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# The Hive

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD . . .**

for the transforming work of your Spirit within,  
among and through us, for your comforting  
presence with:

for renewed health: **Mary Quinn, Bev Chipman,  
Betty Bateman, Nancy Keller, Jim Crawford,  
and Jerry Irwin.**

for those homebound and in nursing homes:  
**Dorothy Donley, Lucille Estridge and Geneva  
Slanker.**

for family and friends: **Jennifer Rinker Fraley  
and all of the Rinker family, Elliot and  
Florence Morrison, Maegan and Rhylee  
Doggett, Rene Aube, Matt Engelhardt, Nancy  
Spinning and Jane Adams.**

for those in military service: **James Rath and  
Jesse Daniel.**

## BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Karen Brubaker
March 5	Jamie Huston
March 9	Olive Boyd
March 16	Stella Grasmick

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
will be celebrated on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

## Pastor's Column:

Dear Friends,

Five days into the Month of March, we begin the season of Lent. Five days into Lent I have to turn in final grades for the 8-week, compacted philosophy class I've been teaching since mid-January. In order to graduate from Urbana University, every student must take this particular class, and they cannot take it until they are a junior or senior. It exposes the students to the major categories in philosophical thinking, to some of the classic philosophical pieces from around the world, and one of the goals is for students to reflect intentionally on who they want to be and how they want to live their lives as they approach graduation. We could have a Lent class like this! As most of you know by now, Lent is a time for reflection and penitence related to the crucifixion and death of Jesus, that he went to the cross for us, defeating sin. The readings would be the biblical texts that call us to reflect on where we fall short in our lives, but also the texts that encourage us to want to journey through life in relationship with the God we know in the love and grace of Jesus the Christ. We could reflect intentionally on who we are as God's people, and on how we want to live our lives as members of the body of Christ. I'm not so inclined to give you quizzes and require that you write two papers, like I do with my philosophy class, but we could talk to one another about our lives of faith, and how we can grow in faith during this season. There are planned opportunities for doing just that,

which you'll read about in this edition of the Hive (Lenten lunch/supper and Sunday School), but we could also be very daring and consider having spiritual friendships just for Lent, talking about who we are in company with God - with each other.

Lent is not just a marker of time, it is meant to draw us deeper into our relationship with God as we pass through these days remembering that Jesus lived his life so completely God-centered, that when life took him to the cross, he did not back away. "Pick up your cross and follow me," some of the gospels record Jesus as saying. That is not a call to suffering for suffering's sake, but a call to live the life God is calling us to, even if it means we will encounter our own crosses, our own times when we say yes to God and no to what draws us away from being centered in God. May this Lent be a season of reflection and growth for us all.

Blessings, Shelley



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPECIAL CALLED SESSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2014

1 – It was moved, seconded and passed to have special Presbyterian Women offering days during February for the No Bake Sale, June for Blankets Sunday and November for the Thank Offering.

2 – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the annual statistical report prepared by the Clerk of Session.

Respectively submitted,

Cindi Cook  
Clerk of Session



Our newest members of Session:  
John Huston and Andrew Picek (and Lena)  
Ordained and Installed on January 5th

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee consists of Jane Fowler, John Huston, Jay Peterson, Janice Cook, Gil Doggett, Ron Sterrett, Stu Cummins and Pastor Shelley Wiley.

The committee meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following issues:

Income vs. Expenses – Jay presented the January 2014 reports. It was noted that for the period of January thru February 15, our gas bill was \$800.00 higher this year than last.

Snow Removal – We are all aware of the difficult winter we have had and the abnormal amount of snow that came with it. Our snow removal costs so far for the 2013/2014 winter are at \$1380.00. This compares to \$540.00 for the same period last year.

Per Capita for 2014 – The committee reviewed new information provided by the presbytery in determining the 2014 per capita amount of \$26.77. We will be presenting this to the Session for approval at the March scheduled meeting. (Please see the article in the announcements section for more details.)

DTE Energy – Jane will submit the proper tax exempt documents and apply for credit of past sales tax paid. DTE Energy will then issue a credit. This amount is not huge since we just started with DTE in December of 2013, but should amount to approximately \$200.00.

Memorial Room Bathroom – Thanks to Ron Sterrett for repairing the flushing unit.

Pest Control – Our pest control service was reviewed and agreed that we would continue for this year.

Maintenance Log – A maintenance log will be created to list all areas that need to have regularly scheduled maintenance. (batteries in thermostats, boiler, etc.)

Our next focus will be on the Spring Clean-up Day. We will continue to do budget reviews and our Stewardship Campaign which will take place in early fall.

Jane Fowler,  
Chairperson

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## MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **BEDS for BABIES LUNCH March 30<sup>th</sup> after worship**

The Mission, Outreach and Membership Committee will sponsor a lunch to benefit Beds for Babies. Cost for lunch will be a freewill donation. Funds are getting low as two cribs, mattresses, sheets and mattress pads were recently purchased. Nearly \$200.00 is spent each time a family is given a crib and bedding. So far 97 cribs have been given since the program was started. Crib sheets and mattress pads are needed if you wish to donate these items. Families have been most appreciative of the blankets that two community groups have been making and donating.

**Lenten Soup Lunches will begin on  
Wednesday, March 12, at noon in the  
Memorial Room.**

Mary Jane Sterrett,  
Chairperson

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## CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who greeted and ushered during the month of January. They are: Ron and Mary Jane Sterrett, Imy McFarland, Bonnie Hawthorn, and Don and Karen Brubaker. Thanks to Bonnie Hawthorn who contacted those participants.

The Christian Nurture Committee provided the January coffee hour food and beverages. Mission Outreach Committee is doing so for February, and Facilities Committee will do it in March. Please remember that Session committees are only providing for the first 3 Sundays. The 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is open for others to volunteer. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Memorial Room. We look forward to participation by everyone.

Shelley will be on study leave in early March and Margaret Haney, former Executive Presbyter, will lead our worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Margaret has just returned from a trip to Israel and perhaps she will be sharing about that experience.

The initial meeting of this committee occurred on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> after worship. The Lenten events were our primary focus. There will be lunches each Wednesday with the Bible study led by Shelley. Currently, the Under 56 group is uncertain about having an alternate meal/study time. The Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, March 12 at noon. Mission Outreach Committee will share responsibility with the CNC for the meals.

Easter Lilies will be ordered as usual for the sanctuary. More information regarding price and order forms will be provided in the April HIVE and in the worship bulletins.

The next Christian Nurture Committee meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Ann Peters  
Chairperson

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### Presbyterian Women

#### **Circle Meetings:**

Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM at the home of Stella Grasmick.

Ruth Circle meets on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the home of Carol Bicknell.

The Coordinating Team will meet on Thursday, March 6 at 10:30 AM in the Memorial Room.

**No-Bake Sale:** Thank you for your generosity on February 16<sup>th</sup>. \$208.00 was collected.

**May Lunch  
May 7, 2014**

The annual May Lunch will be held on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Mark your calendar and invite your friends to attend. The guest speaker will be presenting a program about the annual White House Christmas ornaments. More information will be provided in the April HIVE. Tickets will be available from circle leaders and at the church office also in April.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Peters

## **HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lent Spiritual Growth Opportunities**

Our **Lenten Lunch/Dinner** study this year is "Seeing Ourselves in Those Confronted by Jesus." The information about this study from "The Thoughtful Christian" series says that we will "learn about groups from Jesus' time, including the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Zealots, and be challenged to consider who in the twenty-first-century church is like the members of these groups." Come at 12:00 for a soup lunch, stay tuned for the day of the evening option for the 56 & Under group, and anyone who cannot make the lunch time; we will begin either Friday or Saturday, March 14 or 15.

The **Adult Sunday School** class will also have a special Lenten study this year, beginning on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The study is "Seven Days to Glory: Holy Week." Writing about this study, the series editor says, "The days preceding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are among the most important in the New Testament. They are preparations, in the tense and dangerous city of Jerusalem, for events that Christians experience as the most important in history: the Last Supper, the crucifixion, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We call these days 'Holy Week' since they are like no other and are so central to Christian faith." Everyone is welcome and invited to join this class, which meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Memorial Room.

### **June Haiti Trip**

The trip to Haiti to help with the annual Wings of Hope Beach Trip the final week of June is now set. Members of other churches in our presbytery have expressed interest in this trip, so there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 PM in the

Memorial Room. Please consider going to Haiti yourself, or simply come to this meeting so that you'll know about the plans. As always, Shelley is available to answer questions about travel to Haiti.

### **Per Capita**

The Facilities Committee has gone over information received from the presbytery. While we have an annual *per capita* amount for the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly and Synod, the Presbytery of the Miami Valley invited all the congregations to consider deepening their funding of the work we do here in this area. Instead of dividing up the administrative costs from the way we fund a variety of ministries, as has been done in the past, all the costs of what it takes to do the work of this presbytery have been pulled together. Here at this church, we regularly send our financial support to the denomination through both *per capita* giving and the "General Mission" fund, which supports the benevolent work we do together. In considering all of this, we are making a pledge to the presbytery, and ask that all members of HCPC consider giving \$26.77 per member as an offering toward the *per capita*, as well as continuing to give as able to the General Mission fund.

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### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who remembered me, regarding my back injury. I really appreciated your prayers, cards and phone calls.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Irwin

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**Shelley will be out of the office the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> on Hearts with Haiti business and then on Study Leave the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be back to preach on March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month  
8:00 a.m. at Studebaker's**

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**Pastoral Care Emergency**

In case of pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Shelley Wiley at her cellular phone (937-654-0078). Shelley will be here at the church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**HIVE INPUT**

Please submit inputs and suggested articles for the HIVE to [honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net) The deadline for the April HIVE is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**LENTEN CHORAL VESPERS  
Sunday, March 9 – 4:00 p.m.**

Lux Aeterna – Morten Lauridsen  
Westminster Choir

Medley from  
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor  
Dreamcoat

Knox Choir

Anthems by Calvin and Cherub Choirs  
Handbell Music by the combined Westminster  
Ringers, Te Deum Ringers and Carillon Bells

Freewill Offering

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