The Pulse

April 2016

of Rocky River Presbyterian Church





"New Hearts, New Spirits" Our "babies" are SO grown up! Youth Sunday April 17

Youth Sunday is coming! You may see a thing or two that you don't normally see in worship. ou may take part in an

"energizer." You may hear music that is a bit different, but these kids are hard at work, planning a wonderful, kid-friendly worship experience for all of us. Our group began planning this service during their retreat in early November and they have much to share with you. They will be building on the message they heard from David LaMotte in October.

Our youth have a unique blend of gifts and talents and they can't wait to lead you in worship. Their enthusiasm and energy are a blessing to this church. They NEED the support of their congregation. Please make every effort to get to church on the 17th and show them you support them as they share some ideas on the changes we can make in our world and in ourselves. You'll go away *so happy* that you didn't miss it!

Our theme: "SURPRISE! Stories of Discovering Jesus" Now is the time to sign up, volunteer for VBS June 13-17

Mark your calendars now for June 13-17, this year's Vacation Bible School experience. We will spend our week hearing stories of finding Jesus in unlikely places. This program is open to all children age four through 5th grade, and will run from 9-11:30 a.m. each day. Look for registration forms on the church website or in the church office and the CE office.

RIGHT NOW...we are putting together the planning team that makes this incredible week happen; planning sessions have begun. WE NEED YOU: adults and teens who are willing to help out in a variety of areas like worship, snacks, recreation, mission, music, crafts and shepherding. If you would like to be involved in this week of fun, faith and fellowship, you can get more information by calling or stopping by the Christian education office. We're sure you'll love the experience!



"River Pres-Bees" strike again! RRPC supports American Cancer Society's fund- & awareness-raiser

Relay for Life Westshore

- ▼ Sat. Apr. 30
- **▼** 1 p.m.—11 p.m.
- Inside Westlake High School



Each year RRPC supports the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life Westshore." Our Deacons sponsor a team for our church because so many of us have been touched—directly or indirectly—by the effects of the disease. Also, the Relay for Life is another avenue for our church to raise our visibility by being involved in our communities. This year's event will be Sat., Apr. 30 from 1:00-11:00 p.m. in Westlake High School.

How can you support the event?

Join RRPC's team, the "River Pres-Bees." Team members participate in activities at part or all of the Relay event on Apr. 30th. They may raise funds for our team's contribution toward our Relay for Life fundraising goal.

Support the River Pres-Bees. Make a contribution to our team (give team captain your check payable to American Cancer Society, or contribute through the River Pres-Bees on www.relayforlife.org/westshore.) You can also donate snacks to sustain our team members during the ten-hour event.

Stop by to say Hi at the event! You don't have to register, or pay anything. Just drop in at Westlake High School during the event and visit the River Pres-Bees' booth.

Plan to come to our 2016 "Paint Your World Purple" Relay for Life and enjoy our "Carnival"-themed food and games. For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/westshore. For more information contact Suzi Piskur (888-227-6446x1212 or Suzan.piskur@cancer.org), or RRPC deacon Lisa Poole at lpoole06@gmail.com.

-deacon Lisa Poole, "River Pres-Bees" team captain

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From Your Pastor

When Easter misses the month of April, blame the moon

Looking ahead just a bit, the month of May is among our church's busiest months every year, arguably busier even than December:

- Depending on the timing of Easter we may or may not have a religious holiday in May (the Day of Pentecost).
- The month of May also features Mothers Day, an observance that can be joyful or tearful or both, depending on one's circumstance.
- Memorial Day falls toward the end of May, offering an occasion of solemn remembrance of precious lives taken from us by war.
- The Memorial Day weekend also stands as an unofficial kick-off to summer (and at RRPC, signals the addition to our schedule of "Early Worship" in Walker Chapel).
- Throw into that mix the fact that many groups follow a school-year calendar and thus wrap up their activities for the summer during the month of May.

There's no doubt that the month of May is as busy as any at your church.

So why mention the month of *May* when it's the month of <u>April</u> that's just beginning? Because it strikes me that in the life of a church, the month of April has a sort of bipolar disorder.

And it all has to do with the moon.

You see, Easter is one of the few remaining holidays that "floats" rather than residing on a fixed day of the week or date of the month. The reason why is very complicated. *Very* complicated. In a nutshell, in A.D. 325 the Council of Nicaea decided that Easter should occur on the first Sunday following the full moon (see, I *told* you it has to do with the moon) on or after the spring equinox (March 19, 20, or 21, depending on the year). The church leaders wanted to keep Easter in proximity to the Jewish observance of Passover because Passover was occurring when Jesus was crucified and resurrected.

Because Easter is associated with the spring equinox, Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25. It's a 71%

probability that Easter will land in <u>April</u>, not March. That's why in most years April is filled with frenzied preparations for Holy Week and Easter.

But occasionally we have years like this one when Easter fell in the month of March. With May's holidays and "year-end activities" still a month away, but with Easter behind us, we may wonder, "Will anything happen at our church during April this year? Or is our church in April going to resemble a ghost town waiting out the "calm before the storm?"

Oh, without a doubt there's plenty of reason to tune in to what's happening at 21750 Detroit Road....

Worship continues to call to us:

- ⇒ No one works harder during Lent, Holy Week and Easter than organist/choir director Glen Loeffler. Not only does he have to select and practice all that organ music, but he selects and rehearses our Chancel Choir, our Chancel Bells handbell choir, and occasional soloists and ensembles. So while he takes a well-deserved vacation the week after Easter, our worship service on April 3rd will be supported by the skillful and sensitive piano accompaniment of Mary Ann Blunk. We can appreciate her fine musicianship and be happy knowing that Glen is enjoying some time away.
- ⇒ April also will see our worship enlivened by members of our church's Senior High Fellowship on Youth Sunday, and by our friend the Rev. Lou Will, honorably retired pastor of the former Faith Presbyterian Church in Lakewood.
- ⇒ April will see the continuation of the Spring worship series launched on Easter called "Spring Awakenings."

Mission continues to call us:

- ⇒ In April our Session's Mission Committee will unveil the first step of its process to discern how God wants us to engage in service beyond the walls of our church.
- ⇒ Also in April, don't be surprised when you see a special van parked outside the church after worship one Sunday. RRPC's Presbyterian Women organization gave a significant gift to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries "Next Step" program enabling them to purchase a new van. In appreciation, "Next Step" is displaying the van at the various donor

- congregations, including RRPC.
- ⇒ At the end of the month our church will participate in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life Westshore" as a way of gaining public visibility and raising money for cancer research as a way of showing solidarity with our members and friends who have endured cancer (or are contending with it currently).

Our weekday preschool says Thank You:

⇒ On Sundays April 17 & 24 Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool will offer its annual Scholastic Book Fair "Buy One, Get One Free" sale in our Garden Hall. This is not a fundraiser for the school, but it's a way of thanking you for your encouragement and support of the school's fundraisers throughout the year.

Our church deserves to grow...

⇒ ...And you can help make that happen. During this month encourage worship visitors to attend the Seekers' Class series which starts Tue., Apr. 26. While you're at it, make yourself a list of friends, co-workers and neighbors who you could invite to church with you, and ask one this month.

What would we do without her?

⇒ Jon and Lisa will treat Office Administrator Crystal Duffield to lunch on Administrative Professional's Day Wed., April 27. Don't hesitate to tell Crystal "Thank you" for her superb work for the past 9 years! (And there'll be a surprise when we return from lunch... "office spring cleaning" to clear out old files!)

VBS doesn't happen without you:

⇒ In April take time to volunteer for VBS (if you don't know what you could do, talk with Lisa Watts—she'll help you find just what you're looking for). And, sign up the kids (yours and your neighbors') or grandchildren before registration reaches capacity.

There's a lot happening here in April... and it's made richer when you are part of it. And by the way, on the very first day of May, in addition to worship with communion, we'll have the Western Reserve Brass Band playing in our sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.! May is so busy that we have to schedule special activities on the very first day!

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April Birthdays



| April | 2 | Patti Smith |
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| April | 2 | Marlee McGorray Jill Orosz |
| April | | Liesl Fahrenkopf |
| Apm | 4 | Austin Williams |
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| April | | Kalen Hustek |
| April | 8 | Barb Davis |
| | | Al Yeckel |
| | | Zack Hoon |
| | | Steve Sabolich |
| April | 11 | Deb Gilbert |
| | | Jack Howlett |
| April | | David Magnus |
| April | 13 | Betsy Campbell |
| | | William Weston III |
| April | 14 | Marge Bodenhamer |
| | | Bonnie Loeffler |
| | | Donna Erml |
| | | Tyler Stohr |
| April | 17 | Jim Pierce |
| | | Lewis Bohannon |
| | | Lucas Heierding |
| April | 19 | Kathryn Toth |
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| April | 21 | Sue Myer |
| April | | Jim Radcliffe |
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| April | 25 | Charlotte Solak |
| April | | Erin Fach |
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| April | 27 | Marjorie Sutliff |
| April | | Kent Spelman Jr. |
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Benefit Ronald McDonald House Give us your tired, your poor... aluminum can pull-tabs!



You know you can recycle aluminum cans, right?

And you know that the Rocky River Fire Department collects aluminum cans to raise funds for burn unit patients?

But did you know that if you collect the <u>pull-tabs</u> from aluminum cans, those pull-tabs can benefit Ronald McDonald House in University Circle?

The church has pull-tab collection receptacles by the pop machine and in the church office.

Now you can collect pull-tabs at home, then simply bring them to the church office. When he makes hospital calls at the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospitals, our pastor will deliver your collected pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House for you!

-Mission Committee

Updated directory pages still available

We recently updated the church directory listing pages (not the pictures) that go behind tab 2 in your directory binder. If you did not pick them up at the annual meeting or after church the past few weeks, you will find them still available in the church office. Questions? – call Kevin Watts (440-835-9433) or the church office (440-333-4888).

-- E&M Committee

Volunteer opportunity starts in April Be a "Spiritual Care Volunteer"

Fairview Hospital is accepting applications for the 2016 Spiritual Care Volunteer training class, "The Art of Being a Spiritual Presence."

Spiritual Care Volunteers visit with patients during their first few days of admission. They provide a caring, listening presence to persons in need. In addition, they offer an introduction to the Spiritual Care and Healing services available during a hospital stay.

The new training classes for Spiritual Care Volunteers at Fairview Hospital begin Tuesday, April 19. Participants receive 30 hours of training, and commit to volunteering on a weekly basis. For more information or to set up an interview, call the hospital's Spiritual Care office at (216) 476-7067.

^{**}If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: info@riverpres.org or (440) 333-4888.

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"Making a Difference" was theme for Middle School Fellowship retreat at Camp Aldersgate

On March 5th & 6th we had a great retreat at a new place! Camp Aldersgate is a beautiful camp. Our youth and advisors spent time during the weekend exploring ways that we can act and make a difference on issues that we feel strongly about. We spent time hearing the music of David LaMotte and learning about his passion for issues of social justice. There was also time for some fun outside—though it was a little damp, that didn't dampen the spirits. Below is a photo taken on Sunday morning as we celebrated Dave Hensel's birthday,complete with Minion hats and a giant pancake made by the kids. We ate pancakes and spaghetti, made s'mores around the fire and enjoyed "checking out" of everyday life for a little while!



A week at church summer camp can change a life! Summer Camp information now available

It is time to start thinking about summer camp. We have information on several excellent Christian camping opportunities for kids of all ages. For more information or to pick up camp flyers, see Dir. of Christian Education Lisa Watts.

Your input will be invaluable! We're on a "mission from God"

The Mission Committee is currently developing a strategy to examine how our church should address its mission work. A few weeks ago, Jon pointed out that we find ourselves in a time of transition. Some of our long-time mission projects have ended, are ending or could possibly be ending. The closing of Faith Presbyterian Church has eliminated a long-time community meal project. Our foreign mission partners' work in Egypt is coming to an end. And the future of Trash & Treasure beyond 2016 is uncertain due to the difficulty of lining up volunteers. Jon suggested that rather than rush to simply fill the voids with similar projects, we take the time to carefully examine what mission means to us as a church and the place we hold in the greater community and use that knowledge to determine the best course of action.

The Mission Committee is enthusiastically embracing that challenge. We are preparing to embark on an interactive and energetic quest to hear the voice of our congregation, identify our passions, and tap into our talents.

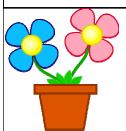
Over the next few months, we will be surveying the congregation to quantify what is important to us as a whole when it comes to mission work. After all, mission is one of the three focuses of the Rocky River Presbyterian Church Mission Statement: *Praising God, Teaching Faith, Serving Others*. Having a strong mission program will provide meaningful work for all, which will strengthen our congregation, which will allow us to continue providing meaningful work and continue strengthening the congregation. Everybody wins with a strong mission program.

But we need your input—INPUT FROM ALL OF YOU—to come up with a program or programs that truly reflect our congregation as a whole. So, we will be in touch in a variety of ways in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please give some thought to what MISSION means to you PERSONALLY and how you think Rocky River Presbyterian Church is perceived and should be perceived when it comes to MISSION. We look forward to channeling the wishes of the congregation into meaningful mission work that benefits all.

—Zack Hoon, Mission Committee



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, April 11th** at 12:00 p.m. in the West Room. Brown bag your lunch; dessert will be provided, as well as the coffee & tea. If you have questions you may contact Pat Koberg at 440-871-8827. New members are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, April 21**st at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. All are **welcome**! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh through the Church Office.

Expressions of Faith

Our group meets twice a month: **Tuesday, April 12th** and **April 26th** at 9:30 a.m. in the West Room (or D-3). We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will meet **Monday, April 25th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (D-3,4). Plan to join us for great discussion and light refreshments! For more information contact Lee Sabolich or Lisa Watts through the Church Office.

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor for a birth-day or anniversary. Would you like to memorialize that special person who has passed away? By signing up for a Sunday to provide our sanctuary with flowers you can do this. The cost is only \$30.00 and you may take the flowers with you after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Your "in honor of" or "in memory" attribution will be listed in our bulletin announcements as well as on the card with the flowers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please contact Crystal in the church office if you have any questions.

Save the date!

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering Wed., May 4th 6:00—8:30 p.m.

We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner

Guest Speaker: Kandi Withers, Director of Lutheran Ministries' "Next Step," a program for young people "aging out" of foster care. She has led workshops around the country and will enlighten us to what goes on in the lives of "at-risk" youth who become lost in society without a program like "Next Step."

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us, look for more details to come.



PRESBYTERY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE SPRING GATHERING SATURDAY, APRIL 23 9:00 A.M.—1:30 P.M.

At Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church Tickets are \$10 in advance \$12 at the door See Sara Gresh for more information

Opportunities to share in worship leadership It's NOT "who you know," it's "would you like to try?"

Every Sunday you see a church member just like you assisting in leading our worship service. How does someone get to be a "liturgist"? Simple: by telling the pastor you're interested. He can describe the duties and requirements, and help you decide if it's something you'd like to try.

Currently we have about a dozen members who take turns serving as liturgists. Worship Committee member Dan McKenzie schedules them to serve about once every three months. Some liturgists bow out after doing it once or twice, while others continue for years. If you'd like to learn more, speak with Jon.

Another opportunity available is to be a "guest preacher" on a Sunday when Jon is scheduled to be away on study leave, vacation, or enjoying a "Sabbath weekend." It's been said that "everybody has a sermon inside them," and if you're wondering if that includes you, again, just speak with Jon. He can help you understand what's involved so you can decide if you'd like to give it a try. Guest-preaching dates are determined far in advance, so you can have all the time you need to prepare.

—Worship Committee

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! April is recognized as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and we would like to take this time to discuss this issue with you. Colorectal cancer refers to any cancer in the lower digestive tract. It's the second leading cause of cancer-related death for both men and women. People over the age of 50 are at the highest risk of developing this form of cancer. When it is discovered before it spreads to the lymph nodes, the survival rate is quite good.

What are the risk factors? A number of risk factors can your chances of developing colorectal cancer. The primary risk factors are age, diet, physical activity, obesity, personal history, family history, alcohol intake, and smoking. Research shows that:

- ⇒ Approximately 90% of cases of colorectal cancer occur after the age of 50; the risk increases significantly with age.
- ⇒ A diet high in total fat, protein, calories, alcohol, meat and low in calcium and folate is associated with an increased incidence of colorectal cancer.
- ⇒ A sedentary lifestyle is one of the most consistent findings in colorectal cancer.
- ⇒ Obesity, particularly excess fat in the waist area, is associated with an increased incidence
- ⇒ An individual with a history of colorectal adenomatous polyps; a previous diagnosis of colorectal, breast, ovarian, or uterine cancer; or a history of inflammatory bowel disease is at increased risk.
- ⇒ A family history of colorectal cancer in first-degree relatives, especially if the cancer was at a younger age and if multiple family members have had the disease.
- ⇒ A history of inflammatory bowel disease
- ⇒ Smoking cigarettes increases the risk of developing adenomatous polyps; the more cigarettes smoked and, to some degree, the number of smoking years greatly increases the risk of colorectal cancer.
- ⇒ High alcohol consumption is associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer, in particular beer consumption and rectal cancer

Colorectal polyps and colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms, especially at first. Someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it. That is why getting screened regularly for colorectal cancer is so important. If there are symptoms, they may include:

- \Rightarrow Blood in or on your stool
- ⇒ Change in bowel habits
- ⇒ Stomach pain, aches, or cramps that don't go away
- ⇒ Losing weight and you don't know why

Guidelines strongly encourage all adults over the age of 50 to have regular colorectal screenings (a physical, blood work, occult blood test and/or colonoscopy).

Catherine A. Patton RN, BSN 440-333-4888 ext: 105
Parishnurse@reiverpres.org



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Session highlights for March

March's Session meeting opened with devotions led by Melissa Stickney. In addition to approving updated job descriptions for our musicians, the Session also approved the curriculum for the 2016 Vacation Bible School which will be "Surprise!—Discovering Jesus in Unlikely Places." Finally, Session approved a recommendation by our Christian Education Committee to support Rocky River Presbyterian Nursery School's desire to change their name to Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool, noting that "nursery school" is an antiquated term. The change in usage will be phased in over the coming months, pending research into how this affects the school's state licensure and incorporation status. Session completed its work on this night in just 45 minutes!

-Jon Fancher, Moderator of Session

You'll never forget your offering again!

Electronic Fund Transfer now available for your monthly church offering

Save yourself the time of writing your offering check every month. Our Financial Secretary can assist you with setting up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank account directly to the church. There's one piece of paper to complete, and no fees to pay. And, you can adjust or stop the EFT at any time. For information, email or call our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe at (440) 333-4888 or dwolfe@riverpres.org.

—Stewardship Committee

<u>Session Committee Chairs '16-'17</u> "Who should I speak to about...?"

See something that needs attention? Want to comment on the service? Have suggestions for the church website? Want to help out on a task or committee? Don't know who to tell, see, ask? Here is a list of the Session Committees and their respective Chairpersons for 2015/16:

- Christian Education: Susan Varikojis
- Communications/IT (website): Matt Pedone
- Evangelism & Membership: Sara Gresh
- Finance & Memorials: Jim Penning
- Human Resources: Amy Boyd-Kirksey
- Mission: Rudy Gulstrand
- Property: Marc Hustek
- Stewardship: Denise Zona Fresenko
- Worship: Melissa Stickney
- Congregational Nominating: Jim Penning

-Mark Esdon, Clerk of Session

Entertainment corner

Two young women from RRPC about to give opera a try

Deciding they wanted to "try something new," youthful RRPC members Kailee Shaver (Westlake H.S. freshman) and Morgan Williams (Avon H.S. freshman) will appear onstage together for the first time in quite a while. Both young women are cast in Cleveland Opera Theater's upcoming production of Giacomo Puccini's masterful "La Bohème." The fully-staged opera will be performed Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. Performances will be staged at the acoustically-magnificent Cleveland



Masonic Auditorium (E. 36th St., between Chester and Euclid; parking directly across the street, or serviced by RTA bus lines). Tickets are available at www.clevelandoperatheater.org or by calling the Ticketfly box office: (877) 987-6487

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..." 1 Peter 4:10 We'd love to <u>count</u> on you to <u>count</u>

Do you enjoy working with figures? If your answer is Yes, consider becoming a member of our church's Counting Committee. Our Deacons organize four two-person teams who count once a month (with a rotating 5th Sunday). Teams count the Sunday offerings, special offerings, and facility fees received each week.

A team typically meets on Monday morning around 9:00 a.m. to count the checks and cash, fill out a deposit slip, make copies as needed, and deliver the bank deposit. The counting process can be as fast as a half an hour and usually does not take more than an hour.

We are currently looking for church members who would be interested in becoming a substitute counter on an experienced team with the option of becoming a regular team member in the future. Substitute counters fill in when a team member has a scheduling conflict.

Counting is an easy but important job. If you would like to observe one of our teams in action or talk to one of the members of our committee please contact deacons Lisa Poole: (440) 376-9495 or Eva Rudolph: (440) 356-4006.



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April 2016 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

New books for adults and children



NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

Fiction books:

When Sophie's Feelings Are Really, Really Hurt

E BAN

Young or old, everyone's feelings get hurt sometimes. It doesn't feel good when people laugh at you or won't let you join their group of friends. This story will help children see what makes Sophie beautiful and different, and how we can try to respect each other's differences without being hurtful.

Only God Can Make a Kitten

E GRE

Join a curious little boy as he discovers the wonders of creation- from flowers to baby birds to fruit on trees- and learns that God made it all and made it all good, told in rhyme.

A Love Letter from God

E HAI

This large board book with peek-a-boo cut-outs on the pages, presents God's love letter to a little child.

Nonfiction books:

Jesus Calling for Little Ones

BOARD YOU

Jesus Calling: Bible Storybook

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These carefully selected stories are paired with new children's devotions and will help young hearts understand God's grand plan to send His Son, Jesus, to save His children and prepare a place for us in heaven.

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

Fiction books:

Ohio Angels

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Hallie comes home to Ohio to help her mother who confines her life wholly to her bedroom. To enter that room, however, is to come face to face with her own disappointments. This novel is a moving portrait of the intricacies of marriage and friendship.

Nonfiction books:

In the Arms of Angels: True Stories of Heavenly Guardians

235.3 AND

This is Anderson's newest collection of mysterious and heart-stirring stories of heavenly guardians. From the harrowing account of a World Trade Center survivor to a miraculous rescue during the Gulf War, these powerful stories invite us to take another look at the coincidences in our lives.

What Children Know about Angels

235.3 MAC

"I only know the names of two angels- Hark and Harold Angels." Gregory, age 5

"Angels sing when you do something your mom tells you the first time. Moms faint." Opal- age 8

This is a touching and humorous collection of children's thoughts about angels, accompanied by illustrations from the hands of young artists. These fun words will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart.

A Rustle of Angels: Stories about Angels in Real Life and Scripture

235.3 WEB

Topics include: contemporary angel encounters; theological consideration of angel stories in the Bible; an examination of modern angel stories through the lens of biblical accounts of angels; angels in post-biblical history; types of angels; angels in art.

Hope for Each Day: Words of Wisdom and Faith

242.2 GRA

Billy Graham has written words of wisdom and faith for this daily devotional.

HAPPY READING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

April 2016

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| 3 Communion / Food Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship / KISS / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 1:00 p.m. Jacupka Party 7:00p.m. High/ Middle School Groups | 4 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. | 5 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg. | 6 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg. | 7 6:15 p.m. Handbell rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir | 8 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's) | 9 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA |
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