



Sunday, May 15th



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May 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion	2 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Persinger Hall	3 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Persinger Hall	4 Clarion Ringers 6:00 pm Chancel 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	5 Nat'l Day of Prayer	6	7 AA-7:00 pm PH
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 Mission Council 7:00 pm Zoom	13	14
15 Trustees 9:45 a Young Adult Lunch	16	17	18	19 Hospitality & Fellowship	20	21
22 Potluck	23	24	25	26	27	28 Grand Night See flyer
29	30	31	Deacon of the Month - Amy Booth			

With Mother's Day coming soon, I thought it would be appropriate to share some motherly wisdom in this month's newsletter. My mom dealt with her fair share of adversity in her life, including cancer twice and she always seemed to be able to deal with it better than most people. So, in 2016, I asked my mom to write an article offering advice on how to deal with adversity. This is that article.

A TESTIMONY ON DEALING WITH ADVERSITY

"Why me?" "What did I do wrong?"

1. Acknowledge the Problem to Yourself and to Others – When I heard the doctor's diagnosis of cancer, I "fell apart." Through God's leading, I have since learned to calm my fears and worry without first the drama. God's healing hands, counsel, and answers can come through others, too. We sought out the best professional help that we could find, got a second opinion, and attended the offered support group and counseling. I kept the appointments!

2. Accept and Seek Help - At my spouse's request, our pastor came to see me. His sage suggestion has helped me greatly many times ever since. One of the things that he said was to memorize scripture. To paraphrase him: "There will be many times that it will just be you in your hospital gown, alone and without anyone or anything else." This minister gave me three scriptural references: Philippians 4: 4- 9, Psalm 46: 1 – 7 and Luke 12: 22 – 31.

I wrote each on an index card – reading and rereading each innumerable times, while I waited for numerous doctors' appointments, test results, etc. Eventually, I had the Philippians' verses memorized the best. That has been one of my secure supports very often, even now. I sometimes have a verse from the Bible tucked in my pocket, also. A small Bible is my faithful traveling companion, too. Reading and remembering God's word will reassure you and help you to cope with many difficult circumstances. If you take just one thing from this article, have it be to read, meditate on and memorize scripture!

The support of friends and family had to carry me often times, when I couldn't do it alone. Sometimes I needed someone else to make a good decision for me, to motivate me, and to practically "push me." People want to be able to do something to help.

3. Know God and Know God's Word – When I couldn't do much of anything physically, during my months of recovery and treatment, I began to do morning devotions quite regularly. (I had never read the Bible through before; but, now have done so using different versions.) The Old and New Testament Bible readings, a good devotional, Christian music, daily prayer and my Bible study (alone and with a church group) have helped draw me closer to God to this day. These renew and direct me. The richness, beauty, timeliness, and depth of this Holy Word are amazing to me! God's message has helped me in my Christian walk by enabling me now to be his witness, to tithe, to give to the needy more abundantly, to take a moment to see if someone needs my help, to graciously give assistance when asked, to think of the hard-to-love as being made in God's image as I, to try and never say "I'm too busy to ...", etc. We are to be God's hands!

4. Become a True Disciple of God – Do the work that the Bible directs us to do! Whatever the adversity, I feel that we do need the support of the church, the pastor, and its members. My "eye opening" experience led me closer to them. The caring was demonstrated by providing meals, when I couldn't cook. The prayers that were lifted up for me, from even strangers, was overwhelming. They were an anchor for my family and me. Each Sunday the message, the music and the fellowship helped and help me to "get back on the right track." God first, my church, and then my family have become my priorities. I work at never being too busy or too tired to read my Bible, to pray and to do the work of the church. The church for me now is truly a sanctuary!

In many ways, having had that life-threatening illness was a blessing. It was as if God threw a cup of cold water into my face, really awakening me to Him, to his leading and to his help. I do feel that battle helped to change me in a positive way.

What a calming force "... the peace of God" - Romona Brand

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Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquets



The men were servers!



A POEM BY HELEN S. PERRILL

***“God - With Us
God, Be With Us - We Need Thy Care”***

God, be with us in our childhood years.
To guide and direct and dispel our fears.
God, be with us in our teens,
Allow us to be molded by the Christian Theme.
God. Be with us as adult problems appear.
May Thy love and presence be ever near!
God, be with us along life's way.
Give us Thy guidance, so that we won't stray.
God, be with us as we approach life's end.
Keep us mindful that Thou art our Friend.
God, be with us as we bow in prayer.
Be with us God –here-and everywhere.

Helen S. Perrill 1976

Young(ish) Adult Lunches – Once a month, the younger adults of the church will be meeting for lunch after worship. This will begin May 15th, be a time of fellowship and an opportunity for discussion and growth.

Lunch Group – The first one was on Tuesday, April 19. It was a great time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our next lunch will be **11:30am on Tuesday, May 17th at Streetside 62**. Please RSVP to Rajean by the 16th so we can call and give the restaurant a heads up. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, May 22 - there will be a potluck in Persinger Hall. Plan on staying after worship for a simple time of food and fellowship, Bring a dish to share if able.

Church Newsletter – We would really like the church newsletter to be an important resource for the congregation. We want it to list all of the church's meetings, events, special services, fellowship times, and programing. Please share all of the information you know with Rajean, so our church newsletter can have all the information. However, we want it to be more than just a comprehensive list of announcements. We want it to have articles and pictures that capture the events of the previous month. We also want it to have interesting articles, resources, recipes, and jokes. So, if you take a good picture or see something interesting or have something fun to share, send it in. Please make sure to turn items into Rajean by the last Monday of each month.

Church Project Days- the church will be having a series of project days aimed at getting some needed work done around the property. The first one is May 21st and will focus on cleaning and organizing the kitchen and storage area behind the stage.

Outdoor Movie Night- Friday June 17th the church is hosting an outdoor movie night on the church lawn. More information to come and mark your calendar.

College scholarships are available to high school seniors who are active members and graduating this Spring. Applications are available in the church office and need to be turned in by the end of May.



The little library is in need of books. The church has a new little library on the Hinde street side of the building near the food pantry entrance. The idea is that people can come and take a book to read and drop off any books they are done with for others. So please look through your home libraries and bring in any books you no longer want.

DEACONS

On Palm Sunday (April 10, 2022), the Deacons made special deliveries to our church's shut-ins at various residential locations.

The church members visited received a selection of home-baked cookies (soft sugar and oatmeal raisin) and candy-filled Easter eggs festively bagged or a tulip flowerpot and card; all delivered with a whole lot of love. Palm fronds were also given.

Easter cards were sent to those who were unable to be visited.





5/01 - Mary Belle Cockerill
595 Zimmerman Rd. Greenfield 45123

5/04 - Troi Penwell
512 Columbus Ave.

5/10 - A.J. Armintrout
4640 Washington Waterloo Rd.

5/15 - Joe Giebelhouse
5218 White Oak Rd. Bloomingburg 43106

5/15 - Ralph Leeds
3819 Creek Rd.

5/18 - Kim Johnson
4000 Deer Creek Smithfield, KY 40068

5/20 - Amy Booth
1009 Briar Ave.

5/25 - Abigail Tackage
218 Eagles Way

5/26 - Maggi Wall
225 Eagles Way

5/28 - Jacob Grover
2820 US Highway 35 NW



Anniversaries

5/07 - Wayne & Jane Taylor
213 River Rd.

5/12 - Bill & Debra Grover
2820 US Highway 35 NW

5/28 - Pastor Steve & Diana Brand
220 N. Hinde St.

5/31 - John & Hannah Morris
793 McLean St.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

CH Manor Assisted Living
555 N. Glenn Ave.
Joy Heiny #110
Jack Witherspoon #116

Four Seasons Nursing Home
201 Court House Parkway
Becky Thompson #206
Frances Wilson #107

Hopewell House
17273 St. Rt. 104
Chillicothe, OH 45601
Dan Isham #145

St. Catherine's
250 S. Glenn Ave.
Carmen Johnson #34

Sue Crosby
8417 Sierra Meadows Blvd.
Apt. #135
Naples, FL 34113

At Home
Lynn Heiny
Rollo Marchant
Faye Ann Persinger
Wanda Robinson
Barbara Zoodsma



Greeting friends,

As you may have seen, the next Deacon Love Offering will be Sunday, May 1. There are four scheduled offerings that will take place this year. I wanted to take a minute to tell you of all the wonderful things that the deacons do with these generous offerings.

First of all, we have a correspondence deacon (Carol Halliday) who sends out birthday, anniversary, condolence, and get well cards to all church members on those occasions. We allow her a budget for cards, envelopes, and stamps. We also provide cards and stamps for the deacons to correspond with their assigned shut-ins. During the holidays (Christmas, Easter, Etc.), the deacons often choose a small gift to deliver with a visit or card to shut-ins.

Next, the deacons also have a food care committee (headed by Mary Stolsenberg and Martha Cooper) who assemble their team of church volunteers to provide meals to church members or families of church members during times of mourning. This aspect of our mission is to provide a meal to the grieving family at no cost to them. We provide the food, arrange the delivery or event, do cleanup, and allow them to spend time with visiting friends and family.

The Deacons also provide refreshments to congratulate our newly graduated high school or secondary school members. This usually comes in the form of a small reception.

During Christmas, the deacons provide food boxes to the residents of the low income retirement community of Seton Place. This usually includes a full Christmas meal and a few extras to make the season brighter.

Finally, there are other instances where the deacons provide services and along with time, we use these wonderful, generous monetary gifts to help spread the love and joy brought by our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus.

We truly appreciate the love and support of our church family as we serve our church.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY MAY 5

The Fayette County National Day of Prayer Task Force is once again excited to invite everyone downtown to the gazebo on the courthouse lawn at noon on Thursday, May 5 to pray for the nation and local community.

Recently, the Fayette County Commissioners signed a resolution recognizing May 5 as the National Day of Prayer. The resolution explains, “the first Continental Congress felt the need to declare a National Day of Prayer in 1775, and succeeding leaders and Presidents have continued this observance; and legislation was passed in 1988 by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Reagan stating that the National Day of Prayer was to be observed the first Thursday of May and Governor DeWine has proclaimed May 5, 2022 as a day of Prayer throughout the state of Ohio.”

This year’s Fayette County National Day of Prayer Task Force has all new members, and they are excited about some of the additions — such as food trucks available downtown — for before and after the service. The task force hopes that the addition encourages more people to come downtown to participate in the prayer service, and then stay for fellowship afterwards.

The committee includes Grace Miller, Laverne Hughes, Matt Hippely, Janet Martin, Bri Miller, Heidi Zimmerman, Ashley Armintrout, and Ike and Justine Garland, all who have been vital in planning the Fayette County National Day of Prayer service.

Another change this year is that the second service will be located downtown at the gazebo at 7 p.m. as well.

“We look forward to joining together with people from all over Fayette County, as well as uniting with people from around the country in praying for our nation,” explained the committee.

It's A Grand Night For Singing

*Come enjoy an evening of Fine Dining
& Concert Featuring the Music of*

Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers

Presented by the Fayette County Choral Society

Saturday, May 28th

Doors Open at 5:30

Dinner at 6pm

Concert at 7pm

Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Tickets may be purchased for \$20 for Dinner/Concert or \$10 Concert Only

Through any Choral Society Member or by calling

Richard Glass at 740-505-6191

PREPAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MAY 20TH





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Fayette County Food Pantry
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 1 pm - 3 pm

*If you would like to donate
 please make your ck out to the
 Fayette County Food Pantry*

The Session		
Clerk of Session Jennifer Pieratt Moderator Rev. Steve Brand		
2022	2023	2024
Sara Creamer	Gary Campbell	Nancy Crouse
Nick Preston	Debra Grover	Carol Waddle
Dick Glass	Sandy Patton	Carole Wright
The Deacons		
2022	2023	2024
Amy Booth	Ashley Armintrout	Carol Halliday
Julie Butcher	Martha Cooper	Diana Melchiori
Mary Stolsenberg	Josh Pickelheimer	Kitten Richards
The Trustees		
2022	2023	2024
Lauran Perrill	Jason Booth	Polly Dean
Janet Robinson	John Pickelheimer	Jill Maddux-Roberts
2022 Per capita - \$40.00 per member		

All about First Presbyterian Church
... Sunday Services
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
In-person at 10:30 am
Live stream on facebook @ 10:30 am
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