



How different would Easter feel if it didn't happen in the Springtime? I can't imagine what it would be like. While we focus on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, all the world around is also coming back to life. Daffodils and tulips rise up from barren poking ground. The quiet of winter is replaced by the wonderful cacophony of birdsong. Trees bud out before being covered in white and pink flowers. It's like a long, slow display of fireworks all around us and it's full of life. What better representation of resurrection can we imagine?

Yet while this season captures so wonderfully the feeling of life returning from death, there is still an important aspect of what we celebrate with Easter that is missing in the rebirth of Spring. When we look around our yards or parks at this time of year, while we see the contrast from the seeming lifelessness of winter, the scenery is more or less like it was last year at this time. The flowers and trees are still in the same place with their same colors as always. The birds are charming, but they're the same birds as previous years. It might be truly wonderful, especially in contrast to winter, but it's no more wonderful than any other Spring we remember. But imagine if your familiar patch of yellow daffodils opened up this year to reveal bright red blooms? Or what if your dogwood had long, flowing, golden chains of flowers this year instead of the simple white blooms it always has? Imagine your tulips growing to the size of palm trees.

I don't actually know if any of that would be an improvement, really, but it would be different, wouldn't it? And that's the point. While we are promised a resurrection to new life after our death, our gift of new life also starts already. Hopefully your life this Easter doesn't look exactly like your life at this time last year, or five or ten or twenty years ago. Hopefully it's way, way better. Hopefully it's more colorful and beautiful, more faithful and more joyful than ever before. Maybe it includes new elements of serving and caring that are new to you. Maybe it includes new relationships with people, even if they are the same people you're always known.

One way or the other, I pray that this Easter season, this Resurrection season will not only have all of the beauty and vitality of Spring, but also something new, something different than ever before. So may your daffodils be bright red, may your tulips grow like palm trees, and may your life be new and different, joyful and faithful as never before.

--Pastor Ben

OUR CHURCH REMINDERS

Coffee Fellowship – The host families for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship provide an invaluable service.

Thank you, Karen Shuback, for serving as Hostess in April.



ELDERS Serving in April:

7	Rodger Shuback
14	Sally Ifill
21	Jan Pumphrey
28	Joyce Coy

Our next Game Night will be Friday, May 3, 7-9 pm!

Join us for an evening of games, snacks and fellowship!



Celebrating the Love, Joy and Enthusiasm that shapes Canfield Christian Church

We hope you will enjoy celebrating March and April Birthdays and Anniversaries with us on **Sunday, April 14.**

BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH:

2 Larry Kimble, Jr.
3 Jerry Hanna
10 Pastor Ben Secaur
11 Kevin Kimble
12 Elijah Moses
14 Michelle (Kevin) Kimble
15 Rev. Walter Coy
18 Reagan LeAnn Smidt
18 Sally Ifill
19 Irene Lehtonen
21 Wesley Coy
24 Libby Snyder
28 Kylee Kritz

APRIL:

3 Aiden Romine
3 Ziva Samora
4 Bob Little
16 Jennifer Ray
18 Jean Shackelford
19 Bella Kimble
23 Priya Samora
30 Lloyd Schooley

ANNIVERSARIES: March 13 -- Larry, Jr. & Kerry Kimble
April 16 -- Jeff & Laurie Sharp



Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help others while filling their Wagons of Hope on **Sunday, April 14.**

Your generosity makes a difference to needy families in our local area.



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming Jason Sweeney and Holly Kimble who came forward on Sunday, March 24. Both Holly and Jason have been important parts of our community of faith for some time and are often busy behind the scenes at many church events, setting tables, serving food, and staying late to help clean up. They are an example of Christ-like service and a blessing to us all.



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Ben, Jan and I attended a Disciples Listening meeting at Niles Central Christian Church March 3. Cynthia Klingemier was the presiding Regional Elder and Jim Rivers of the Wadsworth Church was moderator.

What a pleasure to meet and renew friendships with other Disciples!



Jan with Dottie Johnson,
 Disciples Christian Church,
 Boardman



--Submitted by Sally Ifill

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5 – District IV Men’s Rally, 3-6 pm, First Christian Church of Girard. Speaker: Tim Fonderlin, retired Global Ministries Missionary. Dinner: \$9 per person. All reservations needed by **Wed., May 1**.

Saturday, May 11 -- Called Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio. Our General Minister and President, Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, will be present and speaking to us as a Regional Church. More information available on www.ccinoh.org.

July 20-24 – Abide with Me: General Assembly, Des Moines, Iowa. Reservations can be made on www.disciples/org/ga or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/docgeneralassembly.

“Whenever two or more are gathered in my name...”

**Two good friends visiting –
Gerri Brown and Barbara Todd**



AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Please remember those who are in assisted living/nursing homes with your prayers, phone calls, and visits:

Antonine Village: Barbara Todd

AustinWoods: DeNise Martin

The Inn at Christine Valley: Irene Lehtonen

Shepherd of the Valley: Barbara Hepplewhite

The following individuals and families do appreciate your continued prayers on their behalf:

Helen Bush

Gerri Brown

Helen Dishong

Jeff Nape

Dorothy Rice

David Dishong

Karen Hunt

Martin Crawford

Colt Schmidt (Great Grandson of Pat Wiant)

Roseann Lobaugh (Sister of Anita Powell)

Jack Harris (Nephew of Jerry & Dolores Hanna)

Scott Chepke (Received a transplant)

Melissa Miskell Tabbara (Friend of Sally Ifill)

Margrit Galano (Mother of Cindy Stackhouse)

Sandra Jeffries, Lyne Ahalt and John Beales

(Friends of Dorris Baringer)

Doug Lewis (Brother of Joyce Coy)

Rosa and Maria Arcenio (Sisters of Trinidad)

Rhonda Jones and Perri Graf (Friends of
Sally Payne)

Amanda Price (Daughter of Fred & Celeste)

Jennifer Cox (Daughter of Jim & Carol Swartz)

It is important to remember our service members in your daily prayers.



We welcome Reagan LeAnn Smidt, daughter of Dylan & Starla Smidt! She was born on March 18. Congratulations to big brother Braxton, grandparents Jeff & Laurie Sharp and great grandparents Pat Coy and Kevin & Denise Smidt.



Irene Lehtonen celebrated her 100th birthday on March 16. So many guests all participated in making her day special. Her daughter Lisa from Texas, her niece from Chicago, son-in-law Martin and grandchildren all congratulated her. She was surprised by many fellow "innmates" at The Inn at Christine Valley, fellow watercolorists, Presbyterian friends, former neighbors, and friends of her daughter Susan. Guests came from Columbus, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Houston, Gun Barrel City (Texas) and Chicago.



Cake by Sweet Grace Anna's, winner of Cake Wars! Irene grew and painted many irises over the years



The two youngest guests, Little Irene and Lennox

Friends from The Inn at Christine Valley



Son-in-law Martin, daughter Lisa, niece Kathy and grandson Zach



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Meeting 7 pm	2	3 Lenten Breakfast 6:30-9:30 am Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	4	5 Game Night 7-9 pm	6 Birthday party for Libby Snyder
7 Worship 10:30 am	8 MEETINGS: Worship Committee, 6 pm General Board, 7 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	9	10 Lenten Breakfast 6:30-9:30 am Wednesday Weight Watchers 8-9 am	11 Operation Blessing 10 am	12	13
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28 Worship 10:30 am	29 AA Meeting 7 pm	30			<u>Lenten Breakfasts –</u> through April 17, 6:30-9:30 am. There is no charge; all free will offerings will be accepted.	

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