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## Mothers Day is May 13th

### A Mother's Love

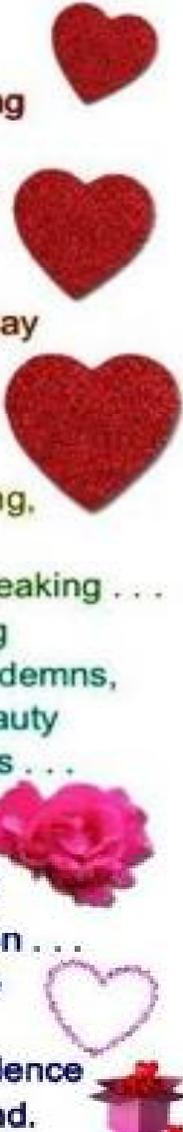
A Mother's love is something  
that no on can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .

It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .

A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.



Please join us in celebrating National Tartan Day!

We'll be gathering and blethering at Meagher's Irish Pub in Bridgeport on Friday, April 6, from 6:30 to.

National Tartan Day is a US observance on April 6 each year. It commemorates the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, from which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on. Almost half of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent. Since 1998, National Tartan Day has been designated as a day for all Americans, particularly those of Scottish descent, to celebrate our diverse, colorful heritage.

## Scottish Heritage Sunday will be May 6th

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### Sunday Worship

Church  
School  
9:30 a.m.

Worship  
10:45 a.m.



# Worship Schedule for March

- APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>:** **Easter Sunday- The Resurrection of The Lord**  
c ANTATA
- APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Second Sunday of Easter- Holy Humor Sunday**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 126:1-6 \*John 20:11-18  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðThe Gift of Laughterö  
**THEME:** We approach the solemn days of Lent and Holy Week with a seriousness that leaves little room for laughter. But on Easter morning all that changes and we shout with joy, ðHe is Risen!ö In The early Church the days immediately following Easter Sunday were a time for the telling of jokes and light hearted stories. They were a time to reflect on the cosmic joke that God played on Satan. Just when Satan thought he had won, God raised Jesus from the dead! In time, the Sunday following Easter became known as Holy Humor Sunday. It was a time to laugh and rejoice in the Lord. This practice went was dropped during the 1700 but lately it has made a come back. After all nothing lifts our troubles and puts things into perspective like laughter. As Proverbs 17:22 has it, ð a Cheerful heart is a good medicine.ö
- APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Acts 3:12 -19 \*Luke 24: 36b-48  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðIs It Too Good to be True?ö  
**THEME:**The wisdom of our world says that if something is too good to be true, then it probably isn't true. ðRepost this message on Facebook and Bill Gates will give you a new computer.ö Sorry, Bill Gates is not going to give you a new computer. ðMail us your tac information and we'll file it for you, then give you an instant tac refund, and at no cost to you.ö That isn't going to happen either. It's a scam. So when we read the Easter Story and learn that God loves eac of us enough to die for us, that too sounds too good to be true. However, God really does love each of us that much. Isn't that incredible!
- APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>:** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Acts 4:5-12 \*John 20:19-23  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðHiding Behind Closed Doorsö  
**THEME:** Before the disciples could know the overflowing joy of the Resurrected Lord, they had to move past their fears. They were hiding behind closed doors because of fear generating rumors. They were hiding behind closed doors because they had temporarily misplaced their faith. They were hiding behind closed doors because they felt abandoned. The good news is that Christ can penetrate the closed doors of our loves.
- APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>:** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Acts 8:26-40 \*John 15:1-8  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðBearing Better Fruitö  
**THEME:** As Christians we are called to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. That means we must abide in the vine for nourishment. It also means that we allow God to prune back areas in our lives so that we may bear better fruit.

\*Indicates main text for the sermon.

## Activities & Meetings for

- PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN ö Monday, at 12:00  
DEACON MEETING ö Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ö Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00  
SESSION MEETING ö Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ö Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
WORSHIP & MUSIC ö Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
PRAYER GROUP ö Monday Mornings at 10:00  
BIBLE STUDY ö Wednesdays at 6:30

## Office Hours

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Isabella Keller



## Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - FEB	2017	2018
INCOME	\$34,138	\$47,931
EXPENSES	\$27,511	\$29,676
NET INCOME	\$6,627	\$18,255

# Pastor John's Jottings . . .

## The Ups and Downs of Mother's Day



If your mother is still alive and, while not perfect, she has nurtured you, cared for you, and let you know that you are loved. Then you are blessed indeed. Sometimes it is hard for children to appreciate their mother, since she has to provide discipline to help them grow. Someday, you will appreciate that more. For now, do your best to let her know that you appreciate her and love her too!

If you now have children of your own, then you are blessed with new insight about how hard it is to be a good mother and what your own mother sacrificed for you. As has been said, "The choice to be a mother is the choice to have your heart walking around outside of your body for the rest of your life."

If you have always wanted to have children and have been unable to, Mother's Day can be a difficult time. Those of us who are otherwise blessed, need to be sensitive to your pain. Some of you have decided to adopt children. That is a step of amazing faith and courage. What a gift you have given to your children when you said, "I choose you to be part of my family!" Others have decided to adopt children in a figurative sense. You have taken to heart the baptismal vows that the congregation takes with children - to be their family - their spiritual parents. In truth it does take a village, or a church, to raise a child. No child can ever receive too much love!

If your mother is no longer living, Mother's Day can be a bitter - sweet time. My own mother died when I was just 25 years old. The older I get, the more I appreciate her and the more I miss her! I wish that she could have been with me longer. But I give thanks to God for each day that I did have with her.

If you did not have a good relationship with your mother, or your daughter - if that relationship is broken, Mother's day can be difficult. It can seem like everyone in the whole world is celebrating except you. Let me assure you that you are not alone. Not only are there others in the same situation, but you also have in God, the perfect Father and Mother. Also, God is in the business of healing and mending broken relationships. God never gives up. Furthermore, as your church family, we are all here to share each other's sorrows and joys. That is a blessing that never grows old!

Whatever your situation is this Mother's Day, I pray that God will make you more aware of your blessings, and that God will mend your brokenness, transform all your pains, and give you a glorious future!

Hope and Confidence,

*Pastor John*

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### **Wednesday Night Bible Class**

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the book of Mark.



McClelland-Parlor Class invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the synoptic gospels.

### *Monday Morning Prayer Group*

We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

*Presbyterian Women*

# First Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 5:30 p.m.

At present we have two work camps scheduled: Parkview Presbyterian Church from Reynoldsburg, OH - May 20 through 24<sup>th</sup> and Center Presbyterian Church from Loysville, PA - July 7 through 14<sup>th</sup>.

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the day we honor high school graduates.
- Approved celebrating Holy Humor Sunday on the First Sunday after Easter
- Evangelism/Fellowship approved making business cards with church info on them that can be given to others as a way of inviting them to church.
- It is time for a 90 day evaluation of our new secretary. Personnel committee will set that up.
- The property committee is busy with several improvement and upkeep projects.
- The Presbytery is holding a listening session on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Grafton starting at 4 pm. The purpose of the listening sessions is for the Presbytery to hear how and what kind of help the presbytery can provide to churches.
- Received with regret, understanding and thanks for all he has done, Bob Hardman's letter of resignation from the session for health reasons.
- Heard report on the February Presbytery meeting from Connie Leuilette.
- Approved use of building for Amy Strange and helpers to do a spaghetti dinner to benefit the RCB theater kids.

### Pastor's Report:

**Hospital Visits:** 11      **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 14

**Home communion** was served in February to 8 people with the help of elder Connie Leuilette.

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2018

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
February	9	9	\$ 765.60	\$ 765.60
March	9	9	\$ 620.22	\$ 620.22
<b>TOTALS</b>	18	18	\$ 1,386.63	\$ 1,386.63



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- April - 1 Pastor John
- April - 8 Terra Burnett
- April - 15 Beckie Alvaro
- April - 22
- April - 29 Janet Wilson

### WORSHIP LEADERS

- April - 1 Cantata
- April - 8 Terra Burnett
- April - 15 Beth Allen
- April - 22 Jeff Mitchell
- April - 29 Janet Wilson

### DEACON GREETERS

- April - 1 Andrea Myerberg
- April - 8 Ginger Delawder
- April - 15 Dottie Rhinehart
- April - 22 Harriett Northey
- April - 29 Janet Wilson

### ACOLYTES

- April - 1 Bradley Burnett, Ashleigh Burnett, Hannah Burnett
- April - 8 Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus
- April - 15 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- April - 22 Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini
- April - 29



### Reredos Flowers

#### *Dates available:*

*April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>*



- 2 - Adam King
- 3 - Janet Wilson
- 5 - Sara Graham
- 5 - Maria Alvaro Morrison
- 5 - Anne Sedera
- 5 - Helen Layfield
- 5 - Bonnie Coleman
- 5 - Anna Corsini
- 6 - Jenna Bennett
- 9 - Trey Simmerman
- 9 - Marcia Graves
- 10 - Kenneth Oldaker
- 11 - Phil Northey
- 14 - Paula Bomhoff
- 15 - Betty Kennedy
- 16 - Ron Weist
- 19 - Lynna Palmer Moen
- 20 - Mary Virginia Paletta
- 22 - Maria Moore
- 22 - Robert M. Sabatino
- 24 - Dr. J. D. Bailey
- 25 - Zachary Keller
- 25 - Amy Strange
- 27 - Mary Beth Paletta
- 28 - Danielle Rinehart



### In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis
- Marj Faris
- Joyce King
- Carrie Waters
- Sara Graham



*IN OUR THOUGHTS  
& PRAYERS...*

- ADKINS, Charles
- FOWLER, Angie
- GAINER, Hugh
- HEGER, Suzi
- HOLT, Jack
- HOOD, Robbie
- KING, Buddy & Joyce
- KESLING, Lee
- KUHENS, Eric
- LYNCH, Jeanne
- MCCAMMON, Kyle
- MORGAN, Misty & Todd
- MUMMERT, George
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, EVERETT
- SMITH, Donna
- STROMBERG, Rosemary