



April 2019

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“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11, NIV

I have learned a truth over my years as a Christian that goes all the way back to a song I learned as a child in Sunday School, *Jesus Loves Me*. That truth is, “I am weak, but He is strong.” Those folks who pride themselves in walking without God, experience only the first half of this truth. Our “*Captain Courageous*” image of ourselves as the strong skipper at the helm of our ship is unavoidably wrecked by waves that sink our vessel and threaten to drown us all. Truly, we are all weak!

However, those who have taken the experience of their helplessness as an opportunity to turn to God, make an even more startling discovery; He is strong! What we sang as children and held in our minds suddenly plunges deep into our hearts and becomes the very foundation for our lives. As we read in Isaiah 57:15, “*God is the Holy One who inhabits eternity.*” This powerful God is also our heavenly Father who loves us and looks out for us. For this reason we must agree with Psalm 31:14, “*I trust in you, O Lord . . . You are my God!*”

Indeed, this contrast between the human and the divine, weakness and strength, is the pattern of every Christian’s life. It is the theme of the scripture at the top of this page. Jesus, the divine, emptied himself of all but love and became a man. In trust and weakness, he submitted to his Heavenly Father, who in turn exalted him with a name above every name. So, as we prepare for Holy Week, we remember the suffering of Jesus, who was in his greatest glory, as he turned to the cross and bore the culmination of his ministry here on earth. It was in Christ’s Passion that his human weakness submitted to his divine strength. With utter confidence in his Heavenly Father, Jesus enters the darkness of our sin and death, sacrificing everything on our behalf.

This balance between our inability and God’s ability is the story of the Christian walk. In 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 9, Paul reminds us that, “*We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.*” Surely as God guides us through this time of the Church year when we remember Christ’s suffering, death, and glorious resurrection we can take heart that, although we are in distress, we can trust in the Lord and say, “*You are my God!*”

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus,

Buddy 😊

Easter Day  
Worship  
April 21, 2019

7:00 am Community  
Sunrise Service in the  
Dave Clark Pavilion  
(Followed by Breakfast in  
Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am Sunday School  
for all ages.

11:00 am Worship  
Celebration of the  
Resurrection

# April Events 2019

## Birthdays

Apr 03 Bruce Swanson  
06 Anna Nickerson  
06 Luna O'Donnell  
07 Sarah Arnold  
07 Paige Rimer  
09 Joseph Arlington  
10 Mike Hepford  
12 Jamie Caito  
12 Marge Jones  
12 Sara Nickerson  
15 Vicky Hepford  
15 Lee Jones  
15 Tammy Mix  
15 Jayna Sowers  
16 Amanda Knopf  
19 Heidi DeWald  
20 Kathy Swartz  
20 Janene Zaffino  
22 Chad Hamilton  
22 David Snyder  
23 Elizabeth Lucks  
25 Megan Grady  
26 Emily Jones  
26 John McKown  
27 Rylee Kocher  
28 Lois Marshall  
30 Noah Spicer

## Anniversaries

Apr 01 John & Jerry Schultz 47  
05 William & Joann Stevenson 61  
13 Mark & Sheryl Ash 40  
17 Raymond & Londa Barrett  
23 Don & Roxy VanOrd  
25 David & Janene Zaffino

## Lay Leaders

Apr 07 Lynn Bricker  
14 Mark Ash

21 Anne Ward  
28 Ruth Morrison

## Greeters

Apr 07 Celia Gross  
14 Karen Ashbaugh  
21 Judy McElhatten  
28 Jim Ashbaugh

## Sound Booth

Apr 07 Nyssa Brumagin  
14 Jim Ashbaugh  
21 Stephen Ashbaugh  
28 Joshua Ward

## Nursery - Adults

Apr 07 Lois Marshall  
14 Gloria Lindell  
21 Nancy Bullock  
28 Sandy Ransom

## Sanctuary Flowers

Apr 07 Mark and Sheryl Ash  
14 Eunice Bish  
21 Easter  
28 Ellen Nelson

## Ushers

## Hospital Visitor

Lee Jones

## After Church Coffee

Apr 07 Bill & Celia Gross  
14 New Member Reception  
28 Ruth Morrison

# ***April 2019 – News from the Pews***

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

The Flower Committee is now taking orders for the Easter flowers. The deadline to order flowers is April 7th. Please see the insert in this newsletter or in each of the weekly worship bulletins.

## **WRAPPED EASTER CANDY NEEDED**

We need to have donations of wrapped Easter Candy for our annual Easter Party. If you are able to help with this Outreach project, please drop off your



wrapped candy to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 17th.

Once we have all that candy, we will need volunteers to stuff the plastic eggs with it and other goodies. A get-together will happen on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall to stuff all those eggs. Come and have a good time of fellowship helping to get those eggs ready for the exciting event the next day.

## **Community Good Friday Service**

will be held on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Warren. This service is sponsored by the Warren Ministerial Association with several participating churches from our community. The service is a Tenebrae

style service and will include congregational singing and guided readings as we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus' Christ.

## **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain, please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can be praying for those in need.



If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study is working through a 12 session series on "Meeting God" by J. I. Packer. Packer was one of the inspirations for Chip Ingram's study on "The Real God." Come and join the men of the church at 7:15 PM to travel together from the church or go straight to Perkins in Warren and meet at 7:30 PM as we continue our study of who God really is!

## **Easter Morning Breakfast**

The Youth of our church will be serving breakfast following the 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service. All proceeds will benefit the mission fund. Plan on coming to the Sunrise Service and then joining in the fellowship with a warm breakfast before morning worship.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

Many of us ache for relationship with God, yet feel distant and disconnected from him. As if he's more of an idea we believe in our head than a person we relate to.

Why do we feel this gap between God and us? Could it be that a lot of what we think about God is wrong? Not all wrong, but wrong enough to mess up how we relate to him? What if our "God" is really a projection of our own identity, ideas, and desires? And what if the real God is different, but far better than we could ever imagine?

This book and study is a simple but profound guide to what God says about himself. In his signature conversational style, author John Mark Comer takes the reader line by line through Exodus 34, versus 6-8 – what some scholars argue is the most quoted in the Bible, by the Bible.

It turns out, who God is just might surprise you – and change everything.

The Ladies Bible Study has been working on a study of this Book, God Has A Name by John Mark Comer.

Books are \$11.00 each and are available from Gloria Lindell. The study is available to all interested ladies.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

The Sunday school classes received fish banks. During the season of Lent the youth are encouraged to put money into the banks to help those in our country and in the world who are less fortunate.

The fish banks, as well as any other donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing, should be returned by Palm Sunday. All checks should be made payable to NWPC or North Warren Presbyterian Church.

"Fish Banks" are available to everyone. Just ask the ushers if you would like one or drop by the office to pick one up.



## **8 Can Soup**

Wow! Lots of feedback on the last issue's recipe. Seems everybody and their sibling has done a variation of this



recipe. And everyone agrees that winter is the time for soups and that it is

great to be reminded of an easy recipe for a reasonably healthy, quick, and tasty soup.

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But it seems that as I mentioned last time, the variations are there. The biggest ones that I heard about were substituting sliced or diced potatoes for the chick peas. One specified using Progresso brand of Minestrone soup, but honestly that was the only brand I could find.

Another suggested using “hot” Chile con Carne with Beans; I have a fussy eater who dislikes spicy soup, so I tend to avoid that sort of thing.

Another variation was going to be instituted in my next stock-up of the ingredients. That change was using diced tomatoes instead of stewed tomatoes because I always ended up cutting up the tomatoes anyway. Again, I have a fussy eater (a different one) in my house that simply hates tomatoes and will just pick them all out (terrible waste of perfectly good tomatoes to me.)

I put the recipe on a half sheet that you can cut out and put in a recipe book.

## **LADIES PRAYER LUNCHEON**

The Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group will meet on Thursday April 11 at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich. Desserts will be provided. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## **Aprils' Ushers**

You may have noticed that there are no ushers for the month of April. We do not have enough volunteers anymore without using people more than three times in some instances, and we do not use anyone more than three times to usher since it is a month-long commitment.

If you are willing to usher in April, please contact the office.

## **The Church and the Roadway**

North Warren Presbyterian Church will again be helping to “Keep America Beautiful”. Our section of highway that we adopted is North State Street from Rt. 62 near Ekey’s up to and including Jackson Street.

We will be holding our annual clean up on Saturday April 27 starting at the church at 9:30 AM.



We have plenty of gloves and vests and everyone from the young to the old are invited to participate in this

service project. Come and share in this missional project to help make our community cleaner.

# EASTER MEMORIALS AND HONORS



As we prepare to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, we are again asking for your help. You may purchase a flowering plant of your choice that will be used to decorate our church sanctuary or you may specify your donation to be placed into the Deacon Fund or both. All donations may be placed in memory of or in honor of family, loved ones and/or friends.

Cost for Lillies is \$10.50 each

Cost for Tulips and Daffodils are \$9.50 each

Please specify your choice of flower below. Sorry no choice of colors.

## ORDER DEADLINE IS April 7, 2019

Flowers must be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service on April 21, 2019. Orders may be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection plate. Please enclose your check or cash in a separate envelope % Flower Committee. All Checks Should Be Made To: North Warren Presbyterian Church (or NWPC). Please write



"Flower Committee" on the memo line

Thank you for your participation. *The Flower Committee*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type	Number	Total
Tulip	_____ x	\$9.50 \$ _____
Daffodil	_____ x	\$9.50 \$ _____
Lily	_____ x	\$10.50 \$ _____
Deacons Fund	_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	_____ x	\$ _____

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8 Can Soup

- 1 Can Mixed Vegetables
- 1 Can Whole Kernel Corn
- 1 Can Green Beans
- 1 Can (Progresso) Minestrone Soup
- 1 Can Chili with Beans
- 1 Can Chili without Beans
- 1 Can Stewed Tomatoes
- 1 Can Chick Peas (Garbanzo Beans) (or Potatoes)

Don't drain anything. Put it in a decent sized pot.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook for a few minutes, stirring regularly. Or put it all in a large crock pot, set to low, and let simmer all day for a delicious dinner.

Serve alone or with crackers, corn muffins, bread, or any number of sides.

Quick and easy, we keep the cans together in the cupboard for that evening when no one wants to cook.

# 2019 Holy Week Activities for The North Warren Presbyterian Church

*Palm/Passion Sunday – April 14th*

*11:00 AM, Worship and “One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering*

Join your friends and neighbors for an inspiring time of worship as we usher in “Holy Week” and the passion of our Lord. The service will feature music by the Qadosh Bells, as well as the gathering in of this year’s “One Great Hour of Sharing,” one of our largest offerings of the year. Pastor Buddy’s will be speaking from Luke about “What the Stones Would Say.”



*Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup>*

*7:30 PM Community Good Friday Service, at First United Methodist Church*

The Warren Area Ministerial will again hold a Tenebrae Community Good Friday Service. This year’s service will be held at 7:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street in Warren. A Community Choir will provide special music for the service.

*Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00 AM - Noon, Community Easter Party & Egg Hunt*

Children from preschool to grade 6 from the North Warren Presbyterian Community Day Care, Sunday School, and their friends are invited to a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Party. This is not only a time of fun and excitement for the children, but a great opportunity for them to invite their friends to hear that Jesus died and rose again so we can have a good relationship with God. For some of these kids, it could easily be the first time they hear the story of the Gospel, so don’t overlook this opportunity to invite the children into the church.



*Easter Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup>*

*7:00 AM, Outdoor Community Easter Sunrise Service in Community Park*

Come and worship the Risen Lord with your friends and neighbors in the North Warren Presbyterian Church Community Park as we face the rising sun together and give praise to the “Risen Son!” The service will take place outside (rain or shine) in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Be Missional – invite a friend to join you.

*Breakfast Following the Community Park Sunrise Service*

The Youth Group will provide a hot breakfast in Fellowship Hall featuring egg casserole and fresh baked goods! The breakfast is provided free of charge, but a donation to the Mission Fund is appreciated.

*9:30 AM, Sunday School for all ages*

Our Easter observances will continue with our regular Sunday School classes for nursery to adults, celebrating the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection.

*11:00 AM, Worship of the Risen Lord*

The Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord continues with a special service of praise and thanksgiving. The sanctuary will be decorated with flowers (no hyacinths), the Qadosh Bells will play, and we will celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection together.

*Maundy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 PM, A Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Communion*

We will have a re-enactment of the Last Supper patterned after the Da Vinci painting. The “hand bell room” in our sanctuary will be transformed into the upper room with participants invited to come forward and take a seat at the Lord’s Table as one of Christ’s disciples, breaking the bread and drinking the cup. For his message for the evening, Pastor Buddy will speak from 2 Corinthians about “Why We Are Here.” If you have attended this service in the past, you will certainly want to come back this year, and if you haven’t attended before, you should plan now to attend. Invite a friend. It promises to bring new meaning to your Holy Week Observances!



# Youth Stuff

## Bulletin Board



### Easter Youth Opportunities

**Thursday, April 18th** Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.



**Friday, April 19th** Stuff Easter Eggs 10:00 a.m.

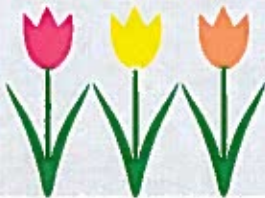
**Saturday, April 20th Kids' Easter Party & Egg Hunt** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Youth needed to help hide eggs! We will make the breakfast casseroles after the party!



**Easter Sunday, April 21st** Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Regular worship service at 11:00 a.m.

### Easter Breakfast!

Come and celebrate Jesus' resurrection early on Easter! The 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in the picnic pavilion will be followed by a breakfast cooked and served by the Youth Group! There will be a sign up sheet to donate items and the cost is a donation.



### For More Information...

The church's website is [www.nwpcchurch.org](http://www.nwpcchurch.org).

We are also on Facebook! Check it out!



## Youth

**Recreation**, for those in grades 5-12, is on Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Community House. Bring your water bottle!



### ALL CHURCH... Spring Community Service Project

**ALL** church members and friends are invited on **Saturday, April 28th** to help with the Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up at **9:30 a.m.** Our roads are North State Street and Jackson. Gloves, bags, and vests will be provided. The project should not take more than a couple of hours. Meet at the church. Thanks!



Penny Sunday is April 7th!



### Lake Erie Presbytery 2019 Summer Mission Trip!

Lake Erie Presbytery is hosting a mission trip to Kinston, North Carolina from **June 23rd** through **June 28th**.



We will be partnering with ministries in the area and much of the work will be work projects on houses which were damaged in a hurricane two years ago. Interested people ages 14 and older can contact Anne and have a \$75 non-refundable deposit as long as there are spots.





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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Youth Rec	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Deacons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Penny Sunday 7</b> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Christian Ed	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Youth Rec	<b>11</b> 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Palm Sunday 14</b> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship with Reception of New Members	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Youth Rec	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Egg Stuffing  No School	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Community Easter Party
<b>Easter 21</b> 7:00 Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells  No School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Youth Rec	<b>25</b> 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Roadside Cleanup
<b>28</b> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session Meeting	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	<b>30</b> 3:00 PM Presbytery in Titusville				

For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpcchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>

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## What is Maundy Thursday

Good Friday, we know. And Easter most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

## But What does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday—"maundy" being a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said these words to his disciples:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

Come and celebrate Christ's command to us all on **April 18 at 7:00 PM** with a special communion service.