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PARSON'S PERSPECTIVE

Lent is a time about imperfection. Our imperfection. Imperfection is obviously a judgment which is measured by some yardstick of "perfection." We have that. Matthew 5:48: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." As someone who does measuring as part of my woodworking hobby, I like to eyeball measurements between the lines of the ruler. "It's a shy three and a half sixteenths." I remember a math teacher sometime saying that we can't measure beyond the smallest increment provided. I suspect we all do as we try to measure our way into the kingdom.

There are other possible translations to the Greek work behind "perfect." Charles Summers, a Presbyterian pastor in Richmond, VA, suggests that the word really means "mature." We are to be mature, like our Abba in heaven, Be grown up like God is grown up. It is true, we don't always act as grown up as we can or should be. Who of us hasn't been chastise, "What would your mother say about your behavior?" She's not here, but the threat still carries weight.

Another possible translation is "complete." That's the word the Common English Bible uses. When I think of complete, I think of wholeness, something that has everything, has nothing left out. If the quiz has ten questions and the first nine are perfectly correct, but the tenth one is not answered, that's not complete.

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This Month

Sunday, March 3 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set your clocks ahead one hour

9:30 a.m. Adult Class-"What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art

Tuesday, March 5 - 7:00 p.m. Small Group Study
"Final Words from the Cross: Led by Walter Vonderohe

Wednesday, March 6 - Circle Meetings
1:30 p.m. Esther Circle at the home of Wanda Stratton-Leader-Kay Weir (Lesson 6)
1:30 p.m. Martha Mary Circle at the Resident's Cottage, Irene Noble, hostess-Leader: Evelyn Baker

Thursday, March 7 - 1:30 p.m.
Evangelism Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 10 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
"What Wondrous Love"
Reception of new members

Monday, March 11-Wednesday, March 13
Pastor Hays Away attending Stewardship Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Sunday, March 12-7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group

THIS MONTH continued...

Thursday, March 14 - 1:30 p.m. P.W.

Birthday Party at Bristol Health Care

Sunday, March 17 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class "What Wondrous Love"

**10:45 a.m. Pastor Getty will preach
"Try Something New"**

Monday, March 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Small Group—Walter Vonderohe

Thursday, March 21 - 10:30 a.m.

Communion at Bristol Health Care

1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class "What Wondrous Love"

Tuesday, March 26 - 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Small Group—Walter Vonderohe

Wednesday, March 27 - 1:30 p.m.

P.W.C.T. Mtg. at the Glenn Ctr.

Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 29 - 2:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 24 - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service Service

(Pastor Getty Preaching)

Followed by Easter Breakfast

10:45 a.m. Regular Worship

VISITORS:

January 27

Bob Penrose, Bristol Village

Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

February 3

Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

Don and Louise Netzley, Bristol Village

Daryl Foreman, Bristol Village

Dana Ellis, Bristol Village

Betty Hartwig, Bristol Village

Gene and Sarah Brushart, Waverly

February 10

Don and Louise Netzley, Bristol Village

Ruth Karner, Bristol Village

Bob Penrose, Bristol Village

February 17

Don and Louise Netzley, Bristol Village

Membership Reception

The congregation of this church is always open and welcomes new members. The next date set for receiving new members is March 10. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, please contact one of the pastors. Other dates can easily be arranged as well.

Cancellation

We are sorry to report that the Thai drama group from Payap University in Bangkok are not able to travel to this country this year.

Arrangements are being made to have Esther Wake-man, missionary at Payap University in Bangkok, Thailand, here at our church for a pot luck dinner and to speak afterward on Tuesday, April 9. Mark your calendar!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who brought their soup cans for "Souper Sunday". We had a total of 244 cans of soup. And they will be appreciated by many of the local needy families that come to the food pantry. Oh yes!... The Ravens appreciated the fact they won the most soup cans!



The Worship Committee will be placing Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary for the Easter Season. We will be accepting donations of \$7.00 per name to recognize someone "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". A list of names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office by Friday, March 22nd.

In Memory of:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Honor of:

Name

Date

Amt. Paid

_____ Yes _____ No _____ I want my Easter Flowers

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ACTIVITIES

Four women plan to attend the Presbytery Winter Gathering Saturday at the Ramseyer Church in Westerville. Karen Henderson as Vice-Moderator for PEACE AND JUSTICE in the Presbytery will be the leader.

GOOD NEWS!

Our circle offerings in February gave our treasury a big boost! Our treasurer says the mission pledge can be met now. Praise God that we have the means to help others.

SAVE THE DATE--- APRIL 9, 2013

PW with the Mission and Evangelism Committee are planning a special event with Dr. Esther Wakeman, missionary from Thailand. More information later!

CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Esther----- at Wanda Stratton's 610 7th St.
Leader: Kay Weir (Lesson 6)

Martha Mary----at the Residents' Cottage, Irene Noble, hostess
Leader: Evelyn Baker (Lesson 6)

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MARCH 14----- Martha Mary Circle will provide entertainment and companionship at Bristol Health Center for March Birthday Party at 2:00pm.

One Great Hour of Sharing – March 24th

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 2012. In the midst of these times, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that we are called to be “the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in” (Isa. 58:12). We are called to make God's community livable for all.

On March 24th, 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, including those now recovering from Hurricane Sandy. 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. Please give generously on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2013</h1>					1	2
					3 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Daylight Savings Time begins	4
10 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Receive New Members	11 Pastor Hays away attend- Stewardship Conf. March 11-13	12 Lenten Small Group 7 p.m.	13 Sleeve-Tugg 8 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	14 P.W. Birthday Party at Bristol Health Care 1:30 p.m.	15	16
17 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	18 Session Mtg. 7 p.m.	19 Lenten Small Group 7 p.m.	20 Sleeve Tugg. 8 a.m. Choir 7.p.m.	21 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care Stewardship 1:30 p.m.	22	23
24 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	25	26 Lenten Small Group 7 p.m.	27 Sleeve Tugg. 8 a.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg. 1:30 p.m.	28 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 p.m.	29 Good Friday Service 2 p.m.	30
31 Easter Sunrise Ser. 7 a.m. Breakfast 10:45 a.m. Reg. Worship						

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 22, 2013

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Organist: Patricia Schiemann

Treasurer: Ralph Strickland

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

Class of 2013

Class of 2014

Class of 2015

Evelyn Baker

Karen Henderson

Juliet Getty

Oscar Marsh

Audrey Tysen

Betsy Hall

Ralph Strickland

Kay Weir

Nel Huck

Elaine Zingg

Dick Roberts

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Irene Noble

Robert Neely

Gerald Barnes

Ministers Serving in Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

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

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Agnes Nash, 311

Dorothy Rucker, 18

Patricia Dixon, 302B

Joseph Hodder, 304

Gloria Benbow, 304A

Jay Yetter, 1

Maryanna Cassady, 101

Zerelda Young, 22

Dorothy Headley, 5A

Virginia Hartwell, 21B

Ben Lane, 118

Shirley Pryor, 307

Betty Benefiel, 307

Anna Dodge, 111

Ed Dodge, 103

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins, 202

At Home

In the Waverly Area

In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Betty Rodway, Max Russell, Verna Taylor

In Military Service

MARCH GREETERS:

March 3 - Jackie and Gerald Barnes

10 - Patty and Earl Todt

17 - Ann Oyer and Ruth Wonnell

24 - Tom Frank and Barratt Banta

31 - Betsy Hall and Jean Sydow

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

March 3 - Karen Henderson

10 - Cay Roberts

17 - Richard Hays

24 - Dick Roberts

31 - Gareth Baker

MARCH USHERS:

March 3 - Robert Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell, Barrett Banta

10 - Jackie Barnes, Wanda Stratton,
Ann Oyer

17 - Bud Hobday, Barbara Early,
Jay Early, Earl Todt

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

31 - Robert Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell, Barrett Banta

MARCH FLOWERS:

March 3 - Barbara Patterson

10 -

17 - Nancy Seward

24 - Palm Sunday

31 - Easter Lilies

MARCH COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 3 -

10 - Patty and Ralph Strickland

17 - Cay and Dick Roberts

24 -

31 -

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M Parson's Perspective, continued.

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N Most of us are not complete. Thank you for not telling me about my in-complete-ness. And don't try to tell me that you are complete. We have all been incomplete since we were forced to leave something of the godly life when we were evicted from Eden.

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R Lent isn't supposed to lay it on thicker. Lent is supposed to remind us that we can be perfect, mature, complete. That's what the ministry of Jesus was all about. In him we are perfected. In him we gain the maturity that so often is lacking. In him we are made whole, complete in every way that we cannot complete ourselves by our own efforts. Lent is time we can take to say "Thank you" to God for taking the load of guilt off of us when we feel imperfect, imma-

ture, and incomplete. And God's affirmation is sealed with the perfectly, completely empty tomb.

So as each of goes through the Lenten season on the way to Easter, let us rejoice in the knowledge that we are being completed, matured and perfected.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Rick

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

March 4 - Patricia Dixon
Paula Hays

8 - Bob Penrose

9 - Earl Todt

14 - Marian Odell

15 - Kay Weir

20 - Mack Earnhardt

27 - Tammy Patterson Neibling

29 - George Hartwell



Happy Wedding Anniversary-
Cay and Dick Roberts - March 29

