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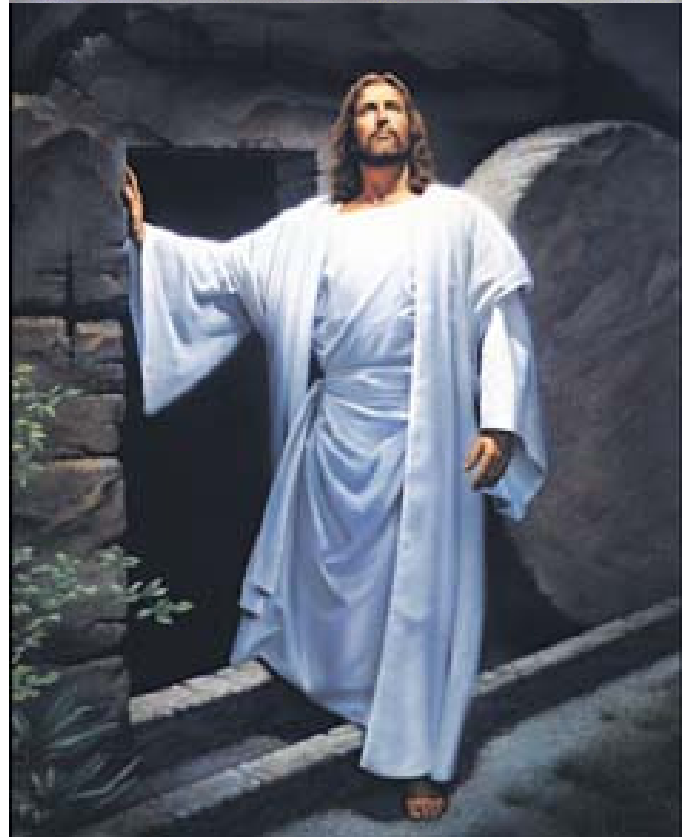
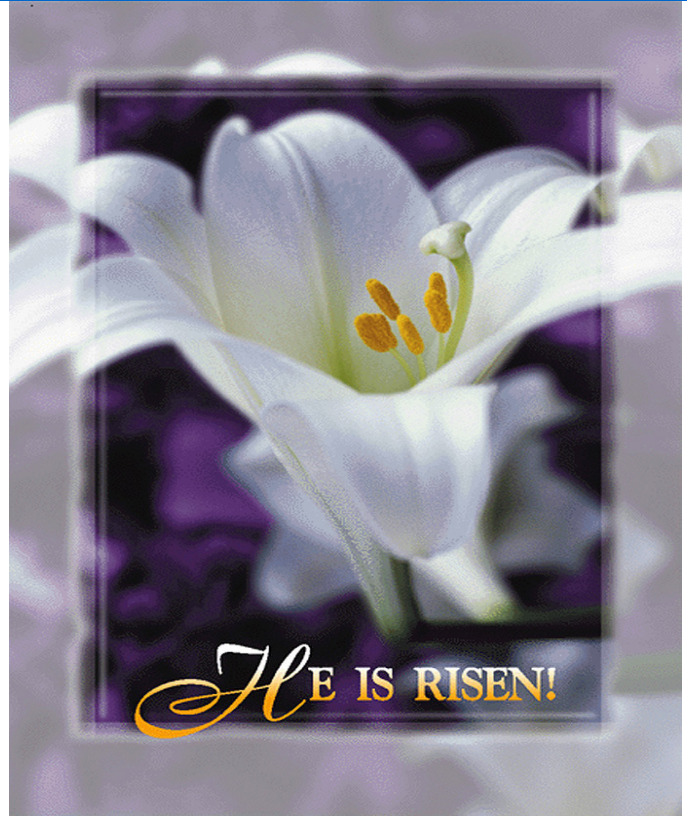
**NEWSLETTER REPORTS
AND ITEMS DUE
MONDAY
APRIL 16TH**

EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday, April 1st 10:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday, April 6th -7:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH :
8:00 am - Early Easter Service
9:00 am - Easter Breakfast
10:00 am - Easter Service/Children's Program





*The great Easter truth is **not** that we are to live newly after death-that is **not** the great thing-but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection; **not** so much that we are to live forever as that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.*

Phillips Brooks

Dear Members and Friends of Reynolds UMC,

As I was reading Romans 6:4 I realized how thankful I am for Easter Sunday. In a world many people don't place much value on Sunday mornings of worshipping God. For many it is a time of sleeping in and a day to do nothing. We seem to be able to find all kinds of excuses for why we miss Sunday worship. But for Jesus it was a day to do everything. We should all thank God for the Sunday that happened over 2000 years ago. This Easter Sunday, and every Sunday, should be a time to recommit our lives and remember how special these days are. It means that Jesus took our place on that cross and suffered the penalty of death so that we wouldn't have to. But Easter and every Sunday isn't just to remind us that Jesus died for us, it should also remind us that He rose from the grave for us. The grave couldn't hold Him. Jesus conquered the grave and is alive and well! Easter Sunday and every Sunday represent the new life offered to us in every situation we come against.

On the day Jesus died, I am sure His disciples probably thought it was all over and their hope may have been gone. But on that Easter morning Jesus proved them, and the world wrong. Church, today you may think your life is over- that I am too old or too young- that your dreams have died in spite of everything you have tried. But I want you to remember that in your midst of seemingly dark and hopeless times, that your darkness, despair and broken dreams, Jesus says, "I have come that you might have life to the fullest. I conquered the grave to give your life and hope in every dead situation that comes your way. Because Jesus rose and is alive, we can enjoy eternal life. Because of what Jesus did that first Easter morning if you have turned away from Him, He is waiting for you to come back to Him. This Easter come and rededicate your life to God again and begin to enjoy life again. Come and worship with your family and set the example of God's love, forgiveness and joy in living in service for Him.

Church, Jesus' resurrection means we have victory in our lives. On Easter Sunday, God reached into the jaws of death and He pulled Jesus from the grips of the grave. Jesus rose victoriously over depression, hopelessness, despairs of this world, the defeats and failures of our lives, sicknesses and disease, as well as poverty, corruption and injustice. We should always take time to thank God that He was willing to give His best and His one and only Son Jesus for us!

May we live and serve God always with a heart of love and forgiveness.

Faithfully,

Pastor Al





INDIVIDUALS: 6 yr old Emma; Baby Molly; Bill & Paula Kunkel; Cancer patients; Debbie VanDyke; Dolores Scott; Ellen Clark's cousin, Butch; Emily, Meyer's granddaughter; Gerald Kaecker; Gladys Linebaugh; Harold Cheeseman; Jerry Ford & family; Jill Meadows; Jim Steder; Josh Smardo's friend(Jerry); Keith Long; Kristy Murphy's father; Marie Kurz's Sister(Judy) & Niece (Shonie); Marion Berry; Mike Olmstead; Neil Miller; Paula Vogeler; Pastor Al & Linda Meyer; Ron Tippy; Roops friend-leg being amputated; Teresa Tippy; Terry Hunley; Viola Lawrence & Virgil Page.

OTHERS: Tornado Victims and their losses; Families that have recently lost loved ones; Friends and Families facing life challenges; and Unspoken requests.

SERVING IN APRIL:

Communion Steward: Linda Cheeseman

Ushers: Justin Rueff, Chad Murphy, Steve Headon, Richard Vogeler

Greeters: April 1st - Winterland Family -

April 8th & 15th- Jack Townsend Family

April 22nd & 29th- Dennis & Karen Yocum

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Jeanne Warner



<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Moment</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Media</u>
April 1st	Kathy Clark	Help Needed	TBA
April 8th	Pastor Al Meyer	Kathy Brown	TBA
April 15th	Cindy Knight	Help Needed	TBA
April 22nd	Lois Heimbaugh	Help Needed	TBA
April 29th	Rhonda or Kathy Brown	Help Needed	TBA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
April 1st	Vernon Gittleson	Uphoffs & Yocums	Kathy Brown
April 8th	Help Needed	(None) Easter Breakfast	Easter Program
April 15th	Keith Roop	Nurture Committee	Frances Cappel
April 22nd	Help Needed	Nurture Committee	Ed Uphoff
April 29th	Bill Kirchofer	Brakes & Heimbaughs	Nancy Gittleson

April Mission Project: ORM Camping Scholarships
 Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (April 22nd)
 The Easter Offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFE SANCTUARY

Rhonda Brown, Chair

As I stated in the last article, I will be providing information on why children don't tell they're being abused. I will also list some common myths regarding child sexual abuse. However, before I start, I again need to state a disclaimer that this article may not be suitable for children or survivors.

One of the most disturbing things I often hear after a child (or an adult survivor) discloses they have been sexually abused are comments such as "Well it must not have happened or he/she would have told sooner." "They must have wanted it because they didn't say no." "It couldn't have been that bad or they would have told." They must have made it up, because he is a great coach/teacher/pastor/scout leader . . . He would never do something like that." These are just a few examples of what some people say when responding to a victim who is disclosing experiences. The truth is that comments like this can be one of the main reasons why a victim doesn't tell. They put the blame on the victim instead of where it belongs, on the perpetrator. Just by asking the question "Why don't they tell?" places the blame on the victim. We should be asking why does the perpetrator abuse? Keep in mind that sexual abuse, just like all abuse, is about power and control. It has nothing to do with sex. It is solely the responsibility of the abuser not the victim. I think that for some people it is too hard for them to believe that abuse really happens. They may also have trouble believing that evil really exists. So when their beliefs are challenged, it is easier to ask why the children don't tell or blame the victim, than it is for them to accept that there are some really bad people in this world. I think this is especially true in cases where the offender was considered a hero or idolized by many, as in the case of Penn State.

The four most common reasons a victim does not tell are:

1. Threats of bodily harm (to the child and/or the child's family)
2. Fear of being removed from the home
3. Fear of not being believed
4. Shame or guilt.

As stated in a previous article, 90% of all victims know the offender, so they may be afraid of getting that person in trouble. The offender often brainwashes the child that they are at fault, no one will believe them, or that no one else really loves them. In many cases the child may be too young to even understand what is going on or to be able to put it into words. I have heard of cases where the offender did hurt a family pet to keep the child quiet. I have also known of cases where an older child didn't tell because the offender told them the child would be removed from the home for lying (because no one will believe them), and he will just move on to a younger sibling. They were trying to protect their siblings. Keep in mind that most victims are not forced, they are coerced, which makes it even more confusing to them. Sometimes the victim feels guilty because they had a natural physical reaction to a

touch. Many, especially boys, may question their sexuality. Below I have listed some actual responses by children when they were asked why they didn't tell:

- "I didn't tell because I didn't like talking about it." (10 yr. old girl)
- "Daddy said it was a personal thing, so I didn't tell" (10 yr. old)
- "He was too much bigger than me, so I didn't say nothing. He said 'Don't tell.'" (4 yr. old)
- "He'd pull on my breast and he'd tell me if I screamed or told he would pull it off. He really hurt me. I didn't want my brother to go to jail." (12 yr. old.)
- "He is a nice man. He gives children candy and gum." (5 yr. old.
- "He said if I told, he'd stuff a peanut butter sandwich down my throat, and I hate peanut butter." (6 yr. old.)

In some cases they may never be told why the child didn't tell, and that is ok. It is not about them telling or not telling, it is about the offender being abusive.

Here are some myths about family sexual abuse:

1. Family sexual abuse cannot happen in MY family.
2. Alcohol is the reason the abuse occurred.
3. There is usually "another woman/man involved.
4. The abuse happens because kids watch "R" rated movies.
5. If the mother/father had been a "better parent" (i.e. if they had never "left the kids alone" or had watched them better",) the abuse would not have occurred.
6. The kids exaggerate the abuse or make it up.
7. All parents "must have known" the sexual abuse was happening and did "nothing" to stop it.
8. The parent was not a good parent, or else his/her daughter/son would have come to him/her to tell about the sexual abuse.
9. The abuse occurs because the mother/father denies sex to the father/mother/step parent.
10. The abuse occurs because the wife/husband isn't "man/woman enough" (i.e. not sexy enough, not pretty enough, not exciting enough).
11. The reason victims don't say no or put a stop to the incest is because they want it or enjoy it.
12. The abuse occurs because the victim "asked for it".
13. You can tell who sexual abuse offenders are by the way they look.
14. Sexual abusers are "sick", perverted.

Some may think the last one is true, but keep in mind that is just giving a perpetrator an excuse to be abusive. There is no excuse. As with all forms of abuse, it is about power and control, and they do it because they can. *(continued on page 5)*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Majastina Nichole Headon
NICK NAME: Maja (Maya)
Birthday: 8/28/00
HOME TOWN: Shabbona
PARENTS NAMES: Steve & Lisa Headon
SIBLINGS NAMES : Alexandria -14; Colton -9.
SCHOOL AND GRADE: Indian Creek Middle School (10th)
FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: Math
HOBBIES: Softball, dance, anything outside.
FAVORITE FOOD: French fries
FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': China House
PETS: 3 dogs: Cammie, mom of Peach, Cubbie, and 2 cats - Isabelle, Oreos.
FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Getting home from school
WHY: Relax and be cozy
FAVORITE MOVIE: Parent Trap, Sole Surfer, Home Alone.
FAVORITE ADULT(S) IN YOUR LIFE: Mommy & Daddy
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?
Get married, have a lot of kids, & be a pre-school teacher.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Alexandria Ann Headon
NICK NAME: Lexi
BIRTHDAY: 5-06-97
HOME TOWN: Shabbona
PARENTS: Steve & Lisa Headon
SIBLINGS: Majastina (11), Colton (9)
SCHOOL: Indian Creek High School (freshman)
FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: English
HOBBIES: Singing, acting, & dance
FAVORITE FOOD: Tacos
FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': Alfonos
PETS: 3 dogs-Cammie, cubby, peach & 2 cats Isabell & Oreos.
FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Night
WHY: It's always more fun at night.
FAVORITE MOVIE: Sleepover, 17 again, Justin Bieber- Never say Never.
FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: My Mom & Grandma
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?
I want to be a movie actress.

**REYNOLDSWOOD CAMP
BRUNCH IN THE WOODS**
Second Sunday of Each month
through May 2012.
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Adults (11 & up) \$10.00
Youth (4 - 10) \$5.00 Three & Under - Free.

(continued Safe Sanctuary)

I hope with these last three articles you now have a better understanding of child sexual abuse. I also hope you now have more compassion for the victims and their families and will stop blaming them by asking questions like "Why didn't they tell?" or worse. I hope you are able to put the responsibility where it belongs - on the offender and those who protect them. The one question I keep asking in regard to the whole Penn State situation is: how did we as a country start heading so far in the wrong direction that we put sports ahead of the safety and care of our children, ahead of our families, and most importantly, ahead of God? No sports or activities should ever be more important than those 3 things. OK- I'm done preaching now!!!

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMM.

Frances Cappel, Chair

Meeting: March 7th, 2012

Pastor Al will be gone on April 22nd. Michael Clark will be speaking in the Worship Service.

The committee voted to grant permission to Pastor Al to be an assistant coach for the AFC baseball team.

In order to continue reaching out to some families in need, a Benevolence Fund will be created with a committee in charge of adhering to the guidelines as approved by the Church Council.

TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE

Joe Phipps, Chair

Among the topics Discussed:

- Landscaping around the church- some black dirt needed as well as some new plants and mulch. Gary will check on some pricing for bushes where some were removed.
- Parsonage: Wall repairs and a new front sidewalk is needed. New mail boxes are needed because someone hit them with farm equipment. They will be replaced.
- It was voted to not act on a proposed new driveway on the East side of the Church property for now.

Other goals and projects were discussed and prioritized.

HUB CLUSTER NEWS

- Mission Trips: Ed Baylor is checking into another weekend to Cedar Rapids- probably over Columbus Day weekend; also local mission work for individuals and church and additional camping/work weekends at Reynoldswood with a tentative weekend scheduled for July 7-8 or 14-15.
- Pork Chop Drive-thru fundraiser dinner is scheduled for May 31st.
- The Hub Cluster voted to send \$200 to the Christville School in Haiti.

Committee on Nominations and Personnel

By Pastor Alan Meyer

I would like to give an overview of this committee. The primary work of this Committee is to draw a slate of candidates for the offices in which there will be vacancies to be filled at the meeting of the Charge Conference. A list of these offices should be provided to the Committee by the pastor. This list may differ greatly from church to church, depending on the size of the church. Simply stated, it is the job of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel to take that list, and to prepare a matching list of candidates to fill every vacancy. These candidates will then need to be placed in nominations at the meeting of the Charge Conference.

One important aspect of this Committee’s job is to become widely acquainted with the people who are members of the charge and those who are friends. Every member of the Committee should have a copy of current list of members and non-members. The Committee should also obtain information to which officers desire to succeed themselves, IF ELIGIBLE, for another term, and which ones are not.

The Committee should also try to cultivate an awareness as to the gifts, talents, and interests of the local church who are not serving as officers, and also as to their evidence of Christian character and life, keeping in mind the qualifications for members and non-members appropriate standards for all officers of the church. To obtain this information, it is a good idea for the members of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel to try to become widely acquainted with members and non-members of the church during the months before it becomes necessary to begin preparing a slate of candidates. Learn names and faces; look to see which ones are regular in attendance and show interest in the work of the church and a willingness to participate in different activities and events, and to lend a helping hand if needed. Then, in choosing, candidates, you will be able to match the candidate to the office for which they are nominated, in terms of interest, experience, training, etc. Become familiar with the make-up of the congregation so that all people are represented. While the preparation of a slate of candidates for the meeting of the Charge Conference is basically a once-a-year job, the Committee should work throughout the year in recruitment, support and recognition of leaders of the church, and in providing for their training as needed.

Next month we will look at the Lay Leader.

FREE TO BE GROUP

The Free To Be group met on Saturday, March 10th. Plans were finalized for the up-coming Ham supper fund raiser to be held on Saturday, March 24th. Proceeds of this fund raiser are designated for a new church sign or whatever else so deemed.

There was a good meal with everyone contributing a dish to share and afterwards dominos and card games were enjoyed. There was a lot of laughter, and a good time was had by the 14 who attended.

: A three-year-old regularly watched football games :
: with his father. So much so, that he knew some of :
: the signals the referee makes. On a recent Sunday, :
: the three-year-old attended church with the family. :
: As the pastor raised his hands high to offer a bless- :
: ing, the child interrupted the service by shouting. :
: “ TOUCHDOWN!!” :
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I’ve learned

- Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- Simple walks with my grandfather down an old dirt road when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- Life is like a roll of toilet paper . The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- We should be glad God doesn’t give us everything we as for .
- Money doesn’t buy class.
- It’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- Under everyone’s hard shell is someone who just wants to be loved and appreciated.
- To ignore or deny the facts does not change the facts.
- When you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- Love, not time, heals all wounds.
- The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile
- No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- Life is tough, but I’m tougher!!!



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2nd - 7:00 pm - Trustee's Meeting
- April 8th - EASTER SUNDAY
- April 9th - 7:00 pm - Church Council
- Thurs-Sat- April 26-28th - 2012 Rummage & Bake Sale

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY EACH WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 am