

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

### Perseverance

Recently I took a book off the shelf. Ironically a book I first read in 2009. Now ten years later, I've read it again. It's about one woman's journey of living through Lent with her son. A woman of amazing faith in God, whose journey unlike yours and mine of forty days, hers was a life time. For her journey began when she heard the angel Gabriel speak to her these words,

*"Greetings favored one! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid for you have found favor with God, and now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."* Luke 1.

Like Mary who gave herself totally to Gods will, we too are asked to do the same and to persevere. Mary was willing to face whatever the future held for her. That future is revealed to her with these words: *"And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, behold, this child is set for a fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce your own soul also.) that the thoughts of many hearts should be revealed."* Luke 2:34-35.

Those words stayed with Mary. For she realized the future held pain and sorrow. Yet she persevered. For she truly was the first disciple of Jesus. For she lived and walked that road from Bethlehem to the tomb. Her love of God and her faith never faltered. So, as we near the end of this Lenten journey, let us look to those who lived through it with Jesus. Let us grow stronger in our own faith and love of Christ, and like them be true disciple spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord our Rock and our Redeemer. Peace and love, Pastor Sam



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# 2019

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Combined service with  
Firestone Park Presbyterian  
and Allenside Presbyterian Churches  
at Allenside Presbyterian Church  
410 Rexford St., Akron, OH 44314

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 19, 7:00 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Easter Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir.

*"Kingdom, Power, Glory*

*Praising the Risen Christ"*

By Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, and

Rose Aspinall

### **HEAVY DUTY KITCHEN CLEAN UP**

Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours deep cleaning the kitchen from top to bottom. We are looking at Saturday, April 27 or May 11. Please contact the church office to let us know which date would work best for you.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

- |                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 - Robert Lloyd                     | 17 - Al Campbell                    |
| 2 - Mickey Pettyjohn<br>David Wilson | Rebecca Hassinger<br>Lisa Leonard   |
| 4 - Tina Owens                       | 20 - Addy Domany<br>Elizabeth White |
| 5 - Gene Lauro                       | 22 - Pam Adams                      |
| 8 - Skylar Bittner<br>Cheryl Mesko   | 23 - Dick Boike                     |
| 10 - Sarah Smith                     | 24 - Lauren Wyatt                   |
| 11 - Kelly Donatelli                 | 25 - Sharon Crites                  |
| 13 - Zac Wilson                      | 27 - Charlene Briggs<br>Jim Moore   |
| 14 - Kelsey Bonam                    | 30 - Bradley Shields                |
| 15 - Keith Thomas                    |                                     |

### May Birthdays

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 - Connie Petrsek               | 12 - Christopher George                 |
| 2 - Chris Inch<br>Jennifer Meyer | 13 - Katherine Jesty                    |
| 3 - Gladys Bloomer               | 19 - Laura Munroe<br>Lindsey Wilcox     |
| 4 - Janet Wagoner                | 27 - Makenzie Wilcox                    |
| 5 - Raylene Kelley               | 28 - Natalie White                      |
| 11 - Savannah Jesty<br>Evan Pol  | 29 - Landyn Thompson<br>31 - Gary Smith |

### April Anniversaries

- 1 - John and Betty Oprian - 68 Years
- 9 - Ed and Sharon Crites - 43 Years
- 13 - Jim and Lisa Leonard - 28 Years
- 19 - Chris and Katherine Jesty - 5 Years

### May Anniversaries

- 4 - Damir and Robin Petkovic - 40 Years
- Jen and Melissa Thomas - 3 Years
- 10 - Ken and Joan Young - 41 Years
- 13 - Bruce and Elizabeth Hayes - 30 Years
- 16 - Hugh and Pam Ferguson - 27 Years
- 20 - Ed and Tina Owens - 2 Years
- 28 - Mark and Kelly Donatelli - 14 Years

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

### YOUNG DISCIPLE EASTER ACTIVITY

Saturday, April 20  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Don't forget to register for church camp before May 1 to receive a free t-shirt!!*

## MISSIONS

**Mission of the Month for April: UMCOR Cleaning Buckets.**  
The need for Cleaning Buckets is great. We will be taking the Cleaning Buckets to Annual Conference in June. A list of the items for each bucket is on the back table in the sanctuary. Cash donations will be accepted if you would prefer. Please have all buckets back to the church by the end of May.

**Mission of the Month for May: ACCESS Women's Shelter.**  
Their needs for this month are diapers of all sizes and baby wipes. You may also make a cash donation if you prefer.

### EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AND FREE LUNCH/DINNER MISSION

- April 3 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm
- April 10 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm
- April 17 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm
- April 24 - Free Dinner/Food Pantry, 4pm-6pm
  
- May 1 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
- May 8 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
- May 15 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm
- May 22 - Free Dinner and Food Pantry, 4pm-6pm
- May 29 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Great Job Church! Our Conference giving went up for the year 2018. We were able to pay 17%! That is up from only 4% in 2017 — a 325% increase over the previous year. Let's see if we can move up even more and challenge ourselves to hit 34% or better this year! For together we can do more. Peace and Love, Pastor Sam

Congratulations to Hugh Ferguson and George Nicol for completing their Emmaus walk. I know you have been blessed.

### NEWSLETTER



Be sure to stop by the table in the back of the sanctuary to pick up a copy of the current newsletter. WE NO LONGER MAIL THEM OUT TO EVERYONE. You will also receive it via email if you have an email address, or it can be viewed on our website [www.firestoneparkumc.com](http://www.firestoneparkumc.com). The April and May issue as well as the June and July issues will be combined.

## FROM THE TREASURER

December Offerings	\$16,216.00
December Disbursements	\$17,379.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,758.00
January Offerings (3 Sundays)	\$ 8,905.00
January Disbursements	\$ 10,869.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	\$ (206.00)
February Offerings	\$12,634.00
February Disbursements	\$11,989.00
Net Monthly Gain (Loss)	\$ 439.00

## CONDOLENCES



Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Sherry Thomas who passed on March 27; and to the family and friends of EJ Owens who passed on April 1. May they rest in the arms of the Lord.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Michele and Marissa Ruggiero on the birth of their son Matteo Christopher Scott Ruggiero born on March 26. The proud grandparents are Janine and Scott Lundgren.

## NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Young Disciple's Easter baskets. Enough has been collected to make very nice baskets. The youth and leaders appreciate everything that the church does for us and the support we receive. Kearstyn Keen

Thank you to everyone for your cards and gifts during our time of our heartbreak. We love and appreciate each one of you. Also, thank you Pastor Sam, for all that you have done during this time.

The Owens and Thomas Family

## CLEANING BUCKET SUPPLY LIST

- ◆ 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- ◆ liquid laundry detergent (two 25oz. or one 50oz. bottle)
- ◆ liquid household cleaner (12-16oz. liquid cleaner to mix with water. NO SPRAY CLEANERS.)
- ◆ dish soap (16-28oz bottle, any brand)
- ◆ 1 can air freshener (aerosol or pump)
- ◆ 1 insect repellent spray (6-14 oz.)
- ◆ 1 handheld scrub brush (Plastic or wooden handle. No toilet bowl, kitchen or dish brushes.)
- ◆ 18 cleaning wipes (Handi Wipes or reusable wipes only. No terry cleaning towels. Remove from packaging.)
- ◆ 7 sponges (No cellulose sponges due to mold issues.)
- ◆ 5 scouring pads (Remove from wrappers. No Brillo, SOS or any kind that will rust.)
- ◆ 50 clothespins (Remove from packaging.)
- ◆ clothesline (Two 50ft. or one 100ft. cotton or plastic.)
- ◆ 24-roll heavy duty trash bags (30-45 gallon size. Remove from the box.)
- ◆ 5 dust masks
- ◆ 2 pair disposable kitchen gloves (Rubber or latex. Remove from packaging.)
- ◆ 1 pair work gloves (Leather palm necessary.)

**ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS**—Place all liquid in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

# RUMMAGE SALE



**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Rummage Items**  
**Bake Sale**  
**All Day Lunch**

The date has been changed to coincide with the FP Community Yard Sale Day. Donations are now being accepted and should be placed downstairs. Clipboards will be circulating in May for food donations for our All Day Lunch, and for volunteers. Thank you to Pam Ferguson for chairing this event.

### SERVING IN MAY

#### Altar Guild

Anne Croghan, Beth Smith

#### Counters

Pam Ferguson, Nancy Smith, Beth Smith

#### Ushers

Doug Menefee, Karen Menefee, Hugh Ferguson

#### Liturgist

Karen MacDonald

# April 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30pm Boy Scouts	5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub Scouts	8:30am Quilters 4:00pm Free dinner 6:30pm Disciple 4 Class 7:00pm Wesleyan Chimers	7:00pm Chancel Choir	Youth Council Overnite	Youth Council Overnite
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9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship/SS 3:00pm CD Spring Dist. Conf. 5:00pm Faith & Hope	6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Family Prom Pln. Mtg.	5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub Scouts	8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Disciple 4 Class 7:00pm Wesleyan Chimers	7:00pm Chancel Choir	7:00pm Altar Guild Mtg.	
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Family Promise Palm Sunday/SS 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope	Family Promise 6:00pm Finance 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:45pm Trustee Mtg	Family Promise 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub Scouts	Family Promise Scout Meeting Upstairs 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Disciple 4 Class	Family Promise 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	Family Promise Office Closed 7:00pm Good Friday	Family Promise 9:30am Cantata Rehearsal 11:00am YD Easter Event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:00am Sunrise Svc 8:30am Easter Brkfst 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	6:30pm Boy Scouts	5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub Scouts	8:30am Quilters 4:00pm Free Dinner 7:00pm Wesleyan Chimers	7:00pm Chancel Choir		
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5 Native American 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship/SS 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	6 6:00pm SPRC 6:30pm Boy Scouts	7 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cub Scouts	8 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch 6:30pm Ruth Circle 7:00pm Wesleyan Chimers	9 7:00pm Chancel Choir	10	11
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