



THE CHIMES

APRIL 1, 2014

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday:
April 17

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

We will experience the history of the Last Supper around tables of twelve.

Good Friday:
April 18

Noon to 12:50.

The events of the crucifixion of our Lord are retold in Scripture and song. Please invite your community friends.

Easter Sunday:
April 20

7:30 Sonrise Service
Led by the Praise Band

8:30 Breakfast
(Free will offering to help support Lakeside Church Camp for our High School students.)

10:00 Sunday school

Easter Worship Service

11:00

He is Risen



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Holy Week
- Confirmation
- Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet
- E-giving
- Youth and Children Happenings
- SPARC

PALM SUNDAY-CONFIRMATION APRIL 13

The 2014

Confirmation Class will be confirmed into membership on Palm Sunday. We rejoice with our new members; Delaney Althausser, Jackson Althausser, Alex Haushalter, David Heilman,

Jacob Jolliff, Morgan Kohl, Rocco Longbrake, Devry Moore, Abby Oberlitner, Kobey Rawlins, and Steven Stalder.

Confirmation

Please join the Confirmands after the service for refreshments in the cookie room.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth are preparing to go to Lakeside. They have signed up and are now beginning to raise the funds needed to participate. Our first Fundraiser are discount cards. These cards offer two-for-one deals at local businesses. Look for a student at church and get a great deal while helping send them to camp.

This month will also be our annual Easter Breakfast. This event is a great way to

enjoy Easter morning as an entire congregation.

It also is a fundraiser for our youth to go to Lakeside. Breakfast will start at 8:30 after the Sunrise service.

Middle School Small Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays through the summer. It will now start at 6:30 without a meal beforehand. Small Group is a great place to have fun together and figure out what it means to follow Jesus as a middle school student.

Mother Daughter Friend Banquet May 10th

Be sure to mark May 10th on your calendar as we again enjoy a night out at our Mother-Daughter-Friend "The Bells are Ringing" banquet.

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 for children 5-10, under 5 free

More details to come!



Preschool News

Thank you so much for all coin collecting for the Pennies for Patients drive. Our students had a great time learning all about generosity and giving back! We will be traveling to Quest Federal Credit Union to cash in our coins and send our check to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

We will continue practicing ways to help others. Our students will be participating in St. Jude's "Trike-A-Thon" to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital. Students will raise money while practicing bike safety riding their favorite bikes or trikes at Hardin County Fairgrounds on April 16th or 17th during class time!

Monthly Themes and Bible verses
Spring changes

Weather-wind, rain, sun, storms

Seeds, plants, growth cycle

Insects/bugs

Easter Holiday

Safety

Jesus is not here. He has risen. (Luke 24:6)

For everything there is a season. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I will send you rain at the right time so that the land will produce crops and the trees will bear fruit. (Leviticus 26:4)

In the countryside the flowers are in bloom. This is the time for singing. (Song of Songs 2:12)

The earth is the Lord's. (Psalm 24:1)

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year opens up to the public April 1st. We will be having an Open House for new students on Saturday, April 12 from 10-12.

Stop in the office today to receive a registration packet.

Thank you to Carol Ledley for discussing dental hygiene and Joy Vanhorn for bringing physical education to our class! We had a great time!

We currently have 10 students in our sponsorship program. These students are thriving and gaining a huge advantage by being in preschool. We are so thankful to the members and families for donating funds so that these 10 children may attend school this year. It is making an impact in their life. If you are still interested in giving to the sponsorship program, please pick up a form from the office or see Lisha.

Ms. Jenaya and Ms. Jan

CHILDREN HAPPENINGS



Another successful year of Kids' Club has come to an end. This Wednesday night club had 27 children attend, many of them from outside our church, to have fun playing games, get to know adults that care about them, and learn what it means to follow Jesus. Thank you to all who helped make Kids' Club a success through providing meals and being Buddies for small groups. Recently Kids' Club helped collect over 60 boxes of cereal to give to the N.O.C. and had Hannah Heilman visit with a lamb to talk about Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

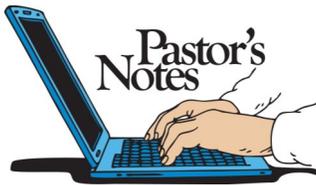
It's time to start thinking about summer activities for the children in your family. One great way to have a fun and focus on Jesus for a week this summer is to attend Camp Wesley. This camp is close to home (Bellefontaine) and sponsored by our church. This means children that want to attend can receive Camp Fund money to help offset the price. Camp is already affordable starting at only \$250 and offers adventures for ages 7 through Middle School. If you want to know more ask for a book from the office.



VBS is coming! Mark your calendars for June 9-13 from 1-4PM. Right now we are looking for people who can help with this ministry. We need shepherds (who lead a group of children), Recreation leaders, or anyone that wants to be involved. Look for more info in the coming months about signing up your children.



This month is when we will remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Our children will be involved in this celebration. The children will be leading the Palm Sunday celebration by processing with palms on Palm Sunday. This a great chance to let your child lead the congregation in worship of our Great Savior. The Sunday Schools will also be making prayer bracelets as part of their Easter Sunday celebration. These bracelets will be made by our children and prayed over during Sunday School. The bracelets will then be given to children in our community and in Mexico along with Children's Bibles.



How good is God? In the last 6 weeks God has walked me through an overwhelming journey of healing. I was overwhelmed by God's presence in the gentle care I received from my doctors, nurses, and their caring staffs. I was overwhelmed by the loving patience and attentiveness from my wife, Vicki. I was overwhelmed by your calls, cards, and concern about my

continued recovery. And I was overwhelmed by the power of God's healing as the surgery went flawlessly and the final prognosis a clean bill of health.

Now I know how the man with the withered hand, the ten with leprosy, those who were mentally ill, blind, deaf and lame experienced Jesus' healing so long ago. And I am humbled.

I don't know why God chose to give me this gift of a soft landing in the face of what could have been so much more difficult. But I do know I did not earn any special grace and did nothing to deserve it.

So what more can I do than give God all the honor and glory? And this...

Thank you God. With all my heart.

See you in church.



Rev. Loran Miracle



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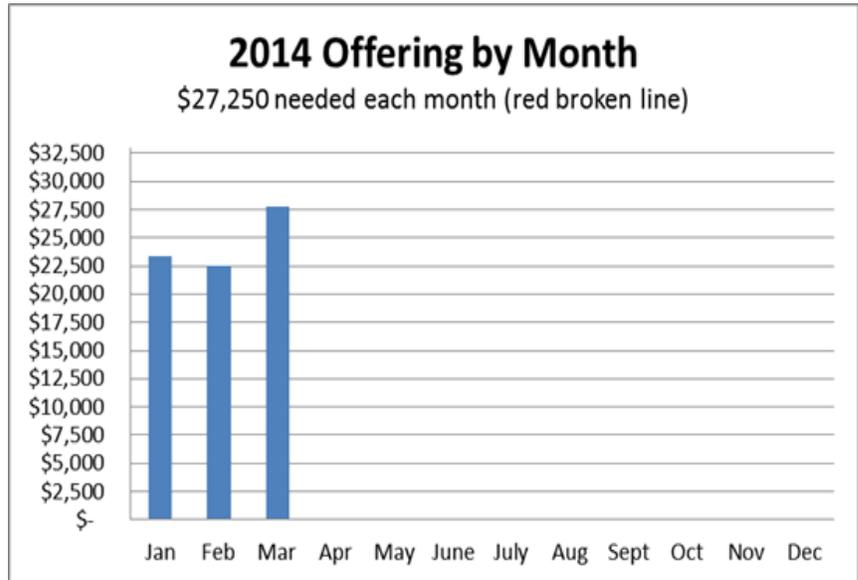
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ATTENDANCE

March 2— 9 am service-	65	11 Service-113	Total- 178
March 9— 9 am Service—	96	11 Service— 90	Total— 186
March 16— 9 am Service-	70	11 Service— 123	Total— 193
March 23— 9 am Service-	76	11 Service- 132	Total— 208
March 30- 9 am Service-	75	11 Service-104	Total-179



THANK YOU

I recently had surgery and I borrowed a shower chair from you. I couldn't have bathed for the first month without it. I appreciate you letting me borrow it. Thank you so very much.

Maria Jennings Harrison

Thank you friends and members of First Church for all your prayers and support over the last five years of Howard's illness. He grew up in this church and loved all of you and enjoyed being a part of the church in many ways. Thanks also to all those who donated in his memory, to Rev. Miracle, Scott and Funeral Dinner ladies.

Howard Watkins Family

Dear Healing Stitchers,

I want to thank you all so very much for the beautiful shaw that you sent to me. It was very thoughtful of you all. It really makes a person feel good that you did that for me.

Thank you and God Bless,

Mary Kanzig



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Edison Klingler

537 N. High Street

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THANK YOU THANK YOU!
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Prayer Concerns:

Dennis Alexander, Marilyn Arn, Laura Ballenger ,PJ Boblenz, Pat Brutzer, Allison Buehler (friend of Linda Wuethrich), Susie Elsasser, Barbara Gault, Karen Gossard, Bonnie Amweg-Hammer, Teresa Haudenschild (daughter of Carrol and Janet Boe-cher) Karlee Hooker (Norm Guinn's granddaughter), Dale Kendrick, Chuck Kinnear, Keith Kinnear, Ruth Klingler, Deb McEntee, Jane McGee, Lynn Benson- Mowery (friend of Libby Smith), Brian Mulligan (friend of Bruce Levally), Janet Ralston, Kellie Rogers, Karrie Shumate, Ken Sparks (brother of Linda Wuethrich), Jim Smith (father of Courtney Smith), Barbara Spencer, Christine Stahler (wife of Kevin), Jan Tregoning, Sonny Weatherholtz (father of Chris Heilman), Sawyer Wright (nephew of Robin and Dana). Bobbi Tandon, Jack Rogers, Winogene Rogers, Dan Callinan (Candy Callinan's brother in law), Larry Weaver, Jim Candler, Emma Closser (Shirley Stauffer's mother)

SPARC GROUP

Come join our SPARC group for lunch and fellowship at The Plaza Inn Restaurant after church at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, April 27th. Please call Barb Winzenried for reservations on home phone (419) 673- 2149 or cell phone (419) 674-3112 by April 19th.

Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars for Consecration Sunday on

June 1st.

We will be having lunch following the 11:00 service at the Masonic lodge.

E- Giving

We are pleased to announce a new service for your convenience....**electronic-giving!** If you go to the First Church website (www.kentonfirst.org) and scroll down, you will see a big red **DONATE** button. If you click on the text, you will be directed to a screen that will allow first time users to register. (One time donors are not required to register.) You will be asked to type in your name and address, envelope number (optional), phone number, and email address. You then create a 6-20 character username and an 8-20 character password (case sensitive). Once you have registered and received your confirmation email, you can then decide if you would like to have your (pledge) offering deducted from your checking or savings account.

I registered and set up our account so that our giving is automatically deducted from our checking account on the 3rd of each month. In my opinion, the process is very user-friendly and I hope that you find it convenient. Also, as a user of this service, you will be able to monitor your e-giving donation history.

The e-giving service provider does not charge a set up or monthly fee for use of the program. The church will be charged a fee per transaction (.5% + \$.25 per bank transaction). For example, if you make a \$500 offering and have it deducted from your bank account, the transaction fee (charged to the church) would be \$2.75.

After six months, we will evaluate the program to determine its effectiveness and usage. Please contact Laurie Steinman



Heard it From the Grapevine:

By: Edison and Ruth Klingler

Olivia Watkins will be serving on a 'mystery trip' with a team from Huntington University during Spring break.

Congratulations to Julia Stalder, daughter of Dwane and Garnett Stalder, and Zac Turner who were married March 8th in our Church.

Congratulations to Hannah Oliver, daughter of Steve and Kathy Oliver and Stephen Lowers who were married March 15th in Columbus.

Congratulations to Logan Brown, granddaughter of the late David and Sue Carmean, who was married March 15th to Mason Howard.

Hannah Heilman was named the 2014 Hardin County Lamb and Wool Queen.

Sarah Heilman was awarded a scholarship by the Hardin County Sheep Improvement Association.

4-H members featured in the annual 4-H Special edition of the Kenton times for their project experiences were:

Lenore Kohl, Let's Explore the Outdoors

Jacob Jolliff, Robotics,

Kirsten Osborn, Active Sportswear

Anna Longbrake, Snack Attack

Alex Haushalter won Best Performer for the Kenton Middle School Dimensions at the Wapakoneta Music Fest.

Morgan Houser is a member of a Kenton FFA team that designed a T-shirt that has been selected to be featured to FFA members across America.

Receiving recognition at the Kenton High School winter athletic awards program were:

River Oates, most 3-point makes (basketball)

Will Hoppe, Booster award (swimming)

Heath Houser, Rookie Wrestling award

Maggie Kimmel, Senior Cheerleading award

Kaitlyn Cornwell and Jarrod Kissling were named to the Dean's list for fall semester at the University of Findlay.

Colin Headings was a member of the cast of "Into The Woods" at the Benjamin Logan High School.

Breanna Alexander was inducted into the KHS National Honor Society.

Will Hoppe was a graduate of Hardin Youth Leadership.

Sympathy to the family of Howard Watkins and praise for his service and faith.

Sympathy to Patty Good in the death of her sister, Shirley Murphy.

Sympathy to Cassie, Calynn and Carrie Morris in the death of their grandmother, Cleo Morris.

Sympathy to the family of Anna Oates.

Sympathy to the family of Richard Arn, brother of Robert Arn.

Sympathy to the family of Mary Gayle James.



April 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6:30 Youth Ministry team mtg 6:30 Bells 7:30 11 Worship mtg	2 Prayer and Praise 6:00 Dinner 6:30 MS Youth 6:45 Prayer and Praise	3 6:00 Lenten Study 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	4 9:00 Chicken BBQ Keep HC Beautiful	5 11 AA
6 9 Contemporary Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 3:30 Confirmation 5:30 HS youth	7 6:30 SPARC mtg 7:30 Contemporary Worship mtg 7:30 AA	8 6:30 Bells 7:00 Missions mtg	9 6:30 MS Youth	10 6:00 Lenten study 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	11	12 10-12 Preschool Open House 11 AA 6:00 Confirmation dinner
13 Palm Sunday Confirmation 9 Contemporary Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 5:30 HS youth	14 6:30 Trustee mtg 7:30 AA	15 6:30 Bells 6:30 SPR mtg	16 6:30 MS Youth	17 Holy Thursday service 6:00 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	18 12:00 Good Friday Service	19 11 AA
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