



VALLEY VOICE

Valley Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The Day of Resurrection

“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised.” (Matthew 28:5-6)



Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Easter, the day of Christ’s resurrection from the dead, is the apex of the Christian year. It is the bedrock of our faith: that Christ has been risen and is, even today, alive. And yet, try as we may, this foundation cannot be factually, irrefutably proven – we are called instead to believe.

This year, Easter falls on April 1, April Fool’s Day; a day for pranks and practical jokes. Due to the quirks involved in dating Easter according to the Gregorian calendar, the last time Easter Sunday fell on April Fool’s Day was in 1956, and it won’t happen again until 2029, then only one more time in this century.

In First Corinthians, Paul says: “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”. Indeed, some might argue that *if you can’t prove it, it isn’t true*. Generation after generation, though, Christians have believed in and experienced the power of God made known in Christ’s rebirth – which is no joke!

And, so, I invite you – as you walk through this Lenten Season – to look for the signs of new life springing forth; to listen for God’s calling on your life; and to have faith that

God is already powerfully at work in and through and among us through our risen Lord.

In Christ,
 Pastor John

Mid-week Lenten Gathering at Valley

Wednesday, March 14
 Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.;
 Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we gather with members of Bainbridge Community Church in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, prayer and worship.

Holy Week Schedule

- Sunday, March 25.... Palm Sunday with special music and all-ages palm parade.
- Thursday, March 29.... Maundy Thursday *Tenebrae* worship service – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 30.... Outdoor Stations of the Cross Walk – Chagrin Falls Gazebo – noon.
- Easter Sunday, April 1 Worship Service with *Hallelujah Chorus*; Easter Egg Hunt to follow.

March

Thursdays

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 4

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

12:00 p.m. Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Library)

Sunday, March 25

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Youth Group

March schedule

Sunday, March 4

Youth Group meets in the back barn building to help with the *Pass-It-On* resale store – 7-8 p.m.

Sunday, March 18

Pancake Breakfast at Kenston HS - depart from church at 11:45 a.m.



March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
2	Parker Timmons
3	Mackensie Bush
5	Ron Cechner
10	Diana Huff
11	Ben Anderson
	Hannah Brinning
13	Brett Louis
	Ron Miner
14	Amy Belew
15	Pat Bleakney
17	Tyler Hatch
19	Dave Rodenhausen
20	Mike McGrath
	Payton Timmons
21	Lucas Hatch
	Matthew Louis
22	Christina Cardellini
23	Arlene Otten
26	Miles Crawford
27	Shirley Copeland
	Johnny Yakovac
29	Claire Anderson
31	Morgan Weemhoff

"A People of Salt and Light" Four-week Bible Study

As a part of Valley's ongoing *Journey of Renewal*, we are seeking the participation of the whole community of faith: through worship, prayer, study and discernment. Some opportunities will be on Sunday mornings, some at other times of the week. "A People of Salt and Light" spends four weeks looking at portions of the *Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew 5. It is a chance to reflect on who we are as the church and where God might be calling us. No prior reading is necessary; and it's okay if you can't make it every week; just come ready to listen and learn.

Tuesday evenings

7 - 8:15 p.m. February 27; March 6, 13, 20

Thursday afternoons

Noon – 1:30 p.m. March 1, 8, 15, 22
(brown bag lunch)



Food Bank Needs March

Please consider donating the following food items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:

Bar soap, white rice, crackers (saltines, Ritz, etc.), Jiffy corn bread mix.

Bright Night is almost here – we hope you will be able to attend! Our biggest and most fun fundraiser of the year is March 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at Adam Hall in Auburn Twp.. Join us for hearty appetizers, wine/beer tasting, the silent auction, raffles– and a lot of fun! (Just think of it as an extended fellowship time!) Invitations are in the Narthex or see Heidi Cregar.

Thank you for your donations and support – Bright Night 2018 promises to be the brightest one ever!

Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference gathers young people from all over the country to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina for a week of worship, small groups and recreation. It is designed for current 8th-grade – 12th-grade students.

Valley has reserved a 6-bedroom cabin a few-minutes walk from Montreat Conference Center and will be taking a group of youth the week of July 14-21. The cost will be approximately \$200 (the balance of expenses covered by fundraising) with scholarships available.

For many youth, this is one of the highlights of their high-school years, and a chance to forge friendships that will last for years into the future. It is truly a holy place. If you have any questions, contact Pastor John.



Received on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

During the season of Lent, Christians pay attention to those spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we devote a portion of our time together hearing about and praying for missions and ministries of compassion such as the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor, recovery of sight for the blind and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same type of vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry; who are suffering from disaster; who are dealing with oppression in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of such people through the programs of Self-Development of People (SDOP), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). It is through the generosity of congregations and church members, like you, that these important ministries are funded and the good news of Jesus Christ is shared and lived out in all corners of the world.

And so, I encourage you to support the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, and the new and abundant life that we are called to share.

In the love and grace of Jesus Christ,
Pastor John



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4. Almost \$700 was collected to support the feeding ministry at North Church, in addition to the canned goods that have been donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

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Pass-It-On Resale Store

The store is currently receiving donations with pick-ups on request. Call the office for more information. The next open dates for the store will be:

Saturday, March 10 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Sunday, March 11 (noon – 2 p.m.)