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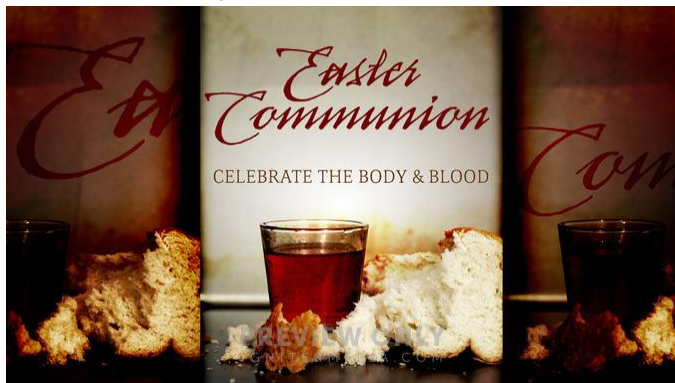
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WORSHIP

WE WILL BE SERVING COMMUNION ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 2.



A special called **Congregational Meeting** was held on March 26th with a quorum present. Pastor Todd Tracy was here from Second Presbyterian Church and facilitated the meeting. The new 2023 Nominating Committee that was elected is as follows: Priscilla Hare, Elder, Kim Dershem, Deb Blamer, Jo Deweese and Ed Jobes. Sarah Bowles was elected and ordained on this Sunday by Pastor Todd and Marilyn Johnston was reinstalled as Clerk of Session.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The process of finding and calling a pastor can be a long one. Our committee was reminded, by our new Presbytery liaison Rev. Heather Thum-Gerber (Hanover Presbyterian Church), that our pastor may not yet be in the candidate database. So we as a committee will continue to patiently read Pastor Information Forms looking for a match.

Please continue to keep our committee members and potential pastor candidates in your prayers. Pray for patience and for the right candidate to feel a tug in our direction.

Sarah Bowles,
PNC Chairperson

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

Fostering Further Apartment Kits

There are thousands of kids in central Ohio foster care, along with their families and social workers. This represents an enormous opportunity for a support system to help these youths be successful. These programs are designed specifically to support youth as they navigate the challenges of transitioning from foster care into their adult lives. Thank you to all those that signed up and have already brought in their items. The rest of the items are **due in the church by April 16th**. They will be housed in the Quilt room or you can give them to Sarah Bowles.

Candlewick Commons Dinner

We had a great time with the residents and staff at Candlewick Commons on March 14th starting at 4:00pm at their residence. Thank you to all that prepared the meal and also those that attended the event.



Fishing Kit Crafts for OCC

These ladies got together to make these little Fishing Kits for the Shoeboxes. They had a great time of fellowship together while working on missions. There will be another time set up to finish them up. If you would like to be a part of this, watch for upcoming events and come join in on the fun! Thank you to all that helped with this project.



Operation Christmas Child 2023

To make OCC shopping easier for church members this year, the E&O Committee will have monthly shopping list inserts in the Sunday bulletins. The lists will have suggested items to purchase, children clothing sizes and shopping hints. See Kenita Keck or Sandy Noland if you have any questions.

Blessings Box

The items for the blessings box are getting low. If you care to contribute there is a box on the floor outside the Sanctuary door in the hallway heading to the offices. Donation suggestions are: protein bars, pop top canned items, protein drinks, crackers, small jars of peanut butter and then Ritz crackers. Thank you for supporting this ministry. *You can also designate monies to be given to the Blessings Box, just mark that in the memo line or on your envelope.*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We will be receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering through Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.** The offering will be equally divided between our local Salvation Army and World Vision. The total was \$1077.16 given in 2022. Offering envelopes and coin banks will be available in the sanctuary.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." II Corinthians 8:9

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

World Vision®

Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

**This month we are featuring World Vision.
Your cash gifts to World Vision in 2022
Totalled \$539.00**

Thank you for your generosity and for showing God's love to vulnerable children and families.

In a year that brought new and ongoing challenges for much of our world, your faithful support equipped people to create lasting change for themselves and their communities, building resilience for the future.

With your partnership and God's sustaining power, in 2022 together we:

- **Responded to the conflict in Ukraine by reaching 360,718 people in the Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Georgia – including 131,974 children – with food assistance, temporary shelter, hygiene kits, education programming and more.**
- **Reached 15,536,279 people with assistance in the hardest-hit countries suffering from a global hunger crisis, including 8,471,866 children.**
- **Used 156,226 metric tons of food supplies to help nourish children and families in 15 countries**
- **Helped establish lasting access to clean water for over 3 million people, improve sanitation for 2.7 million and equip 3.4 million with access to household handwashing facilities.**

- Served 3.59 million children and adults through our programs in the U.S. including over 80,000 reached through disaster response.
- Equipped more than 3.2 million children and their communities worldwide to overcome extreme poverty through our child sponsorship program.

Thank you for your faithful support and care for our brothers and sister, protecting and serving the most vulnerable.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

April Birthdays

Sam Lieb	4/11
Priscilla Hare	4/12
Chris Bowles	4/16
Barb Jobes	4/28
Carolyn Durr	4/30
Jesse Ryals	4/30

April Anniversaries

Forrest & Thelma Smythe	4/8
Chris & Sarah Bowles	4/16
David and Kay Kittel	4/16

CHURCH LIFE

Good Morning Bible Study began again March 2nd, 10:00-12:00. They are studying the books of Ezra/Nehemiah by John MacArthur. They have had a nice group of people participating. All are welcome!

SCRIP

April 2nd is SCRIP Sunday. Please see Gaye Gibson in the library before and after the worship service if you would like to purchase gift cards from the SCRIP program.

Annette (Mahon) Mercer Baby Shower



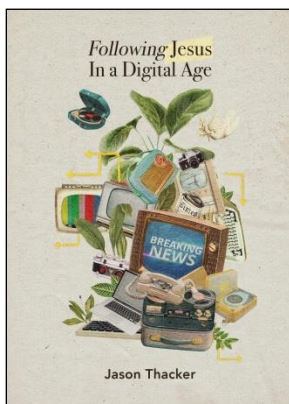


SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new study will be starting April 23rd.

Following Jesus in a Digital Age

by James Thacker.



What do faith and technology have to do with each other? Thacker equips you with biblically based wisdom for navigating the most challenging aspects of our digital culture--- including privacy, social media, misinformation, conspiracy theories, polarization, and more. Step into the challenges of our high-tech

age with biblical discernment and wisdom! Facilitated by Priscilla Hare



Mike and Nancy Mahon

Mike and Nancy Mahon, missionaries we support, are leaving Peru to start their Home Ministry Assignment in Coshocton. They have visited and spoke at our church often and have been very thankful of our support. In communicating with Nancy, she sent the following list with items they could use in furnishing their home/getting started for their upcoming ministry assignment.

Contact person is Kim Dershem at 740-877-0346. We will collect items in the quilt room opposite the apartment kit collection till June.

Used items are okay as long as they still work.

Small Appliances:

8-12 Cup coffee maker

Small microwave

Working transistor or battery-powered radio

Small lamps, floor lamp

Blender (type with glass or plastic pitcher)

Housewarming items:

Liquid laundry detergent, mop, angle broom buckets, 1-2 clothes baskets, small bathroom-type waste baskets, 1-13 gallon kitchen trash can, bleach, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher powder (no packets or pods please), paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, antibacterial bar soap, kitchen dish towels foil, plastic wrap, waxed paper

Quick oats, all-purpose flour, cornmeal, brown and white sugar, brown sugar with Stevia, iodized salt, baking powder and soda, vanilla, peanut butter, evaporated milk, low sodium taco seasoning, vinegar, cooking spray and vegetable oil.

APRIL

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