



Tower Tidings

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEFF DEYOE

February 21, 2012

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, February 19th, I accepted the call from the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers, Florida to become its new pastor. My last Sunday at Worthington will be on March 18th and there will be a congregational meeting that day to dissolve the pastoral relationship between WPC and myself.

Although this may come as a surprise to many of you, it is important to say that I have been considering this kind of change for quite some time. Making this decision not only involved prayer and conversation between Ruth and myself, but has included Presbyterian colleagues outside of this congregation as well as ongoing consultation with various members of WPC. It was not easy to come to this conclusion, but I truly feel that I have received God's guidance in doing so. I am thankful for each individual who offered support and insight throughout my personal discernment process.

It is always challenging for a congregation to go through the kind of transition that WPC has been through in the past four years. Inevitably, it involves changes in ministry, program and leadership styles that some will embrace and others not so much. Because the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a long track record of understanding such changes, under normal circumstances it strongly advises that there be a period of interim pastoral leadership between calls for a Senior Pastor, especially with a congregation of this size. A decision was made by the leadership of WPC at the time, along with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, to forego this step. In choosing to interview for the position and then accept the call in 2007, I also agreed with that decision. It was one that enabled us to take on some immediate challenges that needed to be addressed, but ultimately did not allow WPC to properly work through other issues of transition. As a result, leading that task unintentionally fell to me and at times it has been difficult. Because this has been emotionally taxing for me, and because I can see no clear way to move beyond certain aspects of transition, it is my deep belief that the ministry of WPC can be best served by starting fresh with new leadership. I have every confidence that this congregation, as guided by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, will make the appropriate and necessary decisions to move the church forward.

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**MESSAGE FROM SENIOR PASTOR
Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe**

The Session and church staff have been aware of this upcoming change for a couple of weeks now. According to Presbyterian protocol, the Session has appointed an "interim task force" of elders to do what is necessary to secure interim leadership in the next couple of months. Members of that task force have consulted with Presbytery officials and everyone is on the same page in this regard. The process for finding and electing permanent pastoral leadership will begin after the interim pastor has come on board, and that will eventually involve the election of a pastor nominating committee structured in a manner so that it will represent the breadth, depth and voice of this congregation. The interim task force will be reporting to you soon about its work and progress. At this point in time, until my departure, Presbyterian rule requires me to not know what interim decisions are being made. This means that I will not have answers for those kinds of questions. It will be important for you to watch for the task force's initial article in the *Tower Tidings* that will inform you about its membership and its task at hand.

There is always pain in saying goodbye, and especially when you initially thought that the relationship would continue longer than it has. Even so, I have greatly valued the many wonderful relationships that Ruth and I have developed in our time here and I am humbled and gratified by the good ministry that we all have accomplished together. I have gained much from many talented leaders in the life of this congregation and am thankful for lessons learned. I truly believe that God calls us for particular reasons at particular times in his Church, and that we have prepared the ground for what yet lies ahead in the mission and program of WPC for the future.

Please know that Ruth and I leave with thankful hearts and important remembrances of our common ministry together. The witness of this church has stood strong throughout its many years and will continue to do so for countless ones ahead. The continued good success of your witness and ministry will be part of our prayers for the months and years to come.

In the short weeks ahead our goodbyes will be bittersweet, but from our end they will be heartfelt and thankful for the honor and privilege of serving together with you as the body of Jesus Christ. For indeed, it is Christ who has called us to this great work and it is Christ who empowers and equips us

for ministry amidst all the changes and challenges we may face. May God bless your continued journey as faithful members of a congregation that stands as a significant leader not only in this presbytery but also in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sincerely in Christ,



Jeff DeYoe

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22



*Imposition of ashes in the Chapel 12-1:00 p.m.,
Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.*

LENTEN STUDY

Join us for a special adult education class through the season of Lent! Starting March 4 at 10:20 a.m. in room 113, we'll be looking at the book "A Place at the Table: 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor." This study will challenge participants to live the season of Lent in a new and different manner. We will be challenged to consider how much we consume (eating food, buying stuff, using resources) and how to focus more on what truly feeds and nourishes our souls. Members who choose to participate will utilize a book for personal at-home study and will be asked to participate in the group for the entire 4 Sundays during the month of March (March 4, 11, 18 & 25). The cost of the class is \$10.00, which includes the book. For more information contact Reverend Amy Hampton at ahampton@worthingtonpresbyterian.com or Suzanne Surface at suzanne.surface@gmail.com. Sign up ends on February 2! Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage the season of Lent in a meaningful and powerful way.



**MCCORMICK FELLOWSHIP DINNER
MONDAY, MARCH 26 at 6:00 p.m.**



**“Internet Safety and Security: How to
Protect your Children and Yourself”**

Our next McCormick Fellowship Dinner presenter will be WPC member, Brian Marvin, speaking on “Internet Safety and Security: How to Protect your Children and Yourself”. Detective Marvin served in the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer for five years and is currently a member of the Reynoldsburg detective bureau, focusing on forgery and fraud cases. During the past 12 years, Detective Marvin has expanded this role to include the investigation and prosecution of cyber crimes, internet fraud and internet predators. In addition, he is a member of an FBI Task Force dedicated to investigating and prosecuting internet predators.

Detective Marvin has received extensive training in the investigation of computer related offenses and also in the forensic recovery of evidence from computers and other electronic devices. In addition, Detective Marvin also holds a B.S. in Criminology from The Ohio State University and is currently pursuing an IT degree from CSCC. Detective Marvin has been interviewed by several media groups, including The Columbus Dispatch and Fox News. He has spoken at various high schools, colleges and community meetings in an effort to educate citizens on financial crimes and internet security.

Dinner reservations must be made by Friday, March 23. If you are attending the presentation only, please arrive in Fellowship Hall by 6:45 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The preschool is in the process of registration for the 2012-13 school year. Openings remain available in our Three year old classrooms which meet on Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday. If you would like more information on the preschool, please contact Darlene Bitter at director@worthingtonpresbyterian.com or call 885-3765. You can also find information on the church website: www.worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dad 'N Me Night was held on Wednesday, February 15. This was an opportunity for the children to invite their dad, grandpa or special person to join them in their preschool classrooms. They had a "shortened" preschool program so the children could share the many things they do at school. There were many activities including art, science, math, literature, music, blocks, games and dramatic play. We had a great turnout and a memorable time.



BUCKEYE GYMNASTICS

The Holcomb family and Buckeye Gymnastics are generously offering us an afternoon of gymnastics fun for children age three through grade 6 at the Buckeye Gymnastics Powell location.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 26th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Admission for the event is two cans of food to be included in food baskets being prepared by our Choir Plus classes for distribution to families in need.

A waiver must be signed and brought to the event on that day. Waivers are available at the Church office, and through the Church website. They will also be going home with Choir Plus and Church School children. Come on out for a great time - parents need not stay!!!

ADVENTURES IN GOD'S WORLD JUNE 11-15, 2012

Believe it or not plans are already underway for our summer Vacation Bible School program, Adventures in God's World! The theme this year is: **OPERATION OVERBOARD - DARE TO GO DEEP WITH GOD!**



Right now we are looking for volunteers to plan the crafts for both the preschool program at the church and for the elementary and middle schoolers at Highbanks Metro Park. Mark your calendars now as you make summer plans so you don't miss this wonderful week!!! Please call or e-mail Lynn Warner if you are interested in helping with these programs in any way!

CHURCH NURSERY NEEDS

Our Church Nursery is in need of one or two gently used clean infant swings as well as one or two bouncy seats. If you are no longer using one of these items and it is in excellent condition please contact Lynn at the church. Thank you!

CHOIR PLUS FOOD COLLECTION

In conjunction with our Stewardship theme this year the children in Choir Plus are preparing boxes of food to be delivered to many of the same families that received Thanksgiving meals from our church. If you would like to help in our effort we invite you to bring any of the food items listed below:

- Box of oatmeal (individual servings)
- Hot Chocolate mix
- Mini marshmallows
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Box of crackers
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Powdered Milk
- Green Beans
- Canned fruits
- Rice

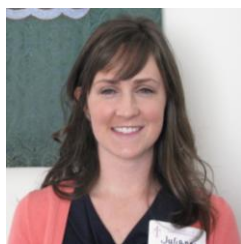
Please send only non-perishable items. We have some donated money to purchase perishable items to add to the boxes before they are delivered. **THANK YOU!!!**





NEW MEMBERS' CLASS FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Mary Heinbach lives in Columbus. Although Mary is retired, she stays busy reading, walking, cycling, taking exercise classes and knitting. Mary has a son and a daughter.



Julianne Niswander lives in Columbus. Julianne works as a dietitian. She enjoys scrapbooking, running, yoga, reading, sewing, cooking and making jewelry.

Deb and Tom Timcho live in Columbus. Deb is a technology-based economic development consultant at Battelle and Tom is an engineer at Battelle. They enjoy traveling, bike riding, swimming, boating and raising their two young daughters (Katie Ann and Ellie) who are very active!



Carol and Tom Wayne live in Westerville. Carol works as a tax accountant. She loves spin cycling, tennis, pickleball and walking her dog. Tom is a chief

financial officer. In his spare time he likes tennis, golf, and team sports.

BRIDGE CLUB

The WPC Bridge Club will meet Saturday, March 17 at the home of Phil & Audrey Eskes. Please call 431-3446 to reserve a seat.



"SUPER" SOUPER BOWL!

On Sunday, February 5, the youth of our church collected canned goods and donations for Souper Bowl Sunday. We have participated in this program for over 10 years and this may have been the biggest collection total ever! Along with canned goods we collected \$1,465 throughout the morning. Thank you so much for making that day about more than a football game. All donations will go to NNEMAP. It is a food pantry we have partnered with for many, many years. For more information go to <http://souperbowl.org/collections/view/256065>.

Remember In Prayer

Harold & Janet Armstrong Keith Payne
Mary Carey

Joys, Concerns, Sorrows

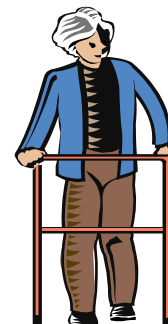
Dave Alban, Whestone Care Center
Rich Helter, Dublin Hospital 4210
Mara Stark, Forum 725

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Starting on March 18th our church will be collecting for this great cause that Presbyterians have been involved with since 1949. OGHOS shares Gods love with those in need all over the world. Your gift (regardless of amount) assists those affected by disasters, provides food to the hungry and helps build strong communities. Please consider helping those in dire need this year by either using the special envelopes in each pew or writing One Great Hour of Sharing on your check memo line. God Bless.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Over the course of the years, we have acquired a few medical equipment items. We have a walker, crutches, and an adult portable potty chair. If you would like to borrow any of these items, please call the church office at 885-5355.



ITEMS WANTED

If you have a gently used coffee table, end table or bed side table, please call John Hamilton at 888-4768. You can help a family in need!



MUSIC NOTES

The *Celebration of Sound Concert Series* features Stephen Jacoby, organist in recital on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Jean Langlais, Myron Roberts, Peter Hurford, Dan Locklair, Wayne Wold and Charles Ore. Mr. Jacoby is Professor Emeritus of Music at Bluffton College and Principal Organist at Broad Street United Methodist Church. Come and hear this distinguished artist!

On Sunday, March 11 CHOIR PLUS will present the children's musical, *A Technicolor Promise* by Alan Pote and Carol McCann. This spunky adaptation of the Noah-and-the ark story is full of drama and humor. (Yes, the animals aboard the boat **do** begin to get on one another's nerves.) Come and have worshipful fun with us in the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services!

Rehearsal Reminders

Chancel Choir

- ◆ Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary
- ◆ Thursday, March 8, **6:45 p.m.**, Soup Supper and rehearsal

Renaissance Ensemble

- ◆ Saturday, 9:00 a.m., sanctuary

Music for Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. CHOIR PLUS

11:15 a.m.

"A Lenten Walk" – Hal Hopson
The Fellowship Singers

Music for Sunday, March 4

9:00 a.m.

"How Deep Has Been My Sinning"
- Orlando di Lasso
The Renaissance Ensemble

11:15 a.m.

"My Song in the Night" - Paul Christiansen
The Chancel Choir



8:00 a.m. Morning Music
Provided by Melissa Robol

Music for Sunday, February 26

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

- arr. Victor Labenske

"Sonata No. 2, Longo 352" - Domenico Scarlatti

"Trust in Jesus" - Charity Book Putnam

JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 26

NO ACTIVITY TODAY

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Sunday, March 4

**SWIMMING & PIZZA at
WORTHINGTON REC CENTER**

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Meet at the Rec Center

345 East Wilson Bridge Road in Worthington

SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

T.O.A.S.T. (Teens Out And Serving Together)

Sunday, February 26

SACK LUNCHES and WORK CAMP PLANNING

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2.00

Meet in Youth Room

Eat before this event!

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Sunday, March 4

DINNER AND A MOVIE

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Meet at Church bus

Chipotle and film at Marcus

Jeffrey G. DeYoe, Pastor

Lynn Warner, Director of Christian Education
David Rives, Director of Music
Brett Greene, Organist/Associate Director of Music
Tiffany Luthy, Childcare Coordinator
Cory Sturtevant, Nursery Coordinator

Amy E. Hampton, Associate Pastor

Darlene Bitter, Preschool Director
Patty Wiechel, Food Service Manager
Lorrin A. Kreider, Pastor Emeritus
Philip M. Hazelton, Pastor Emeritus
Juanita Harrison, Music Director Emerita

Roger Au, Parish Associate

Keenan Blanke, Director of Youth Programs
Rick Wilcox, Facilities Manager
Mary Brake, Financial Assistant
Karen Linden, Program Assistant
Susan Marvin, Administrative Assistant

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Choir Plus Sings

8:00 AM Worship, Rev. Au preaching, Chapel
9:00 AM Worship, Dr. DeYoe preaching, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Church School: K - Grade 1, See signs
10:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM Childcare: K - Grade 6, Room 124
10:15 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:15 AM Childcare: Infant – Nursery, Nursery
10:20 AM Learning Disciples Bible Study, Room 111
10:20 AM Religious Studies Book Club, Room 112
10:20 AM Coffee and Conversation, Library
11:15 AM Worship, Dr. DeYoe preaching, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Childcare: Infant – Preschool, Nursery
12:30 PM Fellowship Singers Rehearsal, Chapel
1:00 PM Buckeye Gymnastics Fun Day, Offsite
2:00 PM T.O.A.S.T., Youth Room
3:00 PM Celebration of Sound, Sanctuary
4:00 PM COS Reception, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
6:00 PM Confirmation Class Meets Session, Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 AM University Women's Club, Room 111
1:00 PM Presbyterian Women Coord Team, Library
6:00 PM McCormick Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Ministry of Faith Development, Room 222
7:00 PM Task Force Meeting, Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM Preschool Dental Visit, Chapel
5:30 PM Weight Watchers, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Bowling League, Offsite
7:00 PM Central Ohio Grotto, Room 111
7:00 PM Evening Circle of Grace, Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 AM Preschool Dental Visit, Chapel
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline, Susan Marvin
12:30 PM ROMEO's Lunch, OSU Golf Course
6:15 PM Joy Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Senior High Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00 PM AA, Fellowship Hall; ALANON, Room 222

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Preschool Speech/Hearing Screenings, 124
12:00 PM Christian Life Circle, Room 222
1:00 PM Mary - Martha Circle, Library
2:00 PM Tower Tidings Deadline, Karen Linden
4:30 PM Choir Plus, See wall signs
4:45 PM Little Trebles, Room 222
6:00 PM Fellowship Singers, Chapel
6:45 PM Westminster Bells, Chapel
7:00 PM Recovery International, Room 113
7:00 PM Discerning Our Future Committee, Library
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 PM Women's Retreat, Offsite

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Yoga, Chapel
9:00 AM Renaissance Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Confirmation Sunday

8:00 AM Worship, Dr. DeYoe preaching, Chapel
9:00 AM Worship, Dr. DeYoe preaching, communion, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 7, See signs
10:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM Carillon Chimes, Chapel
10:15 AM Childcare: K - Grade 6, Room 124
10:15 AM Childcare: Infant – Nursery, Nursery
10:20 AM Learning Disciples Bible Study, Room 111
10:20 AM Religious Studies Book Club, Room 112
10:20 AM Coffee and Conversation, Library
11:15 AM Worship, Dr. DeYoe preaching, communion, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Childcare: Infant – Preschool, Nursery
12:30 PM Fellowship Singers Rehearsal, Chapel

MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 PM Stated Session, Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

12:00 PM Tower Tidings Mailing, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Yoga, Chapel
5:30 PM Weight Watchers, Nursery, Youth Room
6:30 PM Autism Support Group, Room 111
6:30 PM Bowling League, Offsite
7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Library
7:00 PM Work Camp Advisor's Meeting, Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 AM NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
9:15 AM Preschool Advisory Committee, Nursery
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline, Susan Marvin
6:15 PM Joy Ringers, Chapel
7:00 PM Senior High Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00 PM AA, Fellowship Hall; ALANON, Room 222

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

4:30 PM Choir Plus, See wall signs
4:45 PM Little Trebles, Room 222
6:00 PM Fellowship Singers, Chapel
6:00 PM Montaña de Luz, Church Office
6:45 PM Westminster Bells, Chapel
7:00 PM Recovery International, Room 113
7:00 PM Discerning Our Future Committee, Library, 222
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM Yoga, Chapel
9:00 AM Musical Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary

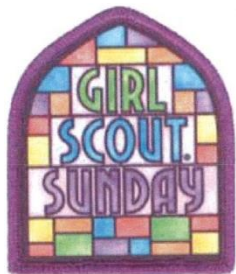
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GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATES THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY



In honor of the Girl Scouts 100th anniversary, Worthington Presbyterian Church will honor our Girl Scouts during the 9:00 worship service on **Sunday, March 11**. All Girl Scouts are welcome to attend and wear their uniform for the celebration.

During Girl Scout Week, March 11-17, Girl Scouts from across the country will celebrate 100 years of community service as they remain committed to helping make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of all ages celebrate by demonstrating courage, confidence, and character in ways that have real impact on their communities. Girl Scouts are encouraged to develop connections to their own spiritual and religious beliefs by earning recognitions provided by their faith communities, and by earning the new Girl Scout My Promise, My Faith pin, which helps a girl deepen the connection between the Girl Scout Law and her faith.

You are invited to celebrate our Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 11.

EASTER BASKETS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Once again we are asking the congregation to help us provide Easter baskets for children at the YWCA Family Center and the Worthington Food Pantry.



How can you help: Make a basket (or more!) for a child or teenager, wrap it in a clear plastic bag and bring it to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays **MARCH 25 or APRIL 1.**

Content suggestions: For an **infant:** use a very small laundry basket or plastic shoe box with lid and fill with items such as pacifiers, plastic bottles, small blankets, bibs, teething toys, baby wipes, baby toiletries, etc.

For a **child:** use a plastic sand bucket for a basket and fill with items such as crayons, markers, socks, books, any learning tools, non-chocolate candies, safe toys, stuffed animals, toiletries.

For a **teenager:** use a plastic shoebox with a lid and fill with items such as hair accessories, socks, books, pens and pencils, notebooks, non-chocolate candies, toiletries, CD players, etc.

If you shop at a local dollar store (Dollar Tree, etc.) you can fill a basket for under \$15.