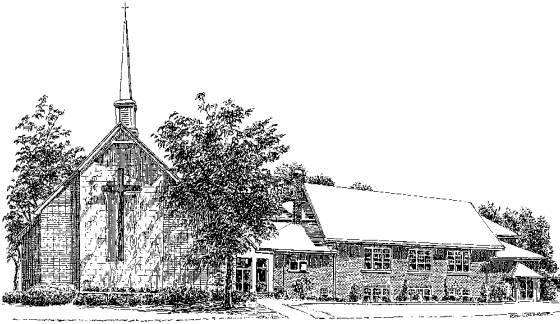


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The CELEBRATE March / April 2011

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

March Highlights

March 2nd & 16th ~ 12pm

Young at Heart Luncheon

March 7th ~ 7pm

Common Meeting Night

Wednesdays, March 16th, 23rd, 30th ~ 7:30pm

Lenten Journey Services (see inside for schedule)

March 21st ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

March 26th ~ 8am – 11am

Pancake Breakfast

April Highlights

April 4th ~ 7pm

Common Meeting Night

Wednesdays, April 6th, 13th, ~ 7:30pm

Lenten Journey Services

April 21st ~ 7pm

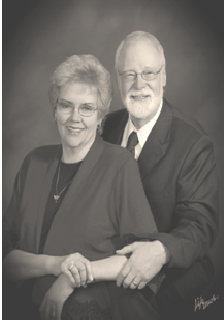
Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 22nd ~ 12-3pm

Ecumenical Good Friday Service @ St. David's

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends and Members,



It has been a pleasure for me to be with many of you for the past two months in Sunday morning worship. Having been asked to "supply the pulpit" for January and February, I have accepted an offer from Session to continue on.

Since retiring in 2009, FPCWS has been the first church I have returned to for such a long series! But it has been enjoyable and those attending are very open and kind. The important discussion groups have gone well and I presently plan to be with you for a longer season.

In staying longer, I must have supportive help from the Presbytery through its Committee on Ministry Committee. I have been told some would like for me to lead and encourage you to work toward the securing of at least a half time minister. I will be meeting with the Committee on March 1 to discuss and gain more clarity on these plans. My goal is to continue until such a goal could be attained but not to exceed two years. If it is reached more quickly, then so be it. I will keep you posted.

Meanwhile, I continue to enjoy my times with you. My beautiful wife Naomi will be accompanying me often and I'm sure, contributing to the "Coffee Hours." I print out most of my sermons, or "Reflections," and post them on my blog through my web page. I tape summaries of my talks which are posted on my YouTube site. I also use the popular Facebook network where I post daily meditation thoughts along with links to my writings. And yes, I do post some "social events" in my life. I invite you to become "my friend" if you are into this medium. All links are accessible through my web page at <http://davepersonspirit.com>.

On my web page, you can learn more about my background studies and journey of faith. I have also published there a dissertation I published in 1990, approved by the San Francisco Theological Seminary. It was the result of a study I pursued on the topic of meditation and solitude, which included a grant to visit various ashrams in India in 1987.

I also send out a short weekly "Invitation to Worship" by email. I have several names but if you would like to receive this short message, please let the Secretary Corinne know or send me a direct message at dapersons@hotmail.com with your own email.

During the upcoming season of Lent, I am offering a book discussion for any who care to join. The book title is "The Pagan Christ" written by author Tom Harpur, an Anglican writer from Toronto. The book traces many stories from "mystery religions" over thousands of years prior to the coming of Jesus, showing their similarities to the stories in our Bible. I think you'll find it interesting. Copies can be secured from me for \$5 each. I can also leave some at the church office with the Secretary Corinne. I am willing to meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 for a discussion followed by a time of meditation and prayer for those who are interested. I will also continue the Sunday morning discussion group following the 10:00 worship.

If you have specific questions or situations you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via my phone numbers or email. Discussions and conferences of a personal nature will be kept in strict confidentiality. I am also willing to make hospital and home visits for prayer and anointing by invitation.

May you all have a blessed season of Lent and Easter. I look forward to my weeks serving and sharing with you.

Pastor Dave

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

March 2011

<i>March 6th</i>	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	<i>March 20th</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
<i>March 13th</i>	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	<i>March 27th</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

April 2011

<i>April 3rd</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	<i>April 17th</i>	Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
<i>April 10th</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	<i>April 24th</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10 Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b – 8 Luke 24:13-49

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Good News!!!! Rev. David Persons has agreed to stay longer. Please come to church to hear him preach.

I am looking for ushers. Please see me if you are interested in helping usher. We really need your help!!!!

During the Lenten Season please be sure to join us for our Sunday morning Worship Services and for the Maundy Thursday Worship Service on April 21st at 7pm.

Thanks,
Tim Miller Chair of Worship and Music

LENTEN JOURNEY

Once again the West Seneca Community of Churches is sponsoring the Annual Lenten Journey at 7:30pm on each Wednesday in Lent. The theme for this year's journey is "Be Kind to One Another" Ephesians 4:31-32. The following is a schedule of the services:

March 16th @ Queen of Heaven RC Church - Rev. John Klatt preaching on Matthew 5:22-23 Reconciliation

March 23rd@ Trinity Lutheran - Rev. Ron Habendank preaching on James 1:19 Listening

March 30th @ Ebenezer UCC – Rev. Allen Farabee preaching on James 3:9-10 Speaking our speech – a reflection of God's love

April 6th @ Life Church – Rev. Matt Mill preaching on Ephesians 4:2 Love in Relationships

April 13th @ Covenant United Methodist – Rev. Hope Harle-Mould preaching on Timothy 2:1-2 Importance of Prayer - John 17:22 Prayer for Public Servants

Offerings collected during the services will benefit Hartland Ministries in Haiti and the Seneca Babcock Ministries. A collection of paper products will be donated to the West Seneca Food Pantry and the Fourteen Holy Helpers food pantry.

The Lenten Journey will conclude with an ecumenical Good Friday service @ St. David's Episcopal Church. The service will be held on April 22nd from 12-3pm and will include speakers to preach on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

MARCH 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Young at Heart Lunch 12pm	3	4	5
6 10am Worship w/ Communion 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion	7 Common Meeting Night 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	14	15	16 Young at Heart Lunch 12pm Lenten Journey @ Queen of Heaven 7:30pm	17	18	19
20 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	21 Session Meeting 7pm	22	23 Lenten Journey @ Trinity Lutheran 7:30pm	24	25	26 Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
27 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	28	29	30 Lenten Journey @ Ebenezer UCC 7:30pm			

APRIL 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 10am Worship w/ Communion 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	4 Common Meeting Night 7pm	5	6 Lenten Journey @ Life Church 7:30pm	7	8	9
10 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	11	12	13 Lenten Journey @ Covenant United Methodist 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>Palm Sunday</i>	18 Session Meeting 7pm	19	20	21 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	22 Good Friday Service @ St. David's 12-3pm	23
24 10am Worship 11:00am Fellowship time 11:10am Sermon Discussion <i>Easter Sunday</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30

YOUNG AT HEART

Finally Mother Nature caught up with us and we had to cancel our first luncheon in February. We hope that is the only one we will have to cancel for the rest of the year. For March we will be serving the following meals:

March 2nd we will have spaghetti and meatballs

March 16th we will have corn beef and cabbage

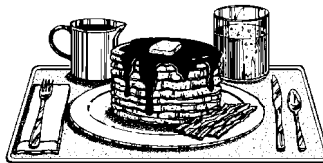
We will not be meeting in April because of our vacations. So keep the 2nd and 16th of March open and plan to join us for good food and fellowship.

Your Happy Cooks Dick and Edie Fischer

CHURCH & SOCIETY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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March 26, 2011

8am-11am

Tickets:

Adult \$5.50 (advance tickets \$5.00)

Children ages 3-10yrs. \$3.00

Breakfast includes:

All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausage, and choice of beverage

10% percent of the money raised from the breakfast will be donated to a local food pantry.

PAPER DRIVE

It's almost time for the Paper Retriever Nationwide Paper Drive. We can double our earnings in March 2011! If we meet or exceed our March 2010 recycling weights in March 2011, we will receive double our monthly earnings. Last year we collected a total of 1.93 tones of paper. We can do this with your help.



In The Life of The Church

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

March	1 st	Marilyn Mohr
	3 rd	Cheryl Wilczak
	4 th	Sandy Perillo
	12 th	Sue Piersa
		Hillary Stoklosa
	16 th	Denny Bengert
	17 th	Karen Lindak
	22 nd	Ed Gutowski
	23 rd	Betty Rasp
	28 th	Tom Wilczak

April	1 st	Mason Molnar
	15 th	Gavin Stoklosa
	18 th	Joe Shriver
	19 th	Jim Kester
		Jim Reed
	21 st	Debbie Goggins
	23 rd	Mary Cotter
	30 th	Greg Goggins

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

John Christmann ♦ Paul Rasp
Nancy Galley and her family as they mourn the death of Nancy's mom Dorothy Wolff

Family & Friends of our congregation

Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Donna Burns (Sue Piersa) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Carl Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Joy Gordon (Debbie Ball) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Jodi Rutski (the Fischer's) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer)

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chris Kalinowski ♦ Russell Molnar ♦ Pat McCullough ♦ Zachery Goggins ♦ Alison Lankes ♦ Erik Brown ♦ James Schmidt ♦ Matthew Jones ♦ Kyle Ernst



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Elders

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Sue Piersa	Debbie Wilson	Kathy Saeli
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