Chapel Point of View One Lord, One Mission, Two Churches Serving Scioto Township Global Methodist on Main & Scioto Chapel April - May 2025

A Word from the Pastor - "The Miracle of Resurrection"

As we step each day through Lent with Jesus on His destination and destiny of death at Jerusalem and Golgotha, let us be reminded of the Resurrection! The reality of human existence is that we have death and dying, but the great hope that God offers to each one who will receive it and offer themselves to God is that death brings new life.

In God there is no dying at all; the temporary and commitment to death in ourselves brings the glorious and redemptive life that God has to offer, life with Him now and that lasts forever! Listen to Jesus' words to Martha as she is dejected and without hope in the loss of her brother Lazarus even while being committed to Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

Even before Jesus went to the cross, died, and rose again, He declared to Martha "I am the resurrection." Our God declares that to us, "I am the resurrection." As we reject our hope and our confidence in ourselves and trying hard enough, and receive the promises from Jesus, He is ready to bring the resurrection and the life, His life, to us.

Whenever I get down, and we all do (we have the forces of this world, the devil, and our human nature working against us), I have a choice: am I going to remain there and be defeated, trying in my efforts to right the ship, or am I going to burn the ships so to speak, surrender myself anew in the midst of my present condition to God, and receive His Spirit and His way, breaking down whatever I am facing and whatever I am in, to see the resurrection power that God is ready, wanting, and able to provide? The choice is simple: His way or my way?

And that is the miracle of resurrection: no matter how hard I try in my own way, abilities, and intellect, I cannot get to the way of life on my own; I need God, the Resurrection God, who is ready to resurrect each one of us no matter where we are at, what we have done or not done, or where we find ourselves. (By the way, if we would rather just sit in the middle on the fence, we have already lost, because the devil owns the fence, and he would be very happy for us to stay there making no difference for the Kingdom of God.)

Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul who faced enormous challenges day after day stepping forward for God: "if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you" (Romans 8:11). There it is! We are operating in Resurrection Power as we live in the Holy Spirit. And if we have and are dying to ourselves, Christ lives in us, and He has given us His Spirit that lives in us.

The question for us each day, in Lent, on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and every day is: are we living in the Holy Spirit or are we living in ourselves? The miracle of resurrection happens each time we choose God over self, and He is ready to reign in us!

The final words from Jesus recorded in this time with Martha is "do you believe this?" (John 11:26b). If we believe this, that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and we will never die,

then what are we doing about it? As we live in this communion with the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, He is raising something in us, a resurrection. What is He raising in you? Yes, He is putting things to death in us, but He is also raising new life. What is the new life He is raising in you today, and the next day, every day? Every day is a gift from Him, and He is able to do much more than we think or imagine (Ephesians 3:20), so what is He killing in you, and what is the work He is raising in you to do? We are not called to live complacent lives. Let us live in the miracle of the resurrection, God's life living in and directing us this day and every day, for His glory! Hallelujah!

Yours for the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven, Pastor Brian

Awesome Opportunities for Our Youth!

We may be few in number with the youth for our two churches, but God wants to grow our youth spirituality and numerically because they are not just the future, they are the present now! Youth group meets for the charge every 2nd and 4th Sunday (as the schedule permits) or adjusted as needed. We have a great time of snacks, discussion, learning more about our faith, and a game! Please invite in youth in grades 6 through 12 in or outside the church to come and enjoy. The Allegheny West Conference of the GMC has an awesome Youth Leadership Team that desires to sow into youth through the power of the Holy Spirit. One key event that is now on its second year is the Encounter Conference. This year it is being held at Heartland Conference Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio on Friday evening through Sunday morning, April 25-27. The deadline to register is April 10th. Both church councils are happy to assist with a portion of the cost of \$150 as needed. The theme this year is "We Believe" (John 20:31). Please see alleghenywestencounter.org for more information. Let Pastor Brian know whoever might be interested.

Summer Camp opportunities include those entering 3rd grade next Fall through High School. Evans Christian Outfitters (GMC based), Raccoon Township (west of Rio Grande) Ohio, has camping experiences Sunday through Friday for two weeks this Summer (see evanschristiancamp.com). A camp for Middle School and one for High School (grade entering) are June 8-13. Elementary Camp and an Intro (Day) Camp are June 15-19 for those entering Grades 3-7. Lodging, swimming, boating, hiking, endless activities, Bible learning, sleeping in the lodges, and meals are provided for \$100 for the week for each camp if registering before May 15th. Please see Pastor Brian for questions or more details for this life enriching joy for the youth. Again, the church councils are happy to help with cost as needed.

As youth programming grows in our churches moving forward, giving the kids a chance to work towards these opportunities helps build comradery and appreciation. Let us pray for children of all ages and their development in Christ.

Allegheny West Annual Conference

Ways to participate in annual conference this year abound! The conference sessions will take place Wednesday, June 18th through Saturday, June 21st at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio. A large majority of the conference is dedicated to worship, learning, and celebrating our unity in the Global Methodist Church. Of the numerous joys, one that stands out is meeting fellow Christ followers around all part of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and to see how we are unified in our mission while also gaining a diversity of approaches to spur on new ideas. To attend the full conference, which includes meals at the university dining hall Wednesday lunch through Saturday breakfast, the cost is \$170, \$80 for spouses and children. If you wish to stay in dorms (same gender) or apartments (couples or families), the cost is \$125 for the 3 nights. You can also sign-up to volunteer for greeting, first aid, audio/visual, golf cart escorting, and other acts of services, as well as sing in the conference choir Friday evening for the Ordination Service. Please visit the conference website at AlleghenyWestGMC.org for all the information and how to register for any part. Online viewing will also be made available. We rejoice in what God is doing in our denomination here in Allegheny West and around the world!

Commercial Point Free Store Update

Sandy's a little under the weather right now and hoping to hold the sale during April but could be May. Small Donations can be left at the Free Store BUT large items need to be arranged thru Sandy to hold in the garage. Her phone number is 614-893-4132. Monday and Saturday hours have been going well. Any volunteers are welcome.

Holy Hilarity Sunday

Both churches will have Holy Hilarity Sunday at their regular Worship on April 27th (the Sunday after Easter), but it will be anything but regular lol. Skits, songs, jokes, funny stories, all humor is welcome. Maybe you have something to wear, or even a costume, to help everyone to enjoy the festive day of laughter – remember the joy of the Lord is our strength, and the devil hates it when the body of Christ is built up and joy-filled laughter encourages many. So come ready to have a great time as each shares what God lays upon their heart.

Combined Calendar of Events -- April - May 2025

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Date	Event	Time	Weekly	Location
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4-1 & 4-3	HopeStrong Commercial Point		*	
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	Tuesdays thru 4-29, Thursdays thru 5-8			
4-2	Men's Meal & Bible Study- Ephesians	5:30pm	*	GMM
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4-2	Choir Practice	7:00pm	*	SC
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4-3	Women's Bible Study-Romans (childcare provided)	5:30 pm	*	GMM
4-3	Men's Bible Study-studying 1st John	9:00 am	*	GMM
4-3	Bible Study – studying "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer	4:00pm	*	GC Library
4-3	Satellite Soul Sisters-contact Kathy	6:30pm-	*	Darbyville
	Morris 740-412-3682	8:30pm		Community
4-6	Worship Service	10:45 am	* GMM	
4-6	Worship Service	9:00 am	* SC	
4-6	Pastries & Wired Word	10:30 am	*	SC
4-7	Women's Christian Fellowship Baby Shower for Chelsey Gable	7:00pm	00pm SC	
4-8	GMM Trustees	6:00pm		GMM
4-8 & 5-13	Sewing Guild	2:00pm	GMM	
4-13 &	Youth Group-all Middle & High School	6:00pm-		GMM
4-27	welcome!	7:30pm		
4-14 &	GMM Ad Council	6:00pm		GMM
5-12				
4-15	Free Community Dinner-Everyone	4:30-		GMM
4-17	welcome!!	6:30pm		GMM
	Combined Maundy Thursday Service	7:00pm		
4-18	Combined Good Friday Service	7:00pm		SC
4-20	Combined Sunrise Service	7:00am		
4-20	Breakfast-all welcome	8:00am		
4-21 &	Teams 4 Him	6:00pm		SC
5-19	Church Council	_	7:00pm	
4-23 &	Ladies Coffee at Pick 'em Up Joe's	9:00 am W Scioto-		
5-28 4-27 &	All ladies welcome!			CP GMM
5-25	Community Cupboard Collection			GIVIIVI
4-22	Discipleship Meeting	6:00pm		GMM
4-27	Holy Hilarity Sunday at both churches	1		
5-3	Mothers Day Breakfast	10:30am		GMM
5-3	Women's Christian Fellowship Mother's Day Luncheon	12-2:00pm		SC
5-18	An Evening of Worship with Redemption Flood Praise Band	6:00pm		GMM

CP Free Store hours every Monday 6-8pm & every Saturday 10am to Noon

April Birthdays May Birthdays

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DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
1	Christopher Marks	1	Rick Fruchey
2	Ron Shipley	2	Getitia Brown
5	Sheri Townsend	2	Luke Derouaux
11	Esther Durrett	4	Christine Lawless
11	Norma Gochenour	4	Charlie England
12	Mike Thomas	7	Kirk Crego
13	Peggy Fausnaugh	9	Amber Brown
13	Sandy Fruchey	9	Ryan Writsel
15	Jim Kuzelka	13	Levi Alphin
16	Franklin Smith	15	Kim Halley
17	Sonnia Green	18	Matt Wasem
19	Jan Stevens	21	Lynn Johnson
23	Josephine Bowerman	27	Karen Musselman
24	Cindy Jahn	27	Beth Writsel
25	Betsy Adams		
26	Sandy Crego		
27	Lily Patterson		
27	Eula Marks		
28	Becky Davis		
28	Katelynn Fausnaugh		



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DATE	NAME	DATE	DATE NAME	
		2	Ron & Karan Shipley	
		6	John & Rebecka Crego	
		7	Al & Carol Doddroe	
		14	Tony & Melissa Merriman	
		16	Denny & Janet Hutchins	
		17	Lee & Shannon Fausnaugh	
		28	Russ & Jackie Bowerman	

Global Methodist on Main

28 Main Street, Commercial Point, Ohio 43116 614-877- 3539 *Church Service 10:45 AM*

www.gmchurchonmain.org
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SCIOTO CHAPEL PAGE

6337 ST. RT. 316, WEST, ASHVILLE, OH 43103 Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. www.sciotochapelgmc.org April – May 2025

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD



And Clare Morrison did as she assisted Terrie Rogers for our children's message February 16. She was complete with her loins girted with truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace, a shield of faith, helmet of salvation and the sword of the word of God. The outfit was borrowed from a Westfall's HopeStrong staffer and was a perfect fit for Clare.

We have 4 of our members that work with these programs. Jodi Hastings and Pastor Brian with Scioto Elementary and Karan Shipley, Terrie Rogers and Kathy Morris are involved with the Westfall students.

We greatly appreciate the encouraging reports we receive from time to time from these folks. It's a real dedication on their part but surely very rewarding as they realize the word of God is working in the lives of these precious children.

THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

If you missed this one, there may be another or something similar in the future as the progressive dinner was well received on February 8 by all who attended. We began at GMM with appetizers which they out did themselves with. Then we sang some familiar hymns related to love led by Pastor Brian. We proceeded to Scioto Chapel with assigned seating and entertained with a humorous skit about volunteers in the church that was presented by Patti Crego, Lee and Jan Stevens, Perry Fausnaugh and Pastor Brian. Then the main course of Lasagna and garlic bread was enjoyed thanks to Sandy and Rick Fruchey. Then off to South Bloomfield where we had choice of delicious Italian or Chocolate cake while we played a Bible quiz game for Wendy's coupons. This was followed by beautiful piano music by Ellery Elick. It was all good.

MISSIONS

We will be doing the dog shelter project during the month of April, collecting dry dog food, treats, toys and leashes/harnesses/collars for Pickaway County dog shelter. You can still bring diapers and baby wipes for the library baby showers. We are praying for Mikki to be back on her feet to oversee these projects.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL SOON BE HERE

Maundy Thursday will be observed at Global Methodist on Main at 7:00 p.m. on April 17. Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held at Scioto Chapel at 7:00 p.m. April 18. The Sunrise Service and breakfast following for both churches will be at Scioto Chapel beginning at 7:00 a.m. The hand bell choir will ring out the glad victorious alleluias. Regular Sunday services will be held at each church at regular times. Be in prayer for these coming services during this holy time of the year.

And then following Easter we will give a laugh at the devil by observing holy hilarity Sunday on April 27. So, get your jokes and stories ready.

DATES COMING UP - Vacation Bible School will the July 11 and 12. The theme is Campfire Light. We hope to have a wiener roast or such for the Friday night opening. The date of October 4 has been set for this year's fall fest.

PRAYER.

- Jason Ballard's cancer is shrinking so pray that continues
- Samantha Dunham with heart racing issues
- Janette Fausnaugh in rehab from hospital stay for pneumonia
- Laura (Landis) Fellure with mini strokes
- Mr. Huston going home after house fire
- Lynn Johnson awaiting results from eye surgery
- John Kingsland seizures had MRI on 3/12 and EEG on 3/19
- Janet McWhorter with several issues, home from hospital now
- Tim Moser with cancer
- Pastor Denver Peters recovering from illness
- Becky Phillips with heart issues
- Family of Mahlon Riddick
- Mikki Stout had gall stones removed 3/24
- Clare Stout with strep throat
- Veterans who have lost their homes
- GMC Churches in Africa and South America
- Hopestrong programs at Scioto, West Middle and Westfall Schools
- Churches and people of Ukraine and Russia
- Our country
- Unrest in Israel
- Westfall CARES

PRAISES

- Gertie Detwiler home from cancer surgery which is believed to be successful
- Samantha Dunham was in a car accident with only slight injuries.
- Betty Fisher doing well in recovery from knee surgery
- Susan Britton's (Karan Shipley's sister) home health care aide is Carol and Al Doddroe's granddaughter. (happy coincidence)



