

# E-Messenger

## First Church of Christ

We are living in strange days that can easily trouble our minds and heart. The peace that can be so elusive in the world can reside in the heart of the Christ follower. Enjoy this study on the Power of Peace.

An old copy of The Wonderful Word edited by Leon Tucker, contains a tremendous sermon by W.H. Griffith-Thomas entitled "The Power of Peace." He gave an exposition of 2 Thessalonians 3:16, "Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means." His outline should prove helpful to Christian workers.

### I. The Nature of Peace

Time is a difficult thing for us. We are always busy, running late, and concerned about not having enough time to complete whatever task is ahead of us. It is a great cause of stress and even heartache when we do not manage it correctly. God views time differently. 2 Peter 3:8 says *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.* God is not constrained by time. He is not stressed by meeting

1. Peace of a quiet conscience (Rom. 8:33-35)

2. Peace of a restful mind (Phil. 4:7)

3. Peace of a surrendered will

4. Peace of a hopeful heart (Isaiah 50:7)

5. Peace of loving fellowship

### II. The Source of Peace

1. Peace with God (Rom. 5:1)

2. The God of peace (Rom. 15:33)

3. The peace of God (Phil. 4:7)

4. The Lord of peace (2 Thess. 3:16)

### III. The Channel of

### Peace

"The Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means" (2 Thess. 3:16)

### IV. The Duration of Peace

"...give you peace always."

### V. The Secret of Peace

"The Lord of peace Himself give you peace..."

*Destined to Win,  
Larry Snavelly*

## Time to Go

schedules or by not arriving on time. His timing is always perfect, and He is not concerned by the passage of time.

Human beings, on the other hand, are very different. For us, time is a constant. It continues going by; we continue to age; life continues to edge towards its culmination. We and time are both God's creations. An anonymous quote tells us that *Time is given us to use in view of eternity.* God did

not give us the creation of time to cause us stress or to make us worry about not meeting time constraints. We are not finite beings. God created us to have a full view of eternity but to have it through Jesus.

Having a view of eternity through Jesus simply means that we open our hearts and minds to Him. We allow His wisdom to flow through us so that we can make a significant difference

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in the lives of those we come in contact with, so they too can have a view of eternity through Jesus. Psalms 90:12 says *Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* As time continues, we are to use it to gain the wisdom of God. Our time on this side of Heaven is described by James as a "vapor." As our lives (which are now consumed by time

## Serving in March

### Greeters:

- 6—Charlene Dean (A)
  - 13—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
  - 20—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)
  - 27—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
- Communion Ministry:
- 6—Jason Gregg
  - 13—Brock Rohrer
  - 20—Adam Perry

27—Bob & Mary Lloyd  
Prayer Warriors:

- Angie Murphy & Teresa Gambler
- Welcome Center:
  - 6—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
  - 13—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
  - 20—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

### Nursery:

- 6—Heather Day/Sabrina Ramey
- 13—Mary Lloyd/Grace Rohrer
- 20—Kayla Tonneas/Megan Grimm
- 27—Teresa Gambler/Caity Karnes

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Courtney Herendeen
- 2 Patty Crider, Tabitha Strouse
- 3 Amy Dominique, Erica McNamara, Sherry Trubey
- 4 Hugh Perry
- 5 Gerry Wiyrick
- 8 Adam Riehle
- 10 Colton Sheline, Chase Wiese
- 11 Floyd Puffenberger
- 12 Ana Allison
- 13 Mikel Burlaw, Janet McCarthy, Phyllis Waldron
- 14 Beth Clingaman, Zach McCarthy
- 16 Wanda Hilton, Carol Mason

- 17 Ramon Alpaugh, Parker VonDeylen
- 18 Teresa Gambler, Bill McCarthy
- 19 Justin Armstead, Brittany Calvin, Dane & Devin Poncsak, Jeannie VonDeylen
- 21 Zach Strouse
- 22 Preston Hull
- 23 Gary Brown
- 24 Kati Day
- 26 Dillon Smethurst, Ruth Thomas
- 27 Austin Bard
- 28 Dylan Dominique, Wanda Hug

- 29 Sue Smethurst
- 30 Beulah Hopkins
- 10 John & Mary Garver (53)
- 11 Dick & Joan Bauer (10)
- 19 Corey & Cherie Whitman (15)
- 29 Chuck & Tonya Barnes (31), Toby & Jane Runyan (8)



## Pancake & Sausage Supper

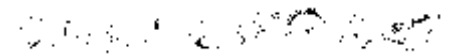
The 8th annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, hosted by the Mission Team and the Pancake & Sausage Committee will be held Thursday, March 3, 5:00-7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The

free will offering will go toward the July 16-23 Mission Trip to American Indian



Christian Mission in Show Low, AZ. Frozen 1 pound **yummy Jacoby's sausage** patties and casing will be

available for purchase for \$4 each.



### New Address

Georgianna Weaver  
Tendercare Health Center  
300 W. City Park Drive  
Munising, MI 49862  
906-387-2273



# march

**Sun**

**Mon**





**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00 Craft Group	5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers 5:00 Pancake & Sausage Supper 		
6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7	8	9 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	10 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers	11	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons
13  8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 5:15 Walleye Hockey	14	15 12:45 Visitation Ministry	16 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	17 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers 10:30 Lesson & Lunch w/Wendy Farrell	18	19
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27 8:00 Worship 9:15 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Worship	28	29	30 No Wednesday Night Activities	31 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers		





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Love All, Worship One,  
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

## Facts & Figures

### February 7

Attendance SS 41      Worship 47 /133  
Offering      \$4,939.00

### February 14

Attendance SS 36      Worship 43/117  
Offering      \$4,477.00

### February 21

Attendance SS NC      Worship 39/143  
Offering      \$4,510.00

### February 28

Attendance SS 27      Worship 44/120  
Offering      \$3,054.00

Needed for Budget      \$5,828.86

## Love All

*Our Service Personnel:* Kevin Bergman (GA), Igor Blinzler (MO), Jared Headley (CO), Lindsey Kaiser, Nathan McCoy (Japan), Stewart Martin (NC), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

*Cancer:* Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Arlene Boyer, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Elizabeth Burkhart, Jennie Case, Chuck, Martin Collins, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Diane Distan, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Gene Johns, Molly Johnston, Kent, Judy Koerner, Chuck Lees, Marshall, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Jim Pringle, Elaine

Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Gail Siebenaler, Lyle Snavely, Dinah Stiltner, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Stacy Weber, Al West, Gloria Wright.

*Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Bill McCarthy, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Jo Harman, Troy Hug, Trevor Bailey, Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Bob Wagner, Paul Newcomb, Denise Easterday, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Annie Engel, Alexander Tressler, Bryce Gambler, Cindy Wolf, Brent & Natasha, Zach Swisher. *Shut Ins:* Foun-

*tain Park:* Maribel Duckworth, *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Marcena Bly, Linda Lewis, *Fairlawn Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, *Tendercare Health Center (MI):* Georgianna Weaver.

## Family News

The church family expresses her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Shawn & Stephanie Ramey and family on the passing of **Stephanie's grandmother**, Genevieve Kolb.
  - ♥ Ron & Linda Lewis and family on the passing of **Ron's** mother, Geraldine Lewis.
  - ♥ Dave & Melissa Beerbower on the passing of **Dave's dad**, Loring Beerbower.
  - ♥ Gary & Teresa Brown and family on the passing of **Teresa's dad**, Clarence Wuebben.
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before we step into eternity with Christ) continue, we are to grow closer to God each day as we bring His salvation through Christ to all those in which we come in contact. This offers us two advantages. One is a life well-lived with no regrets, and two is the profound joy of hearing "well done My good and faithful servant" at the beginning of eternity.

Continually Overcoming,  
Tim Calvin

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## Operation Christmas Child Update

Hi, We recently had a team meeting for local year round volunteers and the official 2015 shoe box collection numbers were revealed.

New Hope's Relay Center collected 1,632 boxes, Northwest Ohio collected 27,573 boxes, The Great Lakes Region (OH, MI, IN,

WV) collected 904,666, The United States Collected 8,765,637 boxes, Other countries collected 2,447,373 boxes for a GRAND TOTAL of 11,213,010 shoe boxes! And every box is a Gospel Opportunity for a child. Another awesome statistic -- in 2015 every 27 seconds a child accepted Christ through participating in the follow up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.





