

# MEMORIAL PRESS

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## Pastor's Epistle



*We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

1 John 3:16-18

With Memorial Presbyterian Church, it's all or nothing. And by *all* what I mean is *all* people of the community, as is written in the first part of our mission statement, "The mission of Memorial Presbyterian Church is to witness to the love of God and Jesus Christ to all people of the community..."

All is a pretty small word with really big implications! It literally means everything, or in our case, everyone. By stating that our mission is to all people in our community, it necessarily means we are concerned with more than just us and ours. We understand that to be and behave as a church we must open our hearts and our doors to care for, to love, those with whom we live. It is to love our neighbor just as much as we profess to love God.

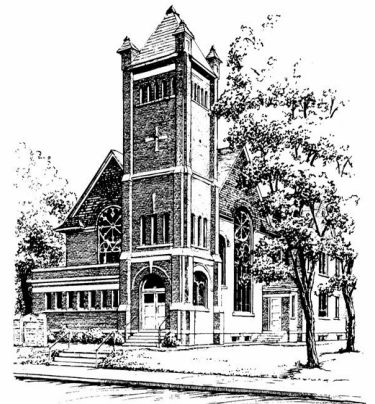
To be sure community doesn't just mean the town of Dayton, for just as Jesus taught in the parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbor is anyone we are aware of who is in need, no matter whether they are near or far. And so, our mission encourages us to care for, to love, both those who darken our doorway, as well as to reach out to those living in dark places of the world.

As nice as saying that our mission guides us to love everyone unconditionally, the truth of the matter is that loving all people, all the time, can sometimes be difficult. Oh, who are we kidding; being able to always love others is often very hard to do! Sometimes we find ourselves thinking just how much we don't like the choices, or disagree with the life decisions, of those who come to receive support from us through our local ministries? Some Sunday's we can't stand to hear what so and so who sits in the pew across from us has to say about the government, or the president, and we just plain cringe whenever we hear the sound of their voice! And every now and then, whether we want to admit it or not, we wonder if we really have to love them, that one person, the black sheep of the family of faith, that individual over there, you know who I'm talking about, who comes to be with us, to receive from us, our care, our comfort, our prayers, our support, our love. And the answer is yes, yes you do!

As my beloved, dearly departed mother taught me many years ago, you don't have to like all people, or the decisions they make, but you do have to love them! As people of faith in Jesus Christ we are not to decide who deserves our love and who does not. And this isn't because we don't have the right, but rather it is because our loving others has nothing to do with whether or not they deserve it! We are called to love. Period. And why? "We love because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) And from what I see going on at Memorial Presbyterian Church, we are truly a congregation overflowing with the love of God, for one another, our neighbors, and for the Lord!

Loving, and accepting, all people, all of the time, without judgment or prejudice, can be hard. But the good news is that when you realize this is the same love we each receive day in and day out from God, it becomes markedly easier to share that same love others.

Blessings,  
Pastor Justin

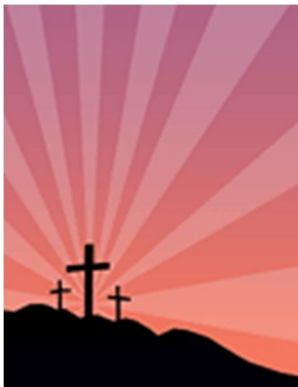


**\*\*\* SESSION NOTES \*\*\***

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, March 25, 2014, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Met Doug Hoffman, a PC(USA) Certified Christian Educator, who wishes to help us with various CE matters this year
- Approved the 4-H Club having a rummage sale in our parking lot on Saturday, May 17
- Heard a report of the Presbytery Assembly of February 25
- Learned that the Trustees are looking to replace the green shingles on the west gable of the church building
- Learned that the Boy Scouts conducted a very successful food drive benefitting our Food Pantry
- Learned that the Confirmation Class continues to work on their statements of faith, and that they plan to present them to Session at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Session
- Received a report from the Clerk regarding the inventory of the safe deposit box

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session



## Sonrise Service

April 20, 2014

7:00 am

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Youth Group Presentation

Of

*The Three Wise Dudes – The Easter Encounter*

# Our Church Family

## April Sunday Morning

### Breakfast Hostess

Cindy Bull  
Molly Daniels

### April Deacons

Nancy Brand, Capt.  
Communion  
Patty Hicks

### April Elders

Cathy Hancock  
Communion  
Harriett Berry  
Devotions



1 Kennedy Alkire  
1 Mark Grimes  
3 Tanner Cassady  
3 Emelie Coleman  
3 Sarah (Kemmer) Goff  
4 Shawn Patrick Hughes  
4 Teresa Mundell  
6 Jennifer Murray  
8 John Campbell  
8 Mary Alice Terry  
8 Jonathan Clawson  
9 Bob Yost  
11 Drew Fitzgerald  
12 Brianna Stene  
12 Cindy DeGolyer  
13 Helen Jackson  
14 Judy Gipson  
16 Gary Vyse  
17 Kelly Houser

18 Parker Hicks  
20 Roger Smith  
21 Bryce Millikan  
21 Kaitlin Webber  
23 Julie Boles  
25 Kyle Ryan  
26 Alex Zdravich  
28 Todd Lineback



8 Doug & Stephanie Biery  
22 Jeff & Laura Holladay  
28 Roy & Kelly Reid



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Marjora Odenkirk; Jackie Ginther (Niece/J.Schwartz); Richard Triplet; Seth Ratcliff; Ethan Pfaltzgraff (Susan Clawson's relative); William Baker, Dawn Morgan; Cindy DeGolyer; Randy Smith, Monica Bretz; Cheryl Byers (friend of J.Coleman); Andy Vasiento (father of Nicole Rosen); Bob & Susan Yost; Kevin Konrad; Amy McGuire; Ellen Hiday (friend of T. Lineback); Sally Wengal (friend of J. Schwartz); Betty Pfeiffer; Jack Ferry (friend of D. & J. Schwartz); Richie Holmberg (nephew of Lynn & Judy Ryan); John & Jean Downham; Ann Jarboe (daughter of C. Gribble); Lucas Bush; Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Miriam Woodrow; Kathleen Smith (co-worker, K. Summers); Carol Bolander (daughter of L. Guenther); Ron Carter (son-in-law of B. Pfeiffer); Rick McCullom (nephew of J. Schwartz); Sarah Campbell; Matthew Montgomery (friend of E. Mundell); Caroline Warren, (Niece of D. Boles); Jon Grimes; Mary Terry; Mintonye Elementary/Southwestern Middle School Students and Staffs; Jill Plantenga (Vyse's family friend); Allen Jarboe (son of C. Gribble); Lois Sherrill (mother of C. Zdravich); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Max Biery; Jane Yost; Terry McKillip (friend of C. Bull).

### You Have Mail!!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the support and love that you gave myself and my family recently as we muddled through the loss of dad. It is so comforting to know that others care and are willing to let you lean on them during the emotionally difficult times of life. Again, thank you for the much needed acts of kindness that you showered on us.

Peace, love and light,

Becki Sprague and family

### *Memorial Presbyterian Church Youth Group*

#### *Spring 2014 Schedule*

**Sunday, April 6** after worship. *Sonrise Service practice.*

**Sunday, April 13** before worship. (9 am) *Sonrise Service practice.*

**Saturday, April 19** 10 am – 12 pm (with lunch) *Sonrise Service practice.*

**Sunday, April 20** meet at 6:15 am service at 7:00 am. *Sonrise Service!*

**Sunday, May 4** 5:00- 7:30 pm. *Dinner Dialogue*

**Saturday, May 17** Morning (possible) *Smile Train Rummage Sale*



## Jr. High Class

We are few but mighty in the Jr. High Sunday School Class. Our theme this year is God's messengers. Since Christmas we have been learning the Beatitudes. We have lively discussions about how these lessons relate to us today. Despite the winter weather and a few missed classes we have made great progress.

We are beginning our study for Easter starting with Jesus' transfiguration and ending with the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. To end the year we will turn our attention to the Old Testament.

Jr. High School is an exciting time for our youth and these wonderful, gifted students prove it to me each week.

Cindy Stanford



NEEDED - DETERGENT AND TOILET TISSUE!!! (We never seem to have enough!)

Thanks to all who helped in any way last month. It was really appreciated.

Remember, if you have a Friday morning free – help in our Food Pantry is always needed.

Paul Houser & Carol Frantz

## HEY GRADUATES!!

Let us know if you are graduating this year from High School, College, Trade School, or getting a graduate degree. We want to recognize you during church, Sunday May 18th. Let the church know by Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Call 296-3199 or email [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org), or contact Kathy Deckard.



May 18th: Graduate, Student and Teacher Recognition during Church.  
Reception to follow.

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Did you know that a COLLEGE scholarship exists for you or someone you know if certain qualifications are met? The recipient needs to meet as many of the following requirements as possible:

- demonstrate a **need** for financial assistance
- nominated by a member of Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church (however recipient does not necessarily have to be a member of Dayton Memorial).
- graduated from a local high school
- enrolled in a four-year degree program



Applications, as well as evidence of financial need, are to be submitted to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will work with the nominee to ensure qualifications for the scholarship are met. An anonymous donor will give the scholarship on a semester or quarterly basis (for up to a maximum of four years, if criteria are met).

If you would like to nominate someone or find out more about this opportunity, please contact Nancy Edwards, Jane Coleman or Cathy Hancock. Application forms are available in the Church Office, 296-3199. Deadline for submitting application is June 1, 2014.



We have received a thank you from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency for our donations to Disaster Relief-CWS Blanket Fund (151.00) and the Siloam Eye Hospital in Korea (\$268.00).

We also have received a thank you from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency for our contribution of \$250 to Presbyterian World Mission. They shared a text that the class at the Evangelical Theological Seminary had found significant, considering their situation:

*1 Peter 4: 12-13*

*Dear friends, don't be surprised about the fiery trials that have come among you to test you. These are not strange happenings. Instead, rejoice as you share Christ's suffering. You share his suffering so that you may also have overwhelming joy when his glory is revealed.*

Please pray for peace in all the world.

# 1949

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The year of the first  
One Great Hour appeal.

## One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

In the wake of the destruction in Europe and Asia during World War II, Protestant churches in the US mobilized to collect funds for relief and reconstruction. In 1949, leaders of several denominations combined their campaigns. On March 26, 1949, a radio appeal was broadcast called "One Great Hour," urging listeners to contribute at their churches the following morning. The next year, the appeal was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing." The campaign has been continued each year since, with a varying number of Protestant churches, and sometimes in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Bishops' Fund and the Jewish Passover Appeal. Today, eight denominations and Church World Service participate in OGHS. This is an ecumenical effort, a chance to join with other Christians to support important causes. The funds collected support projects in more than 100 countries, including the US. Gifts to the PC(USA) OGHS are shared by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People programs.

Please give generously during this year's campaign. There will be a Minute for Mission on Palm Sunday. That Sunday there will be envelopes in the bulletin, and the Sunday School children will be encouraged to return their quarter folders. Donations may be put in the collection between now and Easter Sunday. You also may text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10, or logon to [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs) to give online.

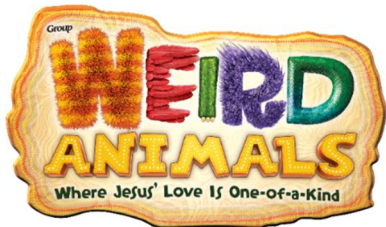


# Mark Your Calendars!!!!

2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20.

It's never too early to start planning. If you would like to help with this year's Weird Animals Vacation Bible School, please feel free to join the team. The VBS Planning Team meeting schedule is:



Scheduled meetings will be held immediately after worship at approximately 11:45 am. For more information about this year's theme, you can visit [group.com/WeirdAnimalsPromos](http://group.com/WeirdAnimalsPromos)

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Sunday, June 8, 2014



Who refreshes others will be refreshed. – Proverbs 11:25



New or gently used donations of winter clothing are being accepted, girl's and boy's sizes Newborn through girl's junior and young men's and maternity wear.

If you've never come to a 'sort', please come join the fun in being God's hands in action! If you have questions, please contact Julie Boles.

The next **daytime sort** will be April 14, 10:00 am until Noon. The next **Distribution/Sort** will be April 26, 2014, 9:00 am until Noon.



## ***Change for Change!!!***

As part of Sunday school we will have a special offering called, ***Change for Change***. This offering is meant to support mission projects, such as Heifer Project – a program featured in our kick-off, Animal Crackers!

Please, **SAVE** your loose coins (no bills – we want to make the offering buckets **ring!**).

**In March we collected \$102.73.**

On **April 13, 2014**, bring your change to help with **Change in our community and throughout the world!**



THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU to Jeff Holladay and his Scout Troup for the huge amount of groceries they collected in Dayton and donated to our Food Pantry.

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Each year members of the congregation provide Easter lilies to help decorate the church. The Flower Committee makes the arrangements for these plants, which at the conclusion of our Easter worship, are taken by the Deacons to shut-ins and others in the congregation.

If you would like to help, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Church Office (P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941). The cost of an Easter lily this year is \$9.00. Please make checks payable to D.P.W. Flower Fund.

IN MEMORY OF (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF (living) \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 per lily)



## Staying in the *Word* Together – April 2014


Join Christians throughout North America as they read together – each Sunday – the scriptures for the week. Known as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the collections of readings is organized so that after a three year cycle, members of churches will have read through the majority of the Bible. In our church, our Sunday school curriculum follows the RCL.

As a church and denomination, we use the RCL and provide these to the pastors for direction on the order of worship and for guidance in Christian Education. A guest pastor may choose not to use the scriptures, but we are providing them to the congregation as a means of ***Staying in the Word Together***. Traditionally, there will be an Old Testament, Psalm New Testament and Gospel reading. For additional readings go to <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>.

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> April 6, 2014	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
<b>Liturgy of the Palms</b> April 13, 2014 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	
<b>Liturgy of the Passion</b> April 13, 2014 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 <b>or</b> <i>Matthew 27:11-54</i>
<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> April 20, 2014 <i>Easter Day</i>	*Acts 10:34-43 <b>or</b> <i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 <b>or</b> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	John 20:1-18 <b>or</b> <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>
<b>Easter Evening</b> April 20, 2014	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> April 27, 2014	*Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31



# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm  Trustees Meet, 7:15 pm	2  Lectionary Bible Study, 12:00 pm  Zumba, 6:45 pm	3  Choir, 7:00 pm	4  Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00 am	5
6 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Youth Group Sunrise Practice after Worship	7  Cub Scout Bridging Ceremony, 6: 30 pm	8  Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 6: 30 pm  CE. Meets, 7:00 pm	9  Lectionary Bible Study, 12:00 pm  Zumba, 6: 45 pm	10  Choir, 7:00 pm	11  Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00 am	12
13 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Change for Change. Youth Group Sunrise Practice, at 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting after Worship. Easter Lily Orders Due	14	15 Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm  Confirmation Class meets with Session, 6:30 pm  Session Meeting, 7:00 pm	16  Lectionary Bible Study, 12:00 pm  Zumba, 6: 45 pm	17 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm	18 Good Friday  Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00 am	19 Youth Group Sunrise Practice 10:00 am – Noon Lunch Provided
20 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Confirmation of 2014 Class during worship.	21	22	23  Lectionary Bible Study, 12:00 pm  Zumba, 6: 45 pm	24  Choir, 7:00 pm	25  Food Pantry, 9:00-11:00 am	26  Kid's Closet Distribution/Sort 9:00 am to Noon
27 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship  VBS Planning Meeting, 11: 45 am	28	29	30 Zumba, 6: 45 pm	