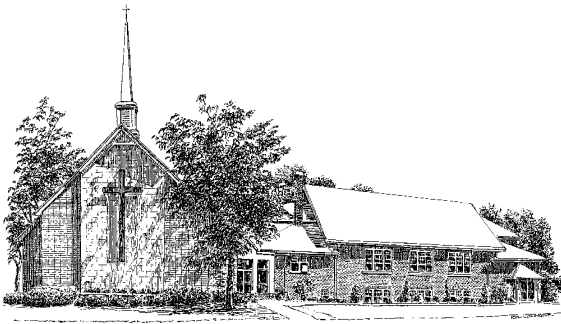


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## The CELEBRATE April / May 2009

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following  
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

### April Highlights

**April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Palm Sunday worship service

**April 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Maundy Thursday worship service

**April 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Easter Sunday worship service

**April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Book Sale

### May Highlights

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship with Communion

**May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Worship Service – Hymn Sing

**May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart Luncheon

Pastor's Page

As I write this we are in the final stretch of Lent. And as much as Lent is the same every year it is also different. This is my first Lent and Easter season with this congregation and in this community. I want to lift up for you how good the season has been. Having lived here for perhaps your whole life you might not understand how impressive it is that the ecumenical Lenten Journey in West Seneca has been going for over thirty years. It is a wonderful opportunity for the community as a whole to visit one another and listen to different preaching styles. For me as a pastor I don't get to hear others preach very often - so this has been a welcomed opportunity. It was also gratifying to be a part of the Lenten devotional task group and see that come to fruition. You may think that this happens everywhere - it doesn't! This is special and I am grateful to you all for hosting one of the services this year and for participating as writers in the devotional. Now we head to Holy Week and I invite you to be with us for Maundy Thursday as we remember the Last Supper and prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of our Lord. Easter we hope will dawn bright and warm and I look forward to seeing you in church. Don't be worried when you arrive Easter Sunday morning and wonder where all the flowers are - all will be invited to help "dress" the church as we begin worship that morning. Remember Mary arrived at an empty tomb!

Blessings for the Season

Pastor Bronwen

Happy  
Easter



## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

April 2009

<i>April 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)	<i>April 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
<i>April 12<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	<i>April 26<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

May 2009

<i>May 3<sup>d</sup></i>	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	<i>May 24<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
<i>May 10<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	<i>May 31<sup>st</sup></i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
<i>May 17<sup>th</sup></i>	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17		

## YOUNG AT HEART

As you all know by now we were unable to have our last two lunches because of deaths in the family. It has been a rough time but we are getting through it. We resumed our lunches on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We have lunches planned for April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our final lunch will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> till after summer. We will again start having our lunches on September 16<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars with the above dates so that you will not miss anything.

YOUR HAPPY COOKS: Dick & Edie Fischer

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### **April Worship services:**

- Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> we will have Lance Brown preaching.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will be having a worship service with Communion.
- Easter, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM worship with Communion.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 19<sup>th</sup> we will have Carla Kline preaching.

### **May Worship services:**

- Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM we will be having worship with Communion.
- Mother's day, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM worship we will be handing out flowers to each woman in attendance.
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM Hymn Sing  
Please send in your favorite hymn by May 10<sup>th</sup> to the Worship Committee. We will go through them and pick some of them to be sung.

### **Usher Schedule:**

April – Tim Miller

May – Carol Vaughan

### **Greeter Schedule:**

4/5 – Diane Molnar

5/3 – Sue Piersa

4/9 – Dick & Edie Fischer

5/10 – The Rowe Family

4/12 – Tom & Carol Vaughan

5/17 – Wendy Warren

4/19 – Barb & Walt Kissel

5/24 – Ryan Fiegl

4/26 – Deb Wilson

5/31 – The Partacz Family

Can you imagine a worship service with out an usher? This is an important part of our weekly worship. We are looking for ushers for June through August and beyond. Please see Tim Miller if your interested in covering a month or specific weeks. Hey snow birds this is a chance to help out when you are in the area.

Thank you,  
Tim Miller

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Update from Administration and Finance: Requests have been made for this year's per capita amount. Per capita is the amount that the Presbytery asks each church to pay to cover the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly expenses and to support the Presbytery missions. The amount is set at a per member amount. This year's per capita is \$32 per member for our church. Our church pays a monthly payment to Presbytery and we would encourage our members to pay their per capita as early in the year as possible. You will find a per capita envelope in your box of pledge envelopes. If you have questions please feel free to ask Deb Goggins, George Shaffer, or any member of session. Also, please try to keep your pledges current. Thank you!

<b>APRIL 2009</b>						
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
			<b>1</b> Lenten Journey @ Ebenezer UCC 7:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10am Worship – Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching Faith Education 11am Fellowship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>6</b> All Committee Night 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Odd Jobs Group 7pm	<b>9</b> Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion 7pm	<b>10</b> Ecumenical Worship 12pm @ St. David's	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion 11am Fellowship <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10am Worship – Carla Kline preaching Faith Education 11am Fellowship	<b>20</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BOOK / BAKE SALE 10AM-2PM
<b>26</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship 11:15am New Member class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

### **A SIGN OF TIMES**

As like life things at some time or another come to an end. Boy Scout Troop 412 has not renewed its charter for 2009 due to insufficient membership. This troop has been associated with our church for many, many years. Foster Young's and Bill Cenkner's sons and many of the boys whose parents belonged to our church were involved with this troop. On April 15<sup>th</sup> the final Eagle Scout Ceremony for, Colin Bogdan, will be held in our Sanctuary. We will miss the troop and all of the projects they did concerning our church from helping to repair the planter attached to the front of the church to the sale of Christmas Wreathes at Christmas time. The troop has gone from over 30 boys down to 2. We will miss seeing them around our church.  
Dick Fischer

<b>MAY 2009</b>						
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
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**NEWS FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION**

April 26th during morning Worship we will be taking the U.S. Congregational Life Survey sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and US Congregations. Everyone in Church that morning who is at least 15 years old should take the survey. Your answers are confidential and the Church will only get summaries of all our answers. The summaries will be helpful in knowing how we all feel about the Church, issues and will help in further planning by the Session. The summaries will also be added into those from other Churches to see how we fit into the greater picture of the Presbyterian Church.

Thanks,  
George

## FAITH EDUCATION

WOW!

GOOD NEWS- the classrooms are painted! Now our children can go to bright stimulating rooms to learn and grow in their faith. I want to thank the following people for all of their help in getting this project done: Dick Fischer, Walt and Barb Kissel, Marcy, Matt and Megan Partacz, Sandy Perillo, Mark, Lisa and Joe Shriver, Wendy Warren and her friend Dan.

### COME JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sunday, April 5th following Worship we will have an Easter Egg Hunt. This is a new event and we need to know how many children will be attending. Please use the sign up sheet on the table in the back of Church to let us know if your child will be participating. Please see Dawn Corless if you have any questions.



Attention all high school and college graduates- Your Church family would like to celebrate your graduation. We are looking for information such as your name, the school you are graduating from, any awards or honors received activities you participated in and future plans. This information can be given to Dawn Corless, put in Corinne's mailbox or e-mailed to the Church ([office@wspres.org](mailto:office@wspres.org)) no later than June 7th.

## CHURCH & SOCIETY

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined together with millions of other Christians around the world to share God's love with people experiencing need. This year the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign is entitled Where is Your Treasure? Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support disaster responses, refugee assistance or can provide safe haven.

One Great Hour Of Sharing is a hand reaching out to help someone to start over—a hand pulling them over the long hull, it is a way to help a family who has had no way to support them selves find a way to earn that support with their own hands--it is learning to nurture plants so you can feed your family.

This is a chance for our brothers and sisters in need to see the face of Jesus. Please share your resources and help change lives. The OGHS will be taken on Easter—but you can make a contribution any time between now and the end of April. Please give generously.

Gods Peace,  
Sue Piersa

**BOOK SALE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

The Church & Society Committee is planning a book sale. If you have any books or “fine art” to donate please bring them to church by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Books need to be in boxes (not bags) that are easy to carry and if possible with lids. Please ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers if they have any books they would like to donate to our sale. There will also be a **bake sale** and we need a **volunteer to organize** it. We also need a **kitchen volunteer**. We are only selling coffee, tea, pop etc. We are also collecting plastic bags. If you have any questions please call Diane Molnar 675-2481. Flyers will be available soon to hang at workplaces, restaurants etc.



**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Attention all Men, Women & Teens (with parental permission) The Building & Grounds Committee will be starting the odd jobs group up once a month from now on. We'll be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of most months, changing light bulbs, painting, repairing what we can, cleaning, and installing new things. Please sign up for this first evening April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to help us plan on jobs and to discuss future jobs.



**In The Life of The Church**

**APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS**

April	15 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Stoklosa
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Wurl
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Shriver
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Kester
		Jim Reed
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Deb Goggins
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Cotter
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Ali Lesakowski
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Komanski
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Gregg Goggins

May	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Partacz
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kassidy Aiken
		Judy Gray
		Bernie Perillo
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leanne Wurl
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Corless
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Messoro
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Wilson
	9 <sup>th</sup>	John Chrynowicz
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Trisha Duderewicz
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Orefice
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Fiegl
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Gregg Stoklosa
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kooper Aiken
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Pagliaccio

Congratulations go out to Janice Jones on having her first book published!

## NOTES OF THANKS

The Fischer and Edington families would like to thank our Church family for all the cards and prayers that we received during our time of grief for the loss of Marge Edington and George Getselman. It has been a trying time but with the support of our church family and friends we are getting through it. So again we thank every one for all they have done.

The Fischer and Edington families

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Dawn Dulski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Barry McCaskey (Helen Sommer) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh & Dave Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Erv Noblett (Diane Molnar) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Kathy Reinard (Sue Piersa) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam) ♦ *Kim & Robin Whiting* (Deb Goggins)

## **OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew Zalikowski ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler ☼ Russell Molnar ☼ Pat McCullough ☼ Ryan M. Ratigan ☼ Larry Lloyd ☼ Joshua Feldman ☼ Dan Dudziak ☼ David Ferg ☼ Zachery Goggins ☼ Alison Lankes ☼ Erik Brown

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Corinne Northem.....Secretary  
Sue Maciejewski.....Organist/Choir Director  
Pam Miszko.....Custodian

<b>Elders</b>		
<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>
Dawn Corless	Janice Jones	Sue Piersa
Debbie Goggins	Ron Partacz	Don Schmid
Erik Rowe	Dick Fischer	Tim Miller

<b>Deacons</b>		
<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>
Dennis Fiegl	Marsha Barnhart	Cheryl Wilczak
Richard Jones	Shaun Wilson	