

Read the story of Easter – Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

The news reporter spotted a woman sitting on the roof of her house. He paddled over, tied his canoe to a corner downspout, stepped onto the roof and sat next to the woman. She paid him no mind as she was intently watching a very interesting phenomenon occurring to a man's hat floating on the water. The reporter was surprised to see the hat reach the far side of the house. There it made a complete U-turn and oddly drifted back upstream to the other end of the house. After several minutes of being somewhat mesmerized by this unusual, precise, and consistent occurrence, the puzzled reporter decided the hat must be caught on something. So, he asked the woman, "Do you have any idea what that hat is doing out there on the water, repeating again and again a similar loop?" "Yes," the woman replied, "I'm afraid I do. That hat is on my husband's head. He told me this morning before the storm, that come hell or high water, he was going to cut the lawn today." Now here was a man truly committed! Deeply committed – literally from the soles of his feet to the top of his head, submerged in water, no less.

God calls us each by name to be submerged in the waters of Baptism; submerged in the new life with which God blesses us through Easter's Promise, Potential, and Power. During the recent season of Lent, our Lord Jesus the Christ challenged us to carefully examine our lives just as his own life was challenged and examined in the wilderness for forty days. Christ calls for us to acknowledge and confess our sins, to admit our shortcomings, to repent, change and then begin to live in new ways; ways that will result in our lives producing good fruit.

Easter is the breaking forth of a new day; a day of new beginnings and new life. My prayer is that Easter this year will change your life from a life going around in repeating circles to a new life of wonderful visions and opportunities to live for and serve God. My prayer is that in your service to God and others, you shall live your life worthy of the calling God has given you. Hallelujah! Christ has Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Welcome to your New Life,

Larry

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L.I.G.H.T.

Learning In God's House Together

"I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in shadows but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Appreciation to all the leaders that have lead us through:

The Fearless Lenten Bible Study: Robin Jessen, Debbie Miller, Mary Kay Fratoe, Jen Hrehocik, and Diane Martin

Hermie, Splash - Bible study for children: Rebeeca Jessen & Ms. Mandi



Walk through Holy Week on Palm Sunday, March 28th

Thank you to Robin Jessen ,our L.I.G.H.T. classes and teachers for providing this very special tradition.

Easter Sunday, April 4th we will have a Mini coffee hour/
Easter Egg Hunt.

**** Please bring in your **donations of candy** by **April 1st**, so the youth group can fill the eggs. **Thank you for generosity. *******



It's open !!! Stop by our NEW SACRED SPACE ~ PRAYER ROOM

My prayer is to encourage everyone to visit our new sacred space room beside the Chapel, each season CE will change the prayer stations to reflect the season,

I believe that this type of praying will deepen your relationship with God.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION



April 11th class 11:30- 1:45 ~ STUDY AND LEARNING SESSION Do at home,
Pages 89-96 from book

History of the Church and West Park UCC, Leader Pastor Jim Furry

Lunch provided by Rebecca Jessen’s family

April 17th Zion UCC for Mission 10:30-1:00. We will help serve meal.

UPDATE: Sat, May 15th Confirmation Day Retreat, Bring \$10 for lunch
Theme: The Decision to be confirmed.

May 23 Pentecost CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Honey Baked Ham Sale

**Thanks to Mary Kay Fratoe for heading up the taste Sunday
and to Rebecca Jessen for the announcements !**

Thanks to all who ordered !



Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy Yummy!

Outdoor Ministry

Camp programming includes adult opportunities as well as children.

Registration still available! REMEMBER West Park UCC shares the cost for camp of 50 %
of the lowest camp fee, so that all who are interested can have this wonderful opportunity!

Retreats

*******All Church Retreat May 28-30, 2010*******

Jesus said “Follow Me!”

From April 1st it’s only 57 days until the All Church Retreat! Plan on joining your Church
family for this annual event... even if it’s only for Saturday!

Registration forms will be available on the Caring & Sharing Table

JR. HIGH (6TH-8TH) & SR. HIGH (9TH - 12TH)

ALL ARE INVITED !!!!! TELL YOUR FRIENDS ☺

SHELTERED REALITY



Music with Meaning - Drum Group

WHERE: WPUCC BARTTER HALL

WHEN: May 1st ~ Saturday

6: 00pm Doors open

Concert starts @ 6: 30

\$\$\$ COST \$\$\$

Mission supporting Mission

\$ FREE WILL OFFERING \$

ALSO AVAILABLE CD'S for Donations

YUMMY~Snack Bar Available



Gift Shop



Parents and Youth Group meeting for summer Sunday, April 11 @ 11!



Happy EASTER! ☺ Christ has risen!



Home is where the heart is – I’m home! My home is my church – I’m home! Ash Wednesday Service was a wonderful experience – a special service, a very special welcome to me from all my dear friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, your cards, and your visits! That’s why I’m home and on the road to recovery. Gratefully, Grace Green

I wish to extend a very big thank you to all. The get well wishes, the cards, and most of all the prayers. I couldn't have done it without all that help. I'm not all the way back but I'm getting there slow but sure.
Fern Vogt

Thanks so much for all the get well cards, prayers and visits after my hip replacement surgery. I’m feeling much better after my “rehab.” Ed Burgess

Thanks to all who came to Work Morning! Ed Gamary, Bob Arcuri, John Gibson, Jim Zmina, George White, Lois Cole, Dennis McCormack, Dolores Holliday, Mark Rust, Pat Rust, Ruth Finley, and Félix Miranda. We had a great time and got a lot of things accomplished!

THANK YOU TO BOB AND MARLENE ARCURI! They came in and moved furniture and cleaned and did a lot of work in rearranging the church office. Now, when you come in the door during the week, I can see you instead of the back wall while I’m on the computer. Stop in and see the “new” design!

OUR LECTIONARY FOR MARCH - Pink Envelope will be Bread Basket

April 1 – Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal and Communion

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 – Good Friday – Communion and Tenebrae

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1 – 19:42

April 4 – Easter Sunday – Festive Worship & Communion, Mini Coffee Hour and Children’s Egg Hunt

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter – Worship & L.I.G.H.T., Coffee Hour

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter – Worship & L.I.G.H.T., Board & Committee Meetings

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Worship & L.I.G.H.T, Spring Concert @2:00 p.m.

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

LOCAL MISSION WORK AVAILABLE!

If you have some free time and want to stay in town, medWish International can use your help. This is a wonderful organization started here in Cleveland in 1993. Their purpose is to recover and recycle usable medical supplies that healthcare providers must discard. These items would otherwise wind up in our landfills. Volunteers are needed to sort the medical supplies into appropriate bins, to prepare for shipment to developing countries. You can go the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 – 12:30 p.m., or Tuesdays and Fridays anytime from 9-4 p.m. Contact Amy Elliot, Volunteer Coordinator, at 216.692-1685, or see Pat Rust.

IN TOUCH WITH ZION.....

Pastor Joyce took a one month sabbatical during March after her many years of service at Zion UCC. She took the time to do some behind-the-scenes projects. In the meantime the caring and sharing of the church continued with others stepping in to provide for their neighbors in need.

Speaking of caring and sharing, WPUCC has provided a lot of warm clothing and socks because for sure there will be more cold days and nights yet to come. Many of our members who are concerned about the Zion cats have made generous donations of food so when you walk through Tremont there is a steady hum of purring, contented Tremont cats and kittens.

FRIENDSHIP GUILD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

It's Spring and everyone is energized including the "Sewing Angels" who are making puppets at a remarkable pace. Join them at **10:00** and be part of the production line. The Brown Bag Lunch will be at **noon**. Hostesses Midge Karnatz, Nancy Krueger and Margaret Roupe will serve dessert and beverages. The Card Shoppe will be open; Pete will be hungry for quarters and remember to bring pennies for our collection.

At **1:00** our speaker will be Lori Cook from AAA who will give "Tips for Senior Drivers". Even if you're not a senior **yet**, you will be some day and her suggestions will be good pointers for all ages. All drivers--both men and women--are invited. We'll learn some beneficial driving skills.

HELP!! MAYDAY!!! SOS!!!! The Strawberry Social will be held Wednesday, June 9 at 5:00 PM. Many hands make light work and so we're inviting the youth and adults to offer a helping hand. Jobs include preparing the Sloppy Joes in the afternoon, dishing out Sloppy Joes, ice cream and strawberries and helping clean up afterwards. We also need people to wait tables for the crowds of people who come hungry and are looking forward to our traditionally good food and service. The pay, of course, is nonexistent but it's actually a fun time for both workers and guests. Don't worry, though, workers will also have time to relax and eat their dinner. If you're interested call Dolores Holliday (216/671-2620) before the rush of volunteers begins so you can have your choice of jobs.

SAVE THESE DATES:

APRIL 25 – Spring Concert

MAY 1 – Sheltered Reality Youth Concert – Bartter Hall

MAY 23 – Pentecost and Confirmation

MAY 28-30 – All Church Retreat

Trash and Treasure Coming in September 2010

This is the year for our Trash and Treasure Sale. Continue to save items for the sale, as you do your spring cleaning. The sale will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16 and Friday, Sept. 17. As usual we will set up on Thursday, Sept. 9, and Friday, Sept. 10 and have a presale on Sunday, Sept. 12 after worship. We will need your help with donations, preparation, clerking and clean up.

Jewelry, antiques, collectibles, household goods, glassware, linens, hand and garden tools, furniture, CDs and DVDs, books, games, etc are usually good sellers. All items must be in GOOD USEABLE condition. We will not be selling undergarments, shoes, or ceiling light fixtures. Clothing must be in clean, excellent condition.

We are usually able to say that we have something for everyone.

If you have any questions call Lynne Rice at 440-333-3605 or Lynne_Rice@ameritech.net

Do you have books and magazines you don't want, but don't want to throw away? Bring them to church, to Florence Boughner, and she will take them to Zion UCC for their bookstore, *Scriptology*.

Progress Report From The Treasurer – Operating Budget

2010 Annual Operating Budget	\$265,493.00
Required Income Per Week	\$5,105.64
Avg. Rec'd. Per Wk YTD 3/14	\$4,831.65
Required to date: thru 3/14	\$56,162.04
Received to date: thru 3/14	\$53,148.18
Received from Contributions	\$40,201.17
Received from all other sources.	\$12,947.01

The first eleven weeks of 2010 resulted in income of \$3013.86 under the budget requirements. After an exceptional January income; February brought what appeared to be a more realistic average weekly income, which continued into March.

To maintain cash flow in January, due to the low beginning balance of \$932.07, it was necessary to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Endowment Fund. This amount is not included in the income shown on the report. . At the present, it appears another \$15,000.00 from the Endowment Fund will be required by the end of March.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2	Joseph Gibson Jennie Hrehocik Renee Thayer	16	Anthony Bostwick
3	Ruth Dangel Julia Roberts Elmer Rogers	19	Diane Eisenbarth Linda Ferro
8	Audrey Glaser Phyllis Schroth	22	Myrtle Ittu James Clouser
13	Lucas Kantura Morgen Martin	23	William Armstrong, Sr. Barbara Barthelman
		24	Ted Litchney
		27	Margaret Bruening
		28	Candace Berichon

(Don't forget to use your Birthday Envelopes!)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES of 40 Years or More

04-30-1950 Robert & Dolores Pratt

Please call the church office if you are ever omitted or if your birthday is incorrect.
Also, if you have reached your 40th Wedding Anniversary, please let us know! Thanks!

A Musical Birthday Celebration

Join your friends and guests as we join together in song to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the births of famous composers Robert Schumann and Frederic Chopin, at 2:00 pm Sunday, April 25. The concert, will take place in the sanctuary, and will feature soloists and ensembles made up of members of the West Park UCC congregation performing both vocal and instrumental selections. West Park members of all ages and abilities are invited to take part in this members' recital concert, which will be followed by birthday cake in Bartter Hall. Just contact James Clouser or Kathleen Moreland if you want to perform in the recital, and don't forget to invite all your family and friends to attend this music-filled celebration.