

# Twins Talk

April 2023

Worship - Sunday 10 AM  
Sunday School - during worship  
(Sep-Jun)

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## Pastor's Corner

It's Holy Week! A journey that culminates and begins again simultaneously. Welcome to our travels as followers and community.

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that John uses the metaphor of "darkness becoming the light" to help us understand the impact our faith can have on our lives. We frequently are in a dark place and climb to the light. Depending on how detailed you want this definition to be, we sometimes climb out of a dark place everyday! And that is called being human.

We will be sharing four services this week to commemorate, discern and celebrate the final days of Jesus' journey on earth. Please join us whenever you can. We will continue to explore our central Lenten theme of "Seeking".

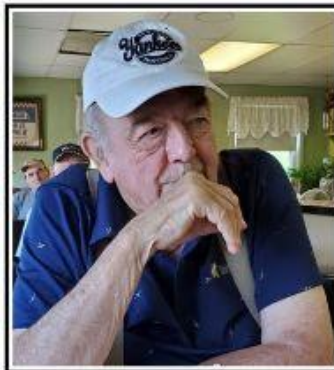
Please keep your senses keen this week for "a holy moment", for an experience of "wonder and awe," for a feeling of recognition that God is all around us in the details of our lives. We do not have to make an extraordinary effort to have these moments; instead simply be aware of the answers we are provided as we live each day. Life can be complex and hard, yet simple and soft. It's all in how we look at it - How we embrace our moments.

We will have a guest with us this Palm Sunday. A traveler, a storyteller, a witness who might help us consider when "On a Donkey heading....." He will stick around for communion too!

Please come celebrate with us as you can and as you are. Happy Holy Week.

Steve

***"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12***



Donald Hoffbeck McGhee

3/14/1935 - 2/22/2023

He has not left us, our dearest love,  
Nor has he traveled far,  
Just stepped inside home's loveliest room  
And left the door ajar.

*thank you*

My family and I send thanks to you all for your support last Saturday at Don's memorial service. To the choir, who sang so beautifully. To those who created such a lavish reception. To Vicky, who not only directed the choir but also ended with "Take Me Out To The Ballgame!" And most of all, to Steve Vance, who not only shepherded me through these months, but also made our family feel welcomed. Don would have enjoyed it all so much.

With love,  
Gaby, Alison, Laurel, Holly, and Doug

--- Reminder ---



Maundy  
Thursday



Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm    Sunday, April 9 at 7 am in the park



**Pancakes - Coffee - Juice**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Following Sunrise Service**  
**8:00 - 9:30**

in the Fellowship Hall  
provided by the Mission Committee

CELEBRATING A DELAYED DECADE OF DELIGHTFUL DOPINESS!



April 29, 2023 - 7 PM

Ticket Price: \$10

Steuben Town Hall, Steuben Corners

**FEATURING:**

Alexis Loomis • Amadan Dubh

Cincinnati Creek • 2 Friends (Donna & Amy)

Dan Evans & Pete Ruben • Rattlin' Bog

The Artist formerly known as The Beasley Family

Wildflower • Without A Paddle

Concert dedicated to the memory of

**JOHN BRETT**

Good friend and founder of **STEBENSTOCK**

Proceeds benefit the Capital Fund of the First Presbyterian Church, Holland Patent -  
a landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, and  
the Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Bakers - Chairs - and More

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Worship Schedule

**Apr 2** Steve Vance - *Palm Sunday, Communion*

**Apr 6** Steve Vance - *Maundy Thursday*

**Apr 9** Janet Stengel & Vicky Allen - *Sunrise Service in the Park 7:00 am*

**Apr 9** Steve Vance - *Easter - 10:00 am*

**Apr 16** Bonnie Tryon

**Apr 23** Steve Vance

**Apr 30** Janet Stengel

### Events

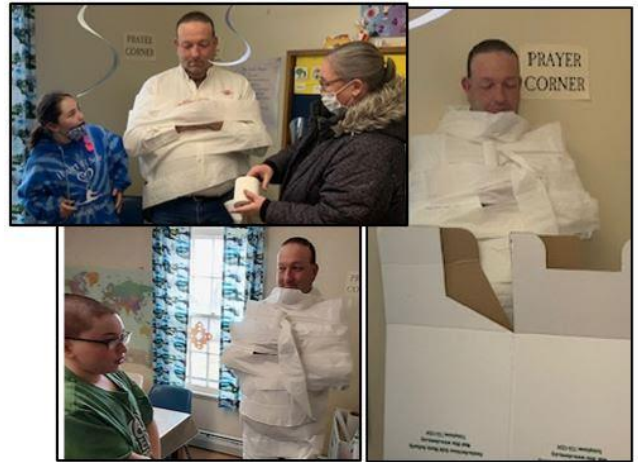
**Apr 6** - Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm

**Apr 13** - Choir Practice 6:15 (*Every Thursday*)

**Apr 22** - Park Coffee House - Nick Piccininni/Joe Davoli

**Apr 29** - Steubenstock X (See article)

## Come Alive! - Sunday School Version



Mary and Martha (Jalayna and mom, Kym Fox) prepare brother Lazarus (dad Shane Fox) for burial because Jesus (Trent Fox) did not come in time to save him. But have faith - Jesus came four days later and brought Lazarus back to life. The class saved Lazarus by correctly answering the following 10 questions, removing some of the burial cloths for each right answer. Would you be able to save Lazarus without looking them up? (*John 11*)

1. Who were Lazarus' two sisters?
2. Where did Lazarus live?
3. When Jesus arrived, how long had Lazarus been dead?
4. What did Martha say to Jesus when she saw him?
5. What did Jesus reply?
6. In what type of tomb was Lazarus placed?
7. What did Jesus tell them to do?
8. What did Martha reply?
9. What did Jesus say to Lazarus?
10. How did the people react to the miracle?

(Answers are at the end of the newsletter)



### Session Scene

- Discussion about Bible Study. Pastor Vance will work on ideas and scheduling.
- Sue Baum has joined the Deacons.
- The suggestion was made to replace or get rid of the old heavy tables in the Fellowship Hall. No decision was made.
- Purchase of a new computer for the church was approved.

# bits & pieces

## Prayers are asked for:

- Vince Vannicola is home from the hospital and recovering. Continued prayers for him and Cathy.
- Shirley Renninger thanks those who remember and reach out to her. She is now able to wear shoes, a joy for sure, and will be having surgical treatment on her legs.
- Barb Fields is doing better and is now using a wheelchair, which lessens her concern of falls.
- Laurie Grenier's grandson, Jonah, who was born quite prematurely but is doing well.
- Peg Curtacci thanks all who prayed for her during her recent test which showed no change - a good result.

## Joys shared for:

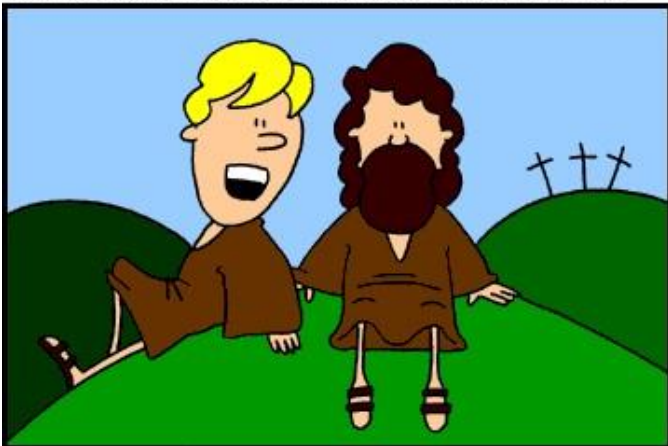
- Kerkira Stockton who is safely home from France.
- Bonnie Churcher's parents, Patricia and Sandy McLean, would be honored that the furniture from their home was donated to the Refugee Center. Pat and Sandy were both strong, loving human justice supporters.

## April

- 1 Connor Dorsino
- 2 Sienna Aiken
- 3 Lydia Brown
- 4 Kate Vannicola  
Jaime (Lemieux) Worden  
Douglas Wynne  
Cole Jensen
- 5 Shelley Wall  
Bob Griffith
- 6 Catherine Westlake
- 7 Janet Stengel
- 8 Sarah & Ryan Palmer (A)  
Andrea Larry
- 9 Carol Beasley
- 10 Joshua Clemmons  
Jeff Larry
- 11 Julia Larry  
Ella Buchanan
- 13 Padric Moore
- 14 Kimberly (Aubry) Dunn  
Sally Preston
- 16 Elias Vannicola
- 17 Brynne Moore-Stark
- 20 Adam Dittl
- 24 Sally Steffen  
Shari Haguss
- 26 Barb Field
- 27 Joe & Debbie Rowlands (A)  
Kim & David Dunn (A)
- 28 Nancy Hinge



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(See John 19:17-37)

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SO JESUS, HAVE YOU MADE ANY PLANS FOR EASTER YET?

## Answers to the Sunday School Lazarus Quiz

1. Mary & Martha
2. Bethany
3. 4 days
4. If you had been here, he wouldn't have died
5. Lazarus will live again
6. Cave with a stone door
7. Move the stone from the cave
8. We shouldn't – his body will smell
9. Lazarus, come out
10. Some celebrated, but some told the Pharisees