



The *MESSENGER*

May 2022

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Items for the **June** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, May 23.**

Early submissions are always joyfully accepted!

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



Worship Committee

We hope you all experienced a joyful Easter Sunday! This is the *season* of Easter, which is understandable since the day itself is the culmination of our Christian faith. This season of Easter begins, of course, on Easter Sunday, the day of Christ's resurrection and continues for 50 days. That final day of this liturgical period occurs with Pentecost, a name which logically derives from the Greek word for "fiftieth day". This year, Pentecost Sunday will occur on June 5.

Following Pentecost is the period often called Ordinary Time. Perhaps for many of us such a designation... *ordinary time*... sounds more inviting in the spring of 2022 than it may ever have before. Like the other institutions around us, our church is happily easing back into activities and opportunities for gathering together in a more normal, or ordinary, way again. May this normalizing trend continue!

Your session is in the process of working out where we will worship in the warmer months. Some of us prefer to remain in our beautifully renovated sanctuary this summer. Other are proponents of occasionally setting our Sunday worship outside when the weather seems ideal. When these decisions are finalized, you will hear clear details on our plan for worship.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ~ Galatians 6:2

For each will have to bear his own load.
~ Galatians 6:5

The Apostle Paul wrote the letter to the church in Galatia around the year AD 55 in order to address and correct the tendency in that church to add observance of Old Testament law and ritual to simple faith in Christ as the ground of salvation.

Paul in the space of just a few verses urges believers both to bear one another's burdens, while also suggesting that each person will need to bear his or her own.

So the question is raised - Did Paul contradict himself? Is one of the two verses the interpolation of a later editor?

The answer is fairly straightforward. In *When Critics Ask: A Popular Handbook on Bible Difficulties*, written by Thomas Howe and the late Norm Geisler, it is pointed out that the Greek word translated 'burden' in English is different in each of the two verses. "In the first verse, Paul urges *sympathy for others*. In the other, he is speaking of taking *responsibility for ourselves*. There is no conflict between being *accountable for our own lives* and being *helpful to others*."

We just celebrated Easter. Between the sunrise and regular services, we read two of the four gospel accounts of the resurrection, from Matthew and John respectively. Critics of the scriptures point to differences in the resurrection accounts to suggest that they are unreliable in reporting the events of the first Easter.

One example of an alleged discrepancy in the resurrection narratives would be the number of

angels present at the tomb. Matthew's Gospel references one angel at the empty tomb (Matthew 28:5), while John's Gospel describes two (John 20:12).



From the Minister's Desk

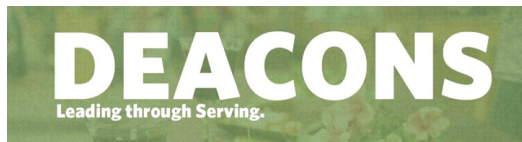
A credible explanation of the supposed contradiction is again offered by Howe and Geisler: "Matthew does not say there was *only* one angel. John says there were two, and wherever there are two there is always one; it never fails! The critic has to add the word *only* to Matthew's

account in order to make it contradictory. But in this case the problem is not with what the Bible actually says, but with what the critic adds to it. Matthew probably focuses on the one who *spoke* and 'said to the women 'Do not be afraid'' (Matt. 28:5). John referred to how many angels they saw; 'and she saw two angels' (John 20:12)."

The *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, in answer to Question 2, "What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?" states, "The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him."

The Bible is a reliable source of religious truth grounded in the realities of history. While there are those who make a great deal out of what they describe as contradictions or difficulties in the scriptures, there is almost always a very plausible and straightforward answer in such instances. We can rely on the Bible as a trustworthy revelation from God for faith and practice.

References from Geisler and Howe, pp. 365 and 474.



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 A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S serving as Moderator.

Diane and Mike B
William B
Levi C
Fern E
Sara S H
Jerry K
Jacquie O
Carolyn S



*To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters,
and other women
in our lives who care for
us and love us
unconditionally,*

Happy Mother's Day!



Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

Mission in *M o t i o n*

Dave delivered 50 lbs. of food and personal care items to Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center from our Food Offering in April. Many thanks to all who donated.



Despite the on and off weather we had a GREAT day on Saturday April 9 as we Filled the Glendale Village Square with items for our friends in Ukraine. We filled a van, an SUV, and partially filled another SUV with personal care items, paper products, first aid items, baby and infant supplies, clothing and bedding. All was delivered to Matthew 25 Ministries for shipment to Ukraine. In addition, we received \$1486.00 in cash and check donations. Our sincere thanks to all who helped and donated.

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.



A Trip Down

MEMORY Lane

The Woman's Guild

A brief history

The Purpose of the Woman's Guild remained unchanged through revisions to The Constitution and By-Laws. *The purpose of the Woman's Guild shall be to provide for the women of the Church the opportunity for Christian fellowship and religious and social service to the membership of the Guild, to the Church and to the community.*

Every woman affiliated in any way with the First Presbyterian Church of Glendale shall be considered a member of the Woman's Guild. The dues shall be one dollar a year.

The women met every *Wednesday from September to May* and held their regular business meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered. They annually elected a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. *Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.*

Departments and Standing Committies (sic) changed throughout the years, but all had a defined purpose.

"I Remember", presented to Woman's Guild on May 13, 1970 at Officers' Luncheon in honor of Kitchen Committee by Jane Bernard Limbocker, contained a wealth of information! This presentation was made in the name of Miss Minnie Titus, who *"if I had lived I would be 100 years old"*. Name dropping and quotes from minutes, often humorous, were included in this presentation.

Miss Minnie Titus begins her presentation speaking about the Missionary Society, which *met the first Monday of the month, in the chapel, for worship, prayer, and instruction "concerning the foreign fields"*.

The Ladies Aid Society came into being some-time after the Great Miami River flood in May 1913. These women *turned out countless garments and knitted helmets and wristlets and socks for our brave soldiers during the First World War*. They cooked and served church dinners and held bazaars and bake sales.

In 1933, a new club was formed for the women of the Presbyterian Congregation—The Presbyterians Woman's Club. However, the ladies *came to the conclusion that the Woman's Club was too complex. A new constitution came into being and we became the Woman's Guild.*

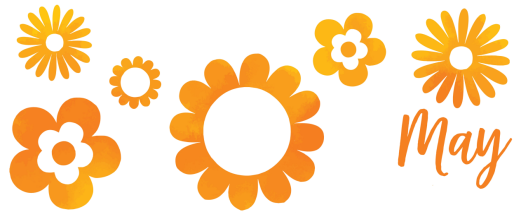
The women raised funds in various ways throughout the years, including the great 'hand soaking project' in 1954. *This torture was repeated many times.*

The Woman's Guild file contains a brochure from the April 20, 1983 presentation of "A Circus Of Fashions" and a May 11, 1983 script from "As the Kitchen Turns".

The women persevered through difficult times, yet never lost their sense of humor. They raised funds for their work, the work of the church, and financially contributed to Manse and Sanctuary renovations.

An example of their sense of humor was evident at the close of the 1983 presentation of "As the Kitchen Turns", when the commentator offered, among other things, *"For 999 box tops from "Flubbo Soap" you will receive an autographed glossy of any cast member. For 1,000 box tops, Dr. Eshbaugh will enclose your choice of sermons for the year 1962"*.

Many thanks to our resident historian, Gene Mooney, for his meticulous files.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Joseph C | 2 |
| Peter G | 2 |
| <i>Lee A and Norman O</i> | 3 |
| Craig W | 7 |
| Michael B | 14 |
| Robert H | 15 |
| <i>Marianna and Matt B.</i> | 16 |
| Phoebe L | 17 |
| Jerry K | 18 |
| Linda S | 20 |
| Kimberley L | 22 |
| Matt B | 26 |

We're gathering for a Fellowship Dinner!

Gather at Vincenzo's from 6:00PM-8:00PM on Wednesday, May 4, for an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the Church House bulletin board, or you may call the church office to let us know you're coming to dinner.

Reservations are not required, but we do need to let the staff at Vincenzo's know how many to expect, so please sign-up by noon, Monday, May 2.



Thursdays, May 5, 12, and 19



Gather in the church library at 10:00AM; no experience necessary.

Music Live at Christ Church

Wednesday, May 11, 12:05PM
in the Historic Church



Manami White (violin),
Amy Kiradjieff (violin),
Leslie Dragan (viola), and
Tom Guth (cello) of Collegium

Cincinnati perform a set of varied works for string quartet. "Collegium Cincinnati is a professional choral-orchestral ensemble that embraces both the old and new. They revere the great masters and celebrate the new works that are bound to inspire and astound".

Men's Lunch

Wednesday, May 11



Skyline on Kemper Road is closed for renovation so, *until further notice*, the Men's Lunch will be held at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale.

All men are invited to gather for fellowship and good food. Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.

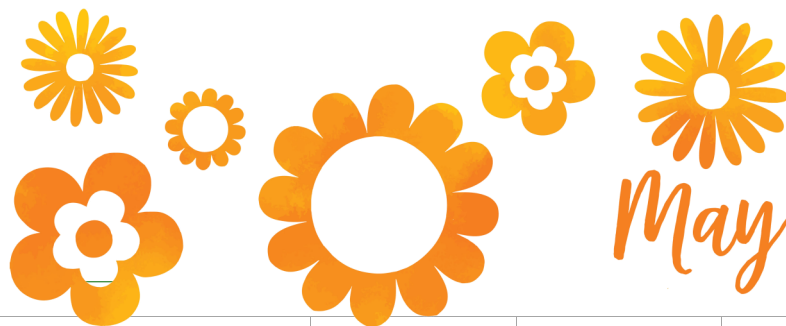
An afternoon with Bach and friend

Sunday, May 15, 3:00PM

Gather in the Sanctuary for this Organ Recital presented by our own Organist and Director of Music, Amy.



Several pieces by Johann S. Bach will be presented, along with a surprise musical appearance from one of his friends.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1  10:30AM- Worship | 2 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers | 3 6:00PM- Called Session meeting | 4 6:00PM- Fellowship Dinner at Vincenzo's | 5 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga | 6 | 7 |
| 8 10:30AM- Worship <i>Coffee Fellowship</i>  | 9 9:00AM- Session reports due | 10 | 11 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star 6:00PM- Session meeting | 12 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga 6:30PM- Choir Rehearsal | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10:30AM- Worship 3:00pm- An afternoon with Bach and friend <i>Food Offering</i> <i>Archibald Fund Offering</i> | 16 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers | 17 | 18 4:00PM- Elemental Churches meeting | 19 10:00AM- Gentle Yoga | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10:30AM- Worship <i>Archibald Fund Offering</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship</i> | 23 9:00AM- June newsletter items due | 24 | 25 | 26 6:30PM- Choir Rehearsal | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:30AM- Worship | 30  <i>Office Closed</i> | 31 | This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website for the most accurate calendar. (firstpresbyterianglendale.org) Please call the church office with calendar updates. | | | |



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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



Sunday, May 8



Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

Mark Brueggeman
Ken Carl
Addison Clipson
Stu Clipson
Dave Conyers
Mike Fasoldt

Gene Mooney
Dick Ohlinger
Tim Rains
Tom Shevlin
Rich Spence
Craig Wolf

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*a very humble veteran
who asked to not be included on this list