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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Now that the Lenten season is in full swing, it might be useful to decipher just what the Christian path leading us to become closer to God means. Why would we desire a closeness with God? Why, in a reversal of desires, would God somehow wish to be closer to us? Just what is this magnetic force of attraction that has us all wishing to somehow be in closer proximity to each other? On one hand we recognize having been created by God, but what gives? Why would the Master Creator, wish to know completely and **fully the Master's** sculpted handiwork?

Have any of you ever made something at all? **Whether you've made** meatloaf, a watercolor, a snowman, a dune buggy, or a mess of gigantic proportion, you've all experienced the associated thoughts, feelings, and attitudes connected with having produced something that was of interest in some way, for you. (The gigantic mess was of interest to you simply because you then had to

try to figure out, how to **get out of the mess you'd** inadvertently created.) What we discover is that creation of things, leads to a desire to explore them, or appreciate them in some way further.

It is no different for God. God has created, but the creation itself is not the completed series of tasks. The creation, of the human-race, is an exercise in curiosity. Much of what God sometimes sees is not all that good. Conversely, portions of what God sometimes sees is utterly remarkable. Now then, **don't you dare tell me that you don't also find all** of that to be true about the human-race!

As Christians, we don't so much care for the people who behave within this world as if there is no God. After all, they appear to have nothing which anchors them to anything at all, apart from whatever pleasure-seeking pursuit they wish to chase after. However, not caring for their behaviors, so much, does not equate to not caring

at all about them. In fact, we care so much, that we are driven in our own Christian faith, to somehow touch upon them in whatever way we can so that they can become exposed to the utterly remarkable world that Christians strive for through God.

And you thought you had to give something up this Season? No, in some ways you simply need to acquire a deeper, more meaningful view of what it means to be a child of God. You might just find that through a closer, personalized effort designed to locate that **strong magnetic force I'd mentioned earlier, you'd** discover as I have, that the remarkable nature of God is something available to all who make the effort to move in for a closer inspection of something that is powerful enough to create even something unremarkable such as me!

I'll look for you on Sunday,

Pastor Paul

LENTEN WORSHIP



Tetélestai is an inter-denominational production with an all

volunteer cast and crew from Cleveland Performing Art Ministries. The show was created by Joel and Russ Nagy of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in 1974 to be performed by local youth as a ministry outreach.

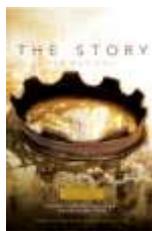
Tetélestai (It Is Finished) will be **performed at St. Cyprian's Church** on March 9th and 10th at 8 p.m. and March 11th at 2 p.m.

Tetélestai has become a Lenten tradition for thousands each year. It is a way to prepare for the joy of Easter by remembering the **ultimate sacrifice of Christ's Passion**. Admission is free

(donations accepted) and all are welcome. We invite each and everyone of you to share the **Good News and "Live the Passion."**

In the spirit of community, we have been asked to donate cookies for the receptions after each performance of Tetélestai if possible. If you are willing and able, please call Bea Woidtke at 440-259-5254 and let her know your intentions.

Easter Cantata



Begin Holy Week with a beautiful reflection **on Christ's great sacrifice** for us. The **Lord's Community Choir** will present **"The Story" on Sun-**

day, March 25th at 3 p.m. at **St. Cyprian's Church.**

"The Story" was arranged and orchestrated by David Hamilton. Mary Crow is the director of **The Lord's Community Choir.**

There is no charge for admission, however a free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds benefiting The Perry Center.

Maundy Thursday Worship 5:30p



More details regarding Maundy Thursday Worship will be in the bulletins in March.

CWM — CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm. We have invited Debby and Ric Cattell to share the experiences of their trip to China. The entire church is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The **All-Daughter's Banquet** is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd, at 5:00 pm.

We are still working on the pro-

gram, as well as, the menu for the evening. Please mark your calendars.

CWM has purchased 11 tickets for the Pricilla Shirer Simulcast to be presented on April 28, 2018. Let us know if you plan to attend.

Our Annual Mission Fundraiser will be held at the Perry Community Center on Sunday, October 28th from 4-7 pm. Our plans in-

clude a Chinese Auction and delicious appetizers, followed by an entertaining program. We will keep you posted as the date approaches and details are finalized. **It's not too early to start thinking** about a basket for the auction.

Our next Executive Board meeting is Sunday, April 8th (Easter is on the first Sunday) at 8:00 am.

Carole Martin, co-leader

SOUPER SUNDAY

Join us after worship on March 4th for Souper Sunday lunch and fellowship. It is **a time to mingle and enjoy the friendship of our church family. There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you can donate soup, sandwiches or dessert to share. Hope to see you then!**



PERRY \$500 RACE & FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Through a thorough review of all surveillance videos, and track receipts accounted for, the official findings concerning the recently completed Perry \$500 indicates that as goal-setters we, as a church body, are lousy in terms of our innate ability to accurately calculate results. Not only were there no losing entrants participating in the remote-controlled car event held on Saturday the 17th, we were also unable to meet our stated goal of raising \$500 dollars for a local charity determined by those who participated and donated.

Much to the surprise of everyone, everybody who raced, crashed, veered off course into the neighboring county, or successfully crossed the finish line, was a declared winner. Chocolate treats were available for those who

came in first, but then again, chocolate treats are always available inside this church, for anybody silly enough to want to eat some. It is true that we did not meet our stated goal of raising \$500 dollars, but then **“somebody” had the bright idea to “push” for a bit more, during worship the next day, and in so doing, the final tally pushed us ahead of our goal.** (Darn! Way to go Pastor Paul. Look at what you made us do!) We did exceed our goal, and the total fundraising event took in \$541.03 for **Project Hope in Painesville. Gee, that’ll be the last time they ever count on us for somehow accurately providing them with a stated donation amount. I’m fearful that we’ll soon get the reputation** within this area for somehow never being counted upon for giv-

ing what we say we will. Instead, **we’ll all just have to live down the shame of somehow giving more.**

A tremendous thank-you for all who came, donated, participated, and somehow managed to get in a good laugh or two along the way!

Pastor Paul,
and a “cast of thousands”

P.S. Rick, I’m sorry about the one car I was driving. Tell me, do you think Maaco can paint and repair a car that small, or would we somehow be better off telling everyone that it **“came” that way when it was purchased?** I would doubt that many remote-controlled cars already come with popcorn stuck in the under-carriage of the car, but we might be able to fool one or two people.

PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

We will be gathering on Thursday, March 15th to **prepare food for Project Hope’s Saturday Side Dish** to be delivered on March 17th at 6:45 p.m.

This month: Fruit Salad

We will need:

3 big cans of sliced peaches
3 big cans mandarin oranges
3 cans of pineapple chunks
1 bag of frozen blueberries

For sack lunches we need:

5 loaves of bread

55 Slices of Ham
55 Slices of cheese
55 sandwich bags

All your donations are greatly appreciated as we work together to feed the homeless.

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr



CONNECTION GARDEN TEAM will have a meeting on Sunday, March 11th at 8 a.m. in the Teen Room.

The team wants to know if anyone is interested in space for a garden this year. This is an exploration survey to see if there is a need or desire for the space. Are you looking for a large area or a small space? Contact Aaron Brewer before March 11th at adbrewer72@gmail.com or 440-391-3287.

MARCH CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30a Prayer Team	2	3
				4 9:30a Worship & Souper Sunday after worship Frankie Blanchard	5	6
11 8a Garden Team Mtg. (Teen Room) 9:30a Worship & Fellowship 10:45 Intergenerational Study	12 7p Trustee Mtg.	13	14 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Church Board Mtg. Dillon Johnson	15 9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	16	17 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery Andy Lawson Thurlene Lawson
18 9:30a Worship & Fellowship	19 Newsletter articles are due.	20	21 6:30p CWM General Mtg. & Program	22 9:30a Prayer Team	23	24
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30a Worship & Fellowship 10:45 Intergenerational Study	26	27	28 Joe Kraws	29 5:30p Maundy Thursday Worship Mary Snyder	30 Good Friday	31

HAITI MISSION

Rachel Collins has the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haiti in March. If you are willing to help Rachel achieve her goal, donation envelopes are available **near the South entrance or simply mark your check memo line “Haiti Mission” and place your gift in the offering plate.** Rachel’s mission group will be taking some items with them for the Haitian people. They are soliciting donations of 21 tubes of Toothpaste, 21 Bars of soap, and gallon sized Ziploc bags. Her group is also hoping to collect \$1000 for beans, rice, and oil. It would be great to have donations to the church by March 11th.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please make a note of the following changes in your church directory.

Virginia Brennan	Kim Davis	Almeta Morris	Connie Smith
207 Paradise Dr	961 E. Main St. #19	4231 South Ridge	36 Sivon Dr.
Madison, OH 44057	Geneva, OH 44041	Perry, OH 44081	Painesville, OH 44077
		440-259-4485	

EASTER LILIES & TULIPS

We will be decorating the church this Easter Sunday with lilies and tulips. If you would like to purchase tulips or a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, the cost is \$6 each. Orders are due by Sunday, March 18th. Forms & envelopes are available at the church.



MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULES

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
4	Isabelle & Sydney Martin	Vicki Wakelee Linda Warfield	Deacons Eric Van Boxel Donna Van Boxel
11	Frankie Blanchard	Rick Bartlett Don Bartlett	Sacristan Judy Bartlett
18	Sherry Smith	Vicki Wakelee Laurie Martin	Counters Connie Smith Judy Bartlett
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Penny Angeloro	Linda Warfield Carole Martin	Hostesses Judy Bartlett Darla Bartlett Thurlene Lawson

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

The 2018 Finance Committee Team includes Pastor Paul, Sherry Smith, Carole Martin, Linda Warfield, Donna Van Boxel and Don Bartlett.

Our Finance Committee Team met on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 am to discuss Local/Community Outreach, Account # 5054. This is a new budget line item approved for FY 2018 by the General Board and Congregation in November 2017.

As we move into 2018 it is felt we need a mechanism in place. It is important for us to discover **“PCC’s Passion” as we work together to serve Jesus, like God in our community.** Also, an important **key for our mission work is the flexibility to support our community needs that come to us ‘out of the blue’** —things that happen in the now and needs that quickly appear.

It is important to know our church’s desire for local outreach. Who, when, and how do we reach out and touch the needs which we see? Our awareness of our philanthropy is a guide to help those in true need. As we work together from within the walls of our church, we must look for opportunities.

Our support of others’ needs should be on an ‘as needed’ basis. That is why we set up our FY2018 budget with this new Local/Community Outreach, Account # 5054 in the amount of \$7,050.00 (providing we meet our budget). We recommend that you contact and discuss with Pastor Paul any local mission concerns or suggestions you may have. From there, our church family will work together to identify and approve our next steps.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul, Carole Martin, Sherry Smith, Donna Van Boxel, Linda Warfield, Don Bartlett

Finance Committee Team

THANK YOU!

Dear PCC Church Family,

Thank you to all who provided the **luncheon for our Mom’s funeral.**

We appreciate all of the hard work by everyone that day, as well as all the support and kindness Mom has received over the years from her church family. Perry Christian Church was a very important part of her life. We are blessed in knowing she is resting peacefully now.

Blessing to you all,

The Family of Joanne Chapman

Dear Pastor Paul & Congregation,

We want to thank you for your gift of food donated on January 20, 2018. Our community helped us give support to 475 guests last year. We also continued to see a huge success with positive transitions in over 80% of those we served! This means the cycle of homelessness is ending, and our guests are finding the hope and victories they have needed.

May you receive great blessings this year, just as you have been a blessing to those we serve.

In Service,

Judy Burr

Executive Director

Project Hope for the Homeless

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PERRY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Perry Schools are reaching out to local churches to announce the upcoming Kindergarten Registration at Perry Elementary School. If you know of anyone, family, friend, or neighbor that has a child of kindergarten age, please pass along this information. The school is trying to reach as many families as possible who may not otherwise receive information from the school. Our registration dates are Feb-6-March 23, 2018. For more information contact Perry Elementary School at 440-259-9600.



April 28, 2018

Cornerstone Friends Church

Doors Open at 8a Live Simulcast at 9a

Worship with Anthony Evans

Join us!

CWM has tickets. Talk with Carole or Laurie about getting yours.

Painting Party Fundraiser
in support of

WHIPMM, Inc.
(Women Helping Injured and/or Pregnant Military Mothers)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

6:15-8:30p

at the WHIPMM, Inc. Office 4613 North Ridge, Perry

\$35 includes light refreshments, beverages, and all painting supplies

Limited Spots. Call Liz 440-221-4664 or Courtney 440-840-3857

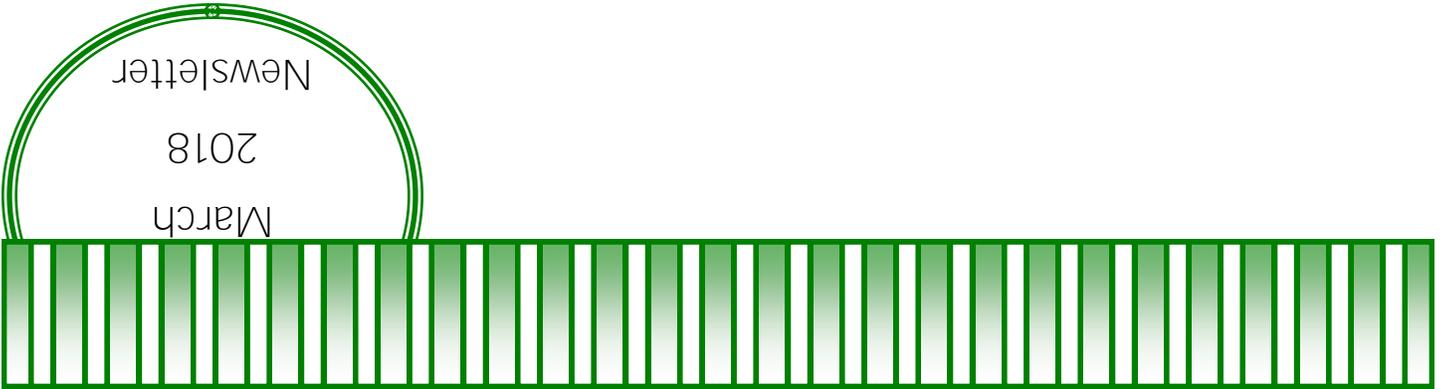


Loving Cups	
1 c. understanding	1 egg of kindness
1/2 c. sympathy	1 lb. of sweetness
1 lb. of good humor	Few grains common sense
1/2 lb. honey	
Put on a big smile before mixing. Bake in even temperature.	
Serve generous portions every day.	
Ethel Hines	
The Spirit of Cooking	
Delta Church of Christ	





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