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## From Behind the Stained Glass

Each year, I try to come up with a word that needs to be the focus of that year. In the past, we have used the words: Stewardship, Evangelism, Relationship Building and Engagement. I spoke of the need for our church and its members to use their time, talents and offerings in a God-honoring and accountable way. I spoke of our need as individuals to be people who invite others to church, who tell people about Jesus. I have talked about building relationships from one-time connections to longtime friends and everywhere in between. I have written about ways in which our church can gain the attention of the world around us. The word for this year is **HUMANITY**. As a church, we must seek out ways to be human with those around us.

Humanity can be defined many different ways. Humanity is the collection of all humans. Humanity is our nature as human beings - how we act, behave, live. Humanity is our benevolent nature. Humanity is the learning or literature concerned with human culture - especially literature, history, art, music, and philosophy. So, humanity understands that we are a collection of humans living in a given area. Humanity is how we live as humans, our tendencies, skills and limitations. Humanity is treating other humans well. Humanity is the study of our works of creativity and history.

Historically, the Church has always done its best when it has worked to meet a need of its community. Christians have been the people who go where no one else has and work. Christians have cared for the sick, the lonely, the outcasts by starting hospitals, nursing homes, community centers, clinics and orphanages. Christians have cared for those who have suffered great tragedy by starting the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and homeless shelters. Christians have cared for the future of people groups by starting schools, universities, and training centers.

All of those things still need to happen, but the Church's role in America is more for those who have fallen through the cracks. We have schools, hospitals and food banks. The Church in America is working to meet the needs that have outpaced what the free market or the government provide.

What is the major need of the community, however, that is largely going unmet? I would say it is HUMANITY. Think about it this way. Humanity is the collection of all humans. Yet, we live in a fractured society that only seems to care about its own group. Humanity is our nature as human beings. Yet, we live in a society of people who clearly don't know how to meet their own needs. Humanity is the study of our own creativity and history. Yet, as a people we are losing so much of the knowledge generations prior have taken for granted. Humanity is our benevolent nature. Yet, we default to taking care of number one.

We live in an increasingly segregated, isolated, and selfish world. Our God calls us to live in unity, with the good of the whole in mind. Here are some synonyms for humanity: compassion, brotherly love, fraternity, fellow feeling, philanthropy, humaneness, kindness, consideration, understanding, sympathy, tolerance; leniency, mercy, mercifulness, clemency, pity, tenderness, benevolence, charity, goodness, magnanimity, and generosity. Could you imagine what might happen if we as the Church can teach people the importance, the necessity of humanity?

How do we do it? Easy, by being humans ourselves. Let this be the year that we as a church and each of us individually live our lives in unity, with a benevolent heart, an understanding spirit, and an inquisitive mind.

In Christ,



Rev. Steven Brand

## WORSHIP

### February Sermons

Feb. 4 – Regular People Stuff – Luke 3  
Feb. 11 – Revealing Your True Self – Luke 9  
Feb 18–Recognizing Failure for What It Is– Matt 26  
Feb. 25 – Rev. Crystal Blume

### March Sermons

March 4 – God's People Judge God – Matt. 26  
March 11 – The World's Judgement – Matt. 27  
March 18 – Salvation Refused – Matt. 27  
March 25 – United in Loneliness – Matt. 27

### Choir Cantata

## How Great Thou Art

### Good Friday

March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

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### Easter Sunday

April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:45 am



*The story of Easter has so many highs and lows. This year's choir cantata takes us through all of them. It begins on Good Friday, the lowest of the low. The very God of this universe, sacrificed for us. Then the cantata continues on Easter Sunday, the highest of the high. Jesus Christ is alive!*

*The first half of How Great Thou Art will take place at our Good Friday service. The second half will be sung on Easter Sunday as part of our regular service. Join us for dinner prior to the Good Friday service at Moe's Original BBQ @ 5pm.*

*See Zac, if you would like to be a part of performing this cantata.*

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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.



**Lenten Lunch Service-** First Presbyterian will be running the Lenten Lunch Service, hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. We provide the lunch and all proceeds from that lunch go

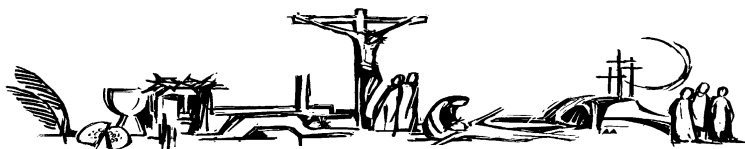
to a mission of our choice. Please see Christa Brace, if you can help with the meal. Second Presbyterian hosts these services each Wednesday of Lent. Each week a different local congregation runs the event. There is a half-hour worship service led by the pastor of the host congregation, followed by lunch at a cost of \$7. Schedule: Feb. 14 - 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian; Feb. 21 - Trinity AME; Feb. 28 - Trinity Episcopal; March 7 - Central Christian; March 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian; March 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist.

### Ash Wednesday Service

February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
(in the Chapel)

FEATURING: HYMNS, COMMUNION,  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES, AND PRAYER

Come worship with us on this  
first day of Lent.





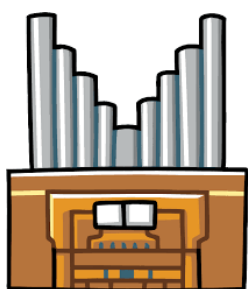
**Ordination & Installation of Elders** – In Baptism, each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole

people of God may flourish. In ordination, the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Carolyn Durr, Prascilla Hare and Sandy Noland have all been called by God, through our congregation, to serve as elders. They will be ordained during service on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Anointing Service** – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, during Service. Lent is a season of preparation. We get ready to witness anew Christ on the Cross, and Christ Alive again. Are you preparing for this wonderful time? As Christians, we are often left unprepared for Christ due to the stresses of the

day, physical ailments, sin, or distraction. Biblically and historically, the Church has used the anointing with oil and the laying of hands as a way to bring us back to wholeness and as a way to mark times of extreme change. This is a powerful tool that we seldom use in today's Church. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, during worship, we will have a service of anointing and laying on of hands.



**NCS Organ Concert** – Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - All 4<sup>th</sup> grades from Newark City Schools will be descending on our church, First Pres!!! They will be listening to one of the few pipe organs left in Licking County and to

Baroque composers such as Bach and Handel. First Pres folks are more than welcome to attend, but the sanctuary will be filled. Get a good seat early. Other music teachers in NCS will be

performing, as well. We will be in need of helpers at the door, seating the children in the balcony and floor area, and getting the kids to and from buses. Please let Rev. Steve and/or Ann Robinson know, if you can help. THE CONCERT BEGINS PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude around 10:30 a.m.



**Easter Morning Sunrise Service** – Join us at Hanover Presbyterian Church for a Presbyterian Community Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am. The service will be outside - weather permitting. This will be a good opportunity to worship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Please join us. After the service, we will all have breakfast together. Hanover is providing the drinks, location and flatware. The breakfast is a potluck. See Rev. Steve, if you would like to bring a dish.



**Palm Sunday**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**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.





## Hymn Festival

March 26  
at 2 pm

at Second  
Presbyterian  
Church.

## SPRING FORWARD



March 11<sup>th</sup>

## 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 Olive Garden Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> @ Noon for food and fellowship.

Everyone is invited.

Please RSVP to Louise Whitis at  
345-5426.

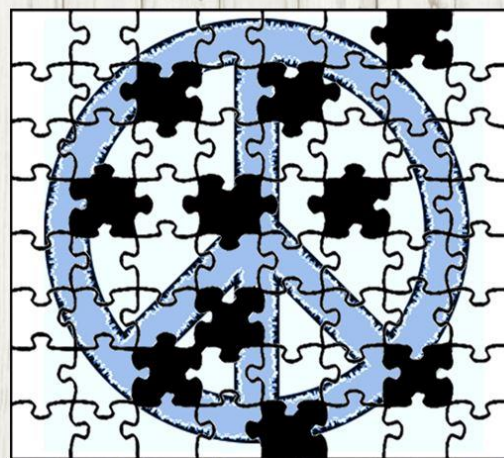
-Annual Congregational Meeting:  
February 11<sup>th</sup> @ noon in the Fellowship  
Hall. Lunch included.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Jr/Sr. High Winter Youth Retreat** – All youth from 6th-12th grades, listen up! The Presbytery Winter Youth Retreat is **February 23-25** at Camp Akita, in Logan Ohio. During the retreat, we will participate in worship, build relationships in small groups, hear from an engaging speaker, do crafts, play games, and enjoy the outdoors with hikes and pizza box sledding. Rev. Steve will be the chaperon for the trip; we may need a female chaperon. See Rev. Steve for details and to RSVP. Registrations are due by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Any 6th-8th grade folks will be participating in the Confirmation Track which will bring you one step closer to church membership.

## *A Missing Peace* *Presbytery Winter Youth Retreat*



Camp Akita

February 23-25

For Youth in Middle and High School



### Good Morning Bible Study

– The Good Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday through December 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Golden Circle

Room. The group will then take the winter off and start meeting again in March. The class is open to all people and is going to be doing a self-study of the Scriptures. See Linda Smith for details.



### 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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Steve, if you are interested.



### Jesus' Final Week

**Adult Elective** – The Adult Sunday School class begins a new study on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> as we look forward to Easter. “Jesus’ Final Week” is an 8-week study where each week focuses on a

day of Holy Week. The events that took place during Jesus’ final week on earth - Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus’ death and his resurrection - are foundational to our salvation and our Christian life. The study will focus more closely on these amazing events, and we will gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves you. If you would like to purchase the study guide (\$8.65, if able), see Peggy. Please join us at 9:15 in the Journey Room.

## Y-HEALTHY KIDS- Backpack

### The Y-Healthy 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](mailto:tomsallyh@windstream.net) (She is a member of 2nd Pres and is coordinating this part of the program).

**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 seven schools that we will be delivering to. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



### Prayer Chain Updates –

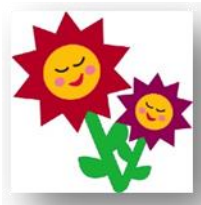
Tracee Barr will be taking over the prayer chain. So please send any prayer requests to her at

[hippieluv12@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH



**Wilson Gift Cards:** The Evangelism and Outreach Committee will be taking orders for Wilson’s Garden Center Gift Cards between February 1 and March 31.



The cards will be sold by prepaid order. Orders received by Sunday, February 25, will be delivered on Sunday, March 4. Orders received by Sunday, March 25, will be delivered on Sunday, April 1.

Order forms are available in the sanctuary on the sign-up table. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, with Wilson Gift Card in the memo line. Orders can be given to Debbie Blamer or dropped into the offering plate.



*The fourth offering of Alpha began Monday evening, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 21 in attendance, in spite of the very cold, snowy evening! We are anticipating additional guests next week. We enjoyed lots of laughter, great food and discussion. It's not too late to join us in our 11-week journey, discussing the Christian faith in a fun, relaxed, non-judgmental, respectful environment. No pressure, no follow-up. Any and all questions are allowed and encouraged. Please come and bring someone! To register or for more information email Peggy at [1stpreshnewarkALPHA@gmail.com](mailto:1stpreshnewarkALPHA@gmail.com), call Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-877-0346) or go to [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org).*

## FYI

**Woodside Backed Steak Dinner** - The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, February 9, 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.



**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.

### SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, 11-noon in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental disabilities. Every Tuesday, students and staff from 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 1:00 pm.

**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.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1 ~ Rev. Steve  
Feb. 1 ~ Aimee Wahl  
Feb. 3 ~ Emily Messer  
Feb. 7 ~ Rose Gibson  
Feb. 8 ~ Peggy Lieb  
Feb. 11 ~ Diane Dodson  
Feb. 13 ~ Chris Rainey  
Feb. 14 ~ John Denison  
Feb. 16 ~ Bruce Weekly  
Feb. 18 ~ Tracee Barr  
Feb. 20 ~ Michael Frick  
Feb. 23 ~ Donna Kinney

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 3 ~ Robert & Phyllis Fish  
Feb. 11 ~ Bob & Cindi Parkinson

## A CALL FOR PRAYER

Throughout January there have been many requests for prayer both in our church and out. It is our duty to lift each other up and to pray for one another. That being said, I would like to share a few words from Dr. Charles Stanley:

“A small crowd gathered around Jesus before His ascension. They heard His command to spread the gospel around the globe, making disciples and baptizing people from all nations. Surely this seemed like an overwhelming task for a handful of followers, but they obeyed. Their personal experiences with Christ undoubtedly motivated them to share the good news, and they also must have gained confidence from Jesus' promise of His presence and power. We, too, should be taking Christ's command seriously. One of our highest callings as believers is to tell others about Him. Are you passionately telling others about Christ? (‘Do you support those who do?’)

Loving God involves not just having a personal relationship with Jesus but also sharing Him with others. The world around you needs the power of Christ. Let the Holy Spirit guide and enable you to share effectively with those around you.”

It is vital that we have an active prayer life alongside devotional time with our Savior. We are called to serve, share, give thanks, and pray!

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

We receive letters year-round from our missionaries thanking us for our support. They share their appreciation sincerely as well as express their needs. The main thing discussed is prayer! They need us to pray for them! Many are in harm's way. In many other countries, Christians are often persecuted by being jailed or even to the point of death just as the Saints before us were in the Bible. Please, please pray daily for those who are taking the message of salvation to the ends of the Earth!! I leave you with a guide:

Peace to all & love in God's Kingdom,  
Tracee Barr.

### HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

**Pray For Open Doors:** *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains”* (Colossians 4:2-3, NIV). Open doors can't be taken for granted. Many missionaries work in countries that are difficult to access or in areas that are resistant to the gospel. But “open

doors” include more than just access to nations and people groups. Individuals' hearts also need to be open and receptive to God's truth.

**Pray For Boldness In Witness:** *“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel”* (Ephesians 6:19, NIV). Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God's strength to help them stand firm.

**Pray That God's Word Will Spread:** *“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes . . .”* (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT) Obstacles must be removed to allow God's Word to spread rapidly and freely. Removing obstacles implies resolute resistance in spiritual warfare. Just as Aaron and Hur supported Moses' arms in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:12), you can strengthen the arms of missionaries through your prayers.

**Pray For Protection:** *“Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord”* (2 Thessalonians 3:2, NLT). In some countries, open doors may expose missionaries to the possibility of danger and personal harm. Opposition to the gospel may include hatred and violence.

**Pray For God's Guidance:** *“So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what He wants to do in your lives, and we ask Him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom”* (Colossians 1:9, NLT). Many missionaries travel frequently, both nationally and internationally. Their mode of transportation varies from country to country and often involves stressful situations.

**Pray For Refreshment:** *“We also pray that you will be strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy”* (Colossians 1:11, NLT). 56 Missionaries deal with many of the same stresses you face in life such as overwhelming workloads, relational conflicts, and financial uncertainties. Often, however, missionaries struggle with these issues alone, without the fellowship and support of other Christians. Living and working cross-culturally adds an additional element that can challenge their emotional, spiritual, and physical vitality.

**Partners In Prayer:** The apostle Paul was a missionary and a man of prayer. He prayed for those without Christ, for the believers, and for the new churches established under his ministry. He also asked the believers to pray for him: *“Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit”* (Romans 15:30, NLT). Paul knew prayer would bring results.