

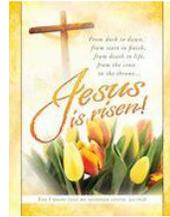
Second Quarter Events

April 7th – no Heart to Heart

April 10th – A Singing with the Perry's

April 16th – Easter Egg Brunch

April 17th – Easter



May 5th – National Day of Prayer

May 8th – Mother's Day



May 15th – A Singing with The Sound

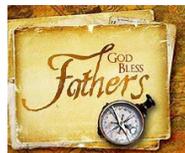
A new group to our church – bring a friend and give them a warm welcome!

June 4th – Grove City Shopping Trip

Will leave the church @ 8 am

Our 1st shopping trip outing on the new bus!

June 19th – Father's Day



June 26th – Ice Cream Social



Plans are in process for an All Daughters Banquet to be held in May. Volunteers are needed to help. Anyone interested should see Peggy Somosko.

With the threat of Covid diminishing somewhat, the choir for morning services has resumed. If you sang in the choir before or did not but would be interested in doing so now, practice is after service on Wednesday night.

In the last newsletter I told you about how you could access the church website to read any of the past newsletters that were done digitally. At that time the page had not been fully updated but it is now. So, feel free to browse those anytime you want a pick me up or to just look up a recipe. All you have to do is go to the church website, www.tbclighthouse.org. After opening go to the heading Ministries, and then Heart to Heart and scroll down. Just click on any issue to read as often as you like.

“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.”

~Martin Luther

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office.

He never had a family or owned a house.

He didn't go to college.

He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of these things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

When he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

Author Unknown

Stories for the Heart

Compiled by Alice Gray

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

~Romans 15:4

Rhubarb Cream Pie

By Geraldine Boggs

3 cups rhubarb, cleaned and cut into pieces

3 T flour

½ tsp. nutmeg

1 ½ cups sugar

2 eggs, well beaten

1 or 2 T butter



This takes a double pie crust. Line pie pan with pastry. Arrange rhubarb slices evenly in the pastry lined pan. Combine flour, nutmeg, and sugar, then add the well beaten eggs to the dry ingredients. Pour over rhubarb. Dot with butter before laying over the top crust. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Serves 6 to 8.

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:
because his mercy endureth for ever.*

Psalm 118:1

God's Easter Gift

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

~ Philippians 2:5-11

Songs We Love

Rhea F. Miller was the only daughter of Martin and Bertha Ross. Rhea's father was a drunk who never really wanted anything to do with religion. In spite of her husband's drunkenness, her mother was faithful to God and prayed diligently. Eventually God answered her prayers and her husband surrendered to God's spirit and he was wonderfully delivered from the bondage of sin. One night during a church service Martin stood to his feet and began his testimony of how much Jesus meant to him. It was these words Rhea heard her father say, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold, I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today." It was in 1922 Rhea penned the poem, "I'd Rather have Jesus". Rhea married Dr. H.V. Miller, one of the general superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene. They lived a wonderful life, and then after his death Rhea began to teach piano. She traveled around the area in her little gray Nash coop on a special mission to teach the children of pastors to play the piano so they would have something to contribute when they became adults. She was a very inspirational woman, always positive and always smiling.

Bev Shea, also a mother who was instrumental in her child's life, left a copy of this poem on the piano in their home. Wanting her son to find it in the hopes it would encourage him to change the direction of his life. At the piano one day, playing and singing he found the words and began to read. Inspired so much, he thought about his own goals and ambitions as he began singing those words to a tune that just seemed to fit. His mother, after hearing him sing encouraged him to sing it at church. George Beverly Shea was 23 when he composed the music to this song and eventually he went on to sing for Billy Graham. It is a hymn that could change your life, encourage your faith and truly help you believe in the power of God. Because really, what would we have if we didn't have Jesus.

I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;

I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame;
I'd rather be true to His holy name

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

Submitted by Peggy Somosko

The Minister



A Minister was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age.

The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So, we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the reverend was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the reverend was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

Submitted by Tommy Bennidetto
Clean Jokes for Senior Citizens

The Flowers of Easter

By Gertrude Bryson Holman

The flowers of Easter bring new hope.
They burst from the dark tomb of earth;
They speak of immortality,
Renewal, promise and rebirth.

With hyacinth and daffodil
Our faith returns with every leaf.
We cast our sorrows far away,
We dry our tears and cease our grief.

Good tidings of this Easter Day
Proclaims the risen Christ is King!
And in the earth's awakening
We join the wind and birds to sing.

Submitted by Brenda Angelo



God so transcends our paltry ideas of majesty that when He wants to make himself known most clearly to His dearly loved children. He does it not through a thunder of almighty power, not in a shower of blinding light, not even by a torrent of irresistible force. He speaks most convincingly not through violent winds, powerful earthquakes, or blazing fires. . . but in “a gentle whisper” (1 Kings 19:11-13). Let us remember that when we grow confused, anxious, or troubled. God invites us to personally experience His majesty by acting upon one of His great and calming promises:

. . . Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they will not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. . .

~Isaiah 43:1-3

How Majestic is Thy Name
New Leaf Press

Your Attitudes and Actions

Family is the best place to teach young men and women about God's kind of love. Today let's focus on your daughters. Titus 2, verses 3 through 5, says we're to teach our daughters, our granddaughters, and our younger sisters in Christ the good things in the Christian life, including how to love a husband. What are you modeling in your marriage? Don't be afraid to be affectionate in front of your kids. Let them see and hear that you love your husband. Compliment your spouse and let your kids know you trust and respect him. Don't disparage or nag him. Deal with disagreements privately. Show your children that making sacrifices for another person isn't drudgery. Share scriptures that encourage you and help you live out God's calling as a woman, a wife, a mother.

Lord, marriage is a model of Your love for Your church. May my marriage be representative of that same sacrificial love You have for us. May my family reflect Your values and priorities, And may others see in us the beauty of Christian love. Amen.

Elizabeth George
One-Minute Inspirations for Women

Chicken Noodle Hot Dish

By Julie Julian

Ingredients:

- 4 oz. broad noodles
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 5 oz can chicken – chopped
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed potato chips – for the top



Cook noodles as directed on package. Blend together soup and milk. Add chicken and noodles. Place in greased 2-quart casserole dish. Top with potato chips and bake at 350 degrees for 35 – 40 minutes.

**You can also add 1 can of drained peas to the casserole before baking.

Adult Book Suggestion

Hi everyone!

There is a smile on my face as I'm writing this book review. The first reason is because I can see my daffodils and crocuses peeking up out of the ground and we will be moving the clocks ahead next weekend. Spring is in the air!

The other reason for my smile is the opportunity to tell you about the book written by our own LeuAnna Taylor. This very sweet Christian woman with a contagious laugh and a warm smile, has been gifted by God to see the world and then share her vision with us.

The word "*scripturient*" describes her perfectly! Webster says it means "*a strong urge to write.*" I for one have been blessed as I became engrossed by her stories as they touched my heart, mind, and soul. In her book entitled "*The View From The Side Of The Road,*" LeuAnna sees God in all of His creation and along with her daily life experiences, she applies God's word to encourage, teach, uplift, or admonish us!

LeuAnna loves photography and her pictures can be comical, beautiful, and inspirational, adding an extra dimension to her stories that help us see the world through her lens. *I'm going to share a few bits of information and the page where you can find the answers.* Of course, if you don't read the book you can just ask her. I'm sure she'll smile, laugh, and then hopefully answer you!

She started to pray on her knees because of some crazy and repetitive activity she had to do for weeks on end: page 76.

There are two books that will always be nearby whenever she writes. I tried giving you a hint. Can you guess already?

I was pleasantly surprised when on page 140 she used the first Bible verse God gave to me when I was a new believer and asked him to help me with an overwhelming fear.

There were two very special women in LeuAnna's life that were a strong influence on her as a young girl. So, if you are a grandma or aunt, you'll really want to read the story about them on pages 54-57.

"**Blessed**" is the title of the story on page 128. She ended it with some great insight and biblical direction. She wrote "*God did not put us here with no idea of what to do with us or to just let us run amuck. He has a plan for us,*

and it's all good. It's up to us to recognize his influence, follow his instructions, and find joy in the journey!" (by the way, I don't think "*run amuck*" is KJV). Well, I better stop, however there is so much more you can glean from this book about its author.

If you're thinking you have read all her stories already in this newsletter and don't need to read the book, let me try to change your mind!

She became my "*scrollmate,*" (Webster says "*it means an author with whom a reader feels a deep connection*") as I read her stories again and all in one book. I saw so many new things that I missed reading them one at a time.

I loved ending my day with a couple of her stories to quiet my mind and to have my last thoughts before sleep, be about God and the scriptures she used to illustrate her story and message.

It is a given that you will be blessed getting to know LeuAnna better through her eyes of the world. You will be uplifted and find rest as she reminds you what an awesome God she loves and serves.

You will laugh, be surprised, identify with, and experience empathy even as you might be thinking "*yuck, that's gross.*"

Gift this book to anyone that loves animals, needs their spirits lifted, enjoys photography, or needs a relationship with Jesus. The gospel is clearly given, and God's love and majesty show up on every page. *You can even get it signed by the author!*

You'll love the book: Marcie

Following is where you can order "**The View From The Side Of The Road**" by LeuAnna Taylor, 170pp; (c) 2020. It is available for sale at traditional brick & mortar bookstores, or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes store, or Barnes and Noble, and it can also be checked out at the Akron Summit County Public Library, Green branch but can be reserved and picked up at other branches. It can be found in soft cover book form or as an eBook. And later this year it will be out as an audiobook.

You can visit her photo website at www.pbase.com/artistchick to enjoy all her photos.

Submitted by Marcie Robinson

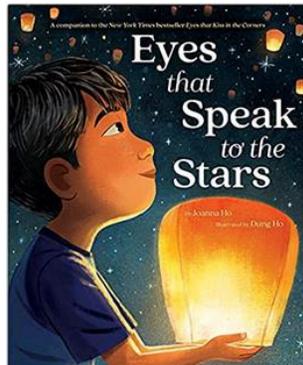
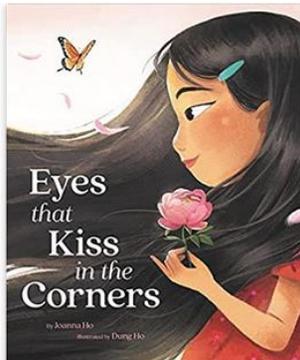
Children's Book Suggestion

The book "Eyes That Kiss in the Corners," written by Joanna Ho and illustrated by Dung Ho is a picture book written for ages 4 to 8 years but because of the subject, writing skill of the author and illustrations, is a book that can be enjoyed by all ages. It's the story of a young Asian girl who notices that her eyes are different from the other children at school. She realizes that they are the same as her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners, glow like warm tea, and crinkle into crescent moons. She gathers strength, self-acceptance, a sense of beauty in her uniqueness, and respect for her roots from her family in this amazing and beautiful story.

A sequel/companion book was written by the same author and illustrator titled "Eyes That Speak to the Stars". This is another picture book written for the same age group as the first. It is the story of a young Asian boy. When a classmate at his school draws a hurtful picture of him, he takes comfort from his family. Again, it's the fact that his eyes are shaped differently than his other classmates. Inspired by the men in his family, he draws on the strength and wisdom of his family to find himself – to recognize his own power and strength from within.

"Eyes that Kiss in the Corners", a New York Times Bestseller and #1 Indie Bestseller as well as a School Library Journal Best Book of 2021, received many additional awards when released. "Eyes that Speak to the Stars" was newly released this year and appears to be doing well also. It was an Amazon January Best Book of the Month.

God made each of us unique. Remember, there is not another like you, and He loves each of us as though there were no others.



Wrinkles

An elderly woman and her young grandson, whose face was just covered in freckles, spent a day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with all kinds of colorful designs.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a little girl in the line giggled.

The little boy dropped his head in shame and embarrassment.

His grandmother saw what happened and knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles, Honey. You know, when I was a little girl I always wanted freckles," she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful, are the most beautiful thing you can see on someone's face."

The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why just name me one thing that's more beautiful than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment. Then he looked up so sweetly into his grandma's eyes, and softly whispered..... "Wrinkles."

Dear God,

The days are short, and nights are long. I have more time to reflect and pray. Even though there may be darkness outside my window right now, I will seek out light in other ways. A lit candle, holiday lights, the sparkling stars, and a moon at night. . . all are reminders of your love and the miracle that is my life. Spring will come soon enough, and the light will return. It always does. I thank you for this time to rest and turn inward. Amen.

Author unknown
Submitted by Laura Beth Riggs



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Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee . . .

~Isaiah 41:10

**Flowers Leave Their Fragrance
on the Hand That Bestows Them**

There's an old Chinese proverb
That, if practiced each day,
Would change the whole world
In a wonderful way –
Its truth is so simple,
It's so easy to do,
And it works every time
And successfully, too –
For you can't do a kindness
Without a reward,
Not in silver nor gold
But in joy from the Lord –
You can't light a candle
To show others the way
Without feeling the warmth
Of that bright little ray –
And you can't pluck a rose
All fragrant with dew,
Without part of its fragrance
Remaining with you.



By Helen Steiner Rice

Do Your Best, Laugh About the Rest

My philosophy is that we should just do our best – and laugh about the rest. We have to keep things in perspective. Sure, we may be fat, ugly, and have the fashion sense of Phyllis Diller, but as long as our sense of humor is visible, we'll manage the rest!

Anyway, how did those single-digit sizes become all the rage? Beauty seemed a lot more realistic – and attainable – when terms like *voluptuous* and *ample* were more common than the dreaded words *lean* and *firm*. For many of us, it's quite comforting to remember that Marilyn Monroe wore a size 12 and that even though there are a handful of supermodels who wear a size 8, there are three billion women on the planet who don't!

Barbara Johnson
Leaking Laffs

Honey, a Mean Wife, and Other Things

If you eat too much honey, you'll throw up. Proverbs 25:16

When Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, was mute, people seemed to think he was deaf, too. Luke 1:62

When Cain was banished from Eden, God put a mark on him so no one would kill him. Genesis 4:15

The New Jerusalem will be 1,400 miles long and 1,400 miles wide. Revelation 21:16

It's better to live on the roof than to live inside with a mean wife. Proverbs 21:9

Of the three kings who reigned during the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, who was in power when it was finished – Cyrus, Darius, or Artaxerxes? ** Ezra 6:15

When Reuben slept with Jacob's concubine Bilhah, he lost his birthright to Joseph. Genesis 35:22, 1 Chronicles 5:1

Solomon's throne had six steps with twelve lions sitting on them. 2 Chronicles 9:18

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

Robyn Martins

***Darius*

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant. . .

~Isaiah 42:5-6

I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

Abraham Lincoln

What We Leave Behind

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

~Psalm 45:17

The winter of 2022 got off to a late start and then tried to make up for it by dumping so much snow on northeastern Ohio that some people were immobilized for days. It happened that after a second bout of Covid and the severe weather, I began working from home instead of my usual drive to work. I found I liked it and am finding it hard to go back to the office full time.

I have my laptop set up on my dining room table and everything I need to work with surrounds me. Since I work so much there it's hard not to notice the little imperfections in the surface of the table. I was in high school when my parents bought this table and when they moved away to Florida it became mine. Over time it's gathered marks from my dad tossing his keys on it, my sister-in-law marking off dress patterns for my niece making traces with the rotary wheel like little dotted lines, and my son pressing too hard with his pencil doing his homework. I can clearly see the word "VOID" imprinted where my mom wanted to be sure the word was clear when she voided a check. There's a history lesson of my family in the marks left behind on this table. It's no wonder I have kept it over the years since it holds memories of my childhood and family – like a photo album might.

Several years ago, I went to visit my cousin, Rhonda in Pennsylvania for a weekend. When we got up the first morning I was there she offered me my choice of things for breakfast. She told me she was having something that she had quite often and asked me if I would like to try it. She said she had been eating it since she was a child but didn't know where she got it from since no one else she knew ate it. It was peanut butter toast dunked in a cup of hot chocolate. When she told me what it was I just laughed and told her I knew exactly where she got it from – the same place I had. Our aunt Dot loved that for breakfast, and I had been eating that too since I was a child. Both of us had spent a lot of time when we were growing up around my aunt and grandmother. That breakfast was only one of the many things my aunt impressed on me when I was young just by the example she set.

We pick up things like mannerisms and likes (food, clothes, habits) from the people around us as we travel through life, making an impression on us even if it's not in a conscious manner. That's why it's best to choose our friends

with care. We can't choose our family, but we can try learning only from their better traits. Children are like sponges and absorb knowledge and behavior from everything in their world, good or bad. As adults we do the same only to a much lesser degree. The influence of another person on us doesn't mean it's as obvious as them preaching or pushing behavior on us as it is in the quiet example they set in their behavior and how they present themselves. Seeing how they treat other people, how they handle a stressful situation, how they handle their finances, how they show love or fear, how they worship God. All that can make an impression as deep as the marks on my table and last as long as a lifetime.

When Jesus gathered His disciples and taught them about the Father, the impressions He left on them were so deeply ingrained that they suffered many hardships and most met with horrific ends but never let go of what they learned from Jesus. That was because they believed with all their heart and soul that the teachings of Jesus came from God. While traveling with Jesus and witnessing how He loved, healed, drove out demons, and performed miracles, they listened and watched and learned. They would find later that they had it in their power to do the same. So, after Jesus left them they took what they learned and traveled the country doing as Jesus had taught them to do. By His teaching and the example He set, the disciples and other followers spread the gospel not to just their friends and family but went out and planted those seeds of wisdom everywhere they traveled. By their example of good works, behavior, and teaching, the Word of God continued to spread and take root. The roots of those first plantings have now spread across the entire world – from generation to generation.

What are you leaving behind? How will people remember you?

LeuAnna Taylor

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned . . .

~Titus 2:1-8

