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## OUR MISSION

*We, the First Presbyterian Church of Waverly, a congregation of dedicated believers in the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to share this faith in worship and to express it through serving the community.*

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## Parson's Perspective

**L**ent starts on Wednesday, March 1. Each week since Epiphany we have lit a small candle to remind us of the growing presence of Christ as the light of the world. After his baptism by John, Jesus became known by increasing numbers of people. The growing light is emblematic of the impact of his ministry on the lives of people in all strata of his society. His transfiguration in the presence of Peter, James, and John became a turning point. Because of Jesus' popularity and his witness for God that grated against the status quo of the entrenched religious leadership, he had gone too far in the establishment's mind.

**E**xcitement ran high wherever Jesus went. As he set his face towards Jerusalem and crowds thronged to see him, hands reached out to touch him, requests for healing were fervently asked by those who knew that he was the presence of God in their midst. However, the temple leaders and their way of life was threatened. Jesus' teachings and his pointed parabolic stories undermined the comfortable control of mediating God to the people. And the way the people flocked to Jesus also threatened the tenuous detente between the Roman overlords and the puppet local government.

**N**ight was coming. The increasing conspiracy of temple leaders was aimed at putting out the light which Jesus shone on the self-serving leadership of the Temple. Increasingly the Pharisees, scribes, and religious lawyers tried to trap Jesus into saying things they could use against him. Much to their annoyance, Jesus slipped their every trap. Worse than that he often made them look like ignorant fools. They rapidly arrived at the end of their institutional rope. Something had to be done and had to be done soon. They looked for ways to snuff out the Light of the world.

**T**enebrae is the formal word for a worship service that is held usually on Good Friday. In the service a number of lit candles are one after another put out and the room darkened until the liturgy arrives at Jesus' crucifixion, marked by total darkness. Matthew tells us that the "whole earth was dark" from noon until three, the hour that Jesus committed his spirit to God. Of course, the "sun" of righteousness arose on Easter. Rather than a single Tenebrae service, from Ash Wednesday through to Good Friday a candle will be extinguished to depict the growing increasing resistance the world will mount against Christ until it carries out his execution and thinks itself done with him. Only we know better. We will await Easter. Please pray for our worship and join with us as we prepare for God's triumph in Christ.

*Pastor Rick*

## This Month in the Church

**Wednesday, March 1 - 11:30 a.m.**  
Prayer Group

**1:30 p.m. Circle Meetings:** Esther will meet at the home of Karen Henderson and Betty Sumey will lead the Bible Study  
**Martha Mary** will gather at the Resident's Cottage in Bristol Village-Sandy Hlasten will Host and Jean Frank will lead the study

**7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**

**Sunday, March 5 - 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Class  
A 3-week study of "Dreams/Interpretation Of Dreams" Nel Diehlmann, leader (See special article in this newsletter)

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**Special Session Mtg. following worship**  
**In the Community Room to receive new Church Officers**  
**(First Sunday in Lent)**

**Monday, March 6 - 7:00 p.m.**  
"AA" Meeting

**Tuesday, March 7 - 3:45 p.m.** Choir

**Wednesday, March 8 - 11:30 p.m.**

Prayer Time

**1:30 p.m.** P.W.C.T. Meeting at the home of Evelyn Baker

**5:00 p.m.** Pancake Supper at the Church  
**(Watch Bulletin for Details)**

**Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time**  
**Begins-Set clocks ahead one hour**

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Bible Class - "Dreams/Interpretations in the Old Testament" Nel Diehlmann, leader  
(See "Courier" for Schedule)

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**(Second Sunday in Lent)**

**Monday, March 13 - 7:00 p.m.** "AA" Mtg.

**Tuesday, March 14 - 3:45 p.m.** Choir

**Wednesday, March 15 - 11:30 a.m.** Prayer Time

**3:00 p.m.** Session Mtg.

**5:00 p.m.** Lenten Soup and Bread

**Thursday, March 16 - 10:30 a.m.**

Communion at Bristol Health Care

**Sunday, March 19 - 9:30 a.m.** Adult Class

"Dreams and Interpretations in the New Testament" Nel Diehlmann, leader

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**(Third Sunday in Lent)**

**Monday, March 20 - 7:00 p.m.** "AA" Mtg.

**Tuesday, March 21 - 3:45 p.m.** Choir

**Wednesday, March 22 - 11:30 a.m.**

Prayer Time

**5:00 p.m.** Lenten Soup and Bread

**Sunday, March 26 - 9:30 a.m.**

Adult Bible Class (A 2-week series on Prophecy and Fulfillment) begins  
Cal Tysen, leader

**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**(Fourth Sunday in Lent)**

**Monday, March 27 - 7:00 p.m.** "AA"

Mtg.

**Tuesday, March 28 - 3:45 p.m.** Choir

**Wednesday, March 29 - 11:30 a.m.**

Prayer Time

**5:00 p.m.** Lenten Soup and Bread

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 4 - Paula Hays

8 - Bob Penrose

9 - Earl Todt

15 - Kay Weir

20 - Mack Earnhardt

27 - Tammy Patterson Niebling

29 - Iva Bailey

George Hartwell



## Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, March 2017

These are the scheduled readings for each Sunday. The <b>bold</b> reading is the planned preaching text.	
March 5	Genesis 2:15-17; <b>Psalm 32</b> ; Roman 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 "Recovering Sinners" First Sunday in Lent
March 12	Genesis 12:1-4a; <b>Psalm 121</b> ; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 "The Lord Will Keep You" Second Sunday in Lent
March 19	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; <b>Romans 5:1-11</b> ; John 4:5-42 "Not Enough Containers" Third Sunday in Lent
March 26	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; <b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b> ; John 9:1-41 "God's Light Reveals and Renews" Fourth Sunday in Lent

## What Is Per Capita?

Per capita is the unique way Presbyterians share in providing the foundation on which the mission enterprise is built. We are proud to be part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and per capita is the opportunity for each one of us to say "Amen" about our great church.

The presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly use their per capita to pay for the costs of being a denomination and doing the church business that is required by each of those more inclusive councils. Per capita giving provides the means by which basic mission giving is used through people and programs to Christ's work.

For 2017 the Presbytery of Scioto Valley per capita is \$33.00 per congregation member. Of that amount, \$7.50 is for the General Assembly, \$3.25 is for the Synod of the Covenant, and \$22.25 is for the Presbytery.

There is a per capita envelope included in the box of 2017 giving envelopes or may be found on the registration desk in the Lobby. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it "Per Capita." The session is proud to pay for church members who have served the congregation faithfully and are now in health care facilities. If you would like to celebrate their ministry, you may make an additional gift.

## *OUR SESSION AT WORK*

By Elaine Oser Zingg, Clerk of Session

At our February 15<sup>th</sup> Session meeting, the Elders discussed the need to amplify the special music provided by our choir. The Session authorized spending up to \$200 for a high quality microphone to be placed between the choir and the congregation during worship services.

Pastor Hays expressed appreciation for the contributions of Ruling Elders David Bell, George Hartwell, Paula Hays, Bob Neely and Glenn Noble who will be ending their terms of active duty when the new group of Ruling Elders are elected and installed.

The Session also acted upon a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Last June the PNC had filed a Ministry Information Form with the denomination that stated we were looking for a Full-time Designated Pastor to serve us for up to three years, part of which would overlap Pastor Hays' pre-retirement half-time service with us. So far the PNC has been unable to fill the position.

In consultation with a representative of the Presbytery's Commission for Congregational Life, the PNC has revised it's proposal. The new plan presented to, and approved by, the Session, is to search for a Part-time Temporary Pastor to assist Rev. Hays in the remaining eight months of his service to our church. Pursuant to Section G-2.0504(b) of our *Book of Order*, the pastor entering a temporary pastoral relationship is hired by the Session, with the approval of the Presbytery, for a specific period (in our case until October 1), not to exceed twelve months, although that can be extended with approval of Presbytery. This person will be encouraged to live within easy commuting distance, and required to maintain regular office hours. He/she will share, with Pastor Rick, responsibilities in the areas of worship services, visitation, Bristol Health Care and home communion, and attendance at Session and committee meetings.

The PNC will also begin the search for a Full-time Transitional Pastor who will begin his/her ministry upon Rev. Hays' retirement. Transitional Pastors are specially trained to help congregations during the first year following the departure of pastors who have served their congregation for a long period of time, as Rick has for the past 30 years.

Because of these approved changes, the Session also approved removing the current Mission Information Form filed with the Presbyterian denomination.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# March 2017

1

11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Group  
1:30 p.m.  
Circle Mtgs.  
7:00 p.m.  
Ash Wed.  
Service

2

3

**World Day of Prayer**

4

**5** Lent Begins  
9:30 a.m.  
Ad. Class  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship  
Special Session Mtg.  
After Worship

6

7:00 p.m.  
"AA" Mtg.

7

3:45 p.m.  
Choir  
Rehearsal

8

9:30 a.m.  
Worship  
Com. Mtg.  
11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Group  
1:30 p.m.  
P.W.C.T.  
5 p.m.  
Pancake Sup.

9

10

11

12

9:30 a.m.  
Adult Class  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

13

7:00 p.m.  
"AA" Mtg.

14

3:45 p.m.  
Choir  
Rehearsal

15

11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Group  
3 p.m.  
Session Mtg.  
5 p.m. Lenten  
Soup & Bread

16

10:30 a.m.  
Communion  
at Bristol  
Health Care

17



18

19

9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship

20

7:00 p.m.  
"AA" Mtg.

21

3:45 p.m.  
Choir  
Rehearsal

22

11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Group  
5 p.m. Lenten  
Soup & Bread

23

24

25

26

9:30 a.m.  
Adult Class  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship

27

7:00 p.m.  
"AA" Mtg.

28

3:45 p.m.  
Choir  
Rehearsal

29

11:30 a.m.  
Prayer Group  
5 p.m. Lenten  
Soup & Bread

30

31



+ + + **Revised Schedule** + + +

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WAVERLY  
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS – 9:30 A.M.

**2017**

- Mar. 5 – 19 A 3-week study of **“Dreams/Interpretation of Dreams”** Nel Diehlmann
- Mar. 5 – Does God speak to us through dreams?  
If so, how can we tell when God speaks to us through dreams?  
Should we consider the interpretation of dreams, a “gift” of God?
- Mar. 12 – **“Dreams and Interpretations in the Old Testament”**  
*Joseph – Genesis 37:2-11; 40:1-23; 41:1-32*  
*Daniel – Daniel 2:1-49; 4:10-27; 5:13-29; 7:1-28; 8:1-27*  
*10:1-12:13*
- Mar. 19 – **“Dreams and Interpretations in the New Testament”**  
*Joseph – Matthew 1:20,21; 2:19,20,22*  
*The Magi – Matthew 2:12*
- Mar. 26 – Apr. 2 A 2-week series on **“Prophecy and Fulfillment”** Cal Tysen
- Mar. 26 – “The Rise and Place of Prophecy in Israel”  
April 2 – “What the Prophets Say to Us”
- Apr. 9 – **“Faith Journeys”** by Kay Puckett, Jim Clark and Barbara Pettit
- Apr. 16 – (9:00-9:55) DVD **“I Believe In Easter”** Discover the origins of the celebration of Easter in this thoroughly researched and emotionally charged documentary.
- Apr. 23 – (9:30-10:15) DVD **“Road To Emmaus”** Post-resurrection appearance of Jesus.
- Apr. 30 – May 29 A 5-week study of **1 Peter** Bruce Henderson
- These lessons will line up with Lectionary readings so that a portion of the lesson will be included in the pastor's sermon during the worship service that morning.
- Apr. 30 – *1 Peter Chapter 1 (Lect'y – 1 Peter 1:17-23)*  
May 7 – *1 Peter Chapter 2:13-25 (Lect'y – 1 Peter 2:19-25)*  
May 14 – *1 Peter Chapter 2:1-12 (Lect'y – 1 Peter 2:2-10)*  
May 21 – *1 Peter Chapter 3 (Lect'y – 1 Peter 3:13-22)*  
May 28 – *1 Peter Chapters 4 and 5 (Lect'y – 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11)*

*Presbyterian Women*  
*March, 2017*



Our March Bible Study lesson will be in Hebrews. Lesson 6. It is "addressed to those who are growing weary in the faith, in need of assurance and comfort as they struggle over" their decision to follow Christ. We are using the Presbyterian Women's Bible study "Who is Jesus?" To prepare yourself for the lesson concentrate on reading Chapters 1-6 and 12 and 13. Of course reading the entire book is helpful.

**Circles will meet on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:30 PM**

Martha Mary gathers at the Resident's Cottage in Bristol Village. Sandy Hlasten will be the hostess and Jean Frank will lead the study.

Esther Circle will meet at the home of Karen Henderson. Betty Sumey will lead the study.

The Coordinating Team will meet on March 8 at 1:30 PM at my home.

In the Winter Issue of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley there is a paragraph recommending that we see the movie *Hidden Figures*. Set in the civil rights era and space race era, the film addresses racial and gender barriers. Then there are several suggestions for discussions and action after seeing the movie. Several copies of this news letter are on the table in the lobby at the church. You may find a number of other interesting articles in it as well.

*"Go in safety, for you cannot go where God is not.  
Go in love, for love alone endures.  
And go in peace, for that is God's gift to those who are in Christ Jesus."*

*from d365 Daily Devotional*

Evelyn Baker, Moderator

## MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY -By Jean Forward Frank

As the third daughter, in a family with four daughters, our parents had a challenging task. Helen and Shelby Forward, our parents, were raised in a traditional Christian way. Our father was the son of a minister. I once gave a book report on a book I inherited from my grandfather titled "The Ethics of Jesus."

Early on, there was a lot of music going on, including radio, piano, singing, etc. My sisters and I often sang while doing dishes. Mother played piano by ear as well as many classics including Beethoven.

As our grade school was about a mile away, and we came home for lunch, I would often eat lunch fast and play the piano until time to rush back to school.

At Sunday school we had a hymnal with appropriate hymns for youngsters. We learned them well enough to sing at home, or on trips. The words to these hymns helped to shape our lives.

At high school, I had a music teacher who gave me special materials on composing. He encouraged me to write music I was just playing for fun. Some of this music was used in two operettas put on during high school years. I received a scholarship to Chatham College, (now Chatham University.)

During college years I earned a BA degree, specializing in Harmony, Counterpoint, Orchestration, as well as organ and piano. As seniors we had to do a Tutorial, subject of our own choice. I chose to write six anthems for choir and organ. My Mentor was Russell Wichmann, organist of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, and also my organ teacher.

After graduation I was offered a job at a Presbyterian church in Wexford PA, not far from home. There we used some of my anthems and solos, and I stayed for twelve years. At the suggestion of a minister, I joined the Tuesday Musical Club (started in 1889) at the Stephen Foster Memorial on the Pitt campus. As a member of the Composers Division we had our music critiqued by local music professors. We put on public programs of original operettas, as well as classic programs. With a membership of over 200, the programs were easy to put together. I became the 54th President of that club and served from 2001 to 2003. Then in 2004 we moved from Pittsburgh to Waverly.

With regard to my spiritual evolvment, my intent has been to give music, and also humor at times, in the form of limericks, of which I combine religion and humor here.

A minister feeding his flock  
Spoke about Peter the Rock  
A young lad named Peter  
Who couldn't be sweeter  
Nervously twisted his sock.

Most Sincerely,





## MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

February 24, 2017

### Ministers for Community: Every Member

Pastor: Richard S. Hays

Secretary: Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

### Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session:

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
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David Bell	Jim Clark	Elinor Hodder
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Paula Hays	Dimitry Sergay	Audrey Tysen
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Robert Neely	Elaine Zingg	
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Glenn Noble

George Hartwell

### MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Bud Hobday	Kitty Neely	Anne Young
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### MINISTERS SERVING IN OTHER PLACES

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Mark, Jenny, Kella Rosa & Anika Estela Hare Papay,  
Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church - Chiangrai, Thailand

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St. Waverly, Ohio 45690

Virginia Hartwell - 102

Allen Heinmiller- 14 A

Earl Todt - 117

Jay Early - 309A

Patricia Schiemann - 303B

### The Gardens

Gerry Barnes - 210

Lois Hardy - 202

Patty Todt - 212

### At Home

Jackie Barnes, Sandy Hlasten, Mack and Jean

Earnhardt, Oscar and Janet Marsh

### In Other Places

Don Kerry, Judith Harrell, Kitty McCollam

### In Military Service

Sarah Kolb, Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

### MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

March 5 - William Johnson

12 - Nancy Seward

19 - Sherry Sapienza

26 - Tom Hlasten

### MARCH GREETERS:

March 5 - Cay and Dick Roberts

12 - Betty and Ivan Sumey

19 - Linda and Mike Milam

26 - Barbara and Tom Patterson

### MARCH COUNTERS:

March 5 - Mike Milam and Bob Neely

12 - Jim Clark and Kay Weir

19 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

26 - David Bell and Anne Young

### MARCH USHERS:

March 5 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,

David Bell, Ralph Strickland

12 - Iva Bailey, Ann Oyer, Wanda  
Stratton

19 - Bud Hobday, Ivan Sumey,

Dimitry Sergay

26 - Bud Hobday, Ivan Sumey,

Dimitry Sergay

### MARCH FLOWERS:

There is currently no one signed up for flowers

### MARCH COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 5

12 -

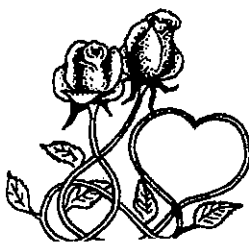
19 - Elaine and Otto Zingg

26 - Donut Sunday

### MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

March 29 - Cay and Dick Roberts

If we do not have your Birthday or  
Anniversary listed, please let Barbara  
know in the Church Office.



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## AMEN CORNER

### Christ—The Greatest Gift

<i>God</i>	the greatest Lover
<i>so loved</i>	the greatest degree
<i>the world</i>	the greatest company
<i>that he gave</i>	the greatest act
<i>his only-begotten Son</i>	the greatest gift
<i>that whosoever</i>	the greatest opportunity
<i>believeth</i>	the greatest simplicity
<i>in him</i>	the greatest attraction
<i>should not perish</i>	the greatest promise
<i>but</i>	the greatest difference
<i>have</i>	the greatest certainty
<i>everlasting life</i>	the greatest possession

(unknown; cited by James Montgomery Boice, *Romans*, Vol.2

The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser - in case you thought optimism was dead.

— Robert Brault, software developer, writer (1972- )

“In everyone’s life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.”

— Albert Schweitzer

“Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life.”

— Robert Louis Stevenson

“Talent is God-given; be humble.

Fame is man-given; be thankful.

Conceit is self-given; be careful.”

— Harvey Mackay