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Take the New Life Dare

Be honest, is Jesus really important in your everyday life?
Are you looking for the next steps in your walk with
Christ?

Or maybe, you feel like your faith is missing the power or
challenge?

What if....

Jesus isn't important in your everyday life because you
haven't let him be Lord?

The next step in your walk w/ Christ is doing what he says?
The power or challenge of faith, comes from challenging it?
Take the New Life Dare a six week worship/life experience
starting April 8th. I dare you!

Behind the Stain Glass



Take a look at these two churches. The one on the left is Trinity Episcopal, just off of East Main in Newark. The one on the right is the Immaculate Conception Church of Buffalo. I have a question for you. Which of these two buildings looks better? Well, obviously, the one on the right. Here is a different question. Which of these two buildings have life? Now that is a lot trickier. The answer is the one on the left.

Trinity Episcopal is tearing down its' sanctuary and continuing to worship in its' adjacent building. They have plans to build a smaller more functional sanctuary farther down the road. Trinity's sanctuary has a beautiful Tiffany stain glass window. It has dark wood vaulted ceilings and of course a failing support structure that left the building in constant threat of collapse. Trinity faced a repair bill of \$1.5 million dollars.

The Immaculate Conception Church of Buffalo; it's closed. I guess it will make a very pretty art space as the new owners plan.

Church buildings often find new life after they cease being churches. In Pittsburgh, a very ornate catholic church has become a microbrewery and fancy restaurant; the Church Brew Works. In Columbus, the Bluestone is a concert venue that was at one time, First Baptist Church. People turn churches into offices, houses, schools, restaurants and parking lots.

Sometimes, people think that it is sad or even sacrilegious to see brew kettles or a rock band where there used to be an altar. I don't think so. I think it is sad to see church buildings that still function as churches; but have no life left in them. Too many church building have a big sign out front that tells you it is a church; but really are social clubs, or schools, or historical societies, or cultural preservation groups. These 'churches' long to see signs of life but refuse to be living as the body of Christ. It won't happen.

The same can be said about Christians. I could show you pictures of priests, missionaries and leaders of churches who have no life in them. I could also show you pictures of homeless people, ex-gang members, prisoners, and all kinds of 'undesirable' people who radiate with life. People who live life with passion, who change the world, who affect others positively, who are giving, and caring; people who exude the fruits of the Spirit.

Some of us spend all of our time pretending. We work on the outside, we work on appearances. We want the world to think we are good Christians; we want the world to think we have it all together. We talk about the power of God and how much we love Jesus. The saying goes: 'fake it until you make it'. We think that if we act the way other Christians do, we might be like them. In reality, we just get really good at faking it. Or we get tired of faking it without getting the desired results and stop.

What if instead of looking like Christians, we acted like Christians? What if we looked however we wanted to, but acted the way God wants us to? What if we stopped saying that Jesus is important and started letting Him Lord our life? What if we need to take the next step in our walk with Christ, by doing what he says? What if the power or challenge of faith, comes from challenging it?

Living the Christian life is about acting on our Christian beliefs. Living the Christian life means acting according to the Holy Spirit. Living the Christian life is about challenging your faith.

Starting April 8th, we are starting a 6 week worship/life experience that will force us to do just that. Taking the New Life Dare is about challenging our faith and seeing new signs of life pop up because of it. I'm excited!

In Christ,

Rev Steve Brand

WORSHIP

April Sermons

April 1 – He Came So We Can Overcome Matt. 28

April 8 – The New Life Dare; #1

April 15 – The New Life Dare; #2

April 22 – The New Life Dare; #3

April 29 – The New Life Dare; #4

May Sermons

May 6 – The New Life Dare; #5

May 13 – The New Life Dare; #6

May 20 – Pentecost

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

Choir Rehearsal – Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. Please see Zac or Kim Frick, if you have questions or are interested in taking part in the choir.



Bell Choir – Regularly, Bell Choir practices the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 6:15pm in the music room. If you would like to play in the Bell choir, please see Zac. The choir will play in service once each month.

**I LOVE
CHOIR**

**End of the Choir
Season & Choir
Appreciation** – June 3rd will be the final Sunday for the Bell and Chancel Choirs

before they take the summer off. Make sure to come and hear them for the last time until September. Mark your calendars for Wednesday June 6th @ 6pm. This is when we will show the musical people in our congregation how grateful we are that they work so hard to share their gifts.



Gluten Free Communion Available - We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be in the communion cup trays.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for many of our regular Sunday morning jobs, including:

**Usher/Greeter Media Person
Money Counter Extended Church
Coffee Hour**

Most of these positions rotate so that volunteers only commit to one Sunday each month.

No experience required for any of these jobs and the training needed is minimal.

See Kim Frick or Pastor Steve, if you are interested or have questions.

CHURCH LIFE

Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, if you would like to bring the snacks. There are pastries in the freezer to use, if no one has brought snacks.



**Come to Red Lobster Wednesday
April 18th @ Noon for food and fellowship.
Everyone is invited.**

**Please RSVP to Louise Whitis at
345-5426.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

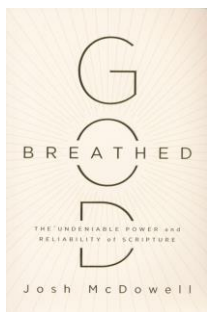
>> YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group @ Hanover PC – Hanover Presbyterian has invited us to join them for a youth group this year. The group is for Middle School & High School youth. It is every other Sunday at 6pm. The next few meetings will be April 1 & 15th. See Pastor Steve, if you are interested.



Good Morning Bible Study – The Good Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Golden Circle Room.

The class is open to all people and is going to be doing a self-study of the Scriptures. They are beginning with a study of Exodus. See Linda Smith for details.



Adult Elective – Beginning April 22nd the Adult Sunday School class begins a 5-week study entitled “God-Breathed” written by Josh McDowell. In this study we will look at how our Bible came to be, some of the historical evidence that shows the reliability and

authenticity of God’s Word, and how to interpret Scripture. Please see Peggy if you would be interested in purchasing the book (\$4.00) and/or the study guide (\$2.50).

YHEALTHY KIDS- Backpack

The Y-Heathy Kids Network Back Pack Program Involvement Opportunities



In School Preparation – On Thursdays, the food gets taken out of the boxes. The bags get put into the kid’s backpacks and other items are added. This job takes about 45minutes to complete and

most schools have their teachers doing this. The teachers already do so much. If you would like to help with this final stage, speak with Sally Henry tomsallyh@windstream.net.

Food Delivery – The Presbyterian Partnership is also tasked with taking these prepacked boxes to the Newark and Heath Schools every other Wednesday. We hope to be able to deliver to all 15 schools eventually, but want to start with a more manageable number. There are eight schools that we will be delivering to. 1st Pres is delivering to six schools, every other Wednesday at 8:30am. To sign up for delivering or if you have any questions see Rev Steve.

Newark 1st Presbyterian Fundraiser Mother's Day 2018 Carnation Corsage

2 carnations per corsage - colors will vary

\$10 per corsage

**\$11 per corsage in a clear box for
gift giving**

On **April 8th** we will begin taking orders for Mother’s Day corsages. This is the first of what we’d like to be an annual fundraiser. While we’ve chosen Mother’s Day, we certainly encourage all ladies to wear a corsage on Sunday, May 13th. Corsages will be available beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 13th in the church library.

We are working with Linnet’s Flowers on the Square to provide this fundraiser. The last day to order is Sunday, May 6th, but the sooner you order, the better.

Order forms will be sent to you via email on or about April 6th and will be available with your Sunday bulletins as well as at the back of the sanctuary.

We encourage you to take orders from your colleagues, friends and neighbors. This serves several purposes:

- It gives you the opportunity to mention your church by name
- It gives you the opportunity to invite someone who doesn’t have a church to attend Newark First Pres on May 13th
- It gives you the opportunity to allow others to help support your church’s fundraising efforts (Your friends who attend church elsewhere would love a corsage.)
- It gives you the opportunity to contact someone who previously attended First Pres
- It gives you the opportunity to purchase a small gift for someone who just might *need* an expression of kindness

For folks who would like to pick up their corsage(s) on Saturday, we will establish a pick-up time and place for Saturday, May 12th – that information will be included on the order form.

Many thanks in advance for your support and for reaching out to others. We appreciate you.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

You Are Invited:

Alpha Celebration Dinner

Please come and celebrate with us as we wrap up our fourth offering of Alpha. Our "Celebration Dinner" will be held on Monday, April 16th and is open to the congregation, friends and family of our guests. This is an opportunity to see what Alpha is all about.

Alpha is a place in which we can explore life, ask questions and search for answers. No judgement, no demands that you conform to certain beliefs and no one will hunt you down (Unless you want us to!)

Previous guests and team members of Alpha are encouraged to attend and celebrate the journey of our current guests (even if you have come before!) Invitation cards are on the sign-up table in the back of the sanctuary. Please plan to come and feel free to bring someone with you.

Beginning at 6:30 we will have a meal, followed by information about Alpha and one of the videos. We should finish no later than 8:30. Child care will be provided, if needed.

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 15th to Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-345-6624) or email Peggy at

1stpnewarkalpha@gmail.com so we can plan. The next session of Alpha will be held in early September.



Sweets on the Square Final

Friday - Final Friday events begin again in April with Sweets on the Square. First Presbyterian will reach out to 250 or more families by participating in the DNA Sweets on the Square on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 5-8pm. This

is a ticketed event. The DNA will sell tickets at a cost of \$15.00 each. Each ticket holder will receive a Sweet Treat or activity at each DNA participant.

We will again be making First Pres Famous Final Fudge! Your help is needed to make this happen. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary. You can:

- 1- Donate ingredients (12oz bags semi-sweet chocolate chips, 10.5 oz bags miniature marshmallows, 12 oz. cans evaporated milk, 4 lb bags granulated sugar, 16 oz bags walnuts)
- 2- Help make fudge on Wednesday, April 25 from 9am-noon
- 3- Package fudge on Thursday, April 26 beginning at 1pm
- 4- Distribute fudge on Friday, April 27 from 5-8pm

If you'd like to be part of donating, making, packaging or distributing our fudge, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact Sandy Noland (rsjnoland@windstream.net) or Kim Dershem (kdershem@windstream.net).



From the Alpha Retreat



TLC Tent Help Needed - Our tent will be set up again for the first Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday of 2018. Sweets on the Square is the theme and what could be sweeter than to listen to and pray for those in need. The Talking, Listening, Caring (TLC) tent will be set up on April 27 from 5:00-8:00pm along with our First Pres Famous Fudge and the Popcorn Cart. We'll invite folks to come into the tent, sit down, chat or ask a question. If you are a good listener, love to talk to folks, please consider joining in this outreach to Newark.

Don't feel pressured to pray, we'll have someone there who is comfortable with that. We've found that people just like to sit down and share their cares and burdens. We have a few comfortable chairs provided. Please pray and consider if you would be able to participate in this way of sharing the love of God with others.

The Final Fridays run from 5-8pm. Please contact Karen Birtcher at kb8114@windstream.net or 740-787-2473, or Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or 740-345-6624 if you would like to give this a try.

MISSION

Oftentimes missionaries out in the field are related. This is the case with Mark & Keith Hare. They are two brothers who help others in need, but through various means and not always together. Below is an excerpt from a letter along with extra information we thought would be nice to share with you about Mark, and a special reminder about the upcoming breakfast featuring Keith. If you are unfamiliar with these families now is the time to get more acquainted!

Colossians 4:3- "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..."

Mark & Jenny Hare



Mission co-workers in Haiti and the Dominican Republic Serving with Famer's Movement of Papaye (MPP) and the Evangelical Dominican Church

"...This letter may not reach you until sometime in February or even

March. Nevertheless, we would like to offer to you something of what José and Juan offered us for the New Year. We offer you the challenge of moving out from your safe places to discover new places of belonging, to be with people in new ways or with new people of different ways, open to the gifts others have to offer, even when the gifts may seem intangible and hard to detect. It would be a special blessing if you were to share your stories with us!

And always, we are so grateful for your support of this work and service of which Jenny, Keila, Annika and I are privileged to be a part.

In Christ,
Mark, Jenny, Keila and Annika"

Long Term Commitment

Five years before the 2010 earthquake sent Haiti into crisis, Presbyterian mission worker Mark Hare was already in the country, helping Haitian farmers grow significant amounts of food on small plots of land. Mark serves as an agricultural technician in and around Papaye, a town about 80 miles from the earthquake's epicenter.

While the quake's destructive force didn't reach Papaye, the community nevertheless was affected by the disaster. The people of Papaye, like Haitians in other rural areas, made their homes places of refuge for friends and relatives left homeless by the earthquake. In all, around 800,000 displaced Haitians ended up in small communities like Papaye.

Compassionate Care

One of the survivors, Enel, came to Papaye nursing a foot that was crushed during the earthquake. His parents, Walther and Yolandi, welcomed their 25-year-old son home, cared for his injury and provided him a safe place to stay. While hunger is rampant in Haiti, this family enjoys good nutrition

with plenty of fresh vegetables that they grow near their house.

They and their neighbors have adequate food in large part because of the work of Mark and the Farmers Movement of Papaye, commonly known by its Creole acronym, MPP. Mark leads a Haitian crew that trains small farmers in the agricultural techniques that MPP is developing, and they provide extension services for farmers in the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

Christ's Example

As Mark relates to the people of Haiti, he looks to Jesus as his role model for building a common life with others. "In terms of my sense of call, it comes at least in part from the example of Christ's life, particularly his consistent participation in the lives of the people of Galilee," Mark says. "His work seems always in the middle of the crowd; he didn't separate himself. He wasn't above, he wasn't below, he was together with."

Mark, a member of Amesville Presbyterian Church in Amesville, Ohio, has been a Presbyterian mission worker since 1997. He and his wife, Jenny, are the parents of two daughters, Keila and Annika.



Your support is vital to continuing Mark's work and the work of other mission co-workers serving around the world. Support them by making your check payable to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and write

E132192 on the memo line. Mail it to: Presbyterian World Mission Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Now, a little on Keith:



Mission Breakfast – Healing Arts Mission - Our own Keith Hare traveled many times to Haiti to work with Healing Arts Mission. On Sunday, April 15, 2018, Evangelism and Outreach Committee and

the adult Sunday School class will host a breakfast buffet during Sunday School hour. Keith will share about his work at the Healing Arts Mission in Haiti. Breakfast will be ready at 9:00 a.m. and Keith will begin speaking soon after. Come and enjoy breakfast and find out how things are progressing in Haiti. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about this exciting work!! ☺



Sustainable Upgrades Come to MdL

An amazing group of students from The Ohio State University College of Engineering visited MdL earlier this month. The team made upgrades to our hillside so that we can produce more food on-site included building shelter for goats, which will help us provide milk that is rich in vitamins to our kids. In addition, the students installed a water filtration system in the kitchen, and improved our electrical system. This means we can spend less on electricity and use the savings to invest more in our children's needs.

With hands on, supportive instruction from the OSU team, our kids learned how improved soil helps grow healthier plants and animals.

We give thanks to Ohio State and the amazing work they do to help us provide a sustainable home for our kids.



Belkis and her latest students

In addition to serving families affected by HIV, we are working hard to reduce the stigma of HIV within communities. We recently held a Charla Luz (or "Light Talks") training in the local high school to educate about HIV. We are also holding empowerment training for young women. Our psychologist, Belkis provided training on nutrition and good health to local students.

On the local side of things...



New Men's Post Abortive Ministry

Repairing His Story is a confidential, male-led five-session bible study for men who have been affected or involved in an abortion decision. Your body is God's temple. Repairing damage to your spiritual and mental health is part of your responsibility as a "temple" owner. Like any home improvement project, this process may involve a little work, a little sweat, and a little pain, but it's worth it! This bible study was written specifically for men, based on multiple years of experience with post-abortive men. This study uses the grief cycle as a structure and focusing on the names of God that reveal His character and desire to heal us. This study examines denial, bargaining, anger, forgiveness and resolution. You are courageous to seek healing, you can begin the process of repairing and recovering. For more information email: REPAIRINGHISSTORY@HEARTBEATS.ORG, group is forming now for April.

New Prayer Ministry!

We are happy to announce the launch of our newest addition to client ministry. We are now offering clients the opportunity to fill out a confidential prayer request card that will be located in each of our counseling rooms, the boutique, and at the receptionist desk. They may use this opportunity to express a praise report or confidential prayer request. We are excited to see lives changed through the power of prayer!

As we come from celebrating Easter, the completion of lent and 40 Acts of generosity, let us consider what a gracious, giving God we worship & trust in! May we carry forth the love of Easter and share that love with everyone we meet.

Love in Christ's Kingdom.
Tracee Barr.

*John 13:34 - A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that
ye also love one another.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer Chain



Prayer Chain Updates - Tracee Barr will be taking over the prayer chain. So please send any prayer requests to her at hippieluv12@yahoo.com or 740-345-7682. If you would like added to the email prayer chain, you can email Tracee or the church office. If you would like a phone call with prayer requests, call Tracee.

Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. Please update our CCT of any address, phone number changes. If you are not sure of who your CCT person is, please contact Ann Robinson at 366-1579 (home) 614-557-7489 (cell/text) or annmarie0458@gmail.com. Without accurate information, it makes it difficult for our team members to be in touch with all of you.

Thank you.
Ann Marie Robinson
Chair, CCT

FYI



Church Safety – We live in a troubled time. The church is supposed to be a safe place, but it often isn't. If you would be interested in looking into best practices for church safety and creating plans for what we should do, should the unthinkable happen. See Pastor Steve.



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com. Go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.

Cyber-Security & What You Should Know

Presenter: Cathy Ritchie

Gain confidence in understanding how you can best avoid being defrauded by cybercriminals.

Thursday, April 19

7:00 pm

Outville Presbyterian Church
6463 Outville Rd., Pataskala



SCRIP Cards – Come to the library before or after each Worship service the first Sunday of each month to buy gift cards for all sorts of different stores and restaurants. Pick up your order the next Sunday. It is easy and there are volunteers in the library to help you with your purchase. Your purchase of SCRIP cards supports the programs and needs of First Pres.

1st & 2nd Presbyterian VBS Coming July 30-August 3rd



Tell Your Friends to Get Ready!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Robinson, Ann	April 9
Lieb, Sam	April 11
Crist, Patty	April 11
Brand, Diana	April 12
Hare, Priscilla	April 12
Blamer, Joe	April 18
Carson, Tom	April 23
Adams, Robert	April 24
Hollingshead, Jordan	April 26
Jobes, Barb	April 28
Drake, Logan	April 28
Durr, Carolyn	April 30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Smythe, Forrest & Thelma	April 8
Rodeniser, Jim & Lois	April 10
Bowles, Chris & Sarah	April 16
Kittle, David & Kay	April 16
Ashcraft, Mike & Julie	April 25

SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, Noon-1pm in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental SPARK will be serving a free lunch and everyone is invited. The food is cooked, served and everything is set-up and taken-down by the students of SPARK. For them, this is a job that they get paid to do. It is also a time for community involvement and job training. They would like us to advertise the meal, to provide the space and the dishware. Most importantly, they would like us to come to the meals and to work alongside SPARK developing relationships. If you would like to volunteer, they arrive at 10:00 am and stay till about 2:00 pm.



Restocking the Kitchen – Some of the dish towels and wash cloths in the kitchen are looking bad and wearing thin. If you could donate some NEW wash clothes or dish towels see Jo DeWeese 740-398-2780.



Woodside Baked Steak Dinner -

The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, April 13, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at Woodside Presbyterian Church, 295 Woods Avenue, Newark, (740) 345-3742. The menu includes baked steak, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Carryout available. Cost: \$9.00 minimum donation...Weather Permitting...

MARCH SESSION SUMMERY

Devotions – The first three chapters of Autopsy of a Deceased Church were discussed intermixed with other parts of the agenda.

Clerk's Report -Baptism - March 11, 2018, David Baughman.

-Membership - March 11, 2018, David and Sharon Baughman

-March 18, 2018, we received a Certificate of Transfer for Vonda Morrow from Outville Presbyterian Church (Pataskala) Session members approved accepting this membership transfer.

-Death - Joseph Gifford Johnston died on March 10, 2018. Joe was buried on March 15, 2018 at Cedar Hill Cemetery, with a private family service.

Pastor's Report - -Lists of active and inactive members were distributed. Session members were asked to review the lists for the April meeting.

-Following Easter, Steve will start a new "challenging" sermon series

Budget & Finance - Keith has not yet opened the new account approved at the February meeting.

-Barb Jobes provided financial reports for February but did not attend.

Christian Education, Family & Youth -Vacation Bible School will be held July 30 to August 3 at Second Presbyterian. VBS will use a Sports Theme.

Church Life - Priscilla reported that a cookies and cocoa reception had been held on March 11 following the Baughman's joining the church.

Congregational Care Team -A meal was provided for Marilyn Johnston's family in conjunction with Joe's funeral.

Evangelism & Outreach - Sandy reported that E&O had approved the removal of Bob Blamer and Eula Montgomery from its' bank account. They

then added Deborah Blamer and Barbara Garman to the account. Barb will serve as the treasurer.

-Sarah Bowles will be chairing the quilt show at the end of July.

-A mission breakfast is scheduled for April 15. Keith Hare will present information about the Healing Art Missions clinic in Haiti.

Fundraising, Planning & Discernment - Considering Mother's day fundraiser. Will coordinate with Church Life

Personnel - The new secretary, Barbara is working out so far.

Property -Praised Gary Collins for all that he does around the church.

-Property committee will meet on April 5. One task is reviewing and anticipating what will need to be done in the future.

-The drain for the humidifiers in the organ pipe room in the attic had become plugged and leaked water into the ceiling of one of the 3rd floor rooms. Gary is working on repairing the damage and constructing better drainage.

-Parking contracts will be reviewed.

-Copier is no longer under contract. Rose will be researching potential replacements.

Worship & Music -On February 3, DB Pipe Organs personnel discovered that a windpipe in the organ pipe room in the attic had been damaged and incorrectly repaired with duct tape. The tape had come loose resulting in an air leak.

-Palm crosses have been ordered and will be handed out on Palm Sunday

-Communion will be served by intinction at the Good Friday service. Four people are needed to help with communion.

-An organ service contract has been signed with DB Pipe Organs. Cost of the contract is \$1,100. Service is scheduled quarterly.

-CCLI has been renewed for \$411. Kim Frick and Carolyn Durr are on the account.

-Looking at updating seasonal sanctuary décor

-A praise worship service has been requested. Possible looking at an additional once a month service.

Next Session Meeting: April 26, 2018, 6:30 PM

