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SPRING IS HERE

I only know this because the calendar says so. The weather did give us a preview of what Spring might be like, all the daffodils stuck their leaves and buds up, and then the bottom dropped out of the temperature – yet again. Oh I remember now, that's just Indiana in the Spring time.

This month is a busy month at church with Easter appearing just about as late as it can. Dates of note:

- April 7: CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING right after church to elect a deacon to fill an unexpired term in the class of 2020.
- The remaining Men's Lenten Breakfasts are:
 - April 6, Boggstown
 - April 13, Center Grove
 - April 20, Edinburgh
- Gerry Sullivan-Clark's Bible Study last two sessions are on the 3rd and on the 10th.
- HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:
 - Apr. 18, Maundy Thursday. Soup Supper at 6:30 followed by Service of the Lord's Last Supper at 7:00.
 - Apr. 19, Good Friday Meditations from noon to 3:00 pm.
(Come when you can for as long as you can. There will be different scripture readings every 10 minutes.)
- April 24, Senior Somethings pitch-in lunch at noon.

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MINI-MINUTES

It's April. There are daffodils blooming on Pearl Street near the church. Things are also blooming inside the church. The new prayer partnership with the Chin Church is off to a good start. Our campaign to restock the Repair Fund (Capital Building Fund) raised over \$36,000 to date with more expected in the weeks to come. The Future Story Group has begun meeting to develop a picture of what Greenwood Presbyterian Church may look like in five years. Presbyterian Men had a successful Lenten Breakfast and Presbyterian Women are looking forward to their Spring Luncheon on April 28. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being advertised. The Deacons are starting a new program for visiting our shut-ins called the Caring Bear Connection. The Happy Stitchers have added blankets for Project Linus to their list of projects. All that and more is going on. Sorry if I missed your favorite project. Buildings and Grounds asks that we please be careful when we leave the building to make sure there is no one still in the building and then set the alarm. We've had several instances lately of the alarm going off and the police having to come to check for problems. If they come again they will begin charging us a fine. We'd like to avoid that! Pastor Peter will be on vacation April 8-10. He'll be in Columbus, Ohio, helping his son, Joel, celebrate the end of his Ph.D. program. Congratulations, Joel!

There will be a **Called Meeting of the Congregation** after church on Sunday, April 7, for the purpose of electing a deacon to fill an unexpired term in the class of 2020.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING LUNCHEON.

Hope Circle is again hosting the annual women's spring luncheon at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall on April 28. Tickets for this event, "Honor Thy Mother", will be sold in the narthex on April 7 and April 14 only, as you know families are anxious to gather after worship on Easter Sunday. Be sure to know how many tickets will be needed for you and your guests. Your tickets will be collected, so write your name on the back. Grafton Peek Catering will be providing the meal at \$9.00 for ages 11 and older, and \$4.00 for children 6 to 10 years. Children 6 years and under can eat without charge.

I've Been Thinking . . .

OUR MISSION STUDY CONTINUES. In our two retreats with our coach A.J. Stack, we discovered that our guiding statement was “We are passionate about reflecting Jesus’ compassion through active community participation and love.” We discovered in our interviews of “stakeholders” in the community (Isom School, the Police Dept., the Social (our Senior Center), the Greenwood Planning Commission and so on) that they need relationships of love, camaraderie, mentoring, and neighborhood involvement. Sound to you like things by which we can reflect Jesus’ compassion through community participation and love? Thought so!

And one of our many resources for mission is our generosity with our actions and focused interests.

Sounds like we’re able to do this!

The other thing that our Future Story group recognized is that (1) this is the type of thing our congregation has been at the forefront of in this community from the beginning; and (2) that it all fits with our present logo of “Christ Caring Through People.” Remember the logo of hands connecting over the Cross in an upright oval? (Someone can show you if you can’t picture it!) Our passions connecting with the community needs are not a new thing for us. Our congregation has been at this historically.

And now the Mission Study task is to develop a Future Story, which is a narrative imagined from a position five years in the future, about how our church has gotten to where it is – what missions it has taken on, and how it has captured the imagination of the congregation and the community into developing that way.

A Future Story doesn’t define or limit what we might do; it shapes the imagination of our path forward. A Future Story provides an excitement about what we might become.

So your Future Story group is Pastor Peter, Dana Baker, Fred Johnson, Judy Lovejoy, Fran Mitchell, and Kathy Woods. (If I forgot anybody, I’M SORRY. Let me know!) They are meeting regularly (next meeting is Friday, April 5) to begin to write our story, and their special task is to be aware of this question: “What are the things that are so much a part of who we are that they MUST be part of our future?” If you have something we just *must not forget*, please be in contact with one of our Future Story Members.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as our Mission Study Continues . . .

Yours and His,
Pastor Peter

HAPPY STITCHERS

We are working on Linus Blankets for children, made of fleece and strip quilts of pretty fabrics. The project provides quilts for children ages 6 to 18. This is a mission to provide warmth and security for children in the hospital, who then get to keep the quilt.

Note: The “stitchers” are only going to meet once in April. This will be April 4, from 1 to 4 pm.

Gloria Redhead

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

“A time to visit with our friends, A time to get acquainted with visitors to our church.” *Our Fellowship’*

Thank you for serving and providing snacks for us to enjoy during the month of March. A friend of mind who was visiting the church provided a delicious pumpkin cake for the fellowship on March. 10. Thank you to Helen Byers.

Please sign up on the calendar on the wall near the coffee service.

Reminder – no Coffee Fellowship on Easter Sunday. `

Gloria Redhead

FEATHER IN YOUR CAP

For Christina Houston, who helped her mother (Michelle) bake and serve cookies and cake trimmed in green for St. Patricks Day Coffee Fellowship.

She greeted everyone with her pretty smile.

Gloria Redhead

The “Old Beam” Wooden Cross: And the “Rest of the Story”

Each year, since “forever” it seems, at the beginning of the Lenten Season and extending through the Easter Season to Pentecost, our GPC members and guests have been comforted by the presence of the “Old Beam” Wooden Cross stationed in the front of the Sanctuary. The common assumption has always been that the beams of the Cross came from the foundation of the original wooden building (a 40’ x 60’ structure) built at the present location at Main St and Brewer in 1853 and replaced by the present brick Sanctuary structure in 1898.

However, some of the actual details as to “when and by whom” our Cross was constructed have become hazy with the passing of some of our earlier Church leaders. So, the Nurture Group decided to document, as much as possible, this beautiful story of our Cross.

First and most importantly, our “Old Beam” Cross is exactly that.....beams that formed part of the original wooden structure that served Greenwood Presbyterians from 1853-1898. What happened next is part of “the rest of the story” for this writer.

Thanks to Linda Talley at the Johnson County Historical Museum, she found an article in the former GREENWOOD NEWS dated 10/31/1965 that documents the journey the wooden structure took in 1898. According to this historical account, the wooden structure was damaged (and was subsequently deemed unusable) by a storm that caused a fire and the collapse of the church steeple. When the congregation decided to build a new BRICK structure at the same location, the damaged wooden structure was dismantled and moved to the Linzie farm (the Linzie family still lives there) on the east side of Greenwood. The article continues:

“The lumber from the church was used to build a barn that remained in use until the 1960’s when the barn collapsed. The owners at that time, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Linzie, donated a large old beam to the Greenwood Museum and Historical Society (closed in 1981). At about this time, a few beams were also relocated to the church on Main St. They were stored until the time when a Cross was built to be used for Easter time in the Sanctuary.”

Greenwood News 10/31/1965

This must mean that our Cross was constructed sometime AFTER 1965 if one can believe the article facts above. Subsequent interviews with some of our remaining long-time members reveal that each person contacted could not remember a time when the Cross was NOT there through Lent and Easter.

Bud Morack, pastor from 1981-1998, remembers his first Lenten Season in 1981, when members Bert Gunnoe and Ron Meek told him the “Old Beam” Cross story (as they were preparing to put it in place, a project now headed by Gayle Talley and his sons, Chris and Alex) that implied that this tradition was not new. Clerk of Session Judy Lovejoy remembers that the Cross was part of her first Lenten attendance in 1970.

This writer, then, is comfortable with the idea that our “Old Beam” wooden Cross was constructed with reclaimed beams of the original church foundation at Main and Brewer that dates back to 1853, that they served as a barn through the first part of the 20th century and then were made into a sweetly symbolic Cross that serves to continue the connection of the present congregation to those of the past.

To God be the Glory!
Ebbie Crawford, writer
March 29, 2019

Scout News for April

The Cub and Brownies both had wonderful Spring Breaks, and they also have had a busy last couple of months.

The Cubs meet every Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM EXCEPT THE 4TH THURSDAY when they meet with the Boy Scouts until 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of GPC

The Brownies meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall.

Scout news:

Spring Break: The Troop had 20 scouts and adults go to Charleston SC for a week to visit the Yorktown Ship.

The Troop Meetings are April 4, 11 and the 25th in Fellowship Hall at GPC.

The following are the special activities for the Troop in April.

Friday April 12th, Campout at Doc Young's and or at Prairie Sod Farm. Leave Church parking lot at 5:30 pm and return Sunday around noon.

Thursday April 18th, Call down Drill at one of the parks in Greenwood to search for a lost Sr citizen in need of help, meet in the Church parking lot at 6:00 pm, the Greenwood Fire Department will help in this adventure.

Thursday April 25th, Meeting at the Church to hear Mayor Mark Myers of Greenwood speaking on Citizenship. Time is at 7:00 pm

Friday April 26th, Pathfinder Spring Camporee at Camp Krietenstein - Leave Church at 5:00 pm and return Sunday in the Afternoon. Contact the Leaders

Parents and Scout Leaders meetings are as follows:

Monday April 15th Patrol Leaders Council at 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Monday April 15th Committee Meeting at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Anybody interesting in scouting, please contact Gayle Talley, Dave Baker or the Church Office.

Dave Baker

Laision for Troop #266

Our Town Players presents "Dearly Departed"

In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does with life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than two cents. As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-suffering wife, "When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you." Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

Member, Lauren Underwood, performs as Lucille, Ray-Bud's wife. In addition to performing on stage, Lauren has previously directed a few shows for Our Town Players, including last year's *Mama Won't Fly*. She also serves on their Board of Directors.

Performances are held at the Franklin Active Adults Center at 160 E. Adams Street, Franklin, Indiana. There are four chances to see the show, the last weekend of April.

Friday, April 26th at 8pm
Saturday, April 27th at 2pm and 8pm
Sunday, April 28th at 2pm

Tickets prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Tickets are sold at the door (cash only) or in advance (Visit the Our Town Players Facebook page or contact Lauren for details).

Please note that although the show is hilarious, there are references to sensitive material including fertility issues and adultery. Lauren can address any questions or concerns.

BIRTHDAYS

April 2019

- 1 Alex Talley
Cindy Zeigler
- 2 Margaret Denlinger
- 5 Ingrid Hensley
- 8 Jan Mernone
Gloria Redhead
- 11 Kolt Nelson
- 12 Carole Stockton
- 17 Ellen Wages
- 18 Judy Schier
- 20 Donna Nelson
- 23 Marcia Justus
Lyric Meek
Larry Todrank

May 2019

- 3 Dorothy Konzelman
- 4 Roma Deck
Joshua Nelson
- 15 Anna Towner
- 16 Jan McFerran
- 19 Dianne McFarland
- 21 Coleman Wages
- 24 Mark Hensley
Marilyn Metcalf
- 28 Danny Barnes
Tom Neimeyer