

The Disciple



April,
2009

VBS to be June 8-12

Bible School will be held the week of June 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins on May 3. Classes are for pre-schoolers through sixth grade. Be sure to sign your children up.

The theme is Discovery Canyon, and plans are under way for many faith-filled adventures.

Be watching for more information.

Thanks,

Beverly Brown & Maria Beimly

From the Anniversary Committee

Paul Brown has been busy taking family pictures for the new church directory. He will be taking pictures again on Easter Sunday, April 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Please keep the recipes coming in for our recipe book. If you are from out of town we would love to hear from you, too. Send your recipes to the church at 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424. Send as many as you like.

Don't forget to take time to record some memories of the church in its early days or later times. These can be mailed to the church, too, from friends who are not living in Huber Heights. For those who are around here, there are papers to use on the table in the lobby.

We hope to hear from you and look forward to a glorious JUBILEE!

Five Rivers Metroparks Cleanup – April 18th

Come help celebrate Earth Day and enjoy God's Creation on Saturday, April 18th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. The location where we will be assigned to pick up trash has not been determined but in the past we have been assigned near or at Rip Rap Park along the Great Miami River. The Park officials will assign us jobs of either removing litter or doing other earth friendly tasks. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. You will need to wear suitable clothing for the weather and boots or thick-soles shoes. You will not have to get in the water. A FREE T-shirt will be given to each participant that pre-registers. So check out the bulletin board in the parlor and sign up to help. Last year throughout the Miami Valley 20,000 pounds of non-recyclable trash and 15,000 pounds of recyclables was collected at this annual event!

Afterwards there will be a free lunch at the Eastwood MetroPark for volunteers. There will be family friendly displays at Eastwood MetroPark. If you have questions, contact Diane Grycz.

Church Has a New Secretary

After reviewing over thirty-five applications for our part-time secretarial position, the job has been offered to **Mrs. Naomi Henry**. She will begin her work with us after she has finished up her two week notice at her present job. There will be a more comprehensive report on her in the May Disciple.

Choir Flower Sale

Annual flowers, hanging baskets and vegetables are now on sale by the choir. Order now for May delivery. You may pick up your order forms on the bulletin board in the parlor. Orders are due by April 12. Proceeds go towards purchasing new music for the choir.

Easter

As Easter approaches, I want to share with you some of the writings I read each Easter season as a way to help me reflect on what Christ's resurrection means to me. These come from Ann Weems in her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. I hope they will assist you in your reflections.

Amazed

*The people who heard Jesus
were repeatedly amazed.
Are we today so sophisticated
that we are immune to
amazement?
Can we know that he was
crucified,
Goodness and Compassion
and Love
nailed upon the tree,
and go about our business
of preparing Easter dinner?
Can we know that he arose
from the dead
and walked the earth
and ate and spoke
with his followers
and sit unamazed in the pew
as though we cannot hear
the WORD OF GOD!
O God of Jesus the Christ,
the amazing thing
is our lack of amazement
in the face of your
AMAZING AMEN!*

Lost and Found

*As we approached Jerusalem
the crowd stood at the gate
and cried in tear-choked voice:
"We are lost
in his death."
Upon the hill
the angels sang:
"We are found
in his rising."*

Easter Morning

*The stirring wildness of God
calls brittle bones to leaping
and stone hearts to soaring.
Old women dance among the stars.*

I invite you to share the thoughts and writings you have of Easter with those you love. You know, the inspirations that have given you light and hope, especially in dismal times.

Your Pastor,

*In Christ,
Norman*

From Our Library

Faith Presbyterian Church is participating in Family Christian Stores Ministry Perks Program. Use a Ministry Perks card when you shop at Family Christian Stores and 5% of all purchases will be credited back to our church.

If you would like a Ministry Perks card, please see a member of the Library Committee (Jeanne Johnson, Darlene Liem or Cathy Gonzales).

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Session Notes

The Session met on March 12. The Treasurer's Report as of Feb. 29 was accepted for audit and the General Fund is summarized below:

Beginning Balance	\$ 18,408.49
Total Receipts	11,754.90
Total Disbursements	<u>20,437.88</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,725.51

Highlights of the April Calendar are:

April 5

Palm Sunday

April 9

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 12

Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.. Breakfast served at 8:45 a.m.

The Session approved carpeting the sanctuary. The money will come from the Memorial Fund and special donations. The color will be compatible with the carpet and chairs that are already there.

The Session also approved the hiring of Naomi Henry as our church secretary. Naomi will begin work on March 30. We welcome her with open arms.

Norm and Carol will be on vacation April 12-19. Darlene Liem will lead the worship service on April 19.

The Anniversary Committee reported that the photographs for the Jubilee Photo Directory are looking very good and that recipes for the Jubilee Recipe Book are coming in rapidly.

The bazaar committee reported that they have met and decided not to sponsor a bazaar this year. They will reconsider next year.

The Session set May 17 as the date for an End-of-School year carry-in dinner. We will celebrate all that the congregation has done in support of the church as well as the completion of a successful school year.

*In God's Love,
Jim Harris, Clerk of Session*

2008 Annual Reports

If you would like a copy of our Annual Report for 2008, you may pick one up on the table in the foyer. One has been printed for each family in the church.

Church Picture Directory

As a part of our fiftieth anniversary celebration a picture directory is being made of you, the members and friends of Faith Presbyterian Church. Thank you to those of you who have already had your pictures made. Another photo session will take place on April 12, Easter Sunday, from 7:30 – 10:15 a.m. If you will not be available during this time, please send a photo to be used. If you have questions, please talk to Paul Brown.

Thank You

The Blanket Offering in March totaled \$531. Thanks to your generosity, that will help provide 106 blankets.

Why the Cross?

In Jesus' day, the Roman army ruling Israel carried out capital punishment by using a wooden cross. Criminals, troublemakers and others who threatened society were crucified in public places for everyone to see.

False charges were levied against Jesus. Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest, accused him of blasphemy against God and of being a threat to Roman rule. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, had Jesus nailed to a cross on a Friday.

Perhaps ironically to non-Christians, that day came to be called Good Friday. God reached down into our Lord's grave and restored him to life. The cross that had been a symbol of horror became a symbol of joy. That's why we sing with gusto:

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gather round its head sublime.*

OGHS

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering began more than fifty-five years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day. For at least the past ten years, the offering has received about \$20 million among the denominations. The PC (USA) offering has received \$9 million-\$11 million for at least the past twenty years. Last year our church gave \$328.00 to this Special Offering. Our church will be participating in this offering on Easter Sunday, which is April 12th. There will be bulletin inserts and more information about OGHS during Lent.

Carpeting the Sanctuary

Thank you for all of your comments concerning the carpeting of the sanctuary. Though some had legitimate concerns, the support for this project was overwhelmingly positive. At their monthly meeting on March 12, 2009, the Session voted to proceed with the carpeting. Half of the money has been given by an anonymous donor, while the other half will come from the Memorial Fund (permission was given by families of the one memorialized). The sanctuary will be carpeted sometime in May. Thank you again for your interest and comments.

Fish Food Pantry

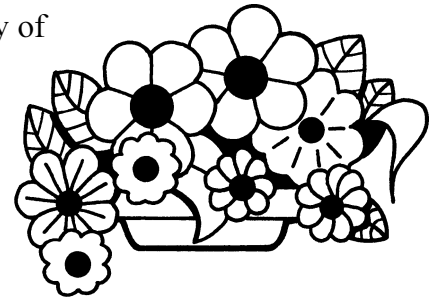
—is in need of donations. Requests have increased significantly. Also, if you would like to help take orders or make deliveries, you may volunteer by calling Jane Jones (667-6369) or Carol Wilson (233-1821).

A Time to Laugh

On the Monday after Easter, some Greek Orthodox Christians gather to swap jokes. Why not? What's more uplifting than God's triumphant victory over sin and death? Easter is absolute proof that God is Lord of both life and death. That's cause for not only rejoicing but hearty laughter.

Memorial Sunday

The first Sunday of each month, the Worship Committee places two flower arrangements in the chancel



in memory or honor of the loved ones of the Family of Faith.

If you would like to provide an arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one, please return the following form with your donation. The arrangements cost \$18.00 *each* or \$36.00 for two (please make checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church). Your gift will be recognized in the bulletin unless you ask otherwise. Please check the form if you would like to pick up the arrangement after worship, otherwise it will be delivered to someone who needs a little cheer.

**For more information please contact:
Barb Grayson, 236-0837 or
Carol Hoel, 233-5921**



Memorial Flower Gift

Please accept my donation of
\$18 ___ \$36 ___
for the Memorial Flower Fund in
memory/honor of:

Given by: _____

I would like to pick up the arrangement(s) _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Sunday Worship Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Learning Center 11:00			1 Choir 7:30	2 Girl Scouts 6:00	3	4
5 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Easter Egg Hunt	6 Boy Scouts 7:00	7 Session 7:00	8 Choir 7:30	9 JAM 11:30 Preschool Board 6:00 Maundy Thursday	10  GOOD FRIDAY	11
12  EASTER	13 Rachel Circle 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	14	15 Choir 7:30	16 Girl Scouts 6:00	17	18 Five Rivers Clean-up 9:00
19 <i>Disciple Deadline</i>	20 Boy Scouts 7:00	21	22 Choir 7:30	23 Pre -School Pictures 9:00-12:00	24 Pre -School Pictures 9:00-3:00	25
26	27 Boy Scouts 7:00	28	29 Choir 7:30	30	31	

To ensure your activities are included on this calendar, please update the calendar in the church office.
Please also include all recurring monthly meetings on the calendar in the office.

Worship Leaders

Date	Worship	Ushers	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery	Learning Center
5	Cyndi Adams	Samantha Adams	Mary Swartzel	Emily Swihart	Jean Hargrave	Carol Godfrey
Communion Servers: Cyndi Adams, Robyn O'Bryan, Gwynn Jones, Roger Ten Broeke, Cathy Gonzalez						
12	Norma Leshner	Duane Skare	Barney & Bonnie Smith	Daniel Brown	Anna Grycz Emily Swihart	Ernie Stockton
19	Terry Harmeyer	4th - 8th Grade Youth	Duane & Mary Skare	Cassidy Price	Pat Farrar	Mary Skare
26	Jeff Hargrave	Roger & Chris Ten Broeke	Kyung Hee & Emily Swihart	Lauren Poole	Samantha Adams	Pat Farrar



2 *Barney and Bonnie Smith - 59 years*

16 *Lynwood and Linda Poole - 15 years*

22 *Michael and Diane Grycz - 20 years*

Birthdays

- 1 Bill Griffin
Sondra Derrickson
- 2 Amber Sturgill
- 3 Fred Gonzalez
- 4 Jeff Brown
John Derrickson
- 7 Alan Hostetter
- 8 Dan Tolbert
- 9 Marthalla Foree
- 10 Ellen Fifarek
- 12 Barbara Grayson
- 14 Chuck Doran
- 16 Ellen Mayhew
- 17 Rachele McComb
Andrea Sharp
- 18 Katrina Tolbert
- 19 Bill Hall
- 21 Logan Poole
- 24 Vincent Martinez
- 25 Emma Harmeyer
- 27 Diane Grycz

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.

Our Deepest Sympathy... is shared with Carol Godfrey at the death of her father, Ivan Hutchinson, in Gainesville, Florida, in March. He was buried in Waterville, Ohio on Monday, March 9. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

Our Deepest Love and Care... also is extended to Linda Niece at the death of her father, Frank Aust, in Cleveland this past month. Remember Linda and her family as they grieve.



Dear Faith Family,

Carol and I wish to thank you for celebrating our tenth anniversary with you on Sunday, March 8. The cake was beautiful and tasty as well. The choir's special music was inspiring. The rendering done by Jim Harris and your thoughtful comments is a treasure we will keep with us always. It has been our pleasure to serve you throughout these years. We look forward to the years ahead.

*Sincerely,
Norman and Carol*

Remembering in Prayer

Your prayers are requested for Lawrence Grayson, Bill Carroll, Aneta Spalla, Tom Latimer, Charles Skaug (Mary Skare's brother), Joseph Harris (Harris' grandchild), Darlene Liem, Wendy Griffin, Chuck Hall and Marthalla Foree.

*Please share in
all the joys and
concerns of the
Family of Faith
with your
prayers, notes, and love.*



To My Dear Friends at Faith,

I was so overwhelmed with your sincere, loving support of my decision to care for my family at this time.....and to my delight; you gave me such a generous gift. Thank you so much for twenty-two wonderful years, a very love-filled Sunday gathering, and the many farewell cards and gifts; you've been a great blessing in my life and I'm so glad that God brought us together. My heart overflows with gratitude and happiness, yet again, for my friends at Faith Church.

*In Loving Friendship,
Kristie*

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for all your support during Thurlow's illness and subsequent death. Your words of comfort, cards, calls and prayers have meant more than you will ever know. Thank you also for the beautiful planter.

The Flanery Family

Dear Friends at Faith,

My dad is finally at peace after several years of poor health. My grief has been made easier because you have walked with me through it in so many ways. Thank you for all you love and care.

Carol Godfrey

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Return Service Requested

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Lent/Easter Schedule

April 5, Palm Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m.
(Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship)

April 9, Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.

April 12, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service

8:45 a.m. – Breakfast

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship

*A soft answer turneth away wrath,
but grievous words stir up anger.*

Proverbs 15:1