



**YOUTH AUCTION BRUNCH FROM ADAM HAYDEN**

**A Tale of SIX Awesomenesses\* and More**

Two years ago Cori Cassidy and Adrienne Palermo stepped up to lead the Youth Auction Dinner mechanics. How would people bid? How would we collect their information? How would we present all the items? These two came up with a wonderful plan and PCW's return to the Youth Auction Dinner was a success. This is awesomeness ONE and TWO.

Then a THIRD awesomeness came in the form of Sarah Williams. She jumped in last year to help take the auction mechanics online. Now we had a system online that helped us run everything more efficiently. We were truly thankful.

Sarah returned to the auction planning team this year. However, her son Sam was swimming so well that he and his swim team qualified for finals in Columbus. Just so happened that the finals were on the day before and the day of the auction. We gave Sarah and Sam our blessing and they were off to the finals. Way to go SAM! This is awesomeness number FOUR.

Knowing that Sarah Williams was going to be out of commission we went on the hunt to find someone to help out. Steve Komrska stepped up big time and helped us run a very smooth auction check-out - awesomeness number FIVE. That is... until the entire google spreadsheet went blank on us at the last minute!!! AHHHHH!!!! Always something else. But, there is also always grace.

The SIXTH awesomeness came in the form of the PCW family with all of our extended friends and neighbors. Over 25 youth helped lead us in worship that morning and then helped us transition into the auction. The youth did a great job singing, sharing, auctioneering, and more. We had over a dozen adult volunteers helping out that morning and countless more who provided food, donations, and time. Plus, we had more participation from non-member friends than we've ever had, which was one of our goals.

Oh, and we had some incredible volunteers who prepared an all you can eat waffle & fruit breakfast for our elementary school students AND the Gorby's Thrivent donation helped to cover that and the drink bar which was also a huge success. So many things to be thankful for!



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## INCREASING CAPACITY FROM PASTOR BOB ANDERSON

I went to my physician's office today for a checkup appointment. The helpful nurse led me to the scale. Hmm... I figured that might "game" the outcome if I removed my coat, my phone, keys, shoes. I added my reading glasses to the pile as well. Oh no! Still too much – I gained more weight than I thought. Sigh!



It occurred to me that I was feeling like I entered a time warp with the disciples in Mark 9.26 as they attempted to cast out a demonic influence – to no avail. They reported back to Jesus about their failure and he replied (Mark 9.29): *This kind only goes out with prayer and fasting!*

Somehow ten pounds had slyly crept onto my body over the last few months. And I'm thinking that they will only go with "prayer and fasting"! I let my guard down and the calories (despite the calorie count totals on the menus) packed my body.



Since it is now Lent, my encounter with the scale seems an apt consideration. Prayer and fasting are Lenten themes that point to prayerful soul searching that's needed to control the passions of our flesh. Indeed, the weight "crept" onto me, without notice. It was until the accumulation of weight made a difference did I notice.

The word, "lent" comes from a Latin root word, "lengthen". It's related to the lengthening of the days of spring. My girth has lengthened (perhaps widened is the correct word!).

Let's move this image to a more positive note that will encourage your spiritual journey this Lenten season. We usually think of Lent in terms of "giving up" or "losing". Since my Lent has begun with "gaining weight", let's think of Lent as a time of gaining spiritual "capacity". Our soul searching, prayer and scripture reflection this Lenten season is an opportunity for increasing, broadening, deepening our spiritual lives – *increasing capacity*.

You must find your own pattern that fits your life, but I'll share one thing that I've done. The morning after Ash Wednesday, the ashes on my forehead were gone, but my heart wanted to be full. I decided to practice a discipline each day as a way to consistently stretch my faith capacity and my love of Jesus. Each morning on my Facebook page I include the image of the ashen cross above, along with a thought and scripture passage that reflects my morning devotional time. The practice itself strengthens my discipline. Prayerful reflection brings to mind scripture that I will use and sometimes a brief thought occurs. My heart will get "cleaned up" by prayer and fasting!

You are welcome to look at my Facebook page to see my capacity increase each day – just remember, Lent's 40 days do not include Sunday. You'll have to come to church to worship and hear God's word that has grown in my heart that week!

*Growing in Grace! Pastor Bob*



### **Easter Flowers** for APRIL 21st



**Easter lilies, daffodils and tulips** will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Plants may be donated for delivery to shut-ins or may be picked up at the church following the 11 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

**Please turn in this form and check to the church office by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Plants are \$14 each.** Make checks payable to: PCW (*designate: "Flower Fund - Easter"*).

**I wish to order:** \_\_\_ Easter Lilies \_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_ Tulips Order Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my order to shut-in (s)  I will pick up my order after 11 a.m. Easter service.

Name for the bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

## PNC UPDATE FROM MATT FISCHER

**W**e want to update you on your PNC's progress. To date, we were briefed by Presbytery regarding the entire pastor nominating process. We completed our committee covenant (a set of rules on how we will interact with each other and as a committee throughout the process). We also finished our SWOO analysis document (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and obstacles) and shared this with our Committee on Ministry, Liaison, Lisa Allgood.



The PNC also hosted Bill Morley, a member of the Pastoral Discernment Team, and he shared the report they created over the past several years. It was an extremely productive meeting, and the report is thorough, thoughtful and contains useful information and recommendations. The committee was pleased to see that the PDT report aligns nicely with the Holy Cow! evaluation, the PCW Mission Study and our SWOO document.

We started work on formatting the Mission Study document to reflect the personality, vitality, and energy of our congregation. The idea is to bring it to life with pictures, data, and a narrative that accurately reflects who we are today, but more importantly, and with God's help, what we aspire to be in the future. We intend to share this document with you when it is complete because we believe it will make us all proud. We are also starting work on our MIF (Ministry Information Form). The MIF is what prospective candidates will initially see when looking for a congregational match. It is an important document, and we are treating it as such.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the PNC will visit the Senior High Youth Group's Sunday night meeting to get their input into what they want in a new pastor for PCW. Then on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Rob Keelor and Steve Wilson (PNC members who are also Session Members) will update the Session on the PNC.

We are pleased with the progress we have made in a short period of time. Our committee is strong, united and extremely positive as we listen to discern God's will and plan for PCW. Please keep us and our work in your prayers.

This reminds us that we want to hear from all of you. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions or want to share your opinions.

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## YOUTH AUCTION BRUNCH (CONT.)

**A**ll in all it was a great day as we came together to worship, fellowship, and bid. Speaking of bidding, we did raise money to help out young people grow in their faith through learning and service!!! Checks are still coming in and we will most likely land somewhere between \$14,000 - \$15,000 when it is all said and done.

On behalf of the youth, the parents, the volunteer leaders, and PCW,  
THANK YOU!

Peace, Adam Hayden



## LADS & LASSIES

We have some great bits of news from the preschool!

- 100% of our current families have re-enrolled for next year.
- During our Community Open House the remaining openings, made available by the children going to Kindergarten, all filled within 15 minutes. \*The line started at 5 a.m. on community registration day.
- We are currently full for the 2019-2020 school year with a short waiting list.
- We received a 100% perfect inspection report from The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.
- PCW's very own Adam Hayden and his partner, Vern, from The Corner treated our students to a concert during our last Lunch and Learn program.
- We raised \$700 for the Polly Marty Scholarship Fund through our "Be the Love" Go Fund Me Valentine's Day Campaign.



We also have some exciting upcoming events going on at the preschool.

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> we are going to have our first ever Rummage Sale. **PLEASE** consider donating items to the preschool for this new fundraising event. We will begin accepting donations on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact [ladsandlassiespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ladsandlassiespreschool@gmail.com) with any questions.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Plant Sale in the church parking lot.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> is Bike Day. Children bring their bikes to school and we will be roping off most of the parking lot for bike riding!
- Graduation for our students going off to kindergarten is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FROM ROB KEELOR



We will be continuing our march through the desert with the children of Israel and completing the "**The Tabernacle - The Dwelling Place of God**" series before the Easter celebration. Then we will turn our attention to the "**New Covenant of Jesus Christ - Our Hope & Faith in Action.**"

During this Lenten season we commonly look at fasting, prayer, devotion, and sacrifice. By looking at the Tabernacle of the Old Testament, we can learn much about (1) God's plan of redemption through history, and Christ's ultimate fulfillment of the same, (2) how, before Christ, a sinful people could approach a holy God and receive grace and mercy, (3) how the priesthood is foundational to understanding Christ's priestly ministry, (4) how the sacrificial system within the Tabernacle teaches of the importance of a blood sacrifice to atone for sin, (5) how a good grasp of the Tabernacle is essential in understanding much of the Book of Hebrews and other portions of the New Testament. We can then celebrate the Easter and the New Covenant together, drawing near to God, the author and finisher of our faith!

Please join us in the Founders' Room on Sundays at 10 a.m. as we continue our study.

## MARCH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM DON HOFFMAN

- Session welcomed Rebecca Bosarge and, after discussion, approved a contract to have her serve as Director of Pastoral Care. She will begin her work here on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Session also approved extending Reverend Doctor Robert Anderson’s contract for one year effective June 16<sup>th</sup>
- The Session Mission Team will start the initial phases of developing a 5-10 year plan to implement the vision approved and shared with the congregation in February
- Session approved the following: all of the Mission events for the remainder of 2019, a 24–hour prayer event in April, the election of Adrienne Palermo to serve on The Healing Space board; inviting Scott Myhre to preach one Sunday in June; and holding an organ recital in November to celebrate our churches 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## SUMMARY OF PCW FINANCES FROM RON STOERKER

FEBRUARY 2019 SUMMARY	2019 Budget	Percent	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
<b>INCOME</b>				
Congregational Support	570,540	91.7%	110,781	112,183
Foundation Support	35,324	5.7%	0	0
Other Income	6,500	1.0%	392	1,173
Designated Benevolence	10,000	1.6%	365	228
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>622,364</b>		<b>111,538</b>	<b>113,584</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Salaries & Benefits	397,307	63.3%	52,109	73,627
Ministry Areas	14,250	2.3%	1,174	1,365
Operating (building & utilities)	158,134	25.2%	23,502	26,691
Benevolences	58,000	9.2%	380	1,473
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>627,691</b>		<b>77,165</b>	<b>103,156</b>
<b>Income less Expenditure: operating</b>	<b>&lt;5,327&gt;</b>		34,372	10,428

## HEART CONNECTION FROM THE HEALING SPACE

**A**re You Interested in Heart Connection? Drumming connects us with others through the rhythm of your heart. Humans are attracted to drumming because it mimics their mother’s heartbeat. Drumming with others promotes connection, stress management, satisfaction and health.

You are welcome to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the youth space for a drumming circle facilitated by Adrienne Palermo.

No registration is needed. A HealthRHYTHMS Drumming Group is also available on 6 Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. beginning April 25.

For registration, contact Christine Graeter at [TightropeBalance@gmail.com](mailto:TightropeBalance@gmail.com). Further information is available on our website at: [thehealingspacecincinnati.org/drumming-circle/](http://thehealingspacecincinnati.org/drumming-circle/) and [thehealingspacecincinnati.org/healthrhythms-group/](http://thehealingspacecincinnati.org/healthrhythms-group/).



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Do you remember One Great Hour of Sharing? You may recall your children coming home with little cardboard boxes shaped like a little fish, a collection box for feeding the hungry of the word, just like Jesus did for over 5,000 people. PCW is going to begin anew to participate in our worldwide Presbyterian Church offering that is used to feed and assist those in need.



In 1978, I served a church in Boston when we were hit with a surprise blizzard that dumped nearly 4 feet of snow on the region. Thousands along the coast lost their homes and the city was shut down for over a week until the U.S. Army could get equipment in to plow streets. The region was declared a disaster area but the miracle of God was that the Presbyterian Church had *already* begun to send One Great Hour funds to assist in the recovery. What a grand witness to God's grace manifest through God's people!

What was even more of a blessing to me is that our little urban multi-ethnic church of Hispanics and Anglos was in the midst collecting our OGHS offering to help others – when we began to receive help from One Great Hour sharing!

The impact of that event stirs my heart today! PCW will be taking a special offering on **Palm Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**.. Let us open our doors, and open our hearts, and give generously! If we all do a little it adds up to be a lot! To contribute please make checks payable to PCW and put OGHS in the memo line."

## KIDS ARE PARTICIPATING AND PARENTS ARE TOO!

You might remember that we launched a series of children's classes during the 10 a.m. hour back in the fall. The first one was an African Dance class for kids followed by a children's choir. We took several weeks off and then came back in February with an Animal class and a Yoga class. All of these classes have been super well attended with over 40 total kids participating at least once and over 20 kids participating regularly.

We offered a children's yoga class every Sunday in March, which was our best attended class yet. We handed the parents a brief survey on that first day of children's yoga. The survey simply asked the parents what they would prefer to do while their children were in their classes.

(Yes, we had to create two separate classes for the kids because we had so many participate). The parents overwhelmingly told us that they would prefer to have their own adult yoga class! So we invited one of the Healing Space yoga practitioners to help us out and offered adult yoga the very next Sunday. The only problem we faced during adult yoga was that we almost ran out of room as we had about a dozen parents participate!

We are excited that God is opening up the doors on Sunday morning to new kids and new parents. We are excited that these young people are learning how to be aware of one other, how to be thoughtful and kind, and how to stretch and move their bodies in such positive ways!

God is on the move and we are trying to catch up! Please help us by keeping all the young people in your prayers.



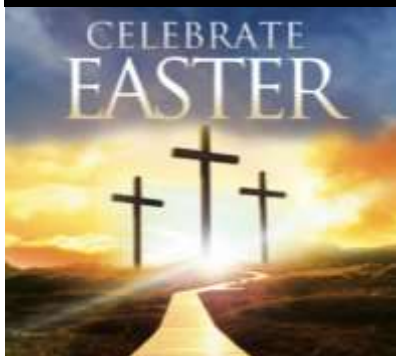
## WELCOME REBECCA BOSARGE

The Session is delighted to announce our new Director of Pastoral Care, Rebecca Bosarge. Originally from Preble County, she currently lives in White Oak with her spouse. Becky enjoyed a successful career in social service until God called her to ministry. She graduated from Louisville Seminary and is a part of our Cincinnati Presbytery. She also has completed a program in Spiritual Direction and Formation. Becky will be part time with us here at PCW and she also works part time at Knox Presbyterian. She will officially begin here on April 1<sup>st</sup> and has already attended our staff meetings and offered good input for planning. Thanks to Dean Gaudin, Becky and Pastor Bob both recently received a thorough tour of Maple Knoll. We will introduce Becky to the PCW congregation on Easter Sunday.



Thanks to our Session interviewing team; Rob Keelor, Mo Miller, and Sue Moriarty.

## LENT AND EASTER AT PCW



### **PALM SUNDAY - April 14, 10 a.m. Single Service**

Procession and Confirmation! On Palm Sunday we will have a single worship service at 10 a.m. The service will begin in the Great Room as we ready ourselves and join in a Procession of Palms to the Sanctuary singing a song that we will learn just for this occasion!

During the service we will share in the Confirmation of several PCW Youth: Sam Elliot, Ethan Hatcher, Will Helser, Zach Spera, Sam Williams and Izzy Vegh.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18, 7 p.m.**

This will be a service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper surrounded by music, teaching from the scriptures and the traditional Tenebrae Service. You will be inspired as the Spirit takes us into the Heart of God and God's love reaches deep into our lives.

All are invited to join us for a pizza dinner before the service at 6:15 p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY - April 19, 7 p.m.**

The PCW Sanctuary will set aside for an hour of meditation, prayer and reflection. A worship guide will be available for your personal use to guide you with scripture and prayer. You may come and go as you desire.

### **EASTER SUNDAY - April 21, 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.**

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with us! The resurrection broke the power of death's hold on this world. This is our foundational Christian belief, and on Easter Sunday we will be inspired to know the power of the resurrection in our own lives. In the sermon we will walk in the garden with Mary early on that Sunday morning and discover the glory of a Good Morning in the midst of sorrow.

## CONNIE'S CORNER FROM CONNIE GOLDEN

Adam Hayden helped me with an invitation, a poster, and a sign-up form for an intergenerational experience at the Schantz pipe organ for the folks at PCW to meet with me for a real organ lesson. There was a good amount of interest and 4 folks signed to meet me after the services for their private lessons. Thank you! We will feature this intergenerational event again beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> this summer. Watch for the poster and a sign-up form in the Gathering Area. *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).*

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**UPCOMING PCW EVENTS**

**APRIL**

- 1 **FINANCE** - 7 p.m., Library
- WORSHIP COMMITTEE** - 7 p.m., Parlor
- 2 **PNC** - 7 p.m.
- YOUNG CONGREGATION TEAM** - 8 p.m., Youth Room
- 8 **SESSION** - 7 p.m., Founders' Room
- 9 **PNC** - 7 p.m.
- 14 **PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** - 10 a.m., Sanctuary *(begins in Great Room)*
- 15 **DEACONS BOARD** - 7 p.m., Parlor
- 16 **PNC** - 7 p.m.
- 18 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Dinner, 6 p.m. / Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 19 **GOOD FRIDAY** - 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 21 **EASTER SUNDAY** - 8, 9, & 11 a.m. Services
- 23 **PNC** - 7 p.m.
- 28 **HABITAT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP** - 1 p.m., Library
- 30 **PNC** - 7 p.m.



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