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MARCH 2020

** SESSION NOTES **

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2020, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Voted to publicly accept Paul and Maura Haynes to active membership during worship on Sunday, March 1
- Reported, sadly, the passing away of Caroline (Biery) Finkenbinder on February 5, 2020, at St. Elizabeth Health Care in Delphi
- Approved a request to hold a reception following worship on Sunday, March 1, in celebration of the 95th birthday of Margaret Louise (Woodard) Grimes
- Learned that the Mission Committee is searching the Presbyterian Giving Catalog for animals to purchase and donate from our Change for Change offering
- Approved holding Vacation Bible School from June 15 through June 19, with parent night on Thursday, June 18
- Learned that our youth is planning to have a Sunrise Service early on Easter morning

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

DEADLINE

April 2020 Newsletter

Please have submissions sent in by
Tuesday, March 24

"Church isn't just a place we go."



The Church is who we are."

—anonymous

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GENEVA CENTER AND SUMMER CAMPS

OVERVIEW

Geneva Center is now an independent entity titled Geneva Center Inc. that operates the Geneva Retreat, Camp & Conference Center, 5282 N Old Hwy 31, Rochester, IN 46975. To find out more about Geneva Center, please visit <https://genevacenter.org> (If the link doesn't work, copy it into your browser and try again.) Geneva Center Inc. was split off from Wabash Valley Presbytery in an attempt to balance the budget, and the effort has been largely successful. By appealing to a wider audience, the new entity has been able to cover operating expenses with income this past year. Other income from gifts and donations are designated to cover capital improvements and repairs.

The site contains 235 wooded acres and 13 buildings. The Center is open year-round and welcomes all reservations. Those served included churches, non profits, schools or universities, government-related organizations, and private groups.

Despite marketing the site to a wider audience, the Center continues close ties with Wabash Valley Presbytery and Presbyterians. Of the 29 churches that used the facilities last year, 18, or slightly more than half, were Presbyterian related.

NEEDS

Geneva Center Inc. welcomes any donations, and is in particular need of a used 4-wheel pickup or ATV for snow plowing and trail maintenance and 1 or 2 gas-powered golf carts for transporting guests with mobility issues to cabins.

SUMMER CAMPS 2020

Summer Camps for 2020 are spread over June and July, as can be seen from the attached brochure. Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church pays half of the registration fee for each camper from our congregation. Costs vary by length of camp: 6-day camps are \$375, 4-day camps are \$265, and 3-day camps are \$205. Registration deadline is May 15. Sign up online at <https://genevacenter.org/> or email: cathy@genevacenter.org, phone 574-223-6915.

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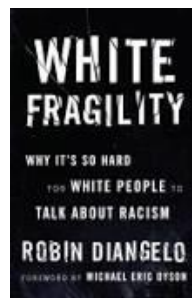
FROM CE COMMITTEE:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

From January 19 to April 12, the Adult Sunday School class is participating in an eleven-week study of what it means to be a "Matthew 25 church," and how we can declare our church a Matthew 25 church. General Assembly has identified three requirements for a Matthew 25 church: **fight structural poverty, promote congregational vitality, and promote institutional racial equality.**

We believe we already do quite a bit to address structural poverty in our mission giving and activities. On February 23, we concluded our study of *Neighborhood Church*, a book that addressed congregational vitality. In March, we will take up structural racism and the goal of institutional equality.

We can find in our history some historical contact with diversity. Father Carnahan, our founding pastor, spoke under the Old Oak Tree to an audience of both settlers and local Potawatomi peoples who lived south of town. The Potawatomi also shopped in town at Samuel Favorite's store. A small black boy climbed to the top of that Old Oak Tree in 1856 to raise a flag in support of the candidate of the new Republican Party, which opposed the spread of slavery. Adam Pinkerton, our Clerk of Session, was an ardent abolitionist, as were several others in town, and in the fall of 1861 so many Sunday School teachers and pupils volunteered for the Union Army that the school had to



close early. We will start by contemplating some short excerpts that illustrate the time distance between enslavement and today. We will study readings from *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo and *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving that illustrate some surprising, and not so surprising, instances of institutional inequality. We will also spend a day on the removal of the Potawatomi in 1838 when that nation was forcibly marched West. The Potawatomi south of town are thought to have left at that time. Readings for this section of the course will be provided. If you are interested, both books are available in paperback, and you can download inexpensive digital versions of *White Fragility* (PDF, eBay) and *Waking Up White* (Kindle, Amazon).

All are welcome to gather in the Board Room for the class, Sundays at 9:15, coffee in hand.

SAVE THE DATE: April 12, EASTER

The Youth will present the Sunrise Service Easter morning, April 12, at 7:00 AM, followed by a breakfast organized by the Fellowship Committee in the church basement.

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Explorer Camp June 15th-20th Completed 4th-5th grades



At Explorer Camp, fourth and fifth graders experience a full week of fun, study, worship and singing with the new friends they will meet! Campers will discover much about themselves through the traditions of camp as they begin to explore their relationship with Christ. This camp is for our younger campers learning to transition to a weeklong camp.

You & Me Camp

June 17th-20th
June 22nd-24th
Age 5+ and adult



You & Me Camps are for children who are at least 5 years old, plus a trusted adult. The adult may accompany more than one child to camp and need not be a biological relative. This intergenerational event is a chance for older adults and younger children to experience the wonders of a traditional camp together.

M.A.D. Camp

(Music, Art & Drama)

June 22nd-27th
Completed 6th-12th grade



M.A.D. Camp appeals to youth with talents in the arts. This camp provides the opportunity to learn and practice music, art, and drama every day alongside traditional camp activities. The highlight of the week is a farewell performance for families to attend. Campers who play instruments are encouraged to bring them. Campers of all levels and ability are welcome.

New Beginnings Camp

June 22nd-24th
Completed 1st-3rd grades

New Beginnings is more than just an introduction to camp. It is three days of fun, study, worship, singing and relationship building. It allows campers who may be leaving home for the first time to experience a camp setting for a shorter period of time.



6 Day Camps: \$375
4 Day Camps: \$265
3 Day Camps: \$205

Registration deadline is May 15th
\$25 late fee after that date for fees not paid in full

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 31ST

register using the grade just completed

This is

Our

Prayer



Traditional Camp July 6th-11th

Completed 6th-12th grades



Traditional Middle and High School Camp is one of the most important events of the summer. For one whole week, students from across Indiana gather to build a caring community of lasting friendships. It provides the opportunity to ask serious questions about life and learn about God, Christ, the Bible and themselves. Traditional camp includes the beloved necessities of summer camp: Swimming, games, crafts, and campfires.

C.R.O.S.S. Camp

(Christian Recreation and Outdoor Sports Skills)

July 6th-11th
Completed 6th-12th grades

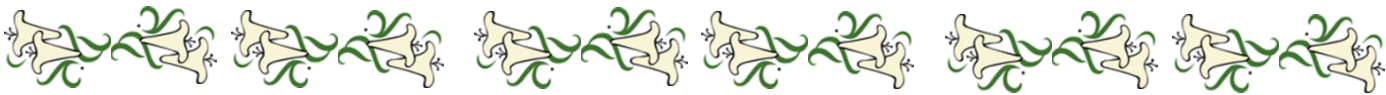
C.R.O.S.S. Camp is a very active camp with a variety of sports, games, and activities alongside traditional camp activities. Campers who attend may have a passion for one sport during the school year but would like the chance to try others for fun, or they may be trying a sport for the very first time. We welcome campers of all levels of ability and experience. At the end of the week, campers engage in friendly competition while practicing their new skills.





Lilies remind us of Easter. They are the Easter Flower—"The Easter Lily"—a symbol of purity. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, let us remember His grace and purity and, above all, His great love for us.

Lily Order Forms will also be available in the bulletin and in the parlor beginning in March.



Easter Lily Order



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 return to the Memorial Presbyterian Church Office (P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941.) The cost of an Easter lily this year is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Memorial Presbyterian Church (DPW in the memo, if you wish).

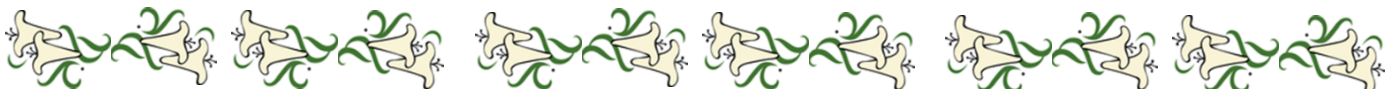
IN MEMORY OF (deceased) _____

IN HONOR OF (living) _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ (\$10.00 per lily)

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 (PALM SUNDAY)



Who refreshes others will be refreshed.

-Proverbs 11:25

New or gently-used donations of **warmer-weather clothing** continue to be needed for March. We accept girls' and boys' sizes, newborn through girls' junior and young men's and maternity wear.

Kids' Closet distributions are being held the second Saturday of each month. Hours have also changed somewhat: Doors will be open for shoppers from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The time from 9 a.m. to 12 noon will be used for sorting and refilling racks. Other times for sorting have yet to be determined—keep watch!

If you would like to help, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes for more information.

NO KIDS' CLOSET IN DECEMBER

	Shoppers	Sorting/Refilling Racks
March 14, 2020	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
<i>April 4, 2020</i>	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.



KIDS' CLOSET



Change for Change! This offering is meant to support local, national, and international mission projects this year. Please, **SAVE** your loose coins (no bills – **we want to make the offering buckets ring again this year!**). The second Sunday of each month - bring your change to help with Change in our community and throughout the world!

Thank you for your generous giving to Change for Change in January, which went to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog fund. We collected **\$110.35!!!**

Change for Change will be collected on March 8. Monies collected in February will go to livestock purchase through Presbyterian Giving Catalog.



6:15 on Wednesdays.

\$4 per class with a certified Zumba instructor.

NO ZUMBA ON ASH WEDNESDAY!

LENT AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS



Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Led by Rev. Dan Berger



April 5

Palm Sunday Service

10:30 am

Led by Rev. Laura Penney Bade



April 9

Carry-In Dinner

6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm

Led by Rev. Dan Berger



April 12

"Sonrise" Service

7:00 am

Led by Memorial Presbyterian Youth
Breakfast after "Sonrise" service



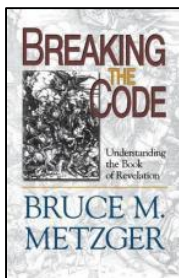
Easter Sunday Worship

10:30 am

Led by Rev. Dan Berger

BEGINNING MARCH 4!! LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Dan Berger will be leading a four-week bible study on the Book of Revelations during the Lenten season. The dates are **March 4, March 11, March 18, and April 1 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** and will be held in the boardroom. There will be a study book, **BREAKING THE CODE** by Professor Bruce Metzger of Princeton University, with an approximate cost of \$9.00 (firm price to be announced later) for participants. Sign-up sheet will be placed in the parlor and those wishing to participate will need to sign up by February 26th so we may order the study books. Save the dates and plan to join us!



From Pastor Dan:

"Is the Book of Revelation (the revelation of John), the playground of the eccentrics, or does it have a message for us today? What was John saying in these often times cryptic chapters? Can the book be deciphered; or is it one of those works which can't be fully understood? These questions will be discussed and new insights will be gained as we delve into this most difficult book in the New Testament."

Debbie Ward
Worship & Music Committee
Chair

**Sign Up in the Parlor
by Feb 26!**



Food Pantry

Your help continues to be needed as we serve our community and the surrounding area in our Food Pantry mission.

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (which includes the town of Dayton, IN), Lauramie Township (which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may also be served by the DMPC Food.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the parlor. Please consider donating two hours of your time to help us out!

Thank you to all who are helping now.

Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317



Continuation from CE article

REQUEST FOR NAMES OF 2020 GRADUATES

We are looking for graduates from our church to recognize during Worship on Sunday, May 10, 2020. If you know of someone who is graduating from High School, College, or Trade School, let us know so he or she can be recognized.

Please submit the name(s) by May 1st or before by calling the office (765) 296-3199 or emailing our secretary (<mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org>). In addition to names, we would like to have the names of the schools.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for Vacation Bible for Summer 2020 will be Rocky Railway. We are gathering all train-related items for use in decorations. VBS will take place the third week of June, June 15 to 19, with the parent program on Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity to serve our local community and interact with the younger generation. Volunteers may pick one day to help if they are not available for the whole week. Please consult your schedules and prayerfully consider helping out. The CE committee cannot do this alone. More information will be available later.

We are waiting to hear from you.
Your C.E. Committee

Cole Elementary School 4th Graders Visit LUM

Students Learn, Tour & Donate "Needed Items"



Note our own Morgan Valenta seated in the front row!!!

Students from Ms. Bredar & Ms. Ferger's 4th Grade classes at Cole Elementary School (TSC), visited the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center this past Monday. The students were on a field trip to attend a downtown show, and during their trip, their teachers scheduled some time for the students to visit and learn more about LUM. Joe Micon, the LUM executive director, gave the students a tour of the youth center and emergency shelter and shared information on the LUM programs & services. At the end of their visit, the Cole Elementary School students presented Joe Micon with lots of "needed items" for the [Emergency Shelter](#) and [After School Program](#). Thanks to Ms. Bredar & Ms. Ferger and their students for a wonderful visit, caring about LUM, and collecting "needed items" for our students and shelter guests.

OFFICE ENTRANCE RENOVATION*

The renovation of the west entry is scheduled to begin March 1. The renovation will consist of the replacement of the upper and lower steps, a new 10ft x 12ft landing on the upper level, a new roof over the landing, and new entry doors. The completion date is set for June 1, 2020.



Entry to church during construction will be the north and south entrances.

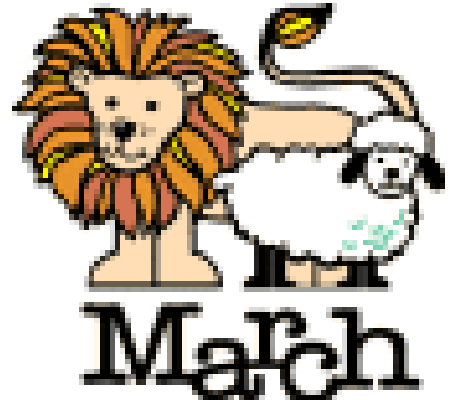
Thanks for your Cooperation,
YOUR TRUSTEES



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Jackie Ginther (Niece/J.Schwartz); Kevin Konrad; Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Bob Yost; Kennedy Alkire; Betty Pfeiffer; Cindy DeGolyer; Tracey Harris; Mary Ellen Bowers; Sandi Stingley; Ward Suter (father-in-law of Cindy Bull Suter); Dougie Harden; Jason Trail, Sr., and his family; Zachary King; Terry McKillip; Fred Reichart; Sally Smith; Jeff Smith (son of Marge Smith); Gerald Young (cousin of Cindy Stanford); Jon Grimes; Laszlo & Joanne Kovacs; Joan Shoemaker (mother of Nancy Grimes); Don Schwartz; Betty Barnett; Ron Berry; Dan Berger; the family of Terry Garrett; the family of Jack Carson; the family of Marcos Sugar; Thomas Snyder (uncle of Teresa Mundell) Ray Hicks; Troy Hicks; the family of Carolyn Finkenbinder; Rebecca & Terry Zarnik & family (sister of Dan Berger).

Our Church Family



March Elders: Susan Clawson, Communion;
Debbie Ward, Devotions

March Deacons: Bill Edwards, Captain; Kathy Shaw

March Nursery Volunteers:

<u>MARCH 1</u>	????????	????????
<u>MARCH 8</u>	Little/Rosen families	Little/Rosen families
<u>MARCH 15</u>	????????	
<u>MARCH 22</u>	????????	
<u>MARCH 29</u>	????????	

Volunteers Needed!



- 1 LuAlice Huston
- 1 Carol Frantz
- 2 Margaret Grimes
- 2 Debbie Ward
- 4 David A. Coleman
- 6 Layla Chism
- 6 Joe Grimes
- 6 Jeremy Holladay
- 8 Nathaniel Adam Biery
- 8 Madison Rodarmel
- 10 Fallon Rodarmel
- 10 Karen Summers



Birthdays

- 11 Candace Fitzgerald
- 12 Morgan Valenta
- 13 Terry Pfeiffer
- 14 David M. Coleman
- 15 Mark DeGolyer
- 17 Kayla Fields
- 20 Shannon Cassady
- 21 Lee Michael Shaw
- 22 Betty Barnett
- 23 Abigail Fitzgerald
- 23 Ryan Kemmer





Anniversaries



- 5 Dennis & Carol Lane
- 6 David & Muriel Grimes
- 29 Lerry & Jane Holladay

MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 am Carry-in Continental Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Carry-in Continental Breakfast 10:30 am Worship w/Rev. Penney Bade Birthday celebration for  Margaret Grimes, A.W.	2 Boy Scout Troop #316, 6:30 pm	3 Cub Scout Pack #3316, 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, 7:15 pm	4 Zumba, 6:15 pm Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm	5 Food Pantry 9-11 am Choir practice, 7 pm	6 <div>CFC—Change for Change MFM—Minute for Mission</div> <div>  Set clocks ahead as of 2 a.m. Sunday, 3/8 </div>	
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***Sunday Fall/Winter/Spring
Schedule***

*8:45 am Carry-in Continental
Breakfast*

9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages

*10:00 am Carry-in Continental
Breakfast*

10:30 am Worship



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