13 th	Gary & Elaine Steinbach in celebration of Clara's 89 th birthday
20 th	Paul & Lori Waibel in celebration of Edna's birthday
27 th	Rick & Wendy Lichtenwalter in celebration of Wendy's birthday



Thank you Pastor Lynn for the comforting words and scripture for Joanne's funeral service. We appreciate Linda Radsick, Sue Larke and the Deacons for hosting the luncheon following the service.

God Bless,
Bob Hookey and family,
Kurt & Rick Johnson & family

God Bless,



August 23rd	Carol Frye
August 30 th	Pam Baxter
September 6 th	Pat Smith
September 13 th	Lois Pinhard
September 20 th	Pam Baxter
September 27 th	Pat Smith

Ray Dodds (Hospitality House)
Phyllis Greene (Laurels of Massillon)
Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Dorothy Carpenter
Gloria Perrin
Nadine Regula
Jim Trimmer
Dave Wright

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.



Change of Addresses:

Mr. & Mrs. Erik Knechtl
1512 Lancelot St.
Streetsboro, OH 44241-5044

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Altier
35 Pipestove Ct.
Irma, SC 29063-7613

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Crawford family on the recent passing of T.J.'s grandmother, Daisy Marlin, and Michelle's grandfather, Eddie Kay.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bob Hookey and family on the passing of Joanne McCall on August 2nd.

Our prayers are with you and may the Lord extend his comfort to all.

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2015 DEACONS

Moderator: Linda Radsick

Class of 2015:

Class of 2016

Class of 2017:

Vice-Moderator: Lori Waibel

Thomas Thornburg

Lori Waibel

Katie Hinson

Lois Pinhard

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Heike Townsend

Renate White

Sue Larke

Margaret Whitacre

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 **servicing one another, our church, our community and our world**.*