

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger
March/April 2018

Dear Friends,

It's almost here! As Spring approaches, we wait and watch for crocus, daffodil, tulips, and other Spring flowers. We anticipate new life in God's beautiful earth. Waiting is hard after a long cold Winter, but Spring is almost here.

We have also begun the Lenten Journey toward Easter. This is a time of reflection, waiting, and preparing for the resurrection. Our preparation began on Ash Wednesday. This is a day of remorse to mark the beginning of the forty days of Lent. This is a time for putting aside the sins of the past and present in the light of who we are yet to become by God's grace. We received the sign of an ash cross on our foreheads to be reminded of our daily need to repent and believe the Gospel.

This Lenten journey of waiting may seem long, but I'm encouraged by the words of scripture. *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."* (Psalm 27:14) And how can we forget the words of the prophet: *"but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31)

So let us equip ourselves as we wait by participating in a Lenten book study. *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* will be offered on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Although the study has begun, it's not too late to join us. The author, James Moore, invites us to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, gossip, resentment, or any negative thinking. Life would be so much better.

March 1	Give Up Running Away
March 8	Give Up a Bad Habit
March 15	Give Up Pettiness
March 22	Wrap Your Arms Around Something Good

Yes, Spring is almost here. We will soon smell spring flowers and the Easter lilies. So let us do all we can to worship, pray, study, and be renewed in God's love through Jesus Christ.

May God bless you in awesome ways this Spring!

Pastor Rick



Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Lowell and Norma Hite upon the death of their daughter-in-law, Rachel Hite on December 17th.

The family of Beatrice Wynett upon her death on January 1st.

Judy Woods upon the death of her mother, Dorothy McClurg on January 12th.

James Wilson upon the death of his mother, Betty Wilson on January 23rd.



Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25th, 10:00 a.m.
~ Worship celebration with palm branches.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m.
~ A service of Word and The Lord's Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday, March 30th, 7:00 p.m. at Maple Street UMC
~ A shared service with Maple St. UMC.
~ A combined choir will provide special music.

Easter Worship Celebration, April 1st, 10:00 a. m.
~ A service of Word and special music.
~ Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Scholarships

Scholarship application forms are located at the Information Center. Please fill it out and return it to the church office by April 1st.



The 2018 Altar Flower Chart, located near the Pastor's office, is quickly filling up. Please fill in the dates you want before they are taken. You can either write on the date on the calendar or you can call the office at 740-653-1196. Just to keep you up to date, here are the following dates that are still available:

April 8 & 29, May 6, July 15, 22 & 29, September 30, November 18 December 30



Thank You

Church Friends,
Thank you for the special gift at Christmas time. It was so sweet of you to think of me.

Cindy Smith



Thanks to everyone for your prayers and concern during my recent struggles. It is so heartwarming to have such caring and support during the rough times. God bless you all.

Phyllis Flowers

Thank you for your donation to the Detail. It is greatly appreciated. It helps with the upkeep and gas for the van & uniforms.

The Lancaster Burial Detail Members
We wish you the best for this season and New Year!
Merry Christmas to all!



Thank You!!!

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Heartwarmers,
Thank you for the Christmas gift and all you do!

Hazel Marcus



Thank You!

I would like to thank all my dear church friends for all my flowers and gifts I received during 2017.

Mary Redd

6th Ave. UMC Church Family,



A heartfelt thank you for your thoughts, cards, prayers and visits during mom's illness and passing. Each of you is a true blessing and I am humbled and grateful.

God Bless,
Judy Woods



To Pastor Rick and the members of 6th Ave. U.M. Church,
Thank you for the cards, visits and general care of my mother-in-law Dorothy McClurg. The funeral sermon was very touching and we appreciate all that was done for her in her time at 6th Avenue.

Jill & Joe McClurg

Thanks to all of you -



The food was great and we appreciated your thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful group of Christians.

God Bless,
Judy Woods



Heartwarmers,
To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The Dorothy McClurg Family

AN INVITATION TO A COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT

**Share the Joy of Jesus
Families and Children's Rally
Saturday, March 17, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Praise and Worship
John Coen – Black Light Puppet Ministry
Jeff Brymer-Bashore, Disc Jockey
Music - Fun - Fellowship
Remnant Expressive Sign Team Lunch

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church
222 North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio
Contact: Tammy Witham, Families and Children's Ministries,
twitham@firstpbc.org



If you would like to send a card to Diann Helber, please send them to her home address:

Diann Helber
1073 Ety Rd. NW
Lancaster, Ohio 43130



During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Wilson Family



Adult Bible Study is open to all folks interested in fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. New comers are welcome! The class meets before worship at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor, taught by Reverend Chuck Wheatley. During the spring session we will explore the Bible studying the book of Corinthians.

Please join the group any Sunday you are available during the spring months. The curriculum presents the following:

March 4	United in Christ	1 Cor. 1:10-25
March 11	Glorifying God	1 Cor. 6:12-20
March 18	Keeping Commitment	1 Cor. 7:1-13
March 25	Influencing for Christ	1 Cor. 9:19-27; 10:31-33; 11:1
April 1	Assurance of the Resurrection*	John 20:3-9; 1 Cor. 15:20-28
April 8	Remembering the Sacrifice	1 Cor. 11:17-29
April 15	Serving God's People	1 Cor. 12:4-12, 21-26
April 22	Understanding Love	1 Cor. 13:1-13
April 29	Enjoying God's Comfort	2 Cor. 1:3-14
May 6	Displaying the Gospel	2 Cor. 4:5-18
May 13	Becoming New	2 Cor. 5:16-21; 6:1-2
May 20	Giving Faithfully	2 Cor. 9:1-15
May 27	Finding Strength	2 Cor. 12:7b-10; 13:2-8

Dear friends in Christ,



Your gifts were such a wonderful blessing. Thank you for your prayers as I am on this journey. My surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, the 31st. It will be tough but I know a God that is able. Can't wait to get back to church to worship and sing praises to my Lord and Savior. We are so blessed to have a Pastor that loves his people.

God bless you all.

In great appreciation,
Gary & Carol Corner

Aluminum Can Collection



The church is still accepting aluminum cans. Please crush them to save space.

You can leave your bags of cans outside by the shed on the 4th Sunday of each month. The money received from all the cans will go to the Veteran's Burial Squad.
Thank you!

Dear Pastor & church family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food. Knowing prayers were going to heaven on my behalf gave me encouragement and the will to get better. I've never had pneumonia before and I don't want it again. To be able to breathe freely again!



What a blessing!
Judy Wheatley



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH

Thomas and Janice Boch	March 4
Rev. John and Joan Glick	March 18
Lowell and Norma Hite	March 18

ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL

Jerry and Janet Lentz	April 4
Charles and Patti Crist	April 10
Jeff and Dee Wright	April 10
Ken and Barbara Cook	April 13
Charles and Kathy Shafer	April 17
Jan and Connie Cox	April 28



Birthdays - MARCH

Alice Moneypenny	March 3
William Cattran	March 4
Marie Jones	March 4
Molly Trogus	March 5
James Funkhouser	March 9
Margaret Hayden	March 10
Karen Zumbro	March 10
Natalie Murray	March 10
Roxanne Alspaugh	March 11
Larry Hedges	March 12
Isaac Hill	March 12
Jiles Powell	March 12
John Smith	March 13
Carolyn Cattran	March 14
Mary Chilcote	March 14
Janet Reynolds	March 14
Shirley Short	March 14
Bonnie Currence	March 15
Jack Wright	March 15
Jerry Dickson	March 16
Kristen Whitmer-Beatty	March 17
Diane Cochran	March 18
Mary Groves	March 22
E.J. Gurile, III	March 23
Richard Wagner	March 25
B. J. Baughman	March 26
Mary Ledgett	March 28
Kimberly Stalder	March 28
Kyle Whitmer-Beatty	March 29
Rodney Neil	March 30
Todd Suman	March 31



Birthdays - APRIL

Sara Hedges	April 1
Sharon Byerly	April 2
Carl Thomas	April 4
Tate Hummel	April 5
Jeffrey Bender	April 9
Kenneth Cook	April 10
Angela Hill	April 10
Bob Ledgett	April 10
Thelma Dilliard	April 13
Max Smith	April 13
Diann Mogavero	April 14
Sharon Layne	April 18
Mary Johnson	April 22
Gregg Witham	April 22
Jerry Lentz	April 23
Bob George	April 24
Joyce Lee	April 24
Edith Thomas	April 24
Marcella Green	April 27
Betty Smith	April 27
Alyssa Barnecut	April 30
Jerry Raymond	April 30

