

The Messenger

April 2013



The Presbyterian Church

Of Johnstown



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Soon Easter will be over! The Easter bunny will be gone home for another year. Easter stands out as a monumental moment in human history. It was the three days when Jesus died and came back to life again. Some people made a major mistake on that Friday many years ago when they crucified an innocent man, and put him in a tomb and said "Good riddance buddy."

They really blew it big time.

I read an article which mentioned some of the major mistakes made by people in the past. The article was called, "The fine art of blowing it."

Let me give you a few examples.

One of Albert Einstein's teachers once said to him, "You will never amount to very much." Um....Einstein leading humanity into the nuclear age, and having the brightest mind of his time. Not amounting to much??????

How about the Decca Recording Company, which happened to be one of the three largest record companies in the world at the time, when they were asked if they wanted to be the label for the Beatles. They sent the Beatles' agent a letter in which they said, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on their way out. Not interested!"

Simon Newcomb, a well-known and influential personality of his time said this about the airplane, "Flight by machines heavier than air is unpractical and insignificant...utterly impossible."

It is OK to make mistakes, but sometimes it is smart to own up to them.

Jesus was a man that could not be killed. He refused to stay dead! He was the Son of God and he came to tell us a very special story. It was a story about death and about heaven and about salvation.

So when the people came to the tomb on Sunday morning to visit Jesus' grave, he was not where he was supposed to be. He had risen, and he was out there on the loose.

The powerful men who had decided to have him killed, and who tried to cover up the story that Jesus' body was missing, never were given the privilege to meet Jesus again. On the other hand the men, known to be disciples of Jesus, were given the privilege of meeting the risen Jesus again just three days after he died on the cross. Jesus spent several days with his disciples and before he left to go back to heaven, he sent these men to begin the awesome task to save the world.

So what is the message for us on this almost-spring day of April?

The message is this. First of all, because we belong to Jesus, death will only be a passage into eternal life with God. Don't blow it and refuse to belong to Jesus. That would be a bad mistake.

Secondly, because you have been chosen as one of his disciples, you also are on the team sent to save the world. So, go and love them people.

Finally, if you are smart you go with the flow of new things, you listen to new ideas.

Remember the wise words of a philosopher, **"Anxiety is, in great part the result of trying to understand today's lifestyles, while insisting that yesterday's ways of doing things must stay the same."**

What may look ridiculous and out-of-place today may be a new way for humanity tomorrow.

May God bless you all!

Love, Pastor Oluf

A Note from the Clerk...



Proverbs 9:9 Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

Session met on March 12, 2013. Pastor Oluf opened the meeting with a devotion on mercy and grace. He continued teaching the elders about their moral obligations as set out in the Book of Order.

We worked to complete the plans for the Maundy Thursday service, Sunrise Service and Easter breakfast. The Christian Ed committee is busy planning for events in May, as well as Vacation Bible School in July. The organization skills of this committee are impressive!

The Congregational Care committee has updated the Flower Policy. Property and Fellowship are working on a policy for borrowing tables and chairs. If you know you will have an event where you'd like to use our tables and chairs, please ask Marie Richards for the form to request them.

Scott Lockwood reports that we will need to purchase a new mixer sound board and console in the near future – approximate cost \$3500. Please consider earmarking a donation to this worthy investment.

Remember to welcome and include our new members: Elizabeth Schwartz, Paul Bohlman, Stephanie Mack, Ruth Ann and Charles Booher, and Rhonda Deeds.

With thanks to God for all of you, Diane Frazier

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR APRIL

FLOWERS:

April 7th The Mansell Family In Honor of Loved Ones
April 14th John & Jane Muller In Honor of Our Teens.
April 21st open
April 28th Jim & Diane Frazier In Memory of Loved Ones.

ACOLYTES:

April 7th Phoebe Richards
April 14th Wesley Cox
April 21st Sidney Blair
April 28th Sidney Blair

NURSERY:

April 7th Andra Kisner and Lee & Heather Mansell
April 14th Chrissy & Nick Willeke and Jane Muller & Marianne Derenberger
April 21st Andra Kisner
April 28th Monica & Nick Piper and Marianne Derenberger

GREETERS:

April 7th Ashley Speck
April 14th
April 21st
April 28th Ashley Speck

JR. CHURCH:

April 7th
April 14th Marilyn LeClair
April 21st
April 28th Kris Almendinger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

April 7th Pastor Oluf
April 14th Kris Almendinger
April 21st Pastor Oluf
April 28th Maci Ashbrook

WORSHIP LEADER:

April 7th Norma Johnson
April 14th teen
April 21st Linda Lockwood
April 28th Bob Pardee

Kids Page

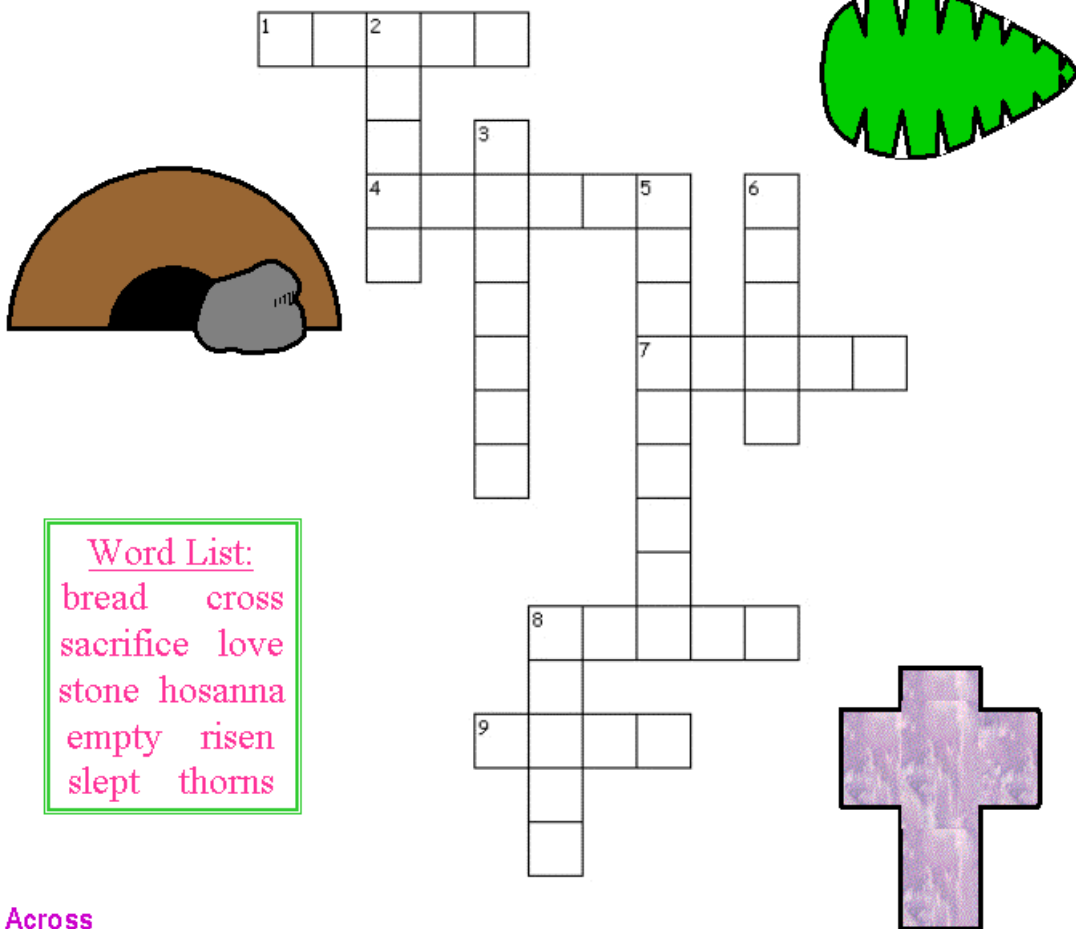
Youth Group Activities:

April 14th Spring Rally Day: details to come

April 28th Community Service Day 12-4pm: High School and Middle School

Teen Services: April 28th, May 26th and June 23rd.

Easter Crossword



Word List:
bread cross
sacrifice love
stone hosanna
empty risen
slept thorns

Across

1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in April



6 th	Jeremy Butt	17 th	Chris Mack
7 th	Carolyn Whitesel	19 th	William Orr
8 th	Joey Almendinger	23 rd	Debbie Farley Jamie Pardee
9 th	Dick Moseley	27 th	Clint Perkins Rev. Oluf & Betty Kongshaug (50 years!!)
12 th	John & Jane Muller	28 th	Karen Blair Andrew Wahlenmaier & Abigail Voigt
13 th	Arika Sayer Norma Clark	30 th	Betty Kongshaug
14 th	Ray Green		



Letters and Notes

Never in our nearly 30 years of creating the two crosses made of live daffodil blooms - one for Palm Sunday and one for Easter - has Mother Nature caused us to miss doing the crosses for both of those Sundays, but this year we had no choice. Because of the consistently low temperatures during March, the 200+ Uhde daffodil blooms needed for each cross are still very dormant - hardly poking through the ground. Sorry! Dick & Sally

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, the sympathy cards, the phone calls and conversations, the visits and the hugs during this difficult time. Your expressions of sympathy lifted our hearts as we celebrated the life of Sally's 96 year old mother, Katherine McCarrick. We are indeed blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Sally and Dick Uhde



April 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	2 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS	3 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	4 6pm Girl Scouts	5 7-11pm Mom's Craft Night to benefit the pre-school	6
7 9:15 Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:30 Worship 6-8 4-H 6:30 PNC	8 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	9 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS	10 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	11 6pm Girl Scouts	12	13
14 9:15 Sunday School and confirmation class 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 music/worship mtg 6:30 PNC	15 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	16 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS	17 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle at the Hot Spot Coffee House 5:15 Jr. Choir/Bells 7:30 Adult choir	18 6pm Girl Scouts	19	20
21 9:15am Sunday School and 10:30 Worship Service and confirmation 6:30 PNC	22 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	23 9am Bible Study 5:30pm TOPS	24 1pm Elizabeth Circle @ Hot Spot 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	25 6pm Girl Scouts	26	27
28 9:15am Sunday 10:30 Worship Teen Service 6:30 PNC	29 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	30 9am Bible Study 5:30pm TOPS				

Our Church Groups

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Jim Frazier

The PNC has begun evaluating resumes of potential candidates for the position of Teaching Elder (Pastor) of the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. This follows the recent submission of our Congregation Information Form to Session, Presbytery and the Church Leadership Connection of the PCUSA. The CLC matched candidates' information with our information and the search has begun. We ask for your prayers and patience as we seek the person God is preparing for our church. The PNC is: Chair, Linda Lockwood, Madison Blair, Jenny Cartwright, Jim Frazier, Mona Hilderman, Melanie Main, Kevin Piper, and Mark Trimble.



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Upcoming Fellowship events:
Summer Chick Flicks

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

This month's meeting is on April 17th.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.

We are currently studying the Parables.

Women's Association



The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.

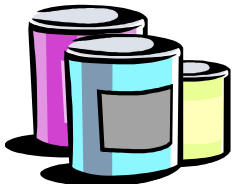
Church Happenings

Betty & the Columbus Symphony Chorus

Betty Kongshaug will be singing with the Columbus Symphony Chorus and symphony in a performance of Brahms' "A German Requiem" on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Ohio Theater. This is a beautiful, very spiritual work, sometimes referred to as "a requiem for the living." Brahms chose Biblical scriptures himself for it instead of using the traditional scriptures of the requiem mass. From Matthew 5:4: "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy." I Peter 1:25: "So be patient now, dear brothers, until the coming of the Lord." From Isaiah 35:10: "They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Psalm 39: 4-7: "Now Lord, in what shall I take comfort? My hope is in the Lord."

Probably the most well-known chorus from this requiem is "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," from Psalm 84. The concert also includes a new work by Stephen Paulus, "Of Songs and Singing" commissioned for Ronald Jenkins, symphony chorus conductor.

Food Pantry



According to Ruth Krumm at the Johnstown Food Pantry they are in need of anything and everything. She said there was a day this week that there was no food on the shelves at the Food Pantry, they took some money out of the treasury and bought \$600 worth of food. I know I have not been to the pantry for several weeks because we haven't got much in to take in. I thought maybe it was our church and we were going through a "dry spell", but according to Ruth our church isn't the only one that hasn't been bringing anything in! Let's say a prayer that everyone brings "one can" in and we would have a nice donation for the Food Pantry. In God's name we pray.
Karen & George Dreisbach

Women!

Like to talk?

Are you the queen of the household?

Share ideas? Laugh?

If you answer yes to any of the above,

Come to the Choir Room on April 14.

Bring your coffee, tea, or water.

We will get acquainted, and **Talk!**

The gathering is just a one-time happening.

See you about 9:30 a.m.

Curious? See Jeanne Voigt and we will chat!

Kroger Community Rewards

April is the time to renew or sign up with the Kroger Community Rewards program. Kroger has a Community Rewards Program where it will donate to the Johnstown Presbyterian Church a percentage of the purchases made by Kroger Plus card members. Just scan your Kroger Plus card when you check out. In the past, we have received over \$400 - \$600 each year from this program. It is necessary to sign up or renew (even if you already signed up) each April to continue participation in this program. Please take a few minutes and sign up. Here are the detailed steps. Please call Scott Lockwood if you need help.

To implement the Community Rewards Program, you need a Kroger Plus card and an e-mail address. If you have both of these, then do the following to have your purchases credited to the Johnstown Presbyterian Church.

1. Log on to Kroger.com
 1. If you are not registered through Kroger.com, then
 2. Go to Kroger.com and click on Create an Account and provide the requested information.
 3. Kroger will send a confirmation e-mail to you which you must respond to activate your account.
2. After you are logged in, select Kroger Community Rewards.
3. Search for the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown or 81872 in the Find Your Organization box and select Search.
4. This should find the Johnstown Presbyterian Church.
5. Select the Church as your organization and save your changes.
6. After a period of about 10 days, you should start seeing on your Kroger receipts that monies were credited to the Church.
7. You will be registered to credit the Church for a period of 1 year.
8. After one year, you must re-register the Church. We suggest you mark your calendar as a reminder to do this in April every year.

Hearing Assist Devices Available

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? We have hearing assist devices available to make you worship more enjoyable. Simply ask for one from the sound system operator.



Worship Drama

We are looking for people who are interested in taking part in our worship dramas. You don't have to be a professional actor, sing, or dance you just need to be able to memorize a few lines. If you would like to join, or if you have questions about this, please contact Kathy Trimble at either kmtrim@earthlink.net or 740-924-3132.

Senior Bio's

Wow how time flies! It is time once again to celebrate the accomplishment of our graduating seniors. Graduating senior bio's are needed in the office by April 28th. Please include 3-5 pictures with your child's bio. You may send it via email to Marie R. or drop a hard copy off to her in the office with your pictures. Any questions please contact Marie Fleming at mfleming@johnstown.k12.oh.us. We are looking forward to featuring your child's accomplishments with our church family.



Summer Worship Bags

The worship bags are now out for the children's enjoyment.

Lenten Devotional

Our Lenten Devotional has become a time-honored tradition for our church family so that we can celebrate our love for God and each other.

We only compile the devotions and do not create them. It gives us a lot of pleasure and we appreciate all of you who contribute. We are hopeful that you will be considering your devotions all through the year.

Next year's Lenten season will start on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Continue for 46 days ending with Easter Sunday, April 20th. We need a minimum of 46 devotions. We all enjoy reading personally written devotions with personal reflections. There is no limit on the length of your writing and we can provide help with style or editing. Please take note that your contribution can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

Give them to Carolyn Friedberg at any time hand or type written, or via e-mail to cfriedberg@yahoo.com



Worship/Music Meeting

Worship & Music Committee will meeting on Sunday, April 14, 11:30am.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please send all prayer chain requests to Carolyn Friedberg.
The email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

Young at Heart

GET READY!! If you are “young at heart” we have a spring and summer full of activities for you. We are basing our outings on the things you requested most on our survey. Here is the schedule for the first two events:

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 10:00 AM

We will tour the National Heisey Glass Museum at 169 W. Church St, in Newark. If we have 10 or more attending the cost will be \$2.00. We need a group reservation for this event so please let us know by April 15 if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2:00 PM

We will attend the Weathervane Playhouse musical production of “GUYS & DOLLS”. The senior cost is \$20 if we have 15 or more attend, otherwise the cost is \$28. Tickets for this show are on sale now, so please call us with your reservation by Monday, April 1st.

Please make reservations now for APRIL 25th and JUNE 1st with the Hildermans at 967-2101 or with the Moseleys at 966-3074.

Other events we plan during the summer include:

Darby Creek Visitor Center and view buffalo – lunch at Der Dutchman

Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Longaberger Homestead & lunch

We know you love to eat – so we will try to look at restaurants nearby these places for your enjoyment.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Oluf's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 2pm

Marie's hours are Monday-Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Oluf's email address is pastor_oluf@thejpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

Prayer Chain email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

www.thejpc.org

We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

Flowers for Worship:	contact the Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Jeremy Derenberger
Property Maintenance:	contact John Alexander
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.