



April 2018

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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The Session

Barb Banks	Debbie Hill	Jim Sisitki
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Michael Anthony	Ken Black	Melissa Leasure

The Board of Deacons

Gary Kanouff	Betsy Sisitki	Jennifer Frederick
Sandy McKee	Susie Enoch	Valerie Slade

From the Pastor's Desk...

Welcome

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

As I continue to think and pray about the evangelism angle of ‘doing’ church together, my thoughts rambled about ‘welcome.’ I think back on the days before I was a Christian and how I was welcomed into the church...first at a Free Methodist congregation and then later at a Presbyterian church after I met Susie. In both instances I was made to feel very welcome.

Songwriter and author John Fischer describes what Jesus has done for us as “The Gospel of Welcome” and rightly states that we need to extend that gospel to others around us.

Which gets me thinking more. How are we doing at “The Gospel of Welcome?” In particular, how good are we at welcoming visitors that grace the doors of our church on Sunday mornings? You know, when we have a visitor, they have overcome many obstacles to be with us that morning. Many. The least we could do is make sure we offer the right hand of fellowship to a person who has ventured into our home to worship the living Lord.

You know when the best time to do it is? Not so much in our ‘greeting time’ during worship, as you need to know this time is actually quite intimidating to many people (this may be something we need to work on). But immediately after worship. People smarter than I say that the most critical time in a person’s visit to a church is the ten minutes after a service. They need to be greeted and welcomed particularly at that time. Church members (not so much the pastor) need to intentionally start conversations – conversations that say ‘welcome – even if that word is never used.

We are just finishing up the Lenten/Easter season in which we remember the greatest welcome that God ever gave to humanity.

We need to pass it on. So... how are we doing at it? Food for thought....

God loves you and so do I.

-Pastor Chris

APRIL 2018 WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

April 1, 2018 (EASTER SUNDAY)

- **7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at “The Barn at Rayne Run”** (2475 Rayne Run Rd – just off Rt. 403) There will not be a breakfast following, but light refreshments will be available.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

“Fear Not! – Unknown”

Even on Resurrection Sunday, fear plays a role. What fears can Jesus’ resurrection power help you overcome today?



April 8, 2015

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson

The Lord’s Supper will be observed.

April 15, 2018

“Heritage” in Concert!

This quartet from Indiana will lead our worship service in a time of song and ministry!

April 22, 2018

Scripture: John 10:1-21

“A Shepherd’s Story”

The idea of a shepherd giving his life for a sheep is absurd. But Jesus is trying to say to us that this is how absurdly wonderful God’s love for us is

April 29, 2018

Scripture: John 15:1-7

“The Insular Church”

Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in Jesus’ teaching that we forget to care for the rest of the world.

Join us Sunday, April 15th
for a special service...

A promotional graphic for a concert. It features a blue curved background on the left with a gold cross. The text "In Sacred Concert Heritage" is in blue. Below is a photo of four men in suits. A white box contains the event details: "Sunday, April 15 10:30 a.m. The Presbyterian Church of Marion Center" and website information.

**In Sacred Concert
Heritage**

*Sunday, April 15
10:30 a.m.
The Presbyterian
Church of Marion
Center*

marionpres.org
facebook.com/marionpres

New Member's Class

If you are thinking of uniting with The Presbyterian Church of Marion, or just want to know more about the church, its pastor, or any other questions you can dream of, then the New Member's Class that will start on Sunday, April 22, is for you.

The class, led by Pastor Chris, will be held at 9:30 a.m. over three Sundays - April 22 and 29 and May 6.

Even if you are just a little bit curious, come and check us out! See you there!

New Members
Class



WALK TO EMMAUS

Have you given this any thought? A "Walk to Emmaus" weekend may be the greatest gift you will ever receive.

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The experience is a three-day short course in Christianity comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.



There are Walk to Emmaus communities throughout the world, the closest to Marion Center is the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus which is based out of Pittsburgh.

It is not too early to consider attending the next scheduled Walk to Emmaus weekends; scheduled for May 10-13, 2018 for men and May 17-20, 2018 for women. We cannot recommend these weekends any higher; for many people they are a highlight of their walk with Jesus Christ. Interested?

If you are interested please speak with Bob or Jennie Henry, Gary and Donna Kanouff, or Pastor Chris or Susie Enoch. Or...all of us! It's an amazing weekend that you will cherish the rest of your lives.

Fundraisers for our Mission Team going to the Navajo Reservation in June...

Hoagie Sale... The Mission Trip crew will be having a hoagie sale to help fund their trip. They are selling fresh made 9" hoagies for \$5.00. You can pick up hoagies Thursday night, April 12th, Friday night, April 13th or Saturday morning, April 14th. You can pre-order by signing the sheet in the Narthex, emailing the church at pcmarionsecretary@comcast.net or by calling the church office at 724-397-8110. If you get the answering machine at the office, please leave a message we will call you back to confirm that we got your order. Please include when calling or emailing your name, phone number, how many hoagies you would like and which day you would like to receive your hoagies. The day of pick-up you will receive a call on a time to come to the church.



Specialty Pillow Slips... Susie Enoch has made these beautiful pillow slips that make wonderful gifts. Cost is \$20 and all proceeds go to the mission work in Arizona at the Navajo Reservation. Stop by the church and check out the wonderful selection she has on display. For a custom order call Susie at 724-471-8525.



Ham Dinner...

Our Ham Dinner will be held on April 28th from 4-7 p.m. Please join us for a tasty meal while helping to reach farther in our mission work. 50% of the proceeds are used in our local, regional and global mission projects. If you would like to donate items or help at the dinner, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Beth Turner at the church office at 724-397-8110.



Camperships... If you have a child that decides to attend a summer church camp, the church has camperships available through the Olson Memorial Camp Fund. Camperships are available to active members of the church who have attended worship and/or Sunday School at least four times in the current calendar year, beginning January 1. Stop by the office for an application.



National Day of Prayer...Thursday, May 3rd

To participate in the annual National Day of Prayer, our church will observe a community 24 hour prayer vigil, divided into 30minutes segments. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. You may pray in your own home and receive prayer guides with names of government officials. This year's theme is Unity. "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:3

To learn more about the National Day of Prayer go to www.NationalDayofPrayer.org .



Looking Ahead

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| April 1 | 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at "The Barn at Rayne Run"
(2475 Rayne Run Rd – just off Rt. 403)
light refreshments to follow |
| | 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service at the Church |
| April 15 | "Heritage" in concert during Worship |
| April 22 | New Members Class 9:30 a.m.
After Worship Prayer
Communicants Class 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. |
| April 28 | Ham Dinner 4-7 p.m. |
| April 29 | New Members Class 9:30 a.m.
Communicants Class 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. |



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

St. Andrews - Grace Gromley
Crystal Waters - Irene Fairman & Charles Wallace
Arc Manor - Erma Griffith

Missionaries

Musange Presbyterian Church (Rwanda)
Michael & Rachel Weller – Ethiopia

Active Military Service:

Greg Lydic	Eric T. Buterbaugh	Jason Ratay	Benjamin Eaton
Matthew Baker	Dan Kessler	Andrew Linsenmeier	Dan Wozniak
Rusty Juart Jr.	Howard Bronsen Jr.	Ryan Hennessay	Michael Pappal
Dylan Wells	Louis Good	Matt Moore	Brianna Fulmer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Alexis Mouser
- 7 Ken Ackerson
Sheri Repine
- 8 Kathy Reece
- 15 Katelin Olson
- 18 Joe Kanouff
- 19 Lynn Fry
- 20 Heather Shick
- 27 Shauna Frazee
- 28 Michael Gatskie IV



APRIL LAYLEADERS

- 1 Jim Sisitki
- 8 Lorrie Gallo
- 15 Barb Meese
- 22 Mike Anthony
- 29 Beth Turner

APRIL GREETERS

- 1 Mike Anthony Family
- 8 Nick Armstrong Family
- 15 Ken & Sharon Ackerson
- 22 Bev & Natalie Gatskie
- 29 Jon Kanouff

APRIL USHERS

Gary Kanouff, Ken Mottorn,
Chuck Glasser and Ken Ackerson

APRIL ACOLYTES

- 1 Claire Hood & Cheyenne Anthony
- 8 Katie Moore & Ryan Kanouff
- 15 Luke Slade & Shailynn Duffy
- 22 Morgan Chichy & Lennon Brown
- 29 Maggie Hood & Miranda Leasure

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Sandy McKee - 724-349-1565

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Mike Anthony - 724-617-2381

MAY GREETERS

- 6 Ken Mottorn & Judy Schurr
- 13 Jon Hood Family
- 20 Joe Kanouff Family
- 27 Joy Miller & Michelle Shicvk

MAY USHERS

Fred Turner, Clavin Farren,
Rick McKee and Merle Pruner

Milestone Anniversaries

- 20 Fred & Connie Edwards - 50th

