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Easter Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Sunrise Service
10:45 am Morning Worship
6 pm Evening Service---dismissed

Restroom remodel

Have you noticed changes in our church? Well, the restroom remodel that was voted on a few months ago is underway. The work is being done by Built-Rite Construction and began a few weeks ago.



Second Chance/Good Friday Service

Communion Service

April 2
7 pm



"We are expanding the restroom to make them ADA compliant (better access for wheelchairs and walkers). A mother's room, I call it a 'cry baby room,' where mothers can feed and change their babies, connected to the women's restroom is also being added," said **Durk Peters**. He went on to say that the hallway will be widened for better access.

15th Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, May 2

All makes, models & motorcycles \$10 per vehicle

Vehicle Registration 3-5 pm

Judging 5:30 pm

Awards 7 pm

Rain Date May 16

At this time, the hallway and "cry baby room" is a work in progress. The restrooms will be the next stage of the project; this will begin after Easter.

Restrooms located in the basement are open for use. Stay aware and watch as the project progresses.

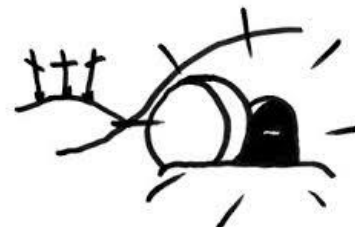
Circleville First Church Annual **Prayer Vigil** will begin at 9 pm following our Good Friday service on April 2 to 6 am on Easter morning. The sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center table.

Easter Vigil



All registered vehicles eligible to win prizes & grand prize from sponsors

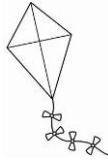
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Circleville Community Mission news

Pastoral team, **Randy and Cathy Haddox**

Spring is finally here, inside and in the basement. There are kites, kites, kites...OH MY! They're on the ceiling, they're on the walls, they're on the doors. They're everywhere!



The votes are in, Circleville Community Mission's official Girl Scout Cookie is the Thin Mints, thirty children eagerly volunteered as taste testers.

Due to COVID, Easter Celebration services for the children will be held three times end of March through first week of Easter. Celebration consists of lessons on Holy Week and He's Risen, crafts and Biblical meals, followed with egg hunts for each group (2,500 + eggs).



Upcoming events:

May: Baby dedications being offered to surrounding area.

Summer long Vacation Bible School (each month a different theme): Lava Lava Luau, It's a Grand Old Flag and Back to School.

Revival (time and dates to be announced)

Prayer Request: 8-month-old, baby Kenneth, eye surgery to open his eyes so he can see.

submitted by **Peggy Smith, Circleville First Church Representative**

Place your tithes and offerings in one of the boxes located on the back-sanctuary wall

Men's Prayer Meetings on Saturdays at 8 am



Men's Prayer Breakfast

April 17 at 8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall

April 4 – Evening Service --dismissed

Verse of the month

“And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3



submitted by **Mike Paul**

Watch the service live stream on youtube at circlevillefirstchurch on Sunday mornings at 10:45



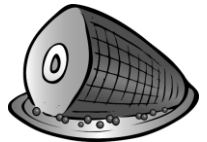
Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD. If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.

Comfy corner creations

A nice way to use leftover Easter ham.

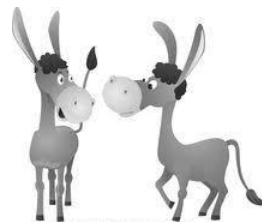
Ham and Pea Salad

16 oz. bag of frozen peas
8 oz. cheese (I use mild cheddar)--cut in bite sized pieces
2 c. chopped ham--cut in bite sized pieces
1 c. mayonnaise
1/2 c. onion
salt and pepper



Mix all ingredients together. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Stir well before serving.

submitted by **Sharon Harper**



Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem when one donkey said to the other, “Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing, shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on. Today, they don't even recognize me.”

The other donkey replied, “That's how it is my friend...Without JESUS you are nothing.”

submitted by **Ruth Keller** (facebook)



April fool's

April Fool's Day is not a national holiday but it is celebrated in the United States and other places in the world. It is a holiday during the spring season. It is celebrated on April 1. April Fool's Day is a day for practical jokes. Parents, teachers, kids, grandparents, friends and other play tricks, pranks or practical jokes on each other. April Fool's Day is a fun day but why do we celebrate it and where did it come from?



The exact origin of April Fool's Day is unknown however the most popular theory has to do with a change of a calendar. It is believed that April Fool's Day may have started in France when Pope Geirgery XIII changed the calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. In France, before 1582 the new year started on April 1. It was changed to January 1 in 1582. Some of the people there did not know about the change and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. Those people were considered "April Fools."

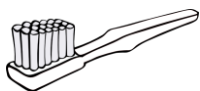
Other people believe that April Fools came from the Roman Festival of Hilaria, a celebration of the god Attis. The Festival of Hilaria was held on March 25 and was a Roman day of laughing and telling jokes.

Some people believe that April Fools came from Sizdah Be-dar. Sizadah Be-dar has roots in Zoroastrian (an ancient Iranian religion) belief that laughter and joy symbolize throwing away bad thoughts. Sizdah Be-dar began around 536 BC. Iranians play jokes on each other on Sizdah Be-dar the 13th day of the Persian New Year which is celebrated on April 1 or 2.

taken from kidsplayandcreate.com

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the month



Toothbrushes



Second Chance Ministry

April 2 & April 16
7 pm
Ferguson/Clark Hall

Jokes of the month

Where do bad rainbows go?
Prism



Why don't other animals want to play basketball with pigs?
Because they always hog the ball.



What did one hat say to the other?
You go on ahead. I'll stay here.

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



Serving our country: **Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Brandon Burroughs, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Elijah Garrison, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson.** Thank you for your sacrifice! Please pray for our military men and women and their families.

Delbert Holbrook has been moved to a facility in Grove City. Let's send him a note or card to let him know you are praying for him to the address below:

Brookdale Pinnacle
1305 Lamplighter Drive
Grove City, Ohio 43123



Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way she should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Baby dedication is a promise made by the parents to the Lord.

On February 28, **Brandon "Matthew" Hildreth, Jr**, son of **Brandon and Kortnie** was dedicated to the Lord. Matthew is the grandson of **Kim Buchanan** and great-grandson of **Betty Sater.** Congratulations!

Want to become a member of Circleville First Church?
New Members Class begins on April 25



The story behind the song “In Christ Alone”

As we get ready to celebrate Easter, I thought I would review a song that **Andrew and Megan Byerly** chose a few Sundays ago. This beautiful chorus, written by Stuart Townend, depicts the strong foundation of Jesus Christ.



Since its initial creation, several versions of “In Christ Alone” have been recorded by artists around the world and The Newsboys’ version is really fresh and exciting. Stuart recorded his version in front of a congregation of 8,000 at the Stoneleigh Bible Week in England. When he finished the third verse, about the resurrection of Christ, there was an extraordinary burst of praise from the congregation that at the time was overwhelming and listening back still sends a shiver down most people’s spines.

The uniqueness of Townend’s writing lies partly in its lyrical content. There is both a theological depth and poetic expression that some say is rare in today’s worship writing. And not surprisingly, it’s an emphasis that Townend maintained within the composition of this song in particular.

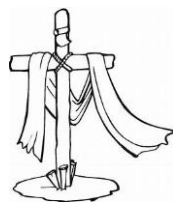
I think content is vitally important to our corporate worship, and sometimes great melodies are let down by indifferent or clichéd words. It’s the writer’s job to dig deep into the meaning of Scripture and express in poetic and memorable ways the truth he or she finds there. Knowing the truth about God and who we are in Him is central to our lives as believers. Songs remain in the mind in a way that sermons do not, so songwriters have an important role and a huge responsibility.



The lyrics of this song excites most people because it places our hope, our assurance, our eternal destiny in the right place—on the solid foundation of Christ. I know in my own life I need reminding continually not to live by my feelings or my circumstances, but by the unchanging truth of the gospel.

Lyrics:

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand



In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ



THERE IS
POWER
IN THE NAME OF
Jesus

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

submitted by **Mark Agin**



- 4 – 1 **April Fool’s Day**
- 4- 2 **Good Friday**
Second Chance 7 pm
- 4 – 4 **Easter Sunday—**
JESUS HAS RISEN!!
Evening Service—
dismissed

4 – 16 **Second Chance** 7 pm FC Hall

4 – 17 **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** 8 am FC Hall

4 – 25 **New Members Class** begins



JOY (just older youth)

To all of our fantastic JOY members, we are actually going to get together after over a year!!

I told some of you and it was in a church newsletter that we would meet in March, but due to some of my health issues and mostly due to everyone receiving vaccines, I decided that April would work better. I thought most of you would be vaccinated by April and feel more comfortable getting together. I hope we have a great turn out. It has been so long since we had a good time together. I think you might feel more comfortable with one person preparing the food instead of a carry-in. I am trying to make this as safe as possible; the last year has been very trying on all of us.



This dinner will be time for some **fellowship and food**; no special program. Just getting together will be great. We will be going to the **Pickaway Country Club on Saturday, April 17**. The meal will be served at

5:30 pm. You can come a little before that time just to visit. We have no work in setting up and the food will be prepared for us.

The menu includes: roast sirloin of beef, honey pecan chicken, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, garden salad, green beans, assorted rolls, assorted pies and selected beverages. The cost is \$18 per person—this includes everything—all items listed, gratuity and tax. This will be served buffet style (unless something changes, but by April, to serve buffet style is permitted).

A sign-up sheet is located on the back table. The **deadline** to sign up is **April 11** and the **money must to me on or before April 11**. I must pay for all reservations so if you sign up, you must pay by this date; no refunds after this date.

Anyone age 50 or over—We would love for you to join us for a great evening of Christian fellowship. If you have never joined our group--**TRY US, YOU MIGHT LIKE US!!**

Any questions, contact me. Looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Love,
Venita



Because He Lives



Aaron & Hur Prayer Closet

The Aaron & Hur Prayer Closet will be opening soon. Volunteers are needed. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center table.

It all began with a desk and two chairs in Pastor Steve Palmer's old office located in the front of the sanctuary. **Pastor Mike Holbrook**, now General Superintendent, realized the importance of prayer during a worship service.

The main purpose of the prayer closet is intercessory prayer for and during the Sunday morning church service. All aspects of the church are prayed for: the offering, worship team, the preaching, altar call, other events that occur, as well as the needs of the church, individuals' needs and whatever/whoever comes to mind, whether or not the church knows of these needs.

The name, Aaron and Hur prayer closet comes from Exodus 17:12 when the Israelites were fighting against the Amalekites.



As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning. His hands grew tired, Aaron stood on one side of Moses and Hur on the other side; they held his hands up until the battle was won.

CFC Kids

What's new with CFC Kids?

We have been blessed to be averaging 18 kids on Sunday mornings thru Covid. We are currently working on a room for our preschool age and special needs room. This room is connected to the main room and will be a place where the children can escape to when needed. Currently we are using teens to help in that area when we have children that need it.

If you are interested in volunteering in it or our main children's ministry area, please contact **Kiera Yaniga** at **614-371-6366**.



We are also in need of the following items:
Kid's rug, playdough, storage bins and large crayons.

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

It's jellybean season!

Spring has sprung and during this time we may see many colors...red, green, white, orange, purple, yellow...as well as enjoy the assortment of flavors these colors might represent. Yes, it is jellybean season!



So, what is your favorite jellybean? **Kay Agin** doesn't like jellybeans while **Mark Agin** likes the black ones. Grape is **Mark Taylor's** favorite jellybean. **Sarah Davidson** stated, "I really don't like

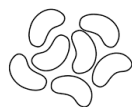
jellybeans." **Loretta Gibson** likes orange ones but **Karmen Eby** doesn't like jellybeans. **Peggy Smith** said, "I like red jellybeans." **Pastor Jim Daft** likes cherry jellybeans. "Licorice" stated **Anjanette Fox**. **Myles Tatman** doesn't eat jellybeans but **Jenny Davis** likes black ones.

Durk Peters likes red ones. **Kathy Blue** likes grape jellybeans; **McKenzie Darling** likes cherry and **Shawn Blue** likes anything but black ones. **Tim Tener** stated, "I really don't have a favorite, I kind of like them all." **Michaella Delacio** likes popcorn flavor jellybeans. Cotton candy is **Camden Snyder's** favorite jellybean and Camden gives **Maverick Delacio** a favorite jellybean of cotton candy.

What is your favorite jellybean? "Probably cherry," stated **Tracy Huffman**. **Evan Polley** stated he doesn't like jellybeans and **Angie Fowler** doesn't like jellybeans either. **Wayne Dixon** likes red ones while **Erin Dixon** likes strawberry and pink jellybeans. **Joni Lowry** likes orange ones adding, "jellybeans are my best friend!" **Cindy Johnson** and **Kelsey Leeth** like starburst jellybeans. Grape is **Chris Tener's** favorite jellybean. **Betty Sater** likes red jellybeans.

Allie Byerly likes red ones while **Megan Byerly** stated, "I like Nerd bumpy jellybeans, probably the purple." **Kim Peters** likes pink ones. **Bradley Neff** likes French vanilla jellybeans stating, "they taste so much like coffee." When asked her favorite jellybean, **Kyra Sass** stated, "Mine are the red ones, cherry and strawberry." **Pastor Jay Neff** likes red ones and **Tonya Neff** likes Nerd ones, adding "I love jellybeans." While "Jolly Rancher jellybeans are a favorite for **James Willoughby**. **Silas Wickline** likes root beer flavored jelly beans while **Samuel Wickline's** favorite is green. **Adam Senig** states his favorite jellybean is fruit punch.

Happy spring and enjoy jellybean season. What jellybean is your favorite?



submitted by **Sue Stonerock**

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



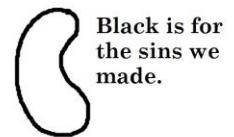
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Jelly Bean Prayer

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Red is for the blood He gave.



Black is for the sins we made.



Green is for the grass He made.



White is for the grace He gave.



Yellow is for the sun so bright.



Purple is for the hour of sorrow.



Orange is for the edge of night.



Pink is for our new tomorrow.

