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A Line from Lynn:

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! This Sunday we will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday! There will be much singing and music making, some dancing, and other surprises and we will joyfully participate in the Lord's Supper together.

As we begin these 50 days leading up to Pentecost, we will begin to consider what is next for Defiance Presbyterian Church. Part of what I have been asked to do is to help identify answers to the questions that will become our mission study. Those questions are: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? Where is God calling us to be? What kind of leadership will we need? (continued on pg 2)

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On April 3, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for lunch and then for an intentional café' conversation. This event is the first step in identifying who we are and where we might be headed. The World Café' Model is designed to allow us to begin conversations in small groups around a central question. We will change our groups periodically so we get to hear many voices and then we will gather for a large group conversation where our thoughts and ideas will be displayed visually on paper so we can see how different ideas might connect. Please plan to come to share your thoughts and ideas. It is important that as many people as possible participate. IF you cannot be there, do not worry – this is just the beginning of the process and there will other opportunities to participate in future discussions.

Now is also the time to be thinking about going to camp this summer! Kirkmont has wonderful programs and you can see what they offer here: Kirkmontcenter.com. If you have children or youth, or enjoy quilting – they have something for you! There is also a family camp so that entire families can go together and enjoy a week of camp. Church camp can be a transformational experience!

Blessings,
Lynn

Many of you have told us you need more time to examine summer camp offerings, ask questions, learn what friends are doing and registers. We hear you.

We are extending the Kirkmont Center Early-Bird discount through Friday, April 15th.

P.S. In the last 24 hours we have received $4150 in contributions and pledges to repair the pool by June 1st! That's six percent of our goal. Thank you!
Please call (937)593-2141 or visit us at www.kirkmontcenter.com

Looking Ahead:

Ushers: April 3 - Team 1

April 10 - Team 2

April 17 - Team 1

April 24 - Team 2

Greeters: April 3 - Mary Ann Schroeder

April 10 - Jean Ziegler

April 17 - Joyce Johnson

April 24 - Craig & Lora Richards

Power Point:

April 3 - Seth Erford

April 10 - Brandon Morgan

April 17 - Kara Retcher

April 24 - Seth Erford

Liturgist Schedule:

April - *Marsha Karr*

May - *Joel Youkers*

June - *Marsha Karr*

July - *Volunteers*

August - *Pam Reid*

Kitchen Chairpersons:

April - Sandy Dunlap

May *- Nancy Meyer*

Food Pantry items for April– cleaning supplies, detergents, soaps

Wednesday night dinners
$5.50 for adults, $3 for children,
$15 for families. We will be trying some different options also until we can secure a new caterer.

April
06 - Deacons
13 - PW Group 2
20 - Trustees
27 - Choir/Youth clean up

May
04 - Session & Deacons
11 - Mother/Father Day hosted by Deacons

Statistics for March

March 6 - 58 March 13 - 41 March 20 -55 March 27 - 81

Need a Ride??

The Session would like to know if you could use a ride! Don't want to drive in the dark after a Wednesday night meeting? Concerned about the weather? Your parents aren't available to get you to church or youth group? We'd like to hear from you! Call or text Beth Sigg at 419-980-8245, or email her at beth@nwres.net and let her know!

April 3 (in the Chapel)
April 17 (in the Sanctuary)
May 8 (Mother's Day)

Happy all the Time
This is the Day
Rainbow Children

Please remember to bring in your Chief receipts. This money has been quite helpful to the church in many ways over the years and is a painless way for us to bring in some extra dollars. Containers for the receipts are in various places around the church.

Special Prayers for Our Friends...

PRAYER CONCERNS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN FOR TWO WEEKS UNLESS YOU CALL AND REQUEST IT TO BE KEPT ON LONGER OR WE KNOW THAT IT IS AN ONGOING NEED . PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BETTY HILL	GLENN PARK
JACK SCHUBERT	GLENN PARK
LEORA MYERS	KINGSBURY HOUSE
PAT HOCKING	KINGSBURY HOUSE
MARC MCBRIDE	HEALTH CONCERNS
VICKI PUEHLER	HEALTH CONCERNS
MARY REEVES	HEALTH CONCERNS
BETTY SEIBEL	HEALTH CONCERNS
VERN KINDINGER	HEALTH CONCERNS
JACK & SHARON LEE	HEALTH CONCERNS
NATE MUELLER	SERVING OVERSEAS
PETER BARBER	SERVING OVERSEAS

Committee Minutes

Session

Clerk's report

On Motion: to accept the minutes of Session (2/18 /16), trustees (2/15/16), worship (3/10/16).
So approved.

- Pastor Lynn Bova led us in the sacrament of communion on February 21 and March 6.

- Gale King, 84, of Defiance, OH, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in Defiance.
  Pastor Lynn Bova presided at his Service of Witness to the Resurrection on Monday, March 7 at Schaffer Funeral Home and a reception was held in the Westminster Room afterwards.

- Regarding the summer youth group trip to Massanetta Springs, VA. The drivers of the 15 passenger rental van from Stykemain will be covered by the church liability policy and Cincinnati Insurance through Andy Weisgerber at First Insurance (contact Chuck Fitzenrider) will bind coverage to include damage to the rental vehicle for one week for $75. Let the record show that Richard and Pamela Reid, volunteer youth group directors, will be driving the vehicle.

- There has been a request by Karen Moser to participate as a liturgist. It was noted that one does not have to be a Session member to serve as liturgist.

- Dinner dates are March 30 and May 4. On March 30 we'll be heating the Pettisville enchiladas. The deacons will help with side dishes. Please bring a dessert to share. On May 4 Gary Agiropoulos will be cooking, so we'll just need to bring desserts.

- The clerk attended the minute review on April 2 in Ottawa.

- The clerk thanks Jennifer Bates and Beth Sigg who have assisted with clerk duties recently.

- **April 3rd Café--**The roster is divided up into 6 sections, so that each Ruling Elder can call and invite our people. The number attending and the need for child care should be noted, and we are encouraged to be sure the youth know they are invited and needed. Please share the results of your calls with Jennifer as soon as possible.

- We settled on the question that will guide us in what we will call a Congregational Conversation in the Spirit Café. What are our strengths and how could we use them to build our future? Plans were made for food (Tim Horton's sandwiches, donations of the rest of meal by Session members) and décor and space needs (set up on Thursday, March 31 at 5 p.m.). Pastor Lynn will show the TED Talk, *Start with Why* by Simon Sinek, during dinner and will then facilitate the discussion and interpretation with the congregation. We will continue to look for someone to 'doodle' the event record.

Trustees - Beth Sigg, liaison

- The spring cleanup took place on March 19th. Many thanks to all who helped with this effort to beautify the property.
- A baby changing table has been installed in the restroom downstairs.
- The worship committee has asked that the cabinet holding the memorial book that sits by the opening of the sanctuary be moved to the history room.

- The air conditioner in the child care room will be covered with a wooden box and wallpaper will be repaired.
- Marty Retcher will do a financial review of the church books.
- The trustees are planning to carpet and add fresh paint to the conference room and office. One of the groups meeting in the conference room will now meet in the uncarpeted café.

Personnel – Joel Youkers, liaison

- On March 8 two candidates for the WeKirk position were interviewed. Two other names were suggested and Joel sent a job description to these people. Although we are looking for a director and an assistant, the possibility of hiring two people to share the director responsibilities was discussed.

Deacons – Jennifer Bates, liaison

- Mother's Day and Father's Day will be celebrated together at one meal. The Wednesday night meals for the rest of the school year are planned. The possibility of doing homebound packages to encourage visitation was discussed.

Task group Creative Concepts—Beth Sigg, Jeff Barber, liaisons, plus all interested Session members

- Did not meet this month.

Task group Technology—Jeff Barber, chair

- The monitor which will allow the choir to view the service slides has been selected and has been installed.

Christian Education - Pam Reid, liaison

- CE will meet next month.
- We have no members who have reached the 50 year mark this year.
- Pastor Lynn reported that the confirmation class is going well. A confirmation and commissioning celebration will take place on May 15th.
- The committee would like to thank all the volunteers who have taken on leadership roles with WeKirk.
- All are encouraged to send links to articles we are reading to share with the congregation via the Blast.

Worship/Music - Marsha Karr, Jeff Barber, liaisons

- The worship committee has asked for recommendations regarding the use of memorial monies. All committees are asked to provide input.
- Pastor Lynn will set up prayer stations in the sanctuary during Holy Week. The draped cross has also enhanced the worship area. An ad about Easter services will be placed in the Crescent News.
- There was a request to sing new songs for several weeks close together so that the congregation can learn them.
- There will be continued focus on explaining the pouring of the baptismal waters during the time of confession as a symbolic reference to our own baptisms and our incorporation into

On Motion: to purchase Song Select for $149 with money to come from the music fund. **So approved**. This would augment our other music service (CCLI), which allows us to legally use and copy music registered by them. Pastor Lynn has purchased one song from another source for use during Lent.

- Joel and Sandy Youkers have indicated that they will be retiring as Rainbow Choir leaders. The church recognizes the excellent religious and musical leadership that they have provided to our children.

Ministries of the Larger Church

- Four spiritual formation opportunities are planned through Presbytery in the coming months.

  On July 7 in Tecumseh, a program called Into the Woods

  Spirituality of Wine in Port Clinton date & time TBA

  In November there will be three pre advent workshops in three different regions of MVP.

  All are welcome to participate in these activities. Mobile health fairs are also being planned.

- Cliff Christopher, author of *Not your Parents' Offering Plate*, along with someone from the Presbyterian Foundation, will also present an educational event about financial stewardship on May 24, 2016.

On Motion: We will contribute $200 toward this event as requested. The money will come from the Chief receipts. We will also pay for members and the pastor to attend (max. $75). **So approved.**

The next Presbytery meeting is May 17, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Adrian, MI.

Communications

- A letter from Esther Wakeman was distributed. We can invite her to speak when she is in the area, possibly from June 27 to 30. She is asking for support of $100 to $150 to contribute to her travel costs. Her schedule was reviewed, and a decision was delayed as to inviting her / supporting her travel costs. We will keep her ministry in our prayers.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Lynn shared a report of her activity during the previous month. She requested May 22 off as a continuing education Sunday instead of taking May 8 or 15.

Other business

- Pastor Lynn provided cards for Session members to sign, to be sent to other churches in Maumee Valley Presbytery, letting them know we are lifting them up in prayer.

The next Session meeting will be held April 21 at 7 pm. Marsha Karr will serve as liturgist in April and will lead devotions at the April meeting.

Presbyterian Women + F

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Monday	
April 11	PW - Kaitlyn's Cottage (note time change)
12:10 pm	Meet at church
	Hosts: Officers
	Devotions: Sandy Youkers
	Speaker: Kelly Tong & Toni Landzer
	Program: Trip to Kaitlyn's Cottage
	Coordinator: Mary Ann Schroeder
	Business Meeting
Monday	PW Luncheon Out
May 9	TBA
11:30 pm	Coordinators: Sue King and Betty Hill
Eat at 12:00	

You are invited to join us on Wednesday's at 12:00 pm to discuss
"The Great Banquet". We meet for approximately one hour in the
conference room.

Thank You!

We hope you
enjoyed the colorful newsletter. Thank you to **Marilyn Smith** for sponsoring this month's newsletter! We are asking for people to sponsor printing the newsletter in color. The cost of printing in color is $15 per month. If you are interested in sponsoring a month please call Ann in the office or sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board.
There are still a few spots available for 2016.

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