

## Teays Valley Presbyterian Church

# The Valley Viewer





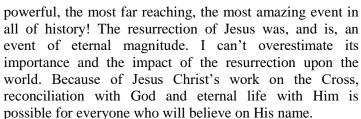
## **APRIL**

2017



## **Pastor's Point of View**

Christ is Resen! Christ is Risen indeed! In two thousand years, there has never been a more significant statement uttered than this. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most resurred than the most for reaching the most empty.



The question is, "What are you going to do with Jesus?" Jesus tells us that if we love Him, we will obey Him. Do you love Jesus? Are you showing your love to Him by your obedience to Him? Have you made Him the Lord of your life? Are you serving Him by the way you live your life? Are you serving Him in our church? In your neighborhood? At work? In your family?

The question is, "Do others know that you are a Christian by the way you live your life?" Do you realize what God has done for you and are you sharing that Good News with others? When was the last time you shared your faith with someone else? When was the last time you talked about Jesus outside of Sunday mornings at TVPC?

In the approximately 2000 years since the ministry of the Son of God on earth, the command of Christ to His followers is still the same: Go out into the world and tell the Good News to others. It's the same message for every follower of Jesus Christ at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church: Go out into the world and tell the Good News to others. Sometimes we are tempted to think that it is their responsibility to come to us. Here we are on Sunday morning, why don't others come to join us for worship? The mindset is just the opposite of what everyone of us are called to be and do. Yes, we are called to be welcoming, loving, and accepting of whoever chooses to join us to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords, but that is not enough.

Jesus commanded all His disciples to go out from their comfortable small group, into the world. If we love Him, we must put our love into action by obeying Him and seeking to follow His example of caring, loving, healing, forgiving, feeding, and teaching the Truth to our neighbors (which includes everyone).

This Easter Season is a perfect time to reach out to others. Take a church brochure (available on the Welcome Desk) to hand out to your unchurched friends and neighbors. Encourage them to come to our Easter activities: Egg Hunt, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, and Easter Sunday Worship Service, and let them know that you would like to get back together with them after they have visited. I would also love to follow up with you if you would like.

I challenge you to give this a try. Pray and ask God about whom you should contact and invite. Maybe even offer to pick them up and bring them to church. Pray for them and pray for guidance as you follow up with them. I know God will use you. It's a simple plan. You can do it! You can obediently be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. You can tell others the Good News about the truth of Easter: Jesus Christ is Risen!

Don't wait for someone else to do it. You do it! You be the one to make the first move. See how many people you can invite. Plant the seeds and let us watch God provide the fruit! Happy gardening and Happy Easter!

Your Pastor, Kyle



## **Hannah Circle**

Hannah Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parlor. All women are invited to join us for an evening of Bible Study, refreshments and fellowship.



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# Christian Community Cupboard:

Stove Top Stuffing & Hamburger Helper.







We are very pleased to say that during March, we collected \$1,140 to purchase Easter hams for the Christian Community Cupboard. Our donations will go toward purchaising 250 hams, poviding one to each family we serve. The hams will be a wonderful contribution to their Easter celebrations.

In April, we will collect Stove Top Stuffing and Hamburger Helper. Please put your donations in the cupboard in the Narthex.

Thank You!

Barb

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## **Mission Outreach Updates:**

Soup Supper Success... Teays Valley
Manor Residents, Mission Outreach
Ministry Team members, and Teays
Valley Manor Board members all
enjoyed the recent Soup Supper at the

Manor on Thursday, March 9. Three crock pots of soup, crackers and breads, and delicious desserts made for a tasty meal that evening. Fifteen residents tasted the various soups and had a wonderful time in fellowship with their friends and neighbors. We always hear many thank you's and ... "When can we do this again?" whenever we plan an activity for the Manor residents.









**Garden Time Coming...** It is time to start thinking about preparing the gardens for planting this Spring. Our raised garden beds will soon have veggies and flowers growing.

Thanks to Aaron Calub with his Eagle Scout project of fixing the raised beds in our church yard, we will have six available beds for growing this Spring.

Manor residents will have first choice of beds for planting, and if any beds remain unused, we will invite any TVPC families to take over a bed for the growing season. Mission Outreach will be adding some soil and coconut fibers (a filler and moisture holder) to the beds before the planting begins. Anyone who is interested in having a bed should speak with Becky Hayes or let Karren Sparks know, and she will get a message to Becky.



This is a reminder to everyone that there is a black notebook on the counter of the Narthex information cabinet (image above). Inside the notebook are dividers for each Ministry Team and Session to post their minutes each month. The minutes remain in the notebook so there is an archive of all the meeting minutes. Feel free to read through this notebook to learn more about the workings of our ministry teams and Session.



**SPRING HELPING HANDS...**The mission Outreach Ministry Team is organizing our Spring Helping Hands Mission. We are asking anyone in our church family who needs help with spring chores around your home, please call the church office, 304-757-6071, and let us know your needs. Some suggestions of chores would be uncovering patio furniture,

cleaning out flower beds, spreading mulch or any other light task.

Though not required, donations to Habitat for Humanity may be offered for the work.

**VOLUNTEERS** who can help with the spring work tasks are asked to sign your name on the "Volunteer Sign-up" sheet on the information counter in the Narthex.

## **Evangelism Ministry Team News**

Images from the Take the Plunge Pool Party are now up on Facebook! Check them out when you have a chance. Our next event is THIS WEEKEND!!!!!



Hunting Easter Eggs...We will soon see our TVPC children and many others from our community running over the church lawn looking for Easter eggs! Our second annual TVPC Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m., and the Discipleship Ministry Team has lots of fun planned. In addition to the Easter egg hunting, we will have a chance for each family to complete a set of 12 Resurrection eggs to take home. We will also offer morning refreshments to all the guests participating in our hunt.

Everyone from TVPC is encouraged to come and enjoy this fun morning. Also, please invite your friends, neighbors, and other family members to come join us. We will be distributing flyers about the event to our local elementary schools, our Scout troops, and the Leaps and Bounds families. We will also be posting information about the event locally at Kroger's, the library, the YMCA, and in our

local newspapers. There is also an event set up on our Facebook Page, feel free to share it too!

## **Bluestone Retreat**

There are many ways to spend a weekend in August, but one of the best is with family and friends at one of the most beautiful places on earth. We have reserved the weekend of August 18-20, at Bluestone Camp and Retreat Center, outside of Hinton, WV, for a TVPC family weekend. There are many details yet to be finalized, but it is sure to be a relaxing, enjoyable weekend with your family and your church family. Meals will be included. The cottages are duplex. There are two halves with toilets, showers, and dressing areas in each. Families will have their own private facilities. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will have more details to share with you next month, such number of meals, and arrangements. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact anyone on the Member Ministry Care Team.

Here's a view from a few years ago at Bluestone Retreat... breathtaking!



Hello...Hello... and Merry April



to you...It is SPRING believe it or not and we missed all the snow... and everything is coming alive... I have been waiting to write this poem

written by JDH (Dr. Jerry Harrah)....

#### **WOULD YOU BELIEVE**

He came into the city amid shouts of hosanna-and the waving of palms;

They arrested Him, spit on Him, and beat Him!

He came in love and offering peace;

They tried Him falsely and convicted Him;

He came as a King, A deliverer,

The long awaited one; They nailed Him to a tree and He died.

He came full of grace and glory;

They buried Him in a borrowed tomb... And sealed it forever:

They were satisfied... the deed was done ... He was gone;

But He rose again form the dead AND

He Lives:

"THIS IT IS WRITTEN, THAT THE CHRIST SHOULD SUFFER AND FROM THE THIRD DAY RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND THAT REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING FROM JERUSALEM." Luke 23:46-47

I can't believe how we are truly blessed and so many of us don't stop and realize all that The Lord has given to us, keeps on giving, blesses us constantly ... Do You believe it? Look around – stop and think, when you are older you begin to realize that you are just beginning the greatest part of your life and love beyond your imagination... Don't wait too long...

Special Thanks to Linda Hansen and Dianne Harrah for the new "Soup Ministry" ... it is wonderful when you are feeling down and you have a jar of wonderful soup brought to your door (with beautiful smiles) ... or Pastor Kyle gives you one of his beautiful prayers which feels like a straight call to heaven ... or Paul, Susie, Chloe, and Marcy leave to take the little ones to the nursery... Frances' beautiful music and the Praise Band .. What's not to love about TVPC? ... JESUS IS ALIVE AND WELL!!!!

The OWLS are went to the L&R Catering restaurant with Ann Miller as hostess (that is just on the Scott Depot side of Hurricane High School) ... Great people and good food! I had better stop for now...

Luv you so, The CM

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**





Charlie & Charline Davis

04/08

## Recent Prayer Requests



TOM ADAMS – Chemo – cousin of Janet Sims JUDY ANDREWS —Christy Walls' mother ALICE BROYLES —healing JERRY BUCK - Grandfather of Chloe

Browning's friend

LINDA CHAFIN – Health concerns BEN COBB

ED DYKE - treatments

ROBERTA FARMER - recovering from knee surgery

NANCY HILL – recovery

CATHERINE KING – manor resident – various health problems

ROBERT KRASZEWSKI — leukemia (Uncle of Andrea Lupson)

DR. JERRY OAKLEY – recovery from heart surgery (friend of Kevin Conaway)

KATHERINE PENNINGTON – recovery

VICKI PRIDDY- recovery

MICHAEL SALMONS – cancer -friend of Chris Hoover

ELIZABETH SCHUSTER – asking for strength

DEBBIE SOWARDS – recovery RAY and BARB STRINGER

DIANE STRINGER - recovery

**GARY TEMPLETON** 

JACK VAN DYKE

ANITA YEAGER

Pray for the FLOOD VICTIMS
PRAY for our nation and our military
PRAY for Missionaries and Christian Refugees

If you have a prayer request, please contact:

Pastor Kyle – <u>540-405-1042</u>;

Bill Hensley – <u>304-757-8599</u> Or

Dianne Harrah - 304-549-0026.

## O.W.L.S.



All are welcome to attend OWLS functions, you don't have to be retired or old to enjoy the fellowship of Older, Wiser, Livelier, Sexier people

### PANCAKE SUPPER

On Shrove (Fat) Tuesday, February 28th, about 50 people enjoyed an evening of fellowship and food in the newly refurbished church basement. They had an opportunity to stuff themselves with pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, milk and coffee. Even those preparing the food had a lot of fun (see photos). If you missed it this year (depending on the weather), you will have another chance next year. Stay sweet and remember that GOD loves you.









Member Spotlight-SHOUT OUT To....



## **NANCY HILL**



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade until 1979, I attended South Park Presbyterian Church Charleston. After graduating from Charleston High School, I went to work for John Herily, DDS. For one vacation, I was a counselor at Bluestone Retreat for a week (what an experience). After marrying and starting a family, I taught Sunday School, Bible School, and was a Girl Scout leader for two years. In 1973, I was nominated to "Outstanding Young Women of American" for my work in the church and community.

After moving to the area in 1979, I joined the choir, taught Sunday School, Bible School, was Moderator of Presbyterian Women for 2 years and was an elder for 6 years. In 2011, I was presented with a certificate of Honorary Life Membership, given by Presbyterian Women, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church. I have been leader of Hannah Circle for four years.

I love when someone asks me where I retired from, I ask, "which time"? I was a secretary and dispatcher for the Maintenance Department with Kanawha County Schools. After 30 years, I retired and then went to work at Putnam General Hospital and retired from there after 10 years. I then went to work at TVPC as financial secretary.

I have one daughter (Sharon) that attends the Eleanor Presbyterian Church. She plays bells with the Putnam County Ringers. I have one grandson Shawn and wife Erica, who has 5-year-old twin girls and a sixmonth-old son that lives in Charleston, and one granddaughter, Jessie, that lives with me. She has a 4-year-old daughter that lives with her Mommy part-time and her Nana part-time. After becoming a great grandmother, I have found it's much more fun playing with kids than working, so I finally quit working. Ha!

God Bless You!

Nancy Hill

If you know someone who is looking for a church, recently moved, or would just like to come to sing a few songs with us, please feel free to invite them! We are always looking for more smiling faces to join us at TVPC and you never know, they could be the next Meet Our Members Shout Out



Please donate your gently used furniture, home goods and surplus building materials to the ReStore. Proceeds from the sale of your tax-deductible donations fund the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha & Putnam.

Seeking to put God's love into action, we build strength, stability & self-reliance through affordable home ownership.

Drop off Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 - 5:00 Teays Valley ReStore | 3554 Teays Valley Road Schedule a pickup - 304-881-0262

#### How to receive your newsletter in the future:

Contact Sara if you would like to get on the mailing list for a printed copy, even if you also receive a digital copy. Currently, the printed newsletter will be in black and white. The digital copy which will go out to everyone our email list. It will be as a Portable Document Format (PDF). We recommend either Foxit Reader or Adobe Reader to open these documents. These readers are both available at no cost. Many people may already have the Adobe Reader installed.



Have something you want in the TVPC Newsletter? Feel free to email the Newsletter at: TeaysValleyPresbyNewsletter@gmail.com

Please to have all submissions by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



## **Educational Ministry**

**Susan Sharp Campbell** 

#### **Montreat Youth Conference**

#### Spaces still available

Montreat is a special place for youth (those entering 9th grade through graduated seniors) to explore their faith with 1,000 other youth from all over the country. This summer, the presbytery is providing a trip to Montreat Youth Conference IV, July 15-22.

This is a great way to connect with other youth in the presbytery, particularly if you're in a church that doesn't have many youth; it might also provide an opportunity for children or grandchildren to grow in their faith, even though they may not be overly involved in the church. We will spend time as we travel and arrive to get to know one another.

The cost per person is \$350, which includes registration, housing, meals and transportation. The registration deadline is April 15. Registration information can be found here. You can find an overview of the conference here.

Ouestion? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 (cell), 304-645-4568 (work/home) or susan sharp campbell@hotmail.com.

#### VCR? What's that?

#### **Resource Center News**

Most of us don't have VCRs anymore, and if you are under 30, you might not even know what a VCR is. Here in the Resource Center, I am phasing



popular video, I am replacing the VHS with a DVD.

Here are the most recent upgrades: Click here to read more

## Free Webinar: Reaching the Millennial Generation

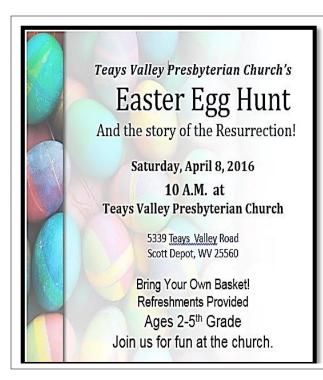
Covenant Bible Study will host the free 45-minute webinar "Reaching the Millennial Generation and a Role for Group Bible Study" at 1 p.m. Eastern/noon Central Wednesday, April 5, Dr. Jaco Hamman, Associate Professor of Religion, Psychology and Culture at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will share his research about Millennials and how to reach them. Covenant is a comprehensive 24-week, video-based study that helps participants apply the Bible to their personal stories. Click here to register for and watch the webinar.

## **Bluestone Summer Camp Scholarships**



Scholarships are available for Bluestone summer campers, thanks to support from the Molly Grant Scholarship Fund. Candidates must apply through their local church; find applications here. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Presbytery's Bluestone Committee.







## TVPC's Community outreach event: THE DOG JOG IS COMING up soon......

Where: Hurricane, WV – Valley Park (Wave Pool Park)

When: May 13, 2017 – 8:00 AM

What: 5 kilometers

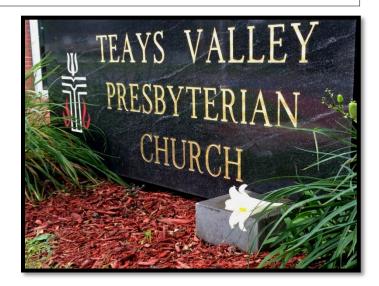
Go to Tristateracer.com to register to run. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please email the newsletter and I'll let them know!

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Cub & Boy Scouts Mondays at 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Girl Scouts
Thursdays at 6:30 pm

### **Chancel Choir**



Visit us on the Web! <u>www.teaysvalleypresby.com</u> View the calendar online – just click on the link.

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