

PASTOR'S NOTE

From the Pastor – Hallowed Be Thy Name

I recently was listening to a sermon podcast that talked about the importance of *hallowing* God's Name.¹ The pastor preaching the sermon said that whatever it is that we *hallow* is the thing that runs our lives, the thing we worship. Now, *hallow* is not a word we really use anymore. Except for praying the Lord's Prayer together, I doubt any of us ever actually use the word. The problem, however, is that we don't have a modern word that replaces the full meaning of this rather archaic expression. So, a bit of definition is in order: when we *hallow* something, we set it apart as holy; we say that it is worthy, important, something that merits our respect and loyalty. Hallowing God's Name, therefore, means setting God apart in our hearts, our minds, and our lives – for the Name of God stands for His power, His being, and His authority. God's Name represents God Himself.

The problem is, however, that while we all say "Hallowed be Thy Name", many of us don't always act upon it. Too often, we say we hallow God's Name, but in reality, we hallow something else in our lives. The pastor preaching the sermon illustrated this by asking what it is that we most often think about when we are alone. What is it, he said, that we most often do when we are in secret, when no one else is watching, when there's no one around to observe our thoughts and actions. *That*, he said, is what truly tells us who our god is, for *that* is what we delight in. What we do or think in secret is what is most important to us, what we cannot live without, what we are willing to spend ourselves on for no reward. If we spend the bulk of our alone time thinking about a loved one, then that loved one occupies the #1 spot in our lives – we *hallow* that person in our hearts. If we spend most of our alone time thinking about our career, then our job is #1 for us. It is *hallowed* to us. The problem with this sort of thing is that eventually, that person or that job is going to let us down. They're not going to be able to bear the burden of being our god. Our children are going to grow up and move out. Our spouse is going to do something to disappoint us. Our job is going to change, or perhaps be lost. If you've ever wondered why someone hurls themselves out of a building when they lose a job, this is why – their god had failed them, and they didn't know how to live without it. I don't mean to be insensitive here, but as you can see, this can be a matter of life and death. If what we have hallowed in our lives fails us, then it can lead to great despair.

Christians, however, have inner resources to guide them through the tough times of losing a loved one or a job, for our God never fails. Our God will never leave us, never forsake us, never abandon us. And the best way to tell if our Christianity is real, the preacher said, is if we spend lots of time in private praying, praising, and enjoying God's presence. When we really praise God, when we really adore God, then all our other needs get put into perspective. This is why Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer in the order we know, for when we first *hallow* God, and when we first pray for the coming of His Kingdom and the doing of His will, then all of our other needs – for daily bread, for forgiveness of our sins, and for deliverance from evil – get put into

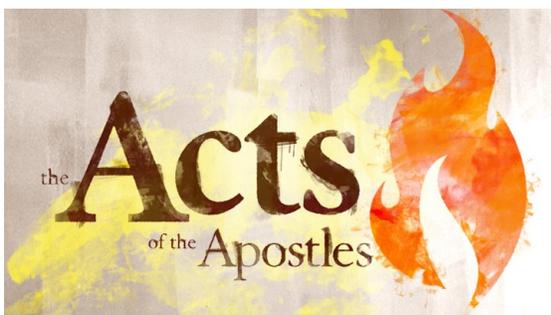
¹ See "Adoration: Hallowed Be Thy Name" by Rev. Timothy Keller, 2/8/15. Available on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/timothy-keller-podcast/id352660924?mt=2>

perspective. A holy and loving God will, of course, be able and willing to give us these things. No need for worry or fear exists – for God is powerful, and God is good! This has been proven to us at the cross, where our holy and loving God both judged our sins and extended us grace. Evil has been conquered, and yet, we still have peace with God. With a God like this, a God willing to die and rise again for us, what could possibly drive us to despair?

And so, I urge us all to spend much time in the summer ahead *hallowing God's Name*. Spend much time in secret with Him, reading His Word, lifting up your needs, listening to His replies, and simply enjoying His goodness. If you find yourself saying, "But, I don't know how to do that!", then I urge you to come to the summer lessons on the spiritual disciplines, for we will be talking all about these things, and how to do them! For whatever we come back to in our silent, secret times – that is what is most important to us. That is what our lives are all about. And if that space is not occupied by our God, then at some point down the line, we will find that we have built our lives on sand – and great will be our downfall!

Let us hallow God's Name, both in word and in deed! For He alone is truly worthy of our worship and our praise! To Him alone be the glory!

In Christ's Love, *Joshua*



Have you ever wondered how the early Church got started, or how it spread around the world? Have you ever wondered if the first Christians had any problems like we do today? Then be sure to join us in worship this summer as Rev. Long preaches through **The Acts of the Apostles**. As we study our earliest Church history, we will see how we, today, have all the same benefits and blessings as the first Church, as well as the same mission. All are welcome – see you there!

Coffee & Tea With the Pastor! Do you have questions about the Bible? Questions about your faith? Questions about what's going on at church? Or perhaps, do you just enjoy having coffee or tea with a good friend? Then come join your pastor for coffee, tea, and conversation each month at The Coffee Peddler – 112 Harrison Avenue in downtown Harrison. This will be a casual, unscripted time in which you can ask Rev. Long *anything*. Bring a friend, or come on your own – all are welcome!

This month, we will meet from 2-4pm on Wednesday, June 10.

(You can come and go at any time during those two hours.)

Hope to see you there!



Quote to Ponder...

"Remember that holiness is not the way to Christ;



GRADUATION SUNDAY

will take place May 31 during the 10:45 worship service. Join us as we celebrate and pray for all our graduates as they get ready to enter a new phase in life.

Congratulations to these 2015 graduates:

Kathleen Gibbs

Mother of Mercy High School

Rachel Hockl

Harrison High School

Tyler Moul

Stephen T. Badin High School

T.J. Snape

East Central High School

Victoria Steuver

East Central High School

Makenzie Thomas

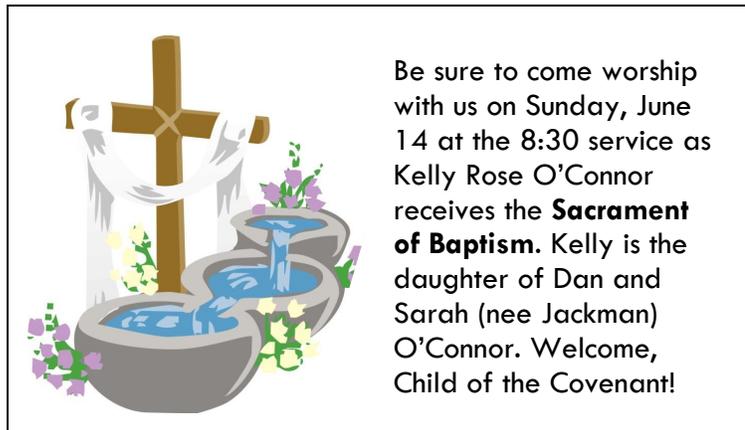
Miami University



Love Thy Neighbor Mission - 12 Months of Giving

The Mission committee continues to be amazed by our generous congregation in response to our monthly "Love They Neighbor" missions.

For the month of June, we hope you continue your bigheartedness by assisting West Cincinnati Presbyterian Church in collecting school supplies (specifically crayons, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens and erasers) for the children of their parish. As always, there will be a container in Faith Hall for your donations. THANKS!!!



Kroger is having their 2x Fuel Point Weekends again this summer.

Download the

digital coupon once (on your "accounts" web page), and earn DOUBLE FUEL POINTS every time you shop Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays now through August 2!



Our wonderful Tech Wizard, Tom Steuver, has thankfully fixed the problem we had with uploading sermon videos online.

If you enjoy watching Rev. Long's sermons, you can access them via our church website (www.harrisonpresbyterian.com) or via our new YouTube station (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr_A4d3L-GAEF8ymxJF_8Zg) or search "First Presbyterian Church of Harrison" in YouTube.



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| 1. Tyler Darringer | 18. Steve Kucera |
| 4. Braden Kucera | 19. Owen Schummer |
| 5. Sherry Schlager | 21. Derrick Ventre |
| 6. Carol Johnson | 22. Valerie Turchina, Ralph Smith |
| 7. Nancy Mendell | 23. Deb Menninger, John Craft,
Chris Ward |
| 8. Jane Poland | 24. Adam Findlay, Isaac Willman |
| 9. Zachary Brown | 25. Arlene Brackett |
| 11. June Merten, Jim Puckett,
Annalise Doepker | 26. Alex Ferry |
| 13. Tyler Moul | 27. Amy Corcoran, Ashley Meyer |
| 15. Lois Siefferman | 28. Karen Watts |
| 16. Sis Wilson | 30. Cherie Hockl |

If you have an article or event you would like featured in the **JULY Evangel**, please submit them to Kristy by **June 22**. You can leave a note in her mailbox or email her at kathman@harrisonpresbyterian.com



Youth Connection invites all 7th - 12th grade teens and friends to meet and participate in activities throughout the year. Please watch bulletins, Facebook and text messages for the latest information about YC summer events.



The **SUMMER CHOIR** will meet for the first time June 21 at 10 am in the music room. No prior choir experience required. If you enjoy singing and want to be part of our worship service, please come join us!

We are also looking for musicians to add to our worship service this summer! If you have a talent that you would like to share with our congregation, please see Beth Snape, call her at 265-8425 or email her at bsnape67@gmail.com.

Quote to Ponder... "Abide in me," says Jesus. "Cling to me. Stick to me. Live the life of close and intimate communion with me. Get nearer to me. Roll every burden on me. Cast your whole weight on me. Never let go your hold on me for a moment. Be, as it were, rooted and planted in me. Do this and I will never fail you. I will ever abide in you." -J.C. Ryle.



There has been a stirring of interest in returning to Buckhorn, KY for an adult mission trip. September appears to be the best time to go. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dick Morris, 367-5413.



While the church may no longer supply hard copies of "The Upper Room" and "Our Daily Bread", you can order your own or read them on-line by going to their websites - www.odb.org & www.upperroom.org.



June 4 at 12pm
@ June Merten's

The annual Women's Association picnic at June Merten's home will be held on Thursday, June 4 at noon. All the women of the church are invited to enjoy good food, fellowship and fun. Please bring a salad to share; hotdogs and desserts will be provided by your hostesses: June Merten, Sherry Caito & Lieschen Turchina.



Prayer Meeting – Our next monthly prayer meeting is Saturday, June 13 at 11 am in the chapel. Join us as we lift up our congregation, our leaders, our nation, and other needs in prayer!

THE 2015 LOVE INC GOLF OUTING - Get your foursome together and support



Sign-up sheets
in Faith Hall.

Love INC June 27 at Circling Hills Golf Course in Harrison for their annual golf outing. Cost is \$70 per person / \$280 per team of 4. Price includes dinner, golf cart, prizes, and goody bag. Please register by June 12.

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Please call the office (367-7748) if you would like to have your name advertised as a Hole Sponsor. The three levels are: Platinum - \$500, Gold - \$250, Silver -\$125



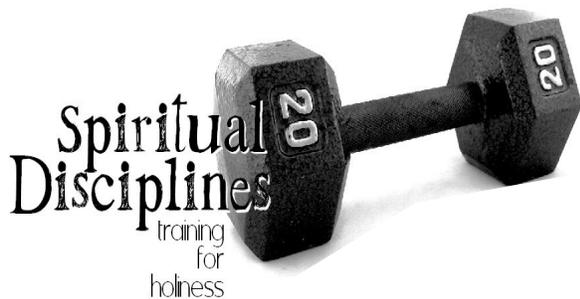
Love INC

The Mission Committee would like to extend a great big hand in appreciation for those who worked to prepare and serve a hot meal to those less fortunate than we at **Nast Trinity** this past May 3rd. We were short about three servers but with some doing “double duty” and everyone busy as beavers, we were able to feed everyone with merely a few hitches. Good work and a job well done in the service of others.

Our thanks to: Laura & “Chef” Jeff Ventre, Shirley Quinn, Christine Luca, Doc Morris, Joan & Raymond Loos, June Merten, Joy Riegel, Mary & Bob Tabor, Marilyn & Walt Rueger, Carol Longhauser, Deb Menninger and Janice Cook.

Thank You

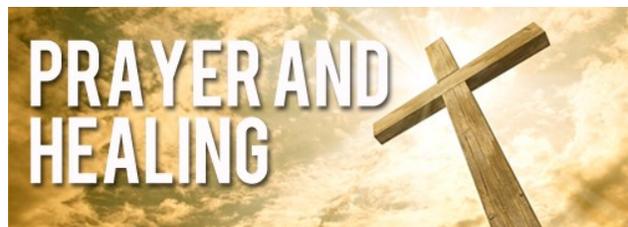
A HEART-FELT THANK YOU to my church family for all the loving cards, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers I received while I was recovering from my recent eye surgery. I appreciate all the kind gestures! ~ Marilyn Rueger



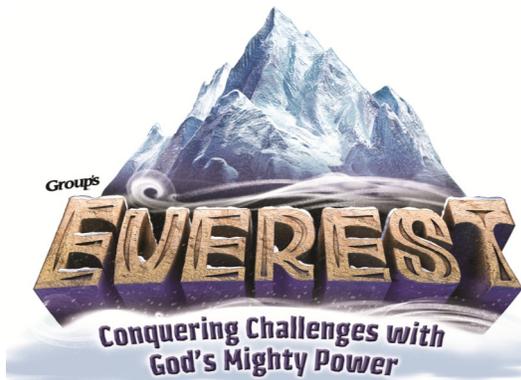
Join Rev. Long Monday evenings during June and July as he teaches a class on the classic **Spiritual Disciplines**. Have you ever felt like you were only spinning your wheels spiritually? Have you ever wondered why the messages from worship, Sunday School, Bible Study and your own personal devotions never seem to get incorporated into your life? Then this summer study is for you! Focuses will include: disciplines of prayer, fasting, Scripture study/meditation/memorization, solitude and silence, confession, worship and the like. **The first class will take place on June 1 at 7pm** in the Conference Room (no class June 22.). All are welcome and your participation in these classes will help support your pastor in his Doctorate of Ministry work!

Quote to Ponder...

*“Come near to God,
and He will come*



“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven” (James 5:14-15,ESV). In obedience to these verses, we offer a **healing service** in the chapel on the last Sunday of each month after the 10:45 worship service. Any who are sick or in need are welcome to come receive anointing and prayer from the elders of our congregation. God has given us a great promise here – let’s take Him at His Word!



Join us this summer as we embark on an "Everest Adventure" during our **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 22-26 from 6:30-8:30pm!** We will learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power! We encourage the children of our church, as well as our community, to attend. For more info and to register, please visit www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpresbyterianvbs or contact Amy Green at amygreen961@gmail.com.

SET & DECORATION SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

- SHEETS: white and/or blue
- LYTEX CANNED PAINT: dark/light blue
- SCRAP MATERIAL: for small flags
- FABRIC BATTING
- FIBERFILL STUFFING
- DUCT TAPE: white and/or gray
- SNOWFLAKES: home made or bought
- ICICLE or WHITE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
- SMALL EVERGREEN TREES
- KROGER PAPER BAGS



You can sign up to volunteer or to make donations on-line as well (see above website.) If you have supplies to donate (or are willing to lend us items), please place them in Faith Hall (be sure your name is on items you are lending.)



**Outreach Opportunity
4th OF JULY PARADE**

If you are interested in participating in Harrison's 4th of July parade, please contact Jeff or Mindy Sindiong.



GOOD LUCK AND SAFE TRAVELS...

to Barry Fury as he embarks on his cross-country bicycling trip. He will be cycling from California to New Jersey and will be gone through July 22.

Godspeed, Barry, as you look to cross this voyage off your bucket list!



For the period of Feb. - April, we had 52 households shopping for our church. Our check for that period is \$432.99. The total amount collected from the beginning is \$14,806.64. Good job everyone - lets keep going! If you haven't reenlisted or are having trouble, please contact Reta Crone - 367 4917.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



For Health Needs

Jo Jean Kleinfield
Kathryn Pierson
Gene Steelman
Georgia Dwelly
Louanna Smith
Bennie Pierson
Hester Konkle
Janet Coakley
Russell Taylor
Carter Jones
Ellen Puckett
Jim Mendell
Elaine Harris
Nomi Taylor
Jane Poland
Earl Dwelly
Janet Acra
Pam Kraus
Diane Arel
Jean Vest
Bill Bates



Our Shut-Ins

Pauline Zimmerman
Nora Montgomery
Theresa Johnson
Jeanette Rae
Gloria Culley
Ginny Thiele
Don Kraus

Specific Prayer Needs

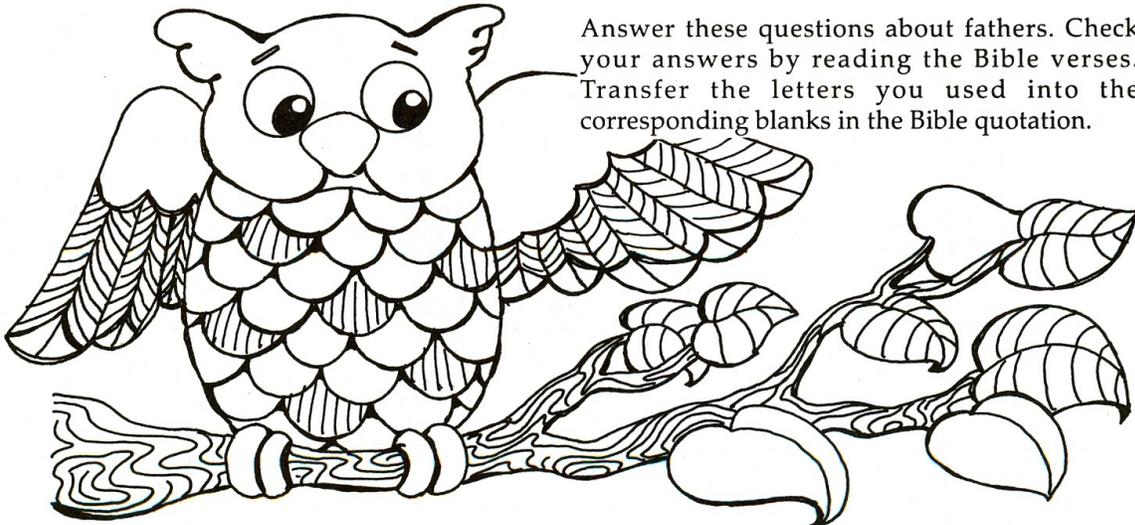
Deb Menninger: for her son's health;
June Merten: for her brother's health;
Stephanie Trabel: for her aunt's health;
Jim & Ellen Puckett: for her sister's health;
Georgia & Earl Dwelly: for their daughter's health;
Gloria Culley: for her grandson and his Mission Team;
Nancy Mendell: for her niece, Mary Ellen Watts', health;
Ted & Janet Coakley: for their granddaughter's, her sister's
& his brother's

PRAYER CHAIN CALLS

The Prayer Chain is a group of people who are committed to praying daily for those requesting prayer. This ministry is administered through our Board of Deacons. If you have a prayer request please contact **Marcia Merse at 812-637-3702 (home) or 367-4301 (work) during the day or Phyllis Wolfram at 367-4578 during the evening.** For two weeks, the people on the chain will pray daily for the person or situation requested.



Who Was It?



Answer these questions about fathers. Check your answers by reading the Bible verses. Transfer the letters you used into the corresponding blanks in the Bible quotation.

1. WHO had a crippled son?
(2 Samuel 4:4) _____ 1 2 3 4 _____
2. WHO was the first Bible father?
(Genesis 4:1) _____ 5 _____ 6 7
3. WHO was Jesus' earthly father?
(Matthew 1:18-25) _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10
4. WHO was the father of two disciples?
(Mark 1:19-20) _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 13
5. WHO was the father of the oldest man?
(Genesis 5:21) _____ 14 _____ 15 _____
6. WHO was the father of twin boys?
(Genesis 25:19-24) _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 18

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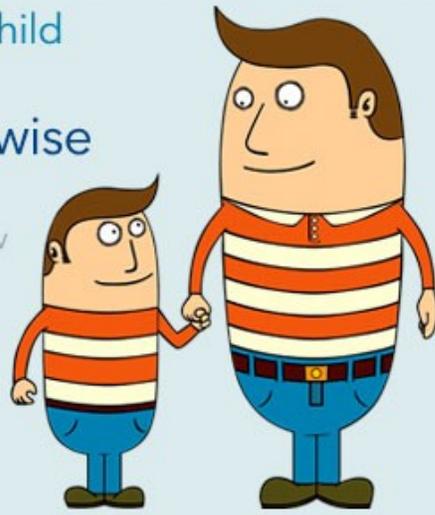
The father of a righteous child
has great joy;
a man who fathers a wise
son rejoices in him.

PROVERBS 23:24 NIV

Wishing you a blessed

FATHER'S DAY

and every day.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
to all the
DADS, STEPDADS & GRANDADS



Father's Day puzzle answer key:

1. Jonathan
2. Adam
4. Zebedee
5. Enoch