



# Dublin Presbyterian Church Newsletter



February 2017

A growing family of faith that welcomes you into our midst!

## From the Rev.....

### What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras translated from the French, means “Fat Tuesday”. Mardi Gras can be traced back thousands of year and linked to pagan celebrations of fertility. The Romans were best known for making this celebration of spring and new life into a raucous occasion in their festival of Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

When Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders tried to incorporate these festive pagan holidays in overlaying traditions marking the new faith rather than abolishing old beloved customs. As a result, the excess and decadence of ancient practices became the prelude to Lent, the forty days of penance between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

Historically, in the days leading up to Lent, celebrants of the Christian faith, would mark this “Fat Tuesday” occasion, by would binging on all of the meats, eggs, milk and cheese that remained in their homes in preparing to restrict themselves for the next several weeks, eating only fish as their source of protein and fasting.

In more modern times, “Carnival” became the word of choice in marking this pre-Lenten holiday. The word “carnival,” may also derive from this vegetarian-unfriendly custom: in Medieval Latin, *carnelevarium* means to take away or remove meat. Carnival is celebrated in many countries around the world—mainly those with large Roman Catholic populations. Brazil, Venice and New Orleans play host to some of the holiday’s most famous public frivolities, drawing thousands of tourists and revelers every year. Think parades, costumes, music, dancing, decadent eats and those infamous Mardi Gras beads.

A more appropriate title for Jesus followers is that of “Shrove Tuesday”. *Shrove* is the past tense of the word *shrive*, which means to hear a confession, assign penance, and absolve from sin. In the Middle Ages, especially in Northern Europe, it became the custom to confess one's sins on the day before Lent began in order to enter the penitential season in the right spirit. Shrove Tuesday is a reminder that Christians are entering a season of penance and was originally a solemn day. But over the centuries, in anticipation of the Lenten fast that would begin the next day, Shrove Tuesday took on a festive nature and is often linked with pancake and sausage dinners.

We still have a little while to go before we participate in Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday celebrations which mark the beginning of Lent, a time of preparation as we move toward the cross in Jerusalem with Jesus. There are so many special days to celebrate in the second month of the year before Mardi Gras which falls on February 28, 2017 ...Ground Hog Day, President’s Day, Presidents Day, Valentine’s Day, even such odd ball holidays including Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, Ferris Wheel Day, Do a Grouch a Favor Day, and National Tooth Fairy Day (and no, I am not making this up!) But in the midst of all of these others days, may we never forget to thank our God for the gift of life we have and to celebrate the good things God has given to us—the greatest gift of all being God’s precious Son, Jesus the Christ to sacrifice his life for our own.

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer



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### Deadline for articles

For March Newsletter

**February 20, 2016**

## Multiplying Joys / Dividing Sorrows

### Prayers for:

- The Warehime Family
- Mike (Zent's neighbor)
- Co-works of Laura Monteith (Brian and Tasha)
- Barb Nelson's God-Daughter
- Jennifer's Grandfather

### Continued Prayers for:

- Those suffering in mind, spirit, and body.
- The military personnel who are deployed during this holiday season.
- Victims of needless acts of violence
- Medical personnel and patients during flu epidemic

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** for the safe arrival of Michael Joseph LeGros on January 9, 2017. Michael, sister Mackenzie, Mom Mandy and Dad Jake, and Grandma Margie Hunter are doing well. We rejoice in the great gift God has given.

## CHURCH MEETINGS

- Mon., Feb. 6** Business/Financi Committee
- Worship/Music Committee
- Sat., Feb 11** Deacon Retreat
- Monday, Feb 13** Session
- Sun., Feb. 26** CE Committee Meeting
- Mon., Feb 27** Membership Committee



# Finance and Stewardship

## Per Capita Assessment

Each year the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church USA (General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery) assess a payment from each member Church to financially support the operations of these governing bodies. This assessment is used to pay for the administrative costs of these organizations so they can provide their range of services to the member Churches. These services include providing support to Pastors and Congregations with resource material, and they also hold and administer loans to individual Churches at times. DPC currently has a small loan that is held by the Synod, as well as the emergency assistance loan we took out a few years ago to replace the roof on our building. In the past, our Presbytery and GA also held other loans that we at DPC needed, but these have been paid off.

Since there are many demands on the DPC annual budget, we ask members to make a contribution to support these beneficial services. This is called the per capita assessment and this year is \$33 for each member of our congregation. We ask your support of this line item in our budget by contributing this \$33 for each member. Please mark on the check or on the envelope "per capita".

## STEWARDSHIP

2016

In his most recent update, Rea Buchanan, Financial Secretary, reported to the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee the following progress of pledges of financial support in 2017:

Total Pledges - 49

New Pledges – 2

Increased pledges – 16

Total pledges are still notably fewer than the total that was pledged in 2015 for support in 2016. In particular, we hope for 11 pledges that remain outstanding from members who pledged last year. Remember, gifts of financial support of our church changes lives. Your gifts are important. Your gifts are needed.

2017

The 2017 Stewardship Committee initiative commenced with a testimonial by Grant Varian during worship on Second Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The text of that presentation is available by link from our church website. Each of us has experienced God at work in our lives or in the lives of our family, friends or co-workers. Please, consider sharing these stories with us in a 3-5 minute testimonial during worship. The committee will be seeking volunteers throughout the year to present testimonials with the intent of reminding our members how God through His Church changes lives and why financial support of our church makes a difference. You may be approached by one of the Stewardship Committee members to present one of these testimonials this year. Please, consider participating in this inspiring initiative.

Don't forget your per capita. Per capita is an assessment paid by our church to the Presbytery for each of our members. These dollars are used by the greater church for a variety of essential purposes. This year, our per capita is \$33 per member, and we will pay our full obligation this month. Please, consider a contribution to offset your portion of our church's per capita obligation.

The Stewardship Committee is Grant Varian, Linda Landis, Beth Marsh and Rex Zent.

We are always seeking new members. If you want to become involved, just let us know.



# Education



**February 12th at 9:15 AM**

**Our theme for February is caring and wholeness.**

**The North Central Regional Center of Canine Companions for Independence® , located in Delaware, Ohio, provides highly trained assistance dogs to adults and children with disabilities in 14 states including Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.**

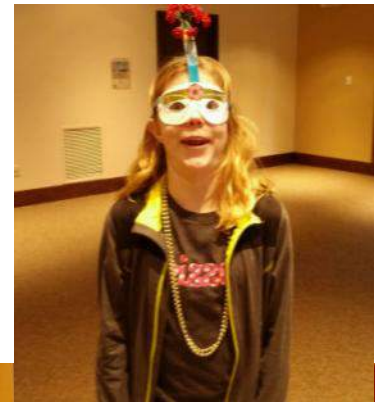
**Bring a breakfast item to share and join us!**



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# Education



## SAVE THE DATE

Kick-Off Sunday

February 26, 2017

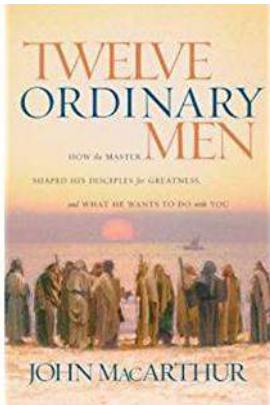
Kids Klub and Tweens 'n Teens

Join us for a Mardi Gras party

5:00 pm—7:00 pm



# Education



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** The Women's Bible Study will begin a new class on Monday, February 20 at 12:30 in the Fireside Room. The study is Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur and the cost of the book is \$11. All women of the church are invited to attend. If interested, contact Sharon Hayes at [hshayes75@att.net](mailto:hshayes75@att.net).

Contrary to popular belief, we do not have to be perfect to do God's work. Look no further than the twelve disciples whose many weaknesses are forever preserved throughout the pages of the New Testament. Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness. MacArthur draws principles from Christ's careful, hands-on training of the original twelve disciples for today's modern disciple - you.



*Let us not fool ourselves - without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans.*

—Peter Marshall

*Sunday, February 12th, Third Graders and those Fourth Graders who did not receive a Bible last year will be presented their Bibles.*



# Worship and Music



## Sermon Series

### “I AM” Statements in the Gospel of John

**February 5, 2017**

Before Abraham was, I AM

**February 12, 2017 :**

Second Sunday “Companion Dogs”

I AM THE TRUE VINE

3RD Graders Receive Bibles

**February 19, 2017**

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Peggy J. Holcomb, CRE, Pulpit Supply

**February 26, 2017**

Transfiguration Sunday

## EXCERPT FROM Music, worship and the church by Christopher Hayward

Music has enormous power to engage the emotions, and the Bible resounds with praise and thanks to God through music. In the Old Testament music played a number of different roles, including assisting in the memorisation of God’s truth and in reminding God’s people of their fall-  
enness and salvation. In the New Testament God’s people gather together to express their praise to him and to build one another up in the faith. A rich variety of music that is in harmony with the ministry of God’s word is a significant part of the life of the church and points towards the role of music in our praise of God in heaven.

### Communion—February 26, 2017

As Presbyterians we practice open communion. Around the Table of the Lord, God’s people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. All who believe in Christ are welcome to the Table.





# Fellowship / Community

## The Presbytery of Scioto Valley



### Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Akita

Theme: A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

February 10-12, 2017 (register by February 6)

Grades 6-12.

For a brochure: [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)

## Happy Birthday to you!

February 3	Megan Clelland Csaba Reynolds
February 6	Paula Goble Kim Reynolds
February 11	Presley Mossman Doug Rudduck
February 12	Elise Nelson
February 13	Lucy Townley
February 17	Sharen Clelland
February 25	Gretchen Troxell Kurt Williams
February 26	Lucas Sarver Julia Schoening
February 27	Margie Hunter



Free Tax Return Preparation  
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Again this year, AARP volunteers are providing free tax assistance including electronic filing of federal, state, and school district income tax returns (where applicable). NEW this year, is that a site will be held on Saturdays at DPC. Please call the church office (614-793-8694) weekdays between 9 AM and 12 Noon to schedule an appointment.

The AARP Tax-Aide program has been providing tax assistance for over 40 years, at over 5000 sites, utilizing 35,000 trained and certified volunteers, serving about 2.6 million taxpayers annually. The service is open to all ages and any income level, but limited to individual tax returns (not business returns, nor those with rental property or farm income.)

*Dear Members,*

*I wish to thank all of you for your support these last three years I have served as your Elder. It has been a rewarding and growing experience. The Membership Committee members have been wonderful to work with and devoted so much time and energy to making our committee and church more visible. I extend a big thanks to all of you who have provided cookies for all our concerts and Christmas Eve Fellowships. I hope that each of you takes the opportunity to serve the Lord when asked to serve as an Elder or Deacon as it is an enlightening experience.*

*Judy Warehime, Elder*

We are still in need of an Elder to Chair the Membership Committee. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact Cheryl Varian.





# Fellowship / Community

## Meadows Academy

### Virtue of the Month

At Meadows Academy, our methodology for early character formation is comprised of four components. We teach the virtues by example, through guided practice, the use of words or explanation, and using imagination. A good character education story opens children's minds and hearts, and fires their imagination.

In **Virtue of the Month**, students are practicing the virtue of being **sincere** and **honest** in school. They're still working on the virtue of **patience** and "how to wait for their teacher" after bathroom time and not to run away from the group until everyone is ready to line up to walk back to the classroom together.

In **Science Discovery** and **Math**, the class had a wonderful time baking "**Blueberry Muffins**." Students practiced using words that start with the Letter M such as **muffin**, **mix**, and **measure**. During this hands-on activity, preschoolers measured  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of oil,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups of water (by using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup three times), and 2 eggs. Then they stirred 10 times (while counting up to 10). Everyone got to eat the muffins at the end!

In **Virtue of the Month**, students are learning about the virtues of **honesty** and **communication**. A big thing they've been working on is communicating when they have a problem. They're learning how to tell their classmates, for example, that they don't like the way they're being spoken to and would appreciate a better tone. Communication is key to successful friendships in the classroom!

Last week in Mini Movers, students were introduced to the **fundamentals of soccer**, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game. The children learned how to control the ball by using the inside of their foot to kick it forward. Students also practiced dribbling around cones, taking shots on a goal, and passing the ball to their friends.

Students continued to **tap quarter notes** on rhythm sticks while listening to the "**Do Re Mi Tapping Song**." They learned different **rhythm patterns** to different sections of the music "**Bean Bag Rock**." We also sang "**Do Re Mi**" from the Sound of Music together.





# Community

## HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN SECOND SUNDAY CONCERT

Sunday February 12, 2017 at 2 p.m., Dr. Mary Davis (cello) and Hector Garcia (piano) will perform French music for cello and piano at Highlands Presbyterian Church's Second Sunday Music Series, 6909 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus, [www.highlands-presbyterian.org](http://www.highlands-presbyterian.org). Program includes sonatas by Debussy and Poulenc, and works by Gabriel Fauré (including favorite *Après un rêve*). Approximate duration: 90 minutes. Admission is free.



<b>January Volunteer Schedule</b> <b>(Please contact the church office if there are any changes)</b>				
	2/5/17	2/12/17	2/19/17	2/26/17
<b>Liturgist</b>	Beth Marsh	Sharon Hayes	Doug Spalding	Rea Buchanan
<b>Acolyte</b>	Meredith Swan	Kendall Metzger	Duncan Spalding	Megan Krummrey
<b>Fireside</b>	Swan Family	Metzger Family	Spalding Family	Krummrey Family
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Gerace and Richard Troxell	Pat Lewandowski Grant Varian	Kim Reynolds and Susie Gibbs	Stacy Rudduck and Dave Williamson
<b>Fellowship</b>	Sarah Flanigan	Sarah Flanigan	Michelle Spalding	Joanne Goza, Karen Zent




## Join us at Max & Erma's

Join us on Thursday, February 2, 2017, for dinner at Max & Erma's for DPC night. Every first Thursday, 20% of the proceeds of each check go to support our Mission Trip fund raising. Clip the coupon below and enjoy a family night out. Additional coupons are available on the Connections Center, available on the DPC website or may be requested through the office.

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## February 2017

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