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Parson's Perspective

Special Points

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I've been reading a book on worship by Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr. Some of his thoughts follow.

Prayer is a necessary component of worship, but prayer which takes place before worship is just as important as that which occurs within the context of worship. Prayer ushers us into the presence of God, and when we pray about worship, our prayers move the heart of God toward us and move us toward the heart of God, preparing us to enter into sincere heartfelt worship.

When we pray about worship, we are seeking God's will that we might really worship God in spirit and in truth. True worship is like looking at a work of art. Each time we look, we see something different. Each time we join in public worship, we bring our unique sets of life experiences and our equally unique relationships with God.

Far too many people in congregations have looked at worship as simply a time to be inspired, uplifted, and comforted. The problem is that worship cannot and must not ever revolve around the needs of the worshiper. The purpose of worship is to glorify God and lift before us the suffering and sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ. That draws people into relationship with God. This relationship is not based on getting individual and personal needs met in worship. Instead it is based on worshipping and serving a living God, and the blessings that come to worshippers through their worship of God. These blessings then manifest themselves in how we care for one another, particularly the least among us.

Genuine worship can be experienced when we surrender to God in prayer our need to control worship. When worship is alive and vital, God is in control. There is a direct connection between openness to God in prayer and the ability to effectively and fervently worship Go. Worship that ignites a congregation is fluid and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It takes on a life of its own is different each time it is experienced. This worship becomes a true adoration of a God who is worthy to be praised, and the by-product is phenomenal blessing for the body of Christ.

As we approach Easter, which is the most important and visible celebration of our faith in God, in the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Spirit to make faith possible for us, I would urge you to take time to pray for our worship times, and especially for the people who enable worship, not just the preachers, but also the readers and musicians. And pray that the Spirit may prepare you to offer holy praise to God and to be blessed by the giving of that praise. Pray expectantly to receive something of the richness of the praise-worthy God that will further transform your life in Christ. May your "Amen" not be "It's over" but rather "Yes indeed!"

Pastor Rick

THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday, April 2 - 1:30 p.m.

Esther Circle at the home of Evelyn Baker, 613

E. Seventh St.-Study Leader: Irene Noble

Martha Mary Circle at the home of Jean Frank,

358 Wendy Lane-Study Leader: Elaine Zingg

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup and Bread

Sunday, April 6 - 9:30 a.m. "Engage for Effective Evangelism" Bob Getty

10:45 a.m. Worship and Communion

(Deacons' Offering)

Offering of Letters Information Packets Available

Wednesday, April 9 - 5:30 p.m.

Soup and Bread

Thursday, April 10 - 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Committee Mtg.

2:00 p.m. PW Birthday Party

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Adult Class "Engage for Effective Evangelism" Bob Getty

Offering of Letters Dedication

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

(See Special Article in this Newsletter)

Monday, April 14 - Lifeline Screenings

Information available on coffee table in the Lobby or calling Church Office 947-2905

Thursday, April 17 - 10:30 a.m. Communion

at Bristol Health Care

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion

Service (Deacons' Offering)

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

followed by Easter Breakfast

10:45 a.m. Regular Worship

Monday, April 21 - Church Closed

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.

Wednesday, April 23 - 1:45 p.m.

P.W.C.T. Meeting at the home of Audrey

Tysen, 357 Wendy Lane

Sunday, April 27 - 9:30 a.m.

New five week Adult Class Begins "Faith and Science" with Richard Hays as leader

Sunday, April 30 - 1:30 p.m.

P.W. Fifth Wednesday Program

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 12 - Helen Heinmiller

20 - Sharon Weaver

23 - Kitty Neely

25 - Richard Kendle

26 - Mike Milam

30 - Janet Marsh

APRIL GREETERS:

April 6 - Patty and Earl Todt

13 - Ann Oyer & Ruth Wonnell

20 - Juliet & Alexandra Getty

27 - Irene Noble & Anne Young

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING- April 26

Presbyterian Women for Scioto Valley will gather at Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 26. The focus is on building an inclusive and caring community, celebrating the many gifts that our women share with our communities, and all over the world. Church wide Moderator Mary Cook Jorgenson will share how we reach out to others; plus there will be examples of how we can become "lights" in the world as we meet Women of Faith and hear their stories and the lights they followed. Let Audrey Tysen know if you are planning to attend before April 17. (Cost is only \$9 and includes a tasty lunch).

5th Wednesday Conversations

The 5th Wednesday Conversations on April 30 at 1:30 PM will feature a special speaker who comes from near Cincinnati. Her name is Carol Winkler. Her topic will be about the 1000 Days Movement, an ecumenical project supported by Bread for the World which promotes and provides food aid throughout the world. The goal of the movement is to "scale up nutrition" for women and young children during the 1000 days from pregnancy to a child's second birthday. She will share with us how we can do this around the world and locally.

Carol is the representative from the Synod of the Covenant Presbyterian Women to the Churchwide Coordinating Team of PW. She is coming quite a distance just to be with us. We hope you will make a special effort to attend.

The event is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women and everyone is invited. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Bread for the World Myths and Realities

MYTH: Not much progress can be made against a problem as big as hunger.



REALITY: In less than two generations, global hunger has been cut in half. Instead of one person out of every three suffering from hunger and malnutrition, it's now one person out of every six—still far too many, but a big improvement.

MYTH: It's a waste of time and money to give development assistance, because it never gets to the people who need it.

REALITY: In recent years, there has been much more emphasis on transparency and adherence to strict accounting standards. It has become increasingly difficult for anyone to make aid money "disappear," lost to corruption.

MYTH: Not much can be done to improve child nutrition without money—a lot of it.

REALITY: For about \$8, a child can be provided with a package of nutrients and medications designed to help prevent irreversible damage from malnutrition. Thus, the United States helps large numbers of children even with our current modest nutrition assistance budget (about \$95 million a year).

Nutrition during the 1,000-day window is in the category of "things it's too expensive *not* to do," since it can cost a country as much as 11% of its economic output in lost productivity, not to mention significant extra healthcare costs.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2014</h1>						
		1	2 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tugg. 1:30 p.m. Circle Mtgs. 5:30 Lenten Soup/Bread 7 p.m. Choir	3	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Offering	7	8	9 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tugg. 5:00 p.m. Soup/Bread 7:00 p.m. Choir	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Offering of Letters Dedication OGHS Offer	14 Lifeline Screening at the church	15	16 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 7:00 p.m. Choir	17 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion	18 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Tenabrae Service	19
20 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Ser. Easter Breakfast 10:45 a.m. Worship	21 Church Closed 7 p.m. Session Mtg.	22	23 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:45 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg.	24	25	26 P.W. Spring Gathering First Church Gallipolis
27 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship	28	29 Pastor Hays away attend. Pension Bd. Mtg. April 29- May 1	30 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers 1:30 p.m. PW Fifth Wed. 7 p.m. Choir			

FELLOWSHIP THRIVES

The snow and ice these last few weeks did not deter our friendly flock from enjoying fellowship together.

Thank you to COFFEE HOUR hosts in recent weeks: Bakers, Hendersons, Strattons, Stricklands, Sydows. There are still a few empty slots on the sign-up chart for April and May. Ask a friend or two to host with you...and don't overlook the "Hints for Coffee - Hour Hosts" on the kiosk. Example: If you bring your cookies/cheese and crackers ready to serve, you save a lot of clean-up time afterward.

The delicious PANCAKE SUPPER was prepared and served by Bob and Kitty Neely (sausage and bacon), Lew and Wanda Stratton (pancakes using their own milled flour), and Barb Patterson (a huge bowl of melon and berries).

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS were made possible by "Souper Chefs" Evelyn Baker, Juliet Getty, Kitty Neely, Irene Noble, Barb Patterson, Jean Sydow, Patty Todt, Elaine and Otto Zingg.

Bread provided by Hendersons, Hays, Netzleys, Nancy Seward, Tysens, and Anne Young. With minimal table set-up, clean up was quick and easy with ample time for choir practice. The discussion questions, prepared by our pastors, encouraged lively participation as we enjoyed the simple meal and fellowship. Thanks to several other people who volunteered to make soup. (We'll keep them on next year's list!)

LIGHT MEALS were served to family members and out-of-town guests attending memorial services in February and March. Families of Walter Vonderohe, Betty Benefiel, and Joe Hodder enjoyed the time together in a quiet, private setting.

EASTER BREAKFAST is just around the corner! How many shall we plan for? A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Sunrise Service is at 7:00 with the breakfast in the Community Room at 8:00.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE continues to strive for "a place for everything and everything in its place" in our tiny kitchen. Thank you to everybody for keeping the counters free of clutter, for rinsing those used mugs and putting them in the dishwasher, for taking home ALL your "stuff," and for remembering to return laundered tablecloths, pot holders, dish cloths and towels as soon as possible!

DID YOU KNOW??? That high ceiling in our sanctuary extends into the foyer?? Phone conversations, chit chat, and rattling of kitchen utensils are within sound range of those seated in church!

Thank you for helping our Fellowship Committee: Betsy Hall, Louise Netzley, Wanda Stratton, Nancy Seward, Jean Sydow and our ever-faithful secretary, Barb Patterson.

NEXT MEETING OF FELLOWSHIP IS
Thursday, April 10 at 1:30.

One Great Hour of Sharing – April 13th

Catastrophic storms and wildfires throughout the United States. War and political uprisings in the Middle East. Malnutrition and starvation. Extreme poverty and urban squalor. Stories of disaster, hunger, poverty, and other tragedies filled our newspapers and television screens in 2013. In the midst of these times, scripture reminds us that "hope does not disappoint us, because god's love has been poured into our hearts." (Romans 5:5) We are called to make God's community livable for all by sharing God's love.

On April 13th, Palm Sunday, we will observe One Great Hour of Sharing with a special offering. Your gift to this offering allows Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by disaster, even when recovery takes years. It helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally and makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.

Through abundant and generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterians have for many years faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives by pouring His love into their lives in tangible ways. Please give generously on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

COMING IN MAY

One of the primary topics in our current society is Homosexuality. It has been studied and discussed in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1976. And, it will be on the agenda again at the General Assembly this coming June.

Patty and Earl Todt have volunteered to led a series of discussions on homosexuality starting in May. The series will be on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. The dates and topics will be:

May 13 - "Our experience with homosexuality in our family"

May 20 - "Homosexuality in our church family"

May 27 - "Homosexuality in our community"

Sept. 9 - "Homosexuality in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"

Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and share.

--Discipleship Committee

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, April 2014

April 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14 ; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45 Pastor Rick: "Beyond Our Power"
April 13	Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ; Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 27:11-54 Pastor Rick: "Which Way Is Up?"
April 17	Maundy Thursday Luke 14:1-6; Luke 7:36-47; Luke 5:27-31; Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 26:20-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Pastor Rick: "Table Talk"
April 18	Good Friday – "Shadows of the Cross" – A Service of Tenebrae for Good Friday
April 20	7:00 a.m. – First Service of Easter – Easter Sunrise Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 ; Psalm 114; Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18 Pastor Rick: "Deliverance"
April 20	10:45 a.m. – Second Service of Easter Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10 Pastor Bob: "The Easter Incident Report"
April 27	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 22-32 ; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 Pastor Rick: "More Than a Name"

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

APRIL 2014

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
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Karen Henderson	Juliet Getty	David Bell
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Paula Hays	Betsy Hall	Robert Neely
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Audrey Tysen	Marian Odell	Irene Noble
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Kay Weir	Dick Roberts	Glenn Noble
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Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Don Kerry	Kitty Neely	Gerald Barnes
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Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Maryanna Cassady-14

Patricia Dixon-28

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-5-B

Ben Lane-118

Jay Yetter-1

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

At Home

Virginia Dixoon, Marlene Voorhes, Janet and Oscar Marsh

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

April 6 - Elaine Zingg

13 - Otto Zingg

20 - Bruce Henderson

27 -

APRIL USHERS:

April 6 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely, David Bell

13 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell, Lois Hardy, Wanda Stratton

20 - Bud Hobday

27 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank, Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes

APRIL FLOWERS:

April 6

13 -

20 - Easter Lillies

27 -

APRIL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 6 - Communion

13 - Irene and Glenn Noble

20 -

27 - Elaine and Otto Zingg

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Amen Corner

I don't know why some people change churches;
what difference does it make which one you stay
home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing
on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

Outside of traffic, there is nothing that holds this
country back as much as committees.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or
judges.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain
anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the
called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

Whoever angers you, controls you.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the
spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions – just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind
us.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace
of God will not protect you.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to
..... discourage her.