

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Hope you had a great Easter season. Wednesday nights at 8:00 we are using as a time of prayer. You may choose to pray by yourself, with your family, or a group that you happen to be with. We do not want to give you a list of things to pray about, just pray your praises and concerns and be open to Gods leading. **WAR ROOM—RISE UP.**

As you see God working, please share on the church's Facebook page so the body of Christ can pray and rejoice with you.

Ephesians 6:10-17: Finally, be strong in

the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand **against the devil's** schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil

comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil

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one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly

Do I Get Three Wishes?

The idea of getting three wishes is well known to us all. We have seen it in movies or read it in stories. A young, forlorn traveler who is downtrodden, but yet destined to become the hero of the story, falls into a long forgotten cavern. There an old, poorly manufactured lamp is found. Due to its shabby condition the young soon-to-be hero gives the lamp a rub to polish it and out pops the genie of the lamp. Our hero is told he has three wishes

that will transform his life.

A life transforming choice that we as Christians make is to invite Jesus to become our Lord and Savior. However, sometimes we treat Jesus as the genie in the lamp. We see Biblical verses such as John 14:14: *You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.* We think, there it is! There's our Biblical justification for our prayers. We do know

that there are some criteria that must be met. Our prayers must be according to His will, we must ask in faith, we cannot have any unrepentant sin against another, and our prayers should not be selfishly planned. But sometimes when we pray, the answer from God is still "no." How does that work?

I believe James 1:5 gives us a hint. *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously*

to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. We chose to ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. That means He is commander of our lives. Our prayers should start with asking for God's wisdom by asking Him to put His thoughts in our mind, and His will into our hearts. We are not asking Him to just direct our path, but to

Serving in April

Greeters:

3—John & Nora Altman (A)
10—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
17—(A)
24—Bettie Finken (A)
Communion Ministry:
3—Dean & Sue Smethurst
10—Larry Snavelly
17—
24—Jim & Pat McPeak

Prayer Warriors:

Amber Rogers & Pam Hartman
Welcome Center:

3—John/Nora Altman (9); Ron
& Shellee Brown (9:45)
10—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
17—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)

Nursery:

3—Jane Runyan/Riley Sabins

10—Anna Trubey/Sabrina Ramey
17—Courtney Herendeeen/
Grace Rohrer
24—Heather Day/Megan Grimm

Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Dan Nixon
4 Luci Mangel,
Nolan Slesman
5 Emillee Snavelly
6 Shane Nartker
9 Julia Hull
10 Dale Puff
12 Julie Garmenn
14 Bob Lloyd
17 Anna Dunlap, Brock Rhodes
19 Curt Bennett, Todd Karnes
21 Josh Suffel
23 Aaron Nartker
24 Lesley Shirkey
26 Barbara Alpaugh, Noah Rohrer,
Dan Yahraus
27 Titus Rohrer
29 Shirley Kinnan

30 Joe Jerger

13 Ron & Linda Lewis (48)
15 Shawn & Marsha Gambler (4)
19 Rich & Sherry Trubey (30)
21 Doc & Annie Engel (9)
24 Josh & Emily Tonneas (7)



"I wish you sunshine
on your path and
storms to season
your journey.... I
wish you faith—to
help define your liv-
ing and your life.
More I cannot wish
you except perhaps
love to make all the
rest worthwhile."

—Robert Ward

Family News

The church family extends her sympathy to the follow- ing families:

- ♥ to the family of Marcena Bly.
- ♥ To Darrin & Linda Yoder & family on the death of Linda's daughter, Stacy Weber.

Welcome! We welcome Derrick

& Lisa Beck to the FCC family.

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infuse His Spirit into ours and
make our mind His very own.
This allows us to see others
through His eyes and for our
prayers to purely focus on how
He can use our lives to reach
others with His Word.




It's not about three wishes
from a genie in a lamp. It's
about transforming our lives by
asking for His wisdom and

praying for His thoughts to be
ours. Over time we will begin to
see how our prayers turn to His
will and others are meeting Je-
sus.

Continually overcoming,
Tim Calvin





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 Board Meeting	4	5 10:00 Craft Group	6 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	7 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers	8 4:30 High School Guys Night	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons
10 8:00 Worship 9:00 Evangelism Mtg. 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Evangelism Mtg.	11	12	13 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	14  9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers	15	16
17 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	18	19 12:45 Visitation Ministry	20 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	21 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers	22	23
24 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	25	26 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Das Essen Haus, Pettisville	27 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	28 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Senior Seekers	29	30 



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Facts & Figures

March 6	
Attendance SS 32	Worship 57 /114
Offering	\$5,021.00
March 13	
Attendance SS 36	Worship 40/107
Offering	\$4,180.00
March 20	
Attendance SS 32	Worship 48/134
Offering	\$7,862.00
March 27	
Attendance SS None	Worship 52/182
Offering	\$4,369.89

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

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Our Service Personnel: Kevin Bergman (GA), Igor Blinzler (MO), Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Jessie Stillman (OH), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Arlene Boyer, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, 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 Snavelly, Dinah Stiltner,

Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, 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, Scott Arnold. *Shut Ins:* *Fountain Park:* Maribel Duckworth, *Hillside:* Floyd Puffenbarger, *Home:* Linda Lew-

is, *Fairlawn Haven:* Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, *Tendercare Health Center (MI):* Georgianna Weaver.
