

The Beacon

April 15, 2010

11:00A.M. WORSHIP

9:45A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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REFLECTIONS

As a former English major, I remember struggling with the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. The struggle was usually worth it, as I found much of his work profoundly meaningful. But it could be hard going, especially given Hopkins' penchant for making up his own words by using them in utterly new ways.

One poem that all English majors were expected to struggle with was "The Wreck of the *Deutschland*," a poem inspired by the actual sinking of the German ship *Deutschland* off the coast of England. Hopkins was moved to create a poem reflecting on the meaning of the event in part by the account of five young nuns among the passengers, who kept putting others ahead of them into lifeboats and ultimately heading below deck as the ship sank to pray. Hopkins' poem finds parallels in this story and the Easter story of Jesus' death and resurrection, concluding the poem with the line, "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us"

While easter is a sailing term referring, as you might guess, to heading eastward towards the rising light, I also appreciate thinking of Easter, our term, as a verb. In these weeks following our Easter celebration, when gospel stories tell of Jesus showing up in all kinds of places, intent on a few last instructions before he left for good, thinking of how we might carry the meanings of Easter onward through our own "eastering" seems appropriate.

What might it mean for us to "easter/Easter"? To go about washing the feet of others as Jesus did hours before he died, being servants of all, caring for the humblest parts of others' lives? To challenge the domination systems that oppress and enable injustice regardless of the cost, as Jesus did? To be willing to carry the cross of another, along with our own already burdensome personal crosses? To engage in conflict without resorting to violence? To transform hatred into love by our daily choices?

May the example of Jesus "easter" in us on beyond Eastertime.

Faithfully,
Kathy

Notice of Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 23, immediately following the worship service, in the chapel. The meeting will include a review of the current year's budget and updated figures from the Finance Committee, and a presentation on the endowment by Sandy Ellinger. All members are urged to attend this meeting to make significant decisions on the direction of our church.



Our high school youth are heading to Kalamazoo, Michigan, this weekend to attend the PeaceJam spring conference where we'll meet Betty Williams, Nobel Peace Laureate. In May we have the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis to meet the Dalai Lama, also a Nobel Peace Laureate. Both of these adventures take a bit of cash to make them work, and we're turning to our church family for help.

You can "invest in their future" by purchasing one share in PeaceJam stock!! For \$10 you get a certificate that indicates you are a shareholder **AND** you will gain admission to a Shareholders-Only party with the kids after both of their Nobel Laureate events. Youth Attendees will tell their stories and take your questions. Make a check payable to **First Baptist Church** and be sure to write "**PeaceJam stock**" on the memo line. You'll receive your stock certificate and will be notified when the Shareholders' party is scheduled.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

People also may be interested to know that 1976 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Betty Williams will be speaking in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, April 16th at the Western Michigan University Bernhard Center Ballroom. (\$10 suggested donation – \$5 for students -- at the door).

KROGER asks everyone who participates in their Community Rewards program to RE-ENROLL every April. If you use a Kroger Plus Card and you want to help our youth program, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up, or sign up again. It's an easy process, but you will need to have your Kroger Plus card number with you as you get online.

If you have ANY difficulty with this, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Reiswig for assistance. 587-1588 or JulieRwig@aol.com. We have lots of technically gifted teenagers who will be happy to make this work for you.

THANKS!

Windows and Community

by Tess Caley

On a day that I had a little time to wait for a meeting, I decided to sit in our sanctuary. It was an immensely sunny day. If any of you has not had the pleasure of being in this space on such a day treat yourself sometime soon. As I sat there looking at the beauty of these stained glass panels a wonderful reflection came to me. Each of us here at FBCG represents the pieces of these panels. We all bring our different shapes and colors, textures and edges. Some of us are bright and vibrant while others are subtle and subdued. Some of us have sharp edges while others have gently rounded perimeters. The challenge for each and every one of us is to find how our individual colors and shapes fit together to make up this work of Divine art. To absorb that God given light into our very being and then shine it through the awe inspiring story of our collective stained glass panel. We all are a part of the colorful story we call First Baptist-Granville. We are each an integral and important piece of the picture and all of us are needed to create a beautiful whole that is holy.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 16-18 PeaceJam trip to Kalamazoo, MI
- Sat., Apr. 17 Farm Market, 10-12:00, CE bldg. gym
- Sun., Apr. 18 FBC Board meeting, after worship
- Tues. Apr. 20 Meditation group, West Parlor/Chapel, 7-9pm (each Tuesday)
- Sat. Apr. 24 Farm Market, 10-12, CE Bldg. Gym Souper/Salad Palooza, 12-4, gym
- Sun., Apr. 25 Lunches on the Square, after worship
- Sat., May 1 UCC Association mtg, Zanesville
- June 14-18 Granville Ecumenical VBS
- June 27-July 2 Baptist Youth Camp, Laurel Ridge, NC
- Jul12-17 BPFNA Summer Conference, Keuka Park, NY

APRIL IS ...
**PEANUT BUTTER AND CANNED
VEGETABLES
MONTH!**

In our collection for the
Licking County Food Pantry

Please bring in items any time throughout April and put them in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks!



**SRING
SOUPER / SALAD
PALOOZA**
Saturday, May 1st
12-4pm
Education Building, Gym
Suggested Donation \$5.00

If you'd like to help out, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to bring your favorite soup or experiment on us with a new recipe! The Social Committee will provide salad and bread.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Finances for First Baptist Church are as follows for the end March 2010

Income = \$9,333.17, Expenses = \$15,800.49, therefore for the end of March 2010 we spent more than income by \$6,466.72. Year to date expenses exceed income by \$2,164.61.

SPECIAL NOTE: Louise issues checks every other Friday, so plan ahead for any reimbursements.



**Granville Ecumenical
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
June 14-18, 2010
9a.m. to noon

Registration forms are on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. All children, entering preschool (age 4 by 9/30/10) through sixth grade, are welcome to attend. Anyone high school age or adults are invited to consider volunteering in some capacity. Contact Janice LoRaso at jlythefirst@yahoo.com or Ellen Clark at 587-0178 if you can help.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

The Coalition of Care is looking for volunteers. You can make a difference in someone's life by volunteering once a week or once a month. Training is provided—no experience is necessary. Call 670-9700 to find out how you can help.

St. Luke's is organizing **The Great Granville Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 8am to 2pm to benefit the Licking County Coalition for Housing. A \$35 contribution gets the first 100 registrants countywide advertising, their house on a map, a yard sign, a pocket apron, and a reusable shopping bag. More info and application forms (apply by April 17th) can be found online at granvillegaragesale.com or picked up at Reader's Garden, St. Luke's Parish House, or Huntington Bank.

From the Spirituality Network

Hello Friends, After the busy-ness of Lent, Holy Week and the Celebration of Easter, you might need a little respite. We'd like to invite you to a "On the Wings of Prayer, A Day of Refreshment for Your Soul" on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 9am - 2pm at the Martin de Porres Center. Facilitator Rick Hatem will lead the reflection and prayer and guide us on our retreat time. Registration fee is \$30, includes lunch. This is open to anyone in ministry - clergy, chaplains, spiritual directors, Stephen Ministers, hospice volunteers, etc. Please PREREGISTER by phoning: 614-228-8867.

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10 MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Life Line Screening will be at First Baptist Church of Granville (Education Building) on Friday, May 21, 2010, starting at 9:00am.

Life Line Screening screens the carotid arteries in the neck for Stroke (75% of all strokes are linked to Carotid Artery Blockage) and the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), which is linked to heart disease and a third test for Aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen. Screening for Atrial Fibrillation (Afib), irregular heartbeat. They also offer an Osteoporosis bone density screening. These tests can reveal problems early so that the issues can be addressed and taken care of before they become life threatening. Results are mailed back to you and you are referred back to your own Doctor. These non-invasive, completely painless screenings take about 10 minutes each and are offered for a total price of \$149.00. Take care of your own health and pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851!

An Invitation from Habitat for Humanity

May 8, 2010, Licking County Habitat for Humanity will be hosting "A Women's Build Day". They are opening this event up to 50 Women in the Licking County Area and encourage anyone that has never used a tool or that needs the practice to attend.

In the Morning there will be clinics on the following things:

- Safely Using Hand and Power Tools
- Framing
- Installing Insulation and Drywall

That afternoon we will build on the "Welcome Home Veteran" house. You must register for this event!! This event is free to the public.

**First Baptist Church
"Rummage of the Month"**

**Saturday, April 17th will feature
"Tea Time": Items related to coffee & tea**



- *Feel free to donate one or two items relating to the theme of the month.
- *Bring them to the balcony in the chapel.
- *Items will be displayed in the CE building as part of the Saturday Morning Farmer's Market.
- *Buyers will decide what to donate for each item.
- *Leftover items will be spirited elsewhere for donation after the event.

Recycle your unused coffee & tea paraphernalia. Mix with the market folk. Generate a little income for Missions and Social Action. Have Fun.

Rummage sale hosts: Laura Joseph (lojo300@hotmail.com; 587 -7596) and Nancy Dobbelaer (ndobbelaer@windstream.net)

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