



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name

Easter Sunday



We will be celebrating Easter Sunday by receiving new members into the church. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion. Please plan on attending.

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at the home of Patsy Thomas' at 7:00. All women are invited to come and join them in fellowship.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on April 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men of the church are invited to join them in fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

For the month of April, we will be collecting underwear and t-shirts for boys, size large to x-large. We will also be collecting small stuffed animals. You might want to look for these on sale after Easter.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet on Sunday evening, April 29 at 7:00 in McFarland Hall for its quarterly meeting. All members of the Council are urged to attend.

Scholarship

It is time to fill out forms for the O'Connell, McNeill, and Cox scholarship. Forms are available on the website. The deadline to turn them in is May 6. If you have any questions, please see Audra McKenzie.

Youth



There will be a lock in on Friday, April 6 for all youth starting at 5:30. The younger youth (3rd grade and under) will need to be picked up by 8:30. The older youth will spend the night and will need to be pick up by 9:00 Saturday morning. They will need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries, and whatever else they need.



April Birthdays

02 Jennifer Herring
03 Earl Murphy
05 Chris Godfrey
08 Kyndle Harrison
08 Kelly Jones
10 Teresa Thomas
11 Kenny Ehlers
12 Caleb Johnston
14 Luke Thomas
15 B. J. Gardner
15 Amy Watson
17 Sheila Fallin
17 Madison Haas
18 Bobbie Thomas
19 Monroe Morris
23 Anna McKenzie
25 Neil MacDonald
26 Melvin Phillips
27 Courtney Jones



“More than we can imagine.” Not only is the theme for the 2018 One Great Hour of Sharing, but it can apply to any congregation’s mission outreach.

“Wishing and dreaming of a better world means nothing if we don’t realize that God give us community to practice love and compassion. We cannot only care for ourselves, but we must also care about those around us, both near and far.”

We have that opportunity right here in Shallow Well United Church of Christ. Every week of the year. Are you embracing this?

In April, we can donate cereal for CUOC. Every month we focus on one of the foods that are in the highest demand. We also donate personal hygiene items.

Also, in April, Tuesday the 10th, Outreach Mission, Inc. will be hosting their annual meeting right here in our beautiful Narthex. Come at 6:00 and enjoy light refreshments, meet the Board of Directors, learn all about the work at the two homeless shelters. We have been a part of this work of our community since the incorporation in the 1980’s.

We will be reaching around the world with our One Great Hour of Sharing offering we will be receiving April 22. More information coming in April.

Our much loved and very popular salad luncheon for our partner school, East Lee, is scheduled for mid-May. Salad makers are you ready?

We have many other opportunities that are not discussed in this article for outreach in this church. You will hear through announcements and the bulletin. Please consider all these possibilities and become a part of as many that you feel led to. We thank you.

Bible Readings for April

1 - Psalm 5
2 - Psalm 33
3 - Psalm 34
4 - Psalm 37
5 - Psalm 39
6 - Psalm 40
7 - Psalm 42
8 - Psalm 62
9 - Matthew 21:1-22
10 - Matthew 21:23-46
11 - Matthew 26:1-35
12 - Matthew 26:36-75
13 - Matthew 27:1-26
14 - Matthew 27:27-56
15 - Matthew 27:57-66
16 - Matthew 28:1-20
17 - Hebrews 1:1-14
18 - Hebrews 2:1-18
19 - Hebrews 3:1-19
20 - Hebrews 4:1-13
21 - Hebrews 4:14—5:10
22 - Hebrews 5:11—6:12
23 - Romans 1:1-17
24 - Romans 2:1-16
25 - Romans 3:19-31
26 - Romans 4:1-12
27 - Romans 4:13-25
28 - Romans 5:1-21
29 - Romans 6:1-23
30 - Romans 15:1-13



High School/College Youth

The High School/College youth will meet on Sunday, April 8 and 22 from 4:30 until 6:00. All interested youth are invited to attend and bring a friend.

Cemetery vs. DOT Update

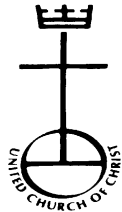
The Board of Trustees have obtained the service of the law firm of Cranfill, Sumner, and Hartzog to represent our interests as we deal with the DOT concerning our cemetery and other properties impacted by the Highway 42 project. There is still a lot of questions that remain unanswered at this point. Please note that if you have graves of family in the right of way area, you should contact the DOT and Wayne Watson if you have not already done so. Please be aware, that if you have unused plots in this area, you will need to negotiate with the DOT about these plots in addition to those already occupied. We will update you as we have additional information.



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April Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: April 1: Keaton Haas, Brennan Haas; April 8: Layton Griffin, Lily Currin; April 15: Jensen Gunter, Calley Gunter; April 22: Joshua Rosser, Lucas Rosser; April 29: Ava Baldwin, Elyse Baldwin.

Deacon on Call: April 1: Sloan Griffin; April 8: Barbara Norris; April 15: Ken Herring; April 22: Judy Watson; April 29: Gary Bullock.

Flowers: April 1: open; April 8: open; April 15: open; April 22: open; April 29: open.

Greeters: Lisa Garneau, Joyce Billings.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Larry Thomas.

Ushers: Jim Annis, Allen McKenzie, Gary Bullock, Sloan Griffin, Jack Fallin.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Katie Kelly, Jada Holifield, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

One of my favorite shows on television is a show called Penn and Teller: Fool Us. If you do not know who Penn and Teller are, they are two of the most famous magicians in the world. The show is about other magicians who try to fool Penn and Teller with their magic acts. If you like magic, it is a good show. Half of the magic team is Penn Jillette (he is the big one who does all the talking.) Penn is an outspoken atheist. His arguments are very thought out and well-reasoned (I believe that there are answers to each problem, and that ultimately, he is wrong in his beliefs.)

One day after a show, Penn was outside the theater when he saw a man hanging around. The man was holding something and did not appear to be very threatening. Penn went over to the man, and they began a conversation. The man was very polite, and at the end he handed Penn a Bible with a note that told him that if he had any questions, please feel to call him. Penn did not become a Christian, but he did have a very serious point to make about the encounter. He thought that the man was genuine in his faith and he appreciated that. What struck him the most was the idea that the man, a Christian, believed he was telling the truth and had to share it with him. Penn's final words on the conversation was this, "How much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize (share your faith)?"

That question hits a nerve with me. It makes me ask about my attempts, or non-attempts to share Jesus. If I really love people, should I not be sharing? I do not believe that everyone who does not share their faith, hates other people. I think that many who do not share their faith are simply scared or do not know how.

I cannot help you with the fear. For some, talking to other people is scary. We also do not like to be rejected. Fear is just something that we must push through. What I can help with is, teaching you how to share your faith. I am excited about this opportunity. On April 29th, I am starting a new class. I am calling it Project A1:8 (Acts 1:8). It is a five-week evangelism course that will only be one hour a week. The only qualifications for this class are that you are able to speak to others, have a testimony about what Jesus did for you, and be able to remember John 3:16. If you can do that, you can be a part of the class (it is highly recommended for all those going on the West Virginia Mission Trip.) I pray that many of you will take the time to be a part of this. It will be worth it.

