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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

# The R E A C H O U T

To me this is the best time of the year. We are moving toward Spring. This is when we know the flowers and the plants as well as the trees are preparing to spring up in the warmth. It will be exciting to watch as nature prepares to spring forth. Our Lenten session is us preparing for Good Friday where we take our burdens and place them on the cross. At once, we are released from that which drags us down. Sin and the burdens of sin are lifted and we can stretch in life. On Easter morning we get confirmation that the tomb is empty. Christ is raised from the dead. All that has worn us out is lifted and we are refreshed. Our faith as been rewarded. We come to the table and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We are reminded that our sins have been washed away with the blood of the Lamb. Thanks be to God.

We now have a new life. No matter what we are up against, we are renewed and refreshed by the very bread of life and blood of the lamb. Now it is with faith we believe we are new, changed or created, refreshed. With that knowledge we go forth and love, nurture, and feed our neighbors. I still think we do things to get to Heaven. I hope to make sure after this season we all do the things we do for God, because we know we have been saved from our sins to enjoy heaven through what Christ has done for us.

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March 25

So, now I do for others so they may hear of the love of God through Jesus Christ from me. I get the joy of the proclamation and witness to a God who loved us so much that God sent his only begotten son that we might have life. No matter what evil has done to put us down, God turns it around to show love and inspire and strengthen all who believe.

Romans 10:11 “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

Romans 10:13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 8:28 We Know that all things work together for good for those who love God. I always go back to my favorite, 1 Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is near, therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and the power forever and ever Amen!

Amen!

Please, this season of Lent work on one spiritual discipline. Focus your prayers on you. That during this season of looking in, you might find a connection with God. That your spirit may have a voice in your life! If you cannot hear the Spirit then there is a need to gather with a group of people. Iron sharpens Iron. When doing a Bible Study or worship take notes! Ask for the Holy Spirit to speak to you and help you understand. Ask yourself and the group how you see yourself in the story. Ask yourself how feel. Are you moved, changed, or does it not touch your heart?? Journal what has happened. Sometimes it takes looking back, so journal for a month and then read what you have written the last month. Find a way to give the Holy Spirit a voice in you your life.

I lift you all in my prayers. Remember, when in doubt ask for God’s help and go back to the basics. Read Matthew 25:31-40 and Isaiah 28.

*Pastor Ralph*

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	2 Office open 9am-2pm	3	4 Office open 9am-2pm Lent worship 7pm	5	6 Office open 9am-2pm	7 Worship 5:00pm
8 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Pasta bake noon-4pm	9 Office open 9am-2pm	10	11 Office open 9am-2pm Lent worship 7pm	12	13 Office open 9am- 2pm	14 Worship 5:00pm
15 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	16 Office open 9am-2pm	17 Council Meeting 7pm	18 Office open 9am-2pm Lent worship 7pm	19	20 Office open 9am- 2pm	21 Worship 5:00 pm
22 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	23 Office open 9am-2pm	24	25 Office open 9am-2pm Lent worship 7pm	26	27 Office open 9am-2pm	28 Worship 5:00pm Cookie collection for the Rescue Mission
29 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Cookie collection for the Rescue Mission Potato bake	30 Office open 9am-2pm	31	<b>April 1st</b> <b>Lent concert</b> <b>7pm</b>			

## Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
<b>March 1st</b>	<b>First Sunday In Lent</b>	purple	Genesis 2: 15-17;3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11	Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.
<b>March 8th</b>	<b>Second Sunday In Lent</b>	purple	Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17	During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.
<b>March 15th</b>	<b>Third Sunday In Lent</b>	purple	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.
<b>March 22nd</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday In Lent</b>	purple	1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.
<b>March 29th</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday In Lent</b>	purple	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45	In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

# Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	March 1 First Sunday in Lent	March 8 Second Sunday In Lent	March 15 Third Sunday In Lent	March 22 Fourth Sunday In Lent	March 29 Fifth Sunday In Lent
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Amber Powell	Art & Barb Gray	Donna Haller	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer
<b>Acolyte/ Crucifer</b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Neil Takach Jimmy Powell	Cadence Elford Ashlyn Elford	Neil Takach Kellen Pitzer	Cadence Elford Nick Haines	Neil Takach Barry Pitzer
<b>Communion 8:00</b> <b>Assistant 10:30</b>	Penny Felger Loetta Haller	Peggy Manchester Kathy Kramer	Penny Felger Sarah Deiger	Peggy Manchester Andy Tesyk	Penny Felger Loetta Haller
<b>Lector 8:00</b> <b>10:30</b>	Peggy Manchester Jean Sauerwein	Sue Deutschlander Leslie Warren	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Loetta Haller	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger
<b>Liturgy</b>	Kathy Kramer	Sarah Deiger	N/A	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller
<b>Ushers 10:30 am</b>	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith
<b>Fellowship after 10:30 am worship</b>	Jean Sauerwein	Andy Tesyk	Amber Powell	Stephanie Razo	Sandy Kuntz
<b>Chrema</b> Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Sarah Deiger	<b>needed</b> needed Loetta Haller	<b>Nancy Barret</b> Sandy Kuntz Rachel Hum	<b>Sarah Deiger</b> Ruth McMurray
<b>Anointers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester Jen Razo Greg Razo	<b>10:30 am</b> Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	<b>5 pm</b> Diane D'Amico Joyce Herubin Chris Herubin	<b>Any service</b> Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum
<b>Pew restocking</b>	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk
<b>Recycling</b>	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list.** Thank you!

## **Circle News ~ Team News**

### **HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS**

Hannah Circle is, once again, going to bake cookies for the Rescue Mission. Therefore, we would like to encourage all bakers from Good Hope to bake cookies of any kind and also bar cookies, such as brownies, for the Rescue Mission. Please pack the cookies in disposable containers or freezer bags so the Rescue Mission can use them when needed. Please bring them to the church Saturday, March 28th or Sunday, March 29th. Thank you in advance.

Hannah Circle will meet at the church March 10th at 10am and will from there proceed to visit friends. Thank you for continuing to collect aluminum cans and tin foil for us as this is our only fundraiser.

The following officers were elected for Hannah Circle:

President: Barbara Gray

Vice President: Alice Ann Haller

Secretary: Donna Jean Haller

Treasurer: Loetta Haller

### **DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS**

Dorcas Circle members will meet again in April.

### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

We met at the church February 11th at 7pm. The Furry Friends project was a great success! Thank you for your donations!

We encourage everyone to participate in the March for Jesus on May 30th. There are positions for volunteers if you are unable to 'march'. Information is available in the Narthex. We are hoping to have a large group from Good Hope participate.

### **DINNER TEAM**

The beef tips and noodles and desserts were all delicious and were sold out by 6:30! Proceeds were \$1,494.00 and were given to Good Hope. Thank you to all who helped set up, serve, clean up, and donated desserts!

2020 dinner team schedule:

Sunday March 8 -pasta bake all you can eat from 12-4pm

Sunday April 5 -soup and sandwich all you can eat from 12-4pm

May 15 & 16 -rummage sale with smoker from 9am-4pm

# Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Pam & John Nock  
Nancy Crouse  
Brooklyn Hostetter  
Charles Mohn  
Carol Coleman  
Gerald Hostetter  
Dolores Kuhar  
Lynne Grant  
Dave Sweeney  
Victor Slezak

Kerry Gumbs  
Sarah Corey  
Karli Hostetter  
Marilyn Wire  
Joe Kreidler  
Ned Ziegler  
John Chuey  
Debbie Dulovich  
Heath Lude  
Leon & June Casity

Scott MacDonald  
Karen Holisky  
Amy Hambrick  
Serving in the military:  
Jakeb Fry  
Lyndsey Liberty  
Jodie Brimmer & squadron  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

## March 1

Jeff Waldele  
Marsha Waldele  
Richard Waldele  
Khloe Warren

## March 8

Leslie Warren  
Michael Warren  
Roy Weaver  
Helga Wengler

## March 15

Wolfgang Wengler  
Corey Williamson  
Katie Williamson  
Marilyn Wire

## March 22

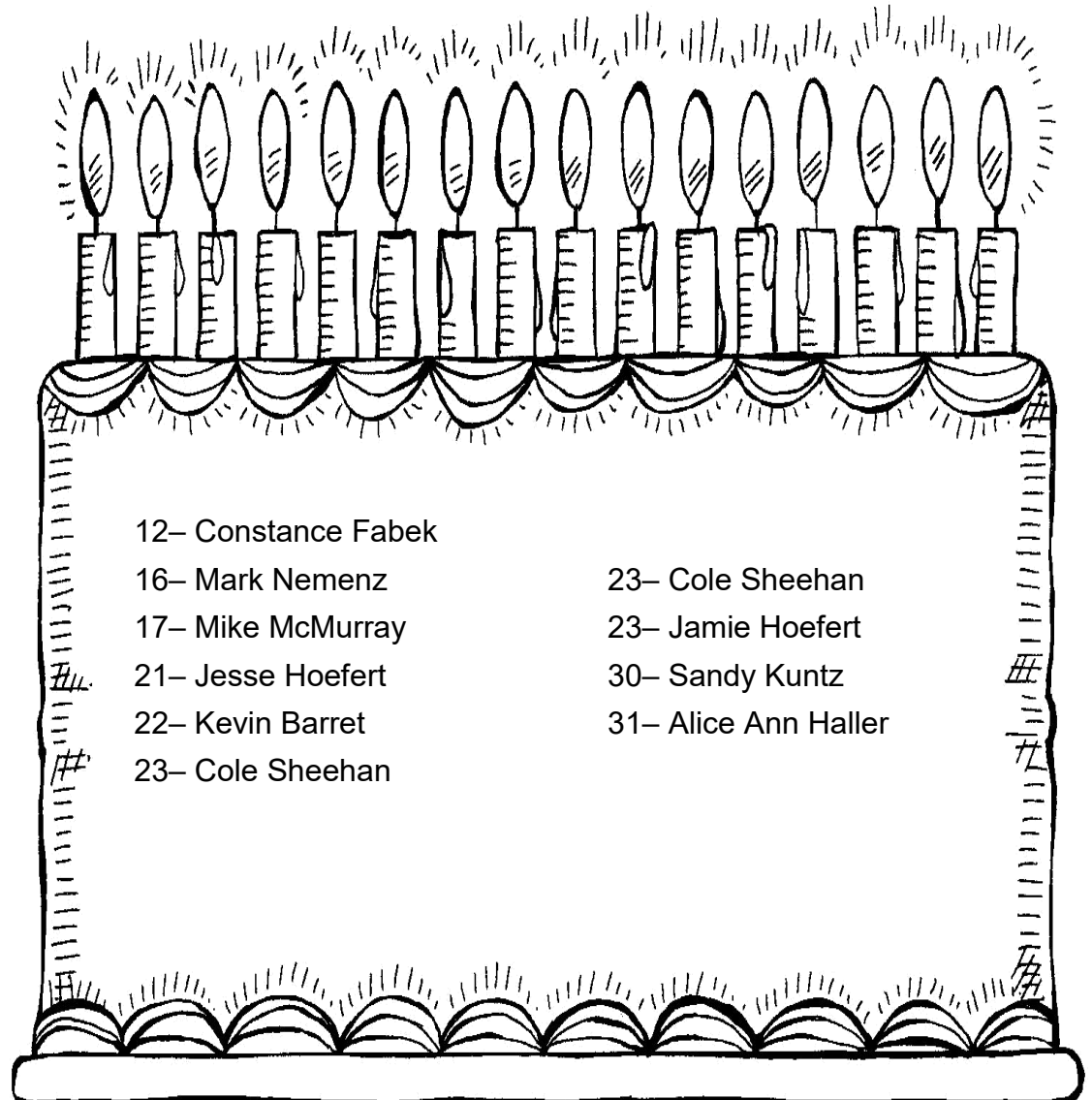
Jessica Wirkner  
Mike Wirkner  
T.J Yerkey  
Janice Yoakam

## March 29

Dianna Allen  
Sam Allen  
Anna Anderson  
Chadd Anderson



4– Gus & Theresa Nemenz



12– Constance Fabek

16– Mark Nemenz

17– Mike McMurray

21– Jesse Hoefert

22– Kevin Barret

23– Cole Sheehan

23– Cole Sheehan

23– Jamie Hoefert

30– Sandy Kuntz

31– Alice Ann Haller

# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Sarah, Sue, Peggy, Kelly, Andy, Stephanie, Wendy, and P. Ralph

excused: Jeff H., Greg, Jeff W.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly states that offering for January was about \$16,000.00. Our account is negative due to expenses that occur only at the beginning of the year. Kelly was asked after the congregational meeting if we apply for Thrivent matching funds. Council explained that applications are written for our church events and dinners etc. Kelly would like to talk about pledge cards in April.

### Pastor's report –January– 2020

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ✓ I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ✓ 1 Funeral Alan Stapleton
- ✓ 1 Hospital Visit Marlene Vavrus
- ✓ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- ✓ Over the past month, I have presided at 16 worship services and prepared 9 sermons.
- ❖ Jan 1 New Year Day Office Closed
- ❖ Jan 10 2020 Trumbull county Resiliency Summit
- ❖ Jan 12 Chili Lunch
- ❖ Jan 19 Start Twelve Step Meetings at 6pm
- ❖ Jan 25 Family Day
- ❖ Jan 28,29,30 Ohio Rostered Ministers Gathering
- ❖ Jan 31-Feb 1 Confirmation Retreat Prayer, Camp Frederick
- ❖ Feb 2 Youth Sunday
- ❖ Feb 2 Souper Bowl Sunday Young Collecting in Soup Bowls
- ❖ Feb 5,12,19, Bible Study "Concerned Persons Group"
- ❖ Feb 9 Winter Festival and Chili Cook-off, Camp Frederick
- ❖ Feb 9 Congregational meeting

### Secretary's Report:

Attended: Resiliency Summit, chili dinner, rostered ministers gathering, confirmation prayer camp

Completed office duties

Assisted with confirmation class

Created and distributed flyers and press releases

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared bulletins

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Prepared 4 Sunday school lessons and bulletins

### Old Business:

-We are compliant with Mennonite Mutual's policy on WIFI access. We have cyber liability coverage in our policy.

-Sarah will have employee evaluations completed by the March meeting.

-Jeff H. will have copier contracts for the March meeting so council can compare apples to apples to see if we need new equipment.

-Jeff H. and Greg have become signers on the church debit card. This removes Ed Peachey from our account.

-Church Mutual will provide an onsite analysis to review our insurance needs to council in the Fall. This analysis will be compared with Mennonite Mutual.



(old business cont.)

-P. Ralph asked for a paragraph from council about the direction the Holy Spirit is asking them to go this year. These ideas will be discussed at the March meeting.

**New Business:**

- The Beaver Township Police dept performed and safety check on our building on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Council was given their report and will discuss and decide on a plan for us. It is suggested we lock the doors 15 minutes after worship starts.
- P. Ralph feels a team to take care of those who can't help themselves is most important.
- P. Ralph motions to accept Janet Chittock and James and Linda Lude as members of Good Hope as of February 18, 2020. Andy seconds. Motion carried.
- Wendy states that we had 26 unused boxes of envelopes for 2020. Council decides to order 55 boxes of offering envelopes for 2021 and loose envelopes for the pews immediately.
- Peggy asks what to do about confusion and numerous mistakes being made during the offering counting. She and P. Ralph will meet with each team for updated training.

P. Ralph closed the meeting with prayer.

**Congregational meeting minutes for February 9, 2020**

Sarah Deiger opened the meeting with prayer.

**The 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed.**

- Nancy Crouse was added as our Community Day Camp representative for 2020.
- Kelly explains that we receive 2 water bills. One is for water used and the other is for the sprinklers.

**The 2019 annual report was reviewed.**

-Pastor Ralph offers to Hannah Circle to run their finances through the church checking account. This is in order to fulfill the rules of the church bylaws that state a financial report must be provided by any group that handles money. Kelly agrees to set up their fund. Loetta will bring this up at the next Hannah Circle meeting.

**For the good of the Church:**

- Tammy Chuey asks for help with the annual rummage sale to be held May 15 & 16. They need help setting up and pricing items May 10 -14. They need people to work the sale both days to help customers. You don't have to stay all day; any amount of time is appreciated. Then the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> they need help cleaning up and disposing of unsold items.
- P. Ralph lifts up our church vitality to be part of the community through dinners and bible studies. He also thanks the congregation for discussing the community at the meeting.
- Loetta thanks everyone for saving aluminum cans and tin foil for Hannah Circle. She also invites everyone to attend the adult Sunday School held Sundays from 9:15-10:15am.
- Sarah reminds everyone about the Furry Friends collection being held till Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. P. Ralph suggests asking neighbors and hotels for old blankets and towels.
- Sarah announces that she has registered our congregation to be part of the March for Jesus this year. This is a nationwide event and Youngstown is being used as a hub. A volunteer training will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> and she invites anyone interested to come. She will be putting out all of the information soon.

The meeting is adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg Razo.

**Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00    Current Balance = \$33,080.49**

**Thank you for your donations!**

## Treasurer's Report Ending January 31, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$15,820.77	\$15,820.77	\$176,122.23
Expense	\$17,972.38	\$17,972.38	\$173,952.62
Total	(\$2,169.61)	(\$2,169.61)	\$2,169.61



# Quarter Auction

## Camp Frederick

April 4, 2020

**Shrine Club**  
1735 W. South Range Rd.  
North Lima, OH 44452

Doors Open 5:30  
Auction Starts 6:30

Tickets are \$12 and include one paddle.  
Bring your own adult beverages and snacks!

Order tickets online at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/88823227665>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 4– April 1:** Lent worship services will be on Wednesdays at 7pm. Anointing will be available. The Lenten series, Open My Life Lord, will be explored.

**March 8:** Our dinner team is hosting an all-you-can-eat Pasta Bake on Sunday from noon– 4pm. The meal is served with a tossed salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. Take out is available. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**March 29:** The annual Baked Potato bake will be held at Paradise Church on New Buffalo Road from 11:30am– 1:30pm. Proceeds will benefit the community Day Camp.

**April 1:** Sue Deutschlander, vocals and guitar, Christine Habuda, percussion, Rachel Aiken, violin, and Susan Brandt, bass guitar and vocals, will be here to perform at the Lent Concert at 7pm. Love offering accepted.

**April 4:** Bring your quarters, snacks, and beverages to the Shrine Club for a Quarter Auction sponsored by Camp Frederick. Order tickets online from Eventbrite.com for \$12.

**April 7:** Renewal of vows and blessing of oils at Trinity, Kent, at 10am.

**April 9:** Maundy Thursday worship at 7pm.

**April 10:** Good Friday worship at 7pm.

**April 12:** Easter Sunday worship at 8am and 10:30am. Prelude at 10am.

**April 22– May 27:** Concerned Persons Group bible study at 6pm on these Wednesdays. We will start with lesson #4.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**May 15-16:** The Annual Rummage Sale will be held from 9am –4pm both days. This is a big project and help will be needed to organize and set –up the week before. We also need people to work during the sale to help customers and take money. One of the days, we will also have a barbeque. Help is needed May 10-14 for pricing and organizing items. Help is needed May 14 to carry things from the basement to tables outside. On Friday, May 15, at least 8 people are needed to open the sale at 7:30am. On Saturday, May 16, at least 8 people are needed at 8am to open the sale. Monday, May 18-Thursday, May 21 help is needed to take away the unsold items and clean up. This is a big money-maker for our church. Last year the profit was \$2,594.00! You can help as you are able. Even a couple of hours will make a big difference. Please contact John Chuey if you have any questions at 330-549-3527.

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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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