

# The Church Bell

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## Message from the Pastor:



Winter sinks her icy teeth into spring, hanging on as if to defy the warming sun. Winter seems to say to us, “not yet, you shall not see new growth from trees and flowers in forests and fields.” “Not yet will I allow you to enjoy warmth and hope of better days yet to come.” But we know that the power of the vernal sun is greater than winter’s hold on the landscape and

that day by day Old Sole grows in strength-giving energy, warmth, and power to our northern cline, breaking the stone cold grasp of winter, ushering in a new season of beauty and fruitfulness.

Similarly, sin wants to bind us to guilt and fear, to the punishment of death and nothingness. Easter, the resurrection of Christ, is more powerful than sins grasp on our hearts. The resurrection flies in the face of sin and death, gains strength season after season warming the hearts and minds of all humanity to the love and forgiveness of God through Christ, the resurrected one. What the law could never do Christ has done for us. The law is like a thermometer. It tells us how much or how little love we have for God. The farther away we are from the heat of God’s love in Christ Jesus, the colder our hearts will be toward life and toward one another.

As I write this, winter has made another attempt to chill the spring growth. If I stand outside and face away from the sun, the cold wind will chill my body. But, if I turn and face the sun, I can feel its heat upon my face and its warmth begins to thaw my chilled skin. Similarly, the powerful presence of Christ in the resurrection thaws our stone cold hearts with the profound love of God which has no end. The law only condemns us, marking our transgressions, the love of God through the death and resurrection Christ removes the wintry grip of the law, setting us free from sin and its condemnation.

In the resurrection we find the fertile soil of life we need to grow. This is good news. Death has lost its sting and forgiveness has given us new life. Winter is over, even if it seems to linger longer. In the end God’s love wins. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Pastor Jim*

**Sunday**  
**10:00 AM**  
Sunday Worship

Communion/  
Birthday Cake/  
Soup & Bread  
*\*1st Sunday of every month*  
*\*May 1st is last soup & bread before summer*

**11:00 AM**  
Fellowship Time

**Tuesday**  
**7:00 PM**  
Praise Team  
**7:30 PM**  
Chancel Choir  
*\*Last choir practice is May 3rd*

**Wednesday**  
**5:45 PM**  
Packing for Snack Attack  
*\*June 8th—Last packing day for high school & middle school*  
*\*June 15th—Last packing day for elementary schools*

**Thursday**  
**7:00 PM**  
Consistory Meetings  
*\*Third Thursday of Month*

**Saturday**  
**7:30 AM**  
Men’s Breakfast  
**4:00 PM**  
Youth Group

**May**  
**5th**— National Day of Prayer  
**8th**— Mother’s Day  
**30th**— Memorial Day

**June**  
**7th**— Articles & calendar items are due for the July/Aug Church Bell.  
**19th**— Father’s Day,



## Interfaith Council

(The interfaith council is a group of religious leaders in the community that Pastor Jim meets with monthly.)

### **Brainstorming ideas at their last meeting around future summer youth event:**

- aim it to the entire community youth
- Ask ourselves: what is its purpose? What makes us unique? Faith is our realm. We need to keep this as our focusing as we plan.
- maybe a migrant worker program
- We need to develop a theme.
- which day of the week?
- maybe an event that organizes youth to show compassion and help for others and the explain how compassion helps in this world
- an event of action
- identify the community elderly. Have the youth serve locals- or work as one
- Do we need to legalize ourselves for liabilities sake?
- community service event
- Could we make something for the community i.e. Main Street benches or flowers or something kitschy that can be seen throughout the village.

## Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study will run weekly and will meet every Wednesday till the end of May.

*Please see Anne Wilkins if interested.*

## **Brainstorming**

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship we enjoyed a delicious time of food, fellowship and brainstorming. There were about 30 who stayed for the brainstorming session. All had a great time and learned more about each other and about this congregation we love so much. We broke up into five tables of 7 to 9.



Three questions were put to the groups:

1. What do you love about First Reformed Church?
2. What does the church do well?
3. What is God leading us to do this year?

As you can imagine there were many answers to each of these three questions. All the tables had at least one consistory member who helped guide and record the process. The tables narrowed down the responses to the top three for each question. Once that was done they were written down on large sheets of paper and shared with the whole group.

As we looked at the work that each table did we noticed striking similarities between the results.

For what we love about the church the top three were:

1. Music
2. Fellowship
3. People/community

What we do well; the top three were:

1. Music
2. Fellowship
3. Message

Lastly, for what we believe God wants us to do the top three were:

1. Spiritual development (youth, children and adults)
2. Forgiveness/Unity/Love/Acceptance
3. Spread the goodness to the community

Please thank the consistory for their help in making this a successful event. The consistory will take all this under consideration and later invite the great consistory (all who have served the church as Elder or Deacon) to come together and see how we can embrace and work these ideas for the glory of God. Also a big thank you to all who participated. God blessed us and wants to continue to bless us so that in turn we can be a blessing to all.

*Pastor Jim*

### Preaching for April – June

**April 10** – “Feed and Follow” John 21:1-19

**April 17** – Pastor Ken will preach

**April 24** – “Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace” Galatians 5:22-25 & John 13:31-35

**May 1** – More Fruit: Patience Kindness, Goodness” Galatians 5:22

**May 8** – Pastor Jim on vacation

**May 15** – Pastor Jim on vacation

**May 22** – “More Fruit: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control” & Teacher Appreciation  
Sunday; Galatians 5:23-24, John 16:12-15

**May 29** – “Gifts of the Spirit for Building Up the Body” I Corinthians 7:17 Luke 7:1-10

**June 5** – Gifts of the Spirit – Faith Luke 7:11-17 & Galatians 1:11-24

**June 12** – Gifts of the Spirit - Luke 7:36-8:3

**June 19** – Gifts of the Spirit - Luke 8:26-39

**June 26** – Gifts of the Spirit - Luke 9:51-62

### Global Refugee Crisis

Wondering what your church can do in the face of the global refugee crisis? You're not the only one. Two upcoming webinars will discuss how the church can be Jesus' hands and feet to refugees. Join in to learn something new or share your experiences.

#### **Webinar #1**

**May 2, 7:00p.m.–8:30 p.m. (EST)**

- An overview of the global refugee emergency
- Why the church is called to respond
- How the church can help
- Interviews with refugees and mission workers who engage with refugees

Join via computer: [www.rca.org/webinarmay2](http://www.rca.org/webinarmay2)

Join by phone: 646-558-8656 (U.S. toll number)

Meeting ID: 380311108

#### **Webinar #2**

**May 10, 6:00–7:30 p.m. (EST)**

- Best practices for engaging the global refugee emergency at a global level
- Best practices for engaging the global refugee emergency at a local level
- Strategies for engaging your entire congregation in a faithful response to the crisis

Join via computer: [www.rca.org/webinarmay10](http://www.rca.org/webinarmay10)

Join by phone: 646-558-8656 (U.S. toll number)

Meeting ID: 110167636

Christina Tazelaar  
Reformed Church in America

## Ocean Commotion VBS 2016

**August 15th -19th**

**5:45pm to 8:00pm**

**Ages Nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Bible stories, food, games, music, and fun!!**

*Prepare for a boatload of excitement with Ocean Commotion VBS 2016 from Answers in Genesis! Dive into Noah's flood account to learn how he was able to Stand for God, Obey God, Trust God, Thank God, and Fear God.*

### Ocean Commotion Daily Bible Points

Just like Noah, kids find grace to stand against cultural tides. They'll also discover how Noah managed to fit all the animals on the Ark and how ancient flood legends support the flood covered the whole earth. Each day, kids at Ocean Commotion learn:

Stand for God! Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us stand for Him. (Gen. 1-3 & 6:5-9)

Obey God! Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us obey Him, no matter what. (Gen. 6:9-22)

Trust God! Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us trust Him with our lives. (Gospel day!) (Gen. 7)

Thank God! Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us thank Him in everything. (Gen. 8)

Fear God! Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us take Him seriously. (Gen. 9:1-17)

Please feel free to contact Ernie or Cindi Davis at 845-895-5756 with any questions or if interested in volunteering.

Thank you,

*Ernie or Cindi Davis*



## What Happened?

I heard that Sports Illustrated published an article about Tiger Woods. He took the golfing world by storm and at one time dominated the sport of professional golf. But now his game has fallen apart and he is ranked 479 in the world. A far cry from being ranked number 1. So what happened?

After reviewing our Church's envelope giving for the first quarter, I discovered that good start to the year ended. So I asked myself the same question...what happened?

This year the Finance Team lowered our envelope giving target from \$2028 per week to \$1923, which should make it easier to make our weekly giving target. During the first six weeks of the year, we met our target 5/6 weeks. However, since then we have missed our target 4/8 weeks. What happened? How did we lose our momentum? As Financial Secretary I can report that families are not making up for their lost weeks when they don't come to church. The solution is, we need everyone to give consistently.

Valeria Weingartner recently visited another church and brought back one of their Pew Envelopes. On the bottom of the envelope was the following inscription: "Please bring or send your offering regularly. If you are absent, remember the church expenses go on just the same. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not grudgingly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7. Just as your body demands food every day, our church needs your offering envelope each week. If you bring in the envelopes for the weeks you miss, we will have a much better chance of not only hitting our weekly target, but also surpassing it each week.

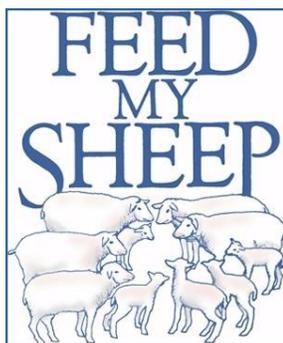
Dave Blasch  
Financial Secretary





Choir will sing May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and June 5th. Last practice is next Tuesday, May 3th.

### **Feed His Sheep Dinner**



Ticket sales \$3,737.00, Raffle Baskets \$1,231.00, and the Donations for food \$951.00.

A big thank you to the worker bees that made this evening possible. Richard Appell washed silverware. The runners for each of the 15 tables (that were top notch and busy!) were Annalise Cardish, Michelle Jacobsen, Sarah Kieck, Joe Schmidt, and Deb Vermilyea. The runners also reset the tables after each use. The Buffet line servers were: Debbie Brady, Phyllis O'Connell, Samantha Smith, Edwina Snyder, Renee DeVoe, and Renee Schmidt. Raffle Basket Area was Carol Ann & Bill Freeman, Deb DeZemo, and Angel & Lucy Santana. The ones that created the meal were Doug & Renee DeVoe and daughter, and Heather Conklin. Joe Weikel did a fantastic job calling the numbers of the winners for the raffle baskets. Then when the night was done the crew was joined by Jay & Anne Wilkins that helped with the clean-up in kitchen/Fellowship Hall.

We had our regroup meeting to discuss the dinner and plans to have the 4th Feed His Sheep Dinner in 2017. The date will be discussed at our 1st meeting which will be held sometime in October once the VC school calendar is out for 2016-2017. Also after the successful event held on 4/16/16 each of the missions The Montgomery Food Pantry and VC Backpack Snack Attack will each get a check for \$2,500.00. These monies will help feed many in the Valley Central School District.

*Thank you, Joe & Renee*

### **Life Together**



The Life Together team will be meeting on May 3rd @ 7:30pm, at Glenn Davis's house. Some of the things the Life Together team is responsible for are the refreshments after worship, soup & bread, adult fellowship, and youth group. If interested in joining this team please see Glenn Davis, or feel free to call him on his cell phone. 917-885-1447. Thank you.



May's Hymn of the Month

## I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE

George Wade Robinson, 1838–1877



*"Your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3*

Spiritual maturity is a growing appreciation of God simply for who He is. Only then can we begin to revel in our eternal union with Him. This realization gives all of life a different perspective. Life takes on a new dignity, worth, and meaning. Even nature is viewed differently—"earth around is sweeter green ..." Learning to abide in Christ means that we live with a calmer, more relaxed attitude because we rely on God rather than ourselves—"things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest." John Wesley often spoke of this kind of life as "living with a loose rein." Our union with Christ also makes us victors when we realize that "while God and I shall be," nothing in life can ever separate us from this eternal love relationship (Romans 8:35).

The author of this text, George Wade Robinson, was a pastor of Congregational churches in England. The composer, James Mountain, was an Anglican minister who became greatly influenced by the Moody-Sankey campaigns in England in the early 1870's. Mountain later devoted his life to the work of evangelism both in Great Britain and world-wide. "I Am His and He Is Mine" first appeared in James Mountain's collection, *Hymns of Consecration and Faith*, published in 1876. The truths this hymn presents so well become more meaningful each time we sing it.

*Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know—Spirit, breathing from above,  
Thou hast taught me it is so! O this full and perfect peace, O this transport all divine—  
In a love which cannot cease, I am His and He is mine.*

*Heav'n above is softer blue; earth around is sweeter green; something lives in ev'ry hue  
Christless eyes have never seen! Birds with gladder songs o'erflow, flow'rs with deeper  
beauties shine, since I know, as now I know, I am His and He is mine.*

*Things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest; closed in everlasting arms,  
pillowed on the loving breast! O to lie forever here, doubt and care and self resign,  
while He whispers in my ear— I am His and He is mine.*

*His forever, only His—Who the Lord and me shall part? Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ  
can fill the loving heart! Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, first-born light in gloom decline,  
but while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine.*

June's Hymn of the Month

## WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS

Adams, Stephen R. (words & music)

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”*

*2 Corinthians 3:17*



The Holy Spirit brings light, life, and liberty, as well as peace, love, and joy, and all the other Spirit-fruits. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us for Christian service: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

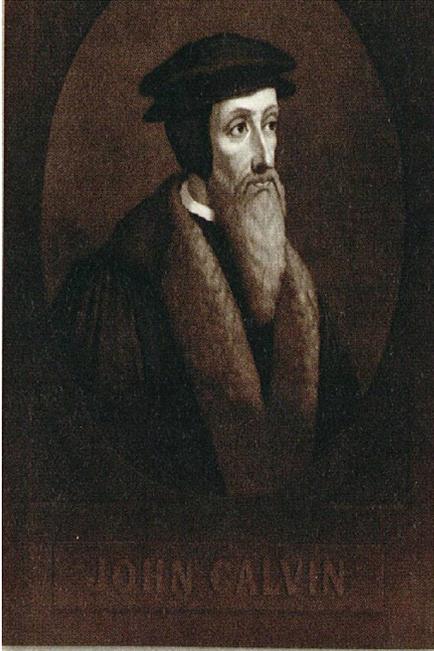
Such a statement about the work and ministry of the Spirit as we find in the text of this chorus requires us to sing reverently, thoughtfully, and fervently.

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.*

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.*

*There is comfort in life's darkest hour, there is light and life,*

*there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.*



# JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)

*Reformer and  
Theologian*

**D**ateline: Switzerland, 1536. A book is published that—400 years later—would be called “one of the 10 books that shook the world.”

The author is only 27 years old. His book bears the ambitious title, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

The author’s name? John Calvin.

Along with Martin Luther, John Calvin is closely linked with the Protestant Reformation. Luther set the Protestant controversy in motion; Calvin came years later to guide the young movement through stormy times and to provide valuable teaching and scholarship. His *Institutes* was published nearly 20 years after Luther’s *Ninety-five Theses* were nailed to the Wittenberg church door.

Born in 1509 in Noyon, France, northeast of Paris, Calvin planned to enter the service of the Roman Catholic church and received an early education.

At the age of 14, John entered the University of Paris. But after the death of his father, he decided to become a scholar rather than a churchman and made plans to study law.

After publishing his first book, a commentary on an ancient Latin manuscript, Calvin had a conversion experience about which little is known.

Forced to leave Paris because of his collaboration on a speech that sounded too “Protestant” for the established church leaders, Calvin made his way to

Basel, Switzerland, where he wrote *The Institutes*.

In this monumental work, the young Christian scholar summarized and systematized the Protestant faith, demonstrating in the process how far the church had drifted from the historical roots of biblical Christianity.

Calvin’s fine mind and clear articulation of Protestant Christianity soon caught the attention of other like-minded reformers—notably, Guillaume Farel, who later invited Calvin to Geneva, Switzerland. There he spent the rest of his life seeking to make Geneva a truly Christian city.

Upon his arrival, Calvin found Geneva in political, moral, and spiritual chaos. Riots were common; prostitution was rampant; Christianity was tolerated only as long as it made no personal demands on the people—a situation Calvin found intolerable.

Calvin began to preach virtually every day and became involved in the public affairs of the city. He emphasized the importance of Christian and secular education for minister and layman alike. He also sought to make biblical principles the basis for Geneva’s government and business affairs.

And with what success? One writer notes, “The city which had been one of the most frivolous and licentious in Europe became the cradle of Protestantism.” Many came from all over Europe to learn from Calvin, then returned home to make Christianity a dominant influence in their homeland.

Calvin died in 1564 at the age of 55. He had been a major influence in Geneva for nearly 25 years because of his commitment to apply the Word of God in every area of life.

Your life can be an influence for God as well. But it takes time in His Word—time to read, study, and meditate on what God has said. And then it takes translating that truth into action.

It’s not enough to be a hearer of the Word. God is looking for doers of the Word—like John Calvin.

**A lesson from the life of John Calvin:** My Christianity can make a difference in others’ lives if I allow it to be the ruling force in my life.

Submitted by

*Joe Schmidt*

# DEVOTIONAL FROM THE DAILY WALK BIBLE

## May 11

► READ ESTHER 1-2

### Esther's Exaltation



□ Day 132

#### OVERVIEW

The book of Esther is the story of a beautiful Jewish girl who rises from obscurity to prominence when she becomes the new queen of Persia. Although God's name is not mentioned anywhere in the account, his hand is visible everywhere as he places Esther in the Persian palace and her cousin Mordecai's name in the royal history books "for such a time as this" (4:14).

CHAPTER 1		CHAPTER 2	
Xerxes' dinner 1:1-9	Vashti's divorce 1:10-22	Esther's coronation 2:1-18	Mordecai's loyalty 2:19-23
Banishment		Bravery	

#### MY DAILY WALK

"Of all the bad luck! Why did that have to happen to me?"

It's truly amazing how quickly we credit our setbacks in life to "bad luck" and our successes to "hard work."

As you read the book of Esther, you'll find a remarkable assortment of setbacks and successes. But one common thread runs through them all: God was at work behind the scenes. Esther's unexpected promotion, Mordecai's forgotten act of heroism—neither was an accident. Rather, God was weaving a beautiful lesson on sovereignty from the threads in their lives, showing that in their day—as in yours—God is in control.

It's a truth found not only in the book of Esther. Read about it as well in Exodus 4:11; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:17, 25, 32; and Romans 8:28.

**MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES.**

#### INSIGHT

*A Fatal Plot at a Fateful Moment | Esth. 2:21-23*

At a significant moment, Mordecai became aware of a plot devised by two eunuchs of the royal bodyguard to put King Xerxes to death (2:21-23). Mordecai secretly passed the news to Esther, who reported it in Mordecai's name. The conspirators were put to death, and the incident was written up in *The Book of the History of King Xerxes' Reign*. Ironically, about fifteen years later Xerxes would finally lose his life as a result of a similar plot.

Submitted by

*Joe Schmidt*

# MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> Communion</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:00 Soup &amp; Bread Birthday Cake</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>National FAMILY WEEK</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir (Last day of Choir Practice)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:45 Packing For Snack Attack</p> <p>6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p>ASCENSION DAY</p>  <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>Friendship Day</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:00 Youth Group</p>
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<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p>				

## DEVOTIONAL FROM THE DAILY WALK BIBLE

Submitted by *Lee Wilson*

# June 14

REFLECTION & WORSHIP

## It's All in the Call



Day 166

**LOOK BACK** As the psalmist spotlights the character of God, he finds himself adjusting his conduct accordingly. God's love reaches to the heavens; therefore, there is no reason to be downcast. God is an ever-present help in trouble; therefore, there is no need to fret. God's greatness is astounding; therefore, let his praises be known to all.

By contrast, humans are frail and finite, sinful and guilty. The psalmist's cry for mercy and forgiveness is met by God's promise of cleansing and comfort. Seeing God's greatness and grandeur allow the psalmist to draw upon God's strength and supply. It's a lesson each new generation must learn—and one of the best places to learn it is at the knee of silver-haired saints who have walked with God for a lifetime (Psalm 71:18).

**LOOK UP** Even a five-year-old child knows the significance of the telephone number 9-1-1. It's the magic number that unlocks incredible lifesaving resources in a matter of seconds. Those confronted with a life-threatening situation have only to call 9-1-1 to find help in time of need, comfort in the face of danger, and protection from the forces that would seek to harm and destroy.

But stop for a moment and ask yourself this question: Why do people in trouble reach for the phone and dial 9-1-1? Is it because

- they *think* someone might be on the other end of the line to hear their plea?
- they *hope* there is help to be found somewhere?
- they *wish* there were a solution to their dilemma? or
- they *know* that someone who is trained, ready, willing, and able to help is poised to respond the instant their call arrives?

Think of Psalm 70 as the psalmist's 9-1-1 prayer:

"Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me. . . . come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay" (Psalm 70:1, 5).

And why does the psalmist call upon the Lord? Not because he hopes or thinks or wishes or wonders if God will come to his rescue, but because "[God] *will* deliver the needy who cry out. . . . He *will* take pity on the weak and the needy. . . . He *will* rescue them from oppression and violence" (Psalm 72:12-14). It's the same idea expressed by Jeremiah the prophet when he said, "This is what the LORD says: . . . 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know'" (Jeremiah 33:2-3).

**LOOK AHEAD** When life seems to be out of control and circumstances are as disconcerting as a three-alarm fire, you have several options as to how you will respond. You can lean on your own strength and understanding, even though you've been warned not to (Proverbs 3:5). You can surround yourself with busyness or indulge yourself in pleasure, but that won't remove the feelings of fear and inadequacy. You can ignore your problems and hope they will go away, but chances are they won't.

Or you can call upon the Lord, the only one who has promised never to leave you or forsake you (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5). It may sound like a simple solution—and in some ways it is. But with a Tower of Strength and Mercy like that awaiting your call

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NOTES OF PRAISE,  
ADORATION,  
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# Around the Congregation



## Church Prayer List

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Please keep the following people in your prayers...**

Ray Turse, Lisa Skinner, Samuel Shorter III, Dave Williams, Ed Kennedy, Michael Shorter, Isabel Jacobson, The Shaffer Family.



**Nursing Home/Homebound:** Leah Ronk; Jane Barber.

**Military Personnel:** Christopher Vermilyea, Lt Col. John M. Nash, USMC, and all of those who have served in our Military.



## Weekly Envelopes

Feb 28	3035
Mar 6	2705
Mar 13	1316
Mar 20	1604
Mar 27	2293
Apr 3	2483
Apr 10	2195
Apr 17	1887
Apr 24	2200

## May

Courtney Spencer	1
Erin Sawyer	1
Elaine Schultz	2
Phyllis O'Connell	5
<b>June</b>	
Karen Lendle	2
Judy Lozier/Bonasio	2
Brianna Cardish	4
Glenn Davis	5
Rowen Zelda Renee Smallwood	5
Nicholas Petrolo	9
Katrina DeVoe-Smallwood	11
Jada Wesenberg	11
Bunnie Reichle	18
Jacob DeMartini	20
Waylon Campbell Wilson	20
Stanley Joseph Williams	21
Anne Wilkins	24
Mickey Millspaugh	26
Joyce Stelljes	26

## Jokes & Humor

- Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake. And the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.
- Each service is different. We leave the reruns to TV.
- Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.
- The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'
- The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'
- The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

## anniversaries

Joseph & Snezana Weikel	May 5th
Garry & Jean Cook	May 9th
Chris & Charron Carucci	May 13th
Ernie & Cindi Davis	May 22nd
Angel & Rachel Santana Jr.	June 12th
Lee & Kate Wilson	June 14th
Samuel & Genie Shorter	June 27th
Bob & Helen Schoonmaker	June 30th

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