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Items for the **May** edition
of this newsletter are accepted
in the church office through
9:00AM, Monday, April 25.

*Early submissions are always
joyfully accepted!*

Submitted information will
be edited for clarity, accuracy,
and length.

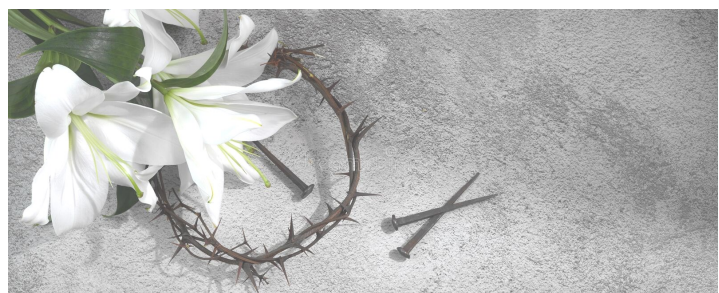
The month of April offers additional opportunities for worship and fellowship as the season of Lent comes to an end and Easter arrives.

Mark you calendars for April 3, when we will again meet in the Church House after worship for Donuts and Coffee Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to visit while enjoying a delicious snack.

Palm Sunday is observed on April 10.

April 14 is Maundy Thursday, a moving service which reminds us of the events which lead to Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday.

Finally, we will celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Sunday, April 17. Watch for more details about the *two* services offered that day: a Sunrise Service outdoors if weather permits as well as our traditional service at 10:00AM. The later service will feature a string trio and will conclude with the singing of the familiar *Hallelujah* chorus. We look forward to seeing you throughout the month of April.



From the Minister's Desk



William Ellery Channing was one of the fathers of American Unitarianism in the early 19th Century. A poem of sorts is attributed to him, though I've not yet come across it in

Channing's six volume works in my library. Nonetheless, he is reputed to have offered the following rhapsody on spirituality: "To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common - this is my symphony."

While not persuaded of every particular in Channing's larger theology, I find in his words here both challenge and goal, a perspective

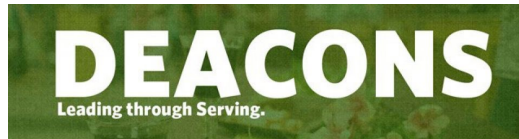
which can inform my own religious life. A spirituality inspired by Jesus finds its vitality in the world and its people, in the ordinary and everyday. All of life, the

momentous to the mundane, can point us back to God as source and goal.

Jesus turned to the common and shared experiences of people with whom he lived and to whom he ministered to share his gospel. Jesus spoke of children and the elderly, of generals and farmers, flowers, seeds, soil, and trees, housewives and bureaucrats.

The challenge for us is finding moments and occasions to pause, to gather ourselves, and to see in the everyday world of today a symphony of illustrations and instances conveying timeless truth. We will find, I think, a spirituality *unbidden and unconscious*, naturally grow out of openness to God's world.





The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan Armstrong, Marianna Briner, Jane Johnson, and Susy Spence (moderator).



Diane and Mike B
William B
Levi C
Dottie E
Fern E
Sara Salvato H
Jackie M
Jacquie O
Lila O
Carolyn S
the people of Ukraine



*thank
you*

Everyone enjoyed the cake provided by Dick O, thanking the church for their care and assistance during his surgery and recovery.



If you would like to include someone in the Easter Memorial List, please use one of the envelopes found in the Narthex. All monies received will be used for the beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. After Easter service, these flowers will be distributed by the Altar Guild to those in need of our love, remembrance, and prayers. Traditionally, \$20.00 has been suggested for each memorial. However, any amount will be gratefully received. You may place your envelope in the offering basket or bring it to the church office by than Tuesday, April 12.



The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be accepted Sundays, April 10 and 17. This offering restores hope, feeds the hungry, and empowers the oppressed. Learn more from the OGHS bulletin insert on those Sundays. *Special offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex April 10 and 17.*

Mission in

Dave delivered 94 pounds of food and personal care items to Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC) from the February Food Offering.

He got a head start on the March Food Offering when a neighbor gifted him with 19 loaves of bread and 25 pounds of assorted fruit—overstock from Whole Foods. Those items were delivered to VICRC



in early-March. On March 21 he delivered our regular food offering items totaling 58 pounds of food and personal care items.

The next Food Offering is Easter Sunday, April 20. Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors. Remember, you may band-a-buck, or more, to any item on the donation table.

**Fill the Glendale Village Square
with items for our friends in Ukraine**

Saturday, April 9—9AM-1PM

Our friends in Ukraine left their home with nearly nothing, so we're collecting personal care products, paper products, first-aid items, baby and infant items, clothing, linens, and *new* stuffed toys. The flier on the next page provides the details needed to meet the needs of our friends in Ukraine.

Hope to see you in the Village Square on April 9!

**In March, you Mission committee
approved donations (checks) to these
organizations**

Christmas Joy Offering
(PC USA special offering) \$585.00

One Great Hour of Sharing
(PC USA special offering) \$670.00

Joseph House for Homeless Veterans
(Archibald Fund) \$680.00

Mathew25Ministries for Ukraine
Refugee Relief \$750.00



Coming soon



**Fill the Glendale
Village Square
with Food**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 18,
our 12th year for this Mission event.
More details coming soon!

25th Annual Golf Outing

in memory of Sylvia and Tom Allen
Saturday, September 17

Watch your weekly bulletin
monthly newsletter for more
details as they become available.



Motion

Non-Food on the Square for our friends in Ukraine

Saturday, April 9

9:00AM-1:00PM

We're accepting

personal care items—lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, antibacterial soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene items, body wash, deodorant ...



paper products—toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue ...



first-aid items—bandages, gauze pads, first aid tape, latex gloves, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, instant cold packs ...



baby and infant supplies—diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion ...



clothing—new and gently used ...

linens—quilts and bedspreads, comforters, sheets, pillowcases, blankets ...



NEW stuffed toys—new stuffed toys only,

no battery operated stuffed toys, and
no stuffed toys over 12 inches in height.

Drop off your donations next to the Train Depot in the Glendale Village Square. If you don't have time to park, we will have helpers available to gratefully accept your drive-through donations.

At the close of the event, your donations will be taken to
Matthew25Ministries for shipping to Ukraine.

Remember, these folks fled their homes with almost nothing.
If you use it; they need it.

Your Mission committee thanks you for your generosity!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Addison C	3
Betty R.....	8
Pelham L.....	10
Zachary H.....	21
David B	24
Fern E.....	29
Marianna B	30



Thursdays, April 7, 14, and 21
10:00AM

Gather in the church library.
No experience necessary.

Men's Lunch

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale, Wednesday, April 13. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.



Tuesday, April 5

We'll gather at the Meritage at 5:00PM.

Slow down; you move too fast. The world is moving at a breakneck speed. As Christians, we need to slow down, breathe, and know that God is in charge.



Wednesday, April 6
10:00AM-11:30AM

Gather in the church library with your favorite beverage for discussion on — *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, by Sue Monk Kidd.

This book is available at the Cincinnati Public Library.

Music Live at Christ Church

Wednesday, April 6, 12:05PM
in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit



Organ performance majors
at the Cincinnati
Conservatory of Music,
Hayden Glasgow and

Sohee Lee will perform a varied program on the 11/26 C.B. Fisk mechanical action organ.

This calendar is a living document
subject to frequent changes.
Check the website
(firstpresbyterianglendale.org)
for the most accurate calendar.
Please call the church office with
calendar updates.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3   10:30AM- Worship	4	5 5:00PM- Wine, Women, and The Word	6 10:00AM- Women's Book Club	7 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8:00AM- Fill the Glendale Village Square with items for our friends in Ukraine
10  10:30AM- Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i>	11 9:00AM- Session reports due	12	13 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star 6:00PM- Session meeting	14   10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 7:00PM - Worship	15 	16
17  7:30AM- Sunrise Worship 10:30AM- Worship <i>Food Offering OGHS offering</i>	18	19	20	21 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 10:30AM- Worship	25 9:00AM- May newsletter items due	26	27	28	29	30



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Worship begins at 10:30AM
Sunday, September 12, 2021 through
Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday.

Shared with you in Christian love

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear,
God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of
death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness.

In the words of the poet Christian Wiman
(from *Every Riven Thing*):

When the time's toxins
have seeped into every cell ...
somehow a seed of belief sprouts ...
tugged upward by light ...

