



Chimes

April

Dear Church Family,

In February, the session re-prioritized our property to-do list. As you can see, there are some pretty high priced items on that list, which is why the session has set a capital campaign goal of \$400,000. We are officially launching the capital campaign now, and we will complete the items on our list as we have the funds to do so. We are also looking for grants to help us pay for some of the items on our list. Please prayerfully consider giving to these repairs and upgrades. Writing "Capital Campaign" on the memo line of your checks will ensure that your donation helps us reach our goal.

Property To-Do List

2024:

Automatic Door Openers (Apx \$10,000)
Security cameras for the PCC (Apx \$10,000)
Improve Outside yard sign/banner (Apx \$2,000)

2025:

Electronic sign (Apx. \$50,000)
Fix water issues (Apx. \$10,000)

2026:

Repave parking lots (Apx. \$318,000)
Memorial trees (by donations of trees)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Désirée

FUTURE:

Tuck pointing bricks
Parlor furniture
Pastor's office
Barrier trees
Fire system
Field

For I know the plans I have for you
declares the Lord

plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you

hope and a future.

Then you will call upon me
and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you.

You will seek me, and you will

find me when you seek me
with all your heart

Jeremiah 29:11-13



PCC NEWS

Best news! PCC's administrator, Abbey Stonerock, returned on March 18 on a part time basis. Her son, Ezekiel, remains at Riverside Hospital and Abbey spends her afternoons with him. Ezekiel is doing well ... he is up to 4 pounds. He still needs to put on a little more weight before going home to his family.

Our reading program is very popular with the children and the teachers. Each Tuesday morning, Carol Sue Ames comes in to read to the 3 and 4 year olds. She just finished one of her children's favorite book, *Peter Rabbit*. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to volunteer and read to the kids. It only takes about 30 minutes. If this is something you can do, please contact Abbey or Dusty

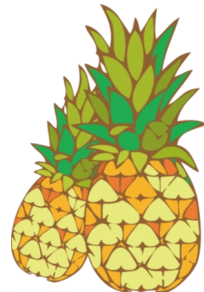
Graduation for our 4 year olds will be on May 15, 2024. Graduation is always a wonderful, yet sad time for the teachers as they say goodbye to the little ones they have gotten so close to. The children have been practicing every day for this event, wearing their graduation caps. Before you know it, this group will be heading off to kindergarten in the fall.

The kids had their pictures taken on Friday, March 22. Everyone posed with great big smiles! The kids had a fantastic egg hunt on March 28 with lots of laughter and fun.

The PCC was closed Good Friday. We will also be closed on April 8 for the Solar Eclipse.

We are looking forward to April, and hopefully some sunny and warmer spring days.

~ Abbey and Dusty

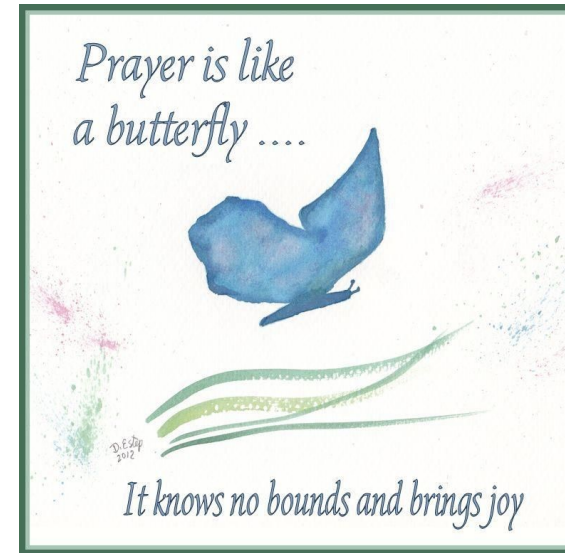


PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou is grateful for our continuing prayer support.

They have roofed the church building that they were worried about last month. Now, they are hoping to build two more churches.

One will be in Gambia. The RNCS is hoping to send church planters to the Cape Verde islands. Pastor Abou asks that we join them in prayer and trust that God will send the right people and provide the funds needed to help make this project a reality.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1: Office will be closed
- April 15: Help House Meal ... 1st meal of the year
- April 18: Welcome Table Meal ... 1st meal of the year
- May 31 - June 1: Church garage sale
- June 25 - July 4: General Assembly in Utah. Pastor Steve will be attending.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 11.

The group will meet for lunch at Los Mariachi at 11:30 AM. The restaurant is located at 289 Lafayette Street, London. Enjoy a delicious lunch and great discussions.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Schedule for 2024

3:30 -6:00 pm

The Presbytery will meet on the following dates

May 21: First Presbyterian Church, London

August 20: First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe

November 19: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus

Elder Commissioners: May 21 ... Dot Morlock

August 20 ... Gina Wells

November 19 ... Pam Dennewitz

Sisters in the Lord

The next gathering will be on Saturday, April 13, from 1-3:00 pm. It will be held at Faith Assembly Worship Center, located at 2600 U.S. Rte. 40 (just outside of London, heading towards West Jefferson).

Bring yourself, your Bible, and a friend.

Any questions, contact Joyce Lloyd at tjlyd196@me.com or call 614-390-7834.

HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 150

The church will be hosting the 2nd Loving Kindness meal on May 6. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

- 13 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)
- 6 2-lb bags of long grain white rice
- 18 28-oz cans of diced tomatoes
- 9 32-oz boxes of chicken broth
- 3-4 SERVERS 2:00-4:30 (in church Narthex).

Let Debbie Blaho know if you want to help (call 614-736-5126 or email dblaho@columbus.rr.com). Please have donations to the church by April 28. Thank you!



WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table meal will be on Thursday, April 18. About 100 meals will be served. The following is needed for this meal:

- Easy Chicken Casserole (recipe is on the next page)
- Green Bean Casserole (recipe is on the next page)
- Outrageous Oatmeal Cookies (see recipe)...or any dessert you would like

It is best to use a disposable pan. The food will need to be delivered to the St. Paul AME Church, located at 11 W. Center St., London, between 4:30-5:00 PM ... They begin to serve the meal at 5:00 pm. Thank you for your continued support.

~Dolly McDonley

WELCOME TABLE RECIPES

EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE, serves 12

1 bag egg noodles (12 oz. or so) 1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup 2 cups cooked shredded chicken
Apx. 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook noodles.

Heat soups together on stove top with a bit of milk to thin down a little. Add noodles and chicken.

Put in a 9" x 13" disposable casserole pan and sprinkle some cheddar cheese.

Bake for 35-40 minutes.

NOTE: You can opt to use 2 cans cream of chicken or 2 cans of cream of mushroom, or one of each.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, serves 12

2 cans cream of mushroom soup 1/4 tsp black pepper
1 cup milk 8 cups (4 cans, 14.5 oz. ea.) green beans, drained
2 tsp soy sauce 2-2/3 cups French fried onion rings

Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, green beans and 1-1/3 cup onions in a 13" x 9" x 2" disposable pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture and sprinkle with the remaining onions.

Bake for additional 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

OUTRAGEOUS OATMEAL COOKIES, makes about 3 dozen

1/2 cup butter, softened 1 egg 1 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup sugar 1 cup all-purpose flour 1 cup (6 oz) semisweet
1/3 cup packed brown sugar 1/2 cup quick cooking oats chocolate chips

In a mixing bowl, cream butter, peanut butter and sugars; beat in egg and vanilla.

Combine flour, oats, baking soda, and salt ... add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips.

Drop by rounded teaspoonful onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned.

WHAT CAN WE DO THIS SPRING

Spring weather will be UP and Down, so you need to go with the flow! There are a lot of indoor and outdoor things that you can plan.

Franklin Park Conservatory: 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of Blooms & Butterflies.

Explore the Pacific Island Water Garden Biome where you will be surrounded by thousands of exotic butterfly species and gorgeous blooming flowers.

Columbus Clippers: The Home Opener will be on April 2.

Celebrate Trails Day: April 27 at Genoa Park. This is an annual spring celebration of America's trails. Started by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 2013, the purpose is to encourage people to get outside and enjoy the trails and trail systems in the nation. This is a day full of free family fun at Genoa Park.

Metro Parks: After getting into the groove of checking out Trails Day, visit the many trails in and around Madison County and our neighboring counties. Take a picnic lunch and enjoy the day.

COSI Science Festival: May 1-4. Packed full of dynamic and interactive science demonstrations and activities led by local STEM professionals, researchers and experts. It will be held in the parks and riverfront surrounding COSI.

Columbus Museum of Art: Get inspired by world-class exhibits, see the Big Idea Gallery, the Wonder Room and the Center for Creativity. Sundays are free.

National Veterans Memorial & Museum: This facility honors veterans and families from ALL branches of service and ALL eras of conflict. A fascinating place to see.

Momiland: Indoor playground and party venue, featuring large ball pits, trampolines, kitchen/vanity playrooms, multi-slides and more.

Rockin'Jump: This fun-filled trampoline park allows you to literally bounce off the walls with plenty of fun including a jump area, dodgeball arena, slam dunk zone and vertical ops.

Otherworld: This 32,000 sq. ft. immersive art installation is equipped with large-scale interactive art, mixed-reality playground and secret passageways. It is truly an experience like no other.

SOLAR ECLIPSE (from Ohio History Connection Echoes magazine)

On Monday, April 8, we will have the privilege to witness a total solar eclipse. In London, we will be just on the edge of this phenomenon. In Ohio, the path of totality stretches about 124 miles in width.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly in front of the sun, blocking out the light and casting a shadow on the Earth. Generally, the closer you are to the center of this shadow, the longer the viewing time. In Madison County, we will have partial totality, lasting less than 2 minutes. Areas closer to the centerline will receive as much as 3 to 4 minutes. As the sky darkens, animals will act differently, and the sun's corona will become viewable. But remember, DO NOT look directly at the sun. You will risk eye damage. Spectators should ALWAYS have on approved eclipse glasses to view this event.

The last true total solar eclipse to be seen in Ohio was on June 16, 1806. This eclipse is widely known as "Tecumseh's Eclipse", named for the famous Shawnee chief. According to legend, in an effort to discredit Tecumseh and his brother, the Prophet, William Henry Harrison challenged the spiritual leader to perform a miracle. In response, the Prophet said that the sun would disappear on a cloudless day. This accurate prediction of the 1806 eclipse in Ohio helped to strengthen Tecumseh's position and greatly embarrassed Harrison. Today, it is thought that Tecumseh may have had information on the eclipse after reading an almanac of the times, but the brothers always stuck to their claim of divinity.

There are many sites that you can travel to and be closer to the center line of the total eclipse. One spot will be Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum in Fremont which will experience 3 minutes and 40 seconds of totality. Another will be the Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta. This site will have the longest viewing time of 3 minutes and 56 seconds.

Remember, if you plan to travel that day, expect delays and heavy traffic. In Ohio, some estimates predict upwards of half a million people making the journey to witness the total solar eclipse. Plan ahead, arrive early and realize that the trip home will also be slow.

If you plan to witness the eclipse first hand, be sure to have eclipse glasses on hand (you probably won't be able to get these the day of). Some sites have these on sale now. You can get certified solar eclipse viewing glasses (while supplies last) from our local library, Meijer, Kroger, Walmart, Menards, Lowes, and the Ohio Historical Society gift shop.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SNIFF THIS HERB..



A study found that sniffing rosemary can increase memory by 75%

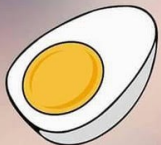
DID YOU KNOW?

When you eat just 3 carrots...



3 carrots give you enough energy to walk 3 miles, and they were first grown as a medicine, not food.

Did you know ?



An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C

Cold and Sore Throat



Mix 2 teaspoons of honey with equal quantity of ginger juice. The beverage helps to remove mucus, providing relief for the common cold, cough and sore throat.

HEADACHE



Headache caused by Summer Heat is cured by consuming watermelon juice. Just one glass a day works wonders.

Did you know ?



Eating chocolate while studying helps the brain retain new information easily.

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GET READY FOR APRIL FOOL'S DAY.
HAVE ANY GOOD GAGS TO PULL?

April 22 is Earth Day
April 28 is National Arbor Day.



To celebrate, plant a tree, wildflowers and native plants. Make a rain barrel for watering, pick up trash in your neighborhood or park.



April's flower is the Daisy, which symbolizes innocence and loyal love, and the Sweet Pea, which signifies blissful pleasure.

April's birthstone is the diamond.

Mount Tambora, on the island of Sumbawa (present-day Indonesia), erupted in April 1815. It is the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history.

This eruption caused the 'year without a summer' in 1816, causing heavy snow, severe frosts, and horrific hail and rainstorms that destroyed crops ... causing food shortages. The effects were felt in North America, Northern Europe and Asia.

The eruption was 100 times more powerful than Mount St. Helens in 1980.

APRIL'S FULL MOON IS KNOWN AS THE PINK MOON, SYMBOLIZING THE BEGINNING OF SPRING. IT WILL RISE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23

April 15, 2019 ... The Notre-Dame cathedral caught fire. The cathedral is expected to reopen in December 2024, but it may take an additional 10-40 years to completely restore.

The initial construction began about 1163, and it took almost 100 years to build.

**April cold with dripping rain
Willows and lilacs brings again,
The whistle of returning birds,
And trumpet-losing of the herds.**

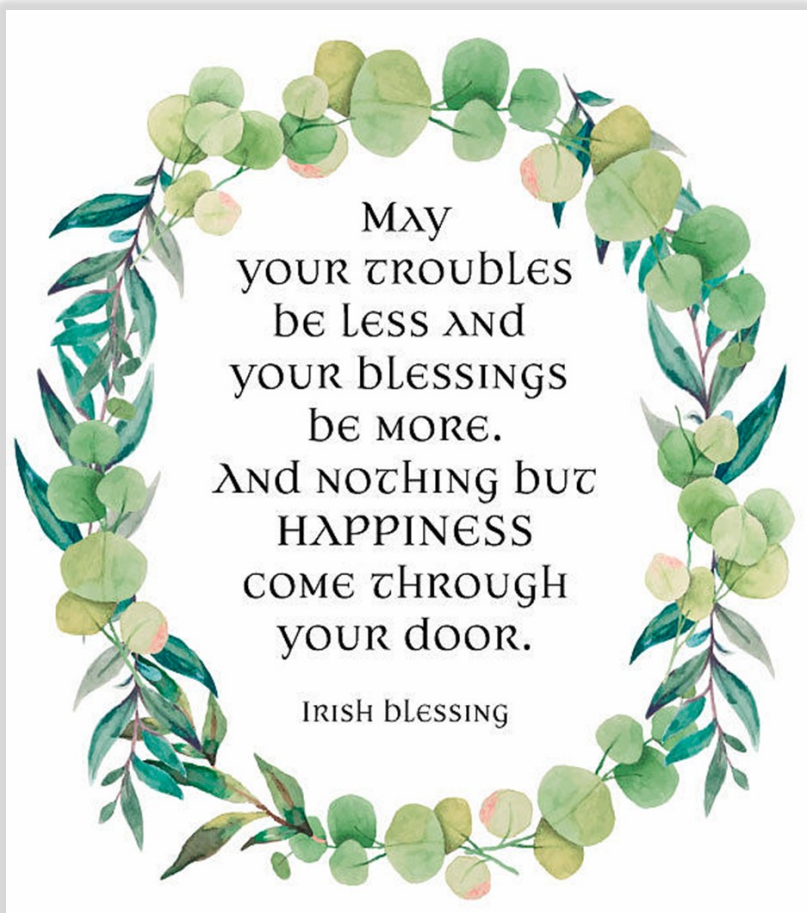
-Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)

APRIL TRIVIA

Happy Anniversary!

BOB & HARRIET DANA
APRIL 8

KEVIN & CHERYL CLEMMONS
APRIL 11



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Those born between April 1 - 19 are an Aries. Aries individuals are characterized by their courageous, enthusiastic, and passionate nature. They are natural-born leaders.

Those born between April 20-30 are Taurus. These individuals are known for their steadfastness, reliability, and love for luxury and comfort. They are practical and grounded.

April borns are willing to face challenges head-on. They are known for their unwavering loyalty to friends, family, and partners. The April borns are able to keep a positive outlook, even in difficult situations, and they have a strong creative streak. On the other hand, they can be stubborn and impulsive.

Some well known April babies are Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, Maya Angelou, Maria Sharapova, and Robert Downey, Jr.

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| Joe Morlock | 4/2 | Elizabeth Spinning | 4/12 |
| Doug Armfelt | 4/2 | Reese Schrock | 4/13 |
| Don Miller | 4/2 | Everett McSavaney | 4/16 |
| Steve Welk | 4/9 | Jane Hughes | 4/18 |
| Phil Hankins | 4/10 | Kelly Becke | 4/20 |
| Tina Hart | 4/12 | | |

APRIL 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 31 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship - EASTER | Apr 1 Easter Monday-Closed | 2 | 3 Steve - PTO day ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom IV | 4 ● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 5 | 6 |
| 7 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Communion ● 10am Worship ● 11am Deacon Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4pm Stewardship Commission | 11 ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Blood Pressure Screen, after wor ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship | 15 Help House Meal | 16 | 17 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4:30pm Session Meeting | 18 Welcome Table Meal ● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 19 Cherie Off | 20 |
| 21 Pastor D & M vacation ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship | 22 ● 6pm LLAMA | 23 | 24 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Generation to Generation Fu ● 6pm PCC Committee Meeting | 25 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 |
| 28 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship | 29 | 30 | May 1 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom IV | 2 ● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 3 | 4 |