

The Pulse

April
2019



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Which Holy Week activities will you experience?

Holy Week: Palm Sunday to Easter

Holy Week is what we call the week that *began* with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and *concluded* with the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter.

When you're in Jerusalem you can see or participate in re-enactments of many of the events of Holy Week. Here at RRPC we mark the most revered of those moments with these activities:

Palm Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Hold a palm frond in your hand as you recall Jesus' joyful approach to Jerusalem, but watch in silence as worship concludes with the somber "Stripping of the Chancel" in which candles, banners, flowers, etc. are removed from our sanctuary to prepare for the starkness of Holy Week events. [A children's Easter Egg Hunt follows worship.]

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Our communion service in Walker Chapel features the ancient "Tenebrae Rite" in which the room gradually descends into darkness as the Crucifixion approaches.

Good Friday, April 19

12 noon—a Community Good Friday Walk hosted by St. Christopher Church. You're encouraged to wear the color red as you join with other Christians for this public witness to faith, walking +/- 2 miles through northeastern Rocky River, pausing occasionally for scripture and prayer.

6:00 p.m.—a 30-minute service of scripture and prayer focused on the Crucifixion. Walker Chapel.

Easter Day, Apr. 21

7:00 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Chapel overlooking the valley at Rockport United Methodist Church (Wooster Rd., south of Center Ridge) led by our youth and theirs. Service indoors if weather dictates.

10:30 a.m.—Behold the array of spring flowers as you worship in our sanctuary. —Worship Committee

Sale open April 4-14

Preschool offers BOGO children's & youth book sale

Our weekday preschool will host the second of its semi-annual book sales this month. This Scholastic Book Fair sale is not a fund-raiser for the preschool, but you can enjoy the savings of "Buy One, Get One" deals. It's a great time to find great summer reading options for your children or teens, or to do some very early Christmas shopping. The sale is open to anyone, so invite your neighbors and extended family to stop by for the sale. It's open weekdays during preschool hours, and after worship on Sundays, April 7 and 14.

—Ellen Schickel,
Preschool Committee Co-Chair

In our presbytery Apr. 8 & 9

Hear and sing with acclaimed Scottish musician & songwriter Rev. Dr. John Bell

Join internationally-acclaimed speaker, musician, and songwriter Rev. Dr. John Bell for an amazing worship experience! Dr. Bell, a minister in the Church of Scotland, is a member of the Iona Community in Scotland, a Protestant religious community. The composer of "The Summons" and many other published church songs, Dr. Bell will lead a variety of workshops for church leaders and laypeople in our presbytery during the day on April 8 and April 9. He will also be leading a "Big Sing" on Monday evening, which is an event where all can make a joyful noise and sing a new song! Events are free but reservation is requested at <https://swan-crane-r9a6.squarespace.com/johnbell>



Schedule:

- Monday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: morning and afternoon workshops at John Knox Presbyterian, North Olmsted
- Monday, April 8, 7 p.m. "Big Sing" at Forest Hill Church, (Presbyterian), Cleveland Heights
- Tuesday, April 9 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: morning and afternoon workshops at Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian

Encourage visitors to join Seekers class

Our pastor will offer a series of 2 Seekers Classes on Wednesday, April 10 and 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. When you introduce yourself to visitors in worship, encourage them to attend the classes.

—Jim Pierce, Chair,
Evangelism & Membership

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From Your Pastor

**Can we all just get along?
It's complicated.**

We call it “the Holy Land.” They call it “home.”
But it's not that simple. Two ethnic groups claim the same property as their “homeland.” To paraphrase Rodney King, “*Why can't the Israelis and the Palestinians just get along?*” Let me propose an answer by asking the question a different way: “*Why don't we European-Americans simply give our homes and factories and stores and churches back to the Native Americans who lived here long before we arrived?*” You see, matters of citizenship and property rights are complicated by history.

A few weeks ago, while at dinner in Bethlehem—yes, the “real Bethlehem”—I got to hear the story of Israeli-Palestinian relations from a perspective that most of us don't know about. To understand this rarely-heard side of the story, though, first let me give you some background in a *very* simplified summary.

As you remember from the Bible, when Moses led the Hebrew slaves out of Pharaoh's Egypt, wandering through the Sinai wilderness for “forty years,” they ended up at the “Promised Land” which they entered and settled.

But the “Promised Land” wasn't vacant. It was called Canaan and was inhabited by people called Canaanites. Later Canaan became known as Philistia and the people as Philistines. Eventually the name “Philistia” evolved into “Palestine” and consequently “Philistines” evolved into “Palestinians.” So Palestinians are the native people of the land where the Israelite people immigrated.

When the Roman Empire engulfed Palestine about 2,000 years ago, for a long time the Jews and Palestinians lived under Roman occupation. Eventually the Romans made it so uncomfortable for the Jews that they were forced to disperse, and they fled to Asia Minor, Africa, Europe and beyond.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, Jews had been emigrating from Europe to ancient homeland of Palestine to escape persecution. Fast-forward to World War II. Because of the atrocity of the Holocaust, the world community sought a place of refuge for the Jewish people. Since Jews had been returning to Palestine for several decades and since the Jewish people's history was rooted in the land of Palestine, after the war Western powers determined that a significant part of



the land of Palestine should be given to the Jewish people. Let's remember that the Palestinian people were still living there; they had never left. Not for thousands of years. They owned homes, businesses, farms, schools. There were Christian Palestinians, Muslim Palestinians, even Jewish Palestinians, so the land had mosques and churches and synagogues.

Residents of Palestine experienced this West-supported “occupation” by Jewish immigrants as colonial expansion. In 1947 the United Nations decided to divide Palestine into two nations: one for Israel and one for Palestine. Since a majority of Palestinians are Muslim, neighboring Muslim countries (Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq) declared war on Israel. Israel prevailed.

But Palestinian resistance continued, sometimes resulting in violence against Israelis, usually sporadic but occasionally for extended periods called the “Intifadas” (Arabic: “shuddering”) of the early 1990s and again in the early 2000s. In response, the State of Israel has built border walls and many onerous checkpoints, severely hampered Palestinians' access to or through Israeli-controlled territory, taken more territory from Palestinian people, and restricted civil rights of Palestinians. In a nutshell, the State of Israel has made life difficult for the Palestinian people in their midst, all in the name of “security.”

(Yes, that is a brief and “simplified” summary!)

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On my February 2019 visit to Jordan and Israel/Palestine, members of our group were given the opportunity to dine with Palestinian Christians in their homes. We paid a nominal fee for the experience, so this is a way for Palestinian Christian families to make a little extra income.

We were driven from our hotel in the heart of Jerusalem down to Bethlehem in the Palestinian territory. (Imagine needing to go from Rocky River to Independence, but Brook Park, Brooklyn, Parma, and Seven Hills were under the control of Canada, and you had to pass through Canadian customs and immigration on the way there and back. That's what it's like.)

Our hosts met us at a parking lot and drove us to their homes. In our case, our host and his family live in an apartment building. Samuel and his wife Christina are Roman Catholic. They teach science at two different parochial high schools in Bethlehem. Their oldest child, a son, is studying medicine in Greece and their younger son is in 5th grade. Their younger daughter is in high school. Their elder daughter is studying International Business at a university located in Israel.

Samuel described the challenges of being a Palestinian living in Israel/Palestine. As a Palestinian his college-aged daughter has to allow an extra 2 hours every morning for her commute to school. Why? She must clear an Israeli military checkpoint in order to cross from Palestinian territory (Bethlehem) into Israeli territory (Jerusalem). Her father drops her off near the checkpoint, then after clearing the checkpoint she takes a bus to her university. Some days they simply look at her identity card and her permit proving that she's enrolled as a university student. Other times they will search her body and belongings. They are not polite or respectful in the process, he told us.

Samuel said that Palestinians must have prior approval to enter Israel. For instance, if he has a doctor's appointment at a hospital in Jerusalem, he must apply for a permit to enter Israel, proving that he does, indeed, have a medical appointment.

They cannot leave the country by flying out of Israel's international airport in Tel Aviv, one hour away. They must travel by bus or car for three hours to Jordan in order to board a plane.

The Israeli perspective maintains that these arrangements are essential to provide security for Israeli citizens. Security is important for everyone. Some of the state's actions go beyond protection; they appear to be a Palestinian-focused version of America's former (?) Jim Crow practices intended to make life difficult and discouraging for African-Americans.

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Especially after the horror of the Holocaust, don't the Jewish people deserve a place of security, a place to call home? Yes.

But don't the Palestinians—the original inhabitants of that land—deserve to have their civil and property rights recognized and protected? Yes.

It's complicated.
See you on Sunday.



April Birthdays

April 2	Patti Smith
April 3	Marlee McGorray
April 4	Jill Orosz
	Jacob Thellman
	Liesl Fahrenkopf
April 5	Luke Erml
	Kailee Shaver
	Austin Davis
April 7	Kalen Hustek
April 8	Barb Davis
	Al Yeckel
	Zack Hoon
	Steve Sabolich
	Kathleen Schriener
April 12	David Magnus
April 13	Betsy Campbell
	William Weston III
April 14	Marge Bodenhamer
	Donna Erml
	Tyler Stohr
April 17	Jim Pierce
	Lewis Bohannon
	Lucas Heierding
April 19	Kathy Toth
	Linda Kanner
April 21	Sue Myer
April 22	Barbara Kirsop
	Al Stohr
	Travis Stohr
	Elizabeth Carney
April 25	Charlotte Solak
April 26	Erin Fach
	Sage Mach
April 27	Marge Sutliff
April 28	Kent Spelman Jr.
April 29	Donna Jakupca
	DJ Furr

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor for a birthday 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. 440-333-4888

A word from your Finance Committee

At this year's annual meeting in January, we laid out a draft budget for 2019 that showed a deficit of about \$13,000.00. We asked members to consider making either a one-time gift, or a pledge increase, to help balance the budget.

To date, we have received about \$4,600.00 between one-time gifts and increased pledges. To everyone who was able to help, a big thank you! Obviously, that number is well short of the deficit number, so if you are still considering a budget-balancing gift, it's not too late. Simply use the form we sent out, or mark your giving envelope "special gift for budget." You can place it in the offering plate on a Sunday, or mail it to the church office.

Thanks!

Jim Flynn, Chairperson,
Finance and Memorials Committee

Pastor's sabbatical happens this summer

Who, me? Give a sermon this summer!?!?

That's right—RRPC members just like you are going to be our "guest preachers" this summer while our pastor is away on his Sabbatical Summer. The last time Jon enjoyed a sabbatical back in 2004, that's what happened: church members "filled the pulpit" every Sunday. Many people recall how exciting it was to anticipate hearing what fellow church members would share week by week.

Now it's your turn. "Everyone has at least one sermon in 'em," Jon's fond of saying. If you're wondering, "I'm not sure I could do it—what, actually, is involved?" he looks forward to hearing from you.

- He'll help you figure out what message you might want to share.
- He'll give you whatever guidance you want in how to go about preparing a message.
- He'll even give you feedback on what you prepare if you wish.

There are 13 chances to preach this summer (you'd get to preach at both Early Worship at 8:30 *and* the 10:30 service). A few "veterans" are planning to be guest preachers again, but this will work only if we have some people take a "leap of faith" and commit to give the gift of a sermon to our church this summer. So look within your heart, and check your calendar!

To learn more, or to claim one of the Sundays, speak with Jon.

—Session's Human Resources
and Worship Committees



RRPC Youth Participating in Easter Sunrise Service



Can you think of a better way to celebrate the resurrection of Christ than attending an Easter morning sunrise service? The high school youth of our church will be working with youth from Rockport United Methodist Church to create a unique worship experience at Rockport United Methodist Church's outdoor chapel. The service will be indoors in the event of inclement weather. The service will be held at 7:00 am and will last about 40 minutes. Come worship with us and show your support of the youth of our community.

9:00-11:30 a.m. June 10-14

VBS poses basic question: "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Mark your calendars now for June 10-14, this year's Vacation Bible School experience. We will spend our week hearing stories of Jesus caring for others and how we can care for our own neighbors near and far. This program is open to all children age four through 5th grade, and will run from 9-11:30 am each day. Look for registration forms on the church website. They are also available in the church office and the CE office.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED RIGHT NOW... we are putting together the volunteer team that makes this incredible week happen- regular meetings have begun. We are looking for adults and teens who are willing to help out in a variety of areas: 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 in the Christian education office. Don't miss it!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

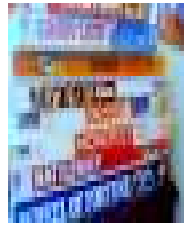
If you or someone in your family will be graduating from high school, college or graduate school this spring please give the church office a call with the details and supply a picture if you are able. We would like to honor the graduates during our worship service on Sunday, June 2.



Cross-Generational Game Night

Hosted by Combined Youth Groups

On Sunday, April 28 our combined youth groups will be hosting a game night for everyone! We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for an evening of playing games, sharing stories, and yummy treats! Join us for a chance to get to know people you may not cross paths with on Sunday mornings. We will have a buffet of snacks and desserts to share. This event is open to folks of all ages—we will have board games for everyone—or feel free to bring your favorite along. There is no cost for this event, but it will be helpful for us to know how many to expect. Sign up is on the Christian Education bulletin board in the Garden Hall.



Summer Camp Information is Available

Are you starting to plan your summer, even though it is still cold and gray? We have information on several excellent Christian camping opportunities for kids of all ages. For more information or to pick up camp flyers, see Lisa Watts.

RRPPreschool news

You can get FREE MONEY for RRPC!

If you ever shop on Amazon, you can generate free money for our church to underwrite our preschool! If you already have an Amazon.com account, you can click on the link below and it will direct you to our site for "Rocky River Presbyterian Church." Each time you shop on Amazon, 0.5% will be donated to our church! Doesn't cost you a thing... and it's **free money** for our church's preschool program!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0895882>

After you have registered your Amazon account, all you have to do is sign into **smile.amazon.com** and your donation will be automatic with every purchase.

Thank you for your support of RRP Preschool!

—Ellen Schickel & Lindsey Glavin, Co-Chairs,
Session's Preschool Committee





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, April 8th** at **12:00 p.m.** in the West Room. If you have questions you may contact Carolyn Watilo 440-799-4779 or Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. Newcomers are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Will **not** meet in April due to the Maundy Thursday Service on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Thank you, we will resume in May.

Expressions of Faith

Our group will meet **Tuesdays, April 9th** and the **23rd** at 9:30 a.m. in Room D-3,4. 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

Are you looking for a chance to get together with other women for Bible study, fellowship, and mission? Then please join us, we will meet on **Tuesday, April 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. in D-3,4. Our Bible study this year is titled "Unafraid" by Adam Hamilton. If you have any questions you may contact Lisa Watts.



Performance art offers biblical message **"Beating Guns" Tue., Apr. 16**

We read in Isaiah 2:4 *"He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."* Rev. Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin do just that in their national tour that will be in Cleveland on Tue., Apr. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Claiborne and Martin are taking the "Beating Guns" book and their forge on the road with the "Beating Guns Tour." This is a 90-minute event that will feature music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. Their local appearance is co-sponsored by God Before Guns and Pilgrim Congregational Church (2592 W. 14th St., Cleveland) which will host the event.

Free registration is required: visit www.GodBeforeGuns.org

How does the church know someone's hospitalized? Someone tells us.

Due to privacy laws regarding medical information, the church is not notified when someone is having surgery, is hospitalized or faces some other crisis. Please share joys, concerns and sorrows by telling the pastor or by calling or messaging the church office.



Offer a helping hand at Coffee Hour

The Deacons' Coffee Hour Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help out the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are also in need of substitutes who would be able to fill in occasionally. Contact Deb Furry debffurry@northernitle.com or 440-336-5114 for further information and/



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APRIL 2019 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

New books

Easter books and Earth Day books



NEW ITEMS FOR ADULTS:

Fiction:

Twenty Wishes

FIC MAC

In this book by Debbie Macomber, Anne Marie wants to find happiness again at age 38. She is childless, a recent widow, and alone. Despite her accomplishments, she feels empty. On Valentine's Day, she and several other widows get together to celebrate hope, possibility, the future. They each begin a list of twenty wishes, things they always wanted to do but never did.

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven

FIC ALB

In this long-awaited sequel, Mitch Albom reveals Annie's story (the girl saved by Eddie in the first book). The accident that killed Eddie left an indelible mark on Annie, who was injured, scarred, unable to remember what happened, and bullied by her peers. Her wedding night ends in an unimaginable tragedy.

Nonfiction:

The Birth Order Effect: How to Better Understand Yourself and Others

155.9 ISA

This book challenges the clichés of birth order and proves there are other aspects of the family structure that determine your birth order personality. Starting with a quiz, figure out which of the five birth types you are, and then use this information to help you handle a variety of issues.

Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy

158.12 BAN

In 366 evocative essays, one for every day of the year, written for women who wish to live by their own lights, "Simple Abundance" shows you how your daily life can be an expression of your authentic self.

In His Grip: Foundations for Life & Golf

242.68 SHE

Written by golf pro Wally Armstrong and Jim Sheard (Ph.D. in organizational behavior), this is a must read for anyone who wants to improve their life and golf through enhancing their belief in the Lord.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World:

Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life

248.8 WEA

This is an invitation for every woman who's ever felt she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, isn't *doing* enough. The author shows how all of us, Marys and Marthas alike, can draw closer to our Lord.

The Greatest Generation

940.54 BRO

In this Tom Brokaw book, he goes out into America to hear the stories of men and women who were citizen heroes and heroines, who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II, and went on to build modern America. They were united by a common purpose and common values.

Women of the Bible

220.92 SPA

Offers a devotional program, combining five elements: inspiration, background information, Bible study, Bible promises, and prayer. Focuses on the lives of 52 women in Scripture to help you approach the story of salvation with fresh eyes.

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

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

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Friendships enrich your life and improve your health. During hardships, friends are a source of comfort and strength. Learn how to find and nurture friendships and how to be a good friend. Friendships offer a shoulder to lean on, good advice and unspoken comfort during difficult times. During the good times, friends can share in your laughter and delight in your successes. Friendships can help improve and maintain good mental health by providing positive companionship and by boosting your self-esteem. Friends are also important to your overall health, they may encourage you to see a physician or help you to change an unhealthy habit.

It is not always easy to form the close bonds of friendships. It may be especially hard to develop and keep friendships when your life is hectic—work demands, family time and school take up most of your daily lives. But friendships are important for both men and women. Take a minute to think about the friends in your life. Do you have close friends? Would you like to develop more friendships?

Developing friendships does take some work. You may not become instant friends the first time you meet someone, but the seeds of lasting friendships can be sown with a friendly wave, smile or brief greeting. Since friendships are so important to your overall sense of well-being, it's worth the time and effort. Here are some ways you can develop new friendships:

- Get out with your pets
- Work out
- Go out to lunch
- Accept invitations
- Volunteer
- Join a cause
- Join a hobby group
- Go back to school
- Hang out on your porch



Keep friendships nurturing and healthy. Developing and maintaining healthy friendships involves give-and-take. Sometimes you're the one giving support to your friends, other times you're on the receiving end. Letting friends know you care about them and appreciate them will help ensure that their support remains strong when times are rough. It's as important for you to be a good friend as it is to surround yourself with good friends. Here are some ways to make sure your friendships remain healthy and supportive:

- Go easy and don't overwhelm new friends with phone calls or e-mails.
- Be aware of how others perceive you.
- Don't compete with each other.
- Adopt a healthy, realistic self-image.
- Resolve to improve yourself.
- Avoid relentless complaining.
- Adopt a positive outlook.
- Listen: friendships can't last if you are self-absorbed.

In the end, friendships provide a sense of belonging and comfort. Friendships act as a buffer against life's hardships and help you develop resilience. They offer compassion and acceptance. And friendships can make you feel important and needed by giving you a chance to offer comfort and companionship to someone else. Friendships change as you age, but it's never too late to build new friendships or reconnect with old friends. The investment in your friends will pay off in better health and a brighter outlook for years to come.

RRPC Member Spotlight

Each month our church randomly puts the spotlight on four members whose birthdays occur during that month. You can see two of them at a time in the box-frames on church lobby wall, and all four here in the Pulse. Please make a point of greeting these people and wishing them a happy birthday!



Kent Spelman Jr.



1. Profession
Retired (formerly machinery sales, non-profit fundraising)
2. Hobbies / Interests
Reading, vocal music, learning to play recorder, music listening
3. Favorite trip you've taken, or where you'd like to go
Michelangelo's Florence and Rome
4. Why do you worship here at RRPC?
Lifelong Presbyterian, the peaceful, restorative, presence of God and the supportive serenity in his house



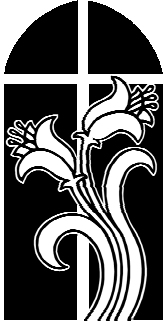
Jill Orosz



1. Profession
Retired in 2016 after 36 years with the Department of Defense (specifically, Garnishment Operations at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service)
2. Hobbies / Interests
Devoted Cleveland Indians season ticket holder and fan of the Moody Blues who loves to travel to other cities (or even countries) for games and concerts. I'm also an avid walker and regular volunteer at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Greater Cleveland Food Bank.
3. Favorite trip you've taken, or where you'd like to go
Favorite travel destination is England, but my husband and I are also looking forward to visiting the three remaining ballparks this summer we have yet to see: Miami Marlins, NY Mets and Washington Nationals. Once we've visited all 30 ballparks, we plan to return to the cities who have built new ballparks since our original visit.
4. Why do you worship here at RRPC?
I love worshipping at RRPC because of the welcoming nature of its members and the warm feeling of fellowship. I appreciate Jon's thoughtful messages and love Glen's music and playful nature. The early service in the summer is awesome...

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Monday Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>2 8:30 a.m. Three Arts Club of Lakewood Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>3 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>4 7:00 p.m. AA Back to Basics</p>	<p>5 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's) 2:00 p.m. Kay Wallis Memorial Service</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>7 Fifth Sunday in Lent Communion / Food Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 11:35 a.m. RRP/Preschool Book Fair 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 3:00 p.m. RR High parent rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>8 12:00 p.m. Semi-Circle Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 9:30 a.m. RRP/Preschool Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>10 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. RRP Art Show & Ice Cream Social 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Seekers Class #1 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>11 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p> 	<p>12 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)</p>	<p>13 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>14 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. E & M Committee Mtg. 11:35 a.m. RRP/Preschool Book Fair 11:40 a.m. Deacons Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 p.m. RR High parent rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p> 	<p>15 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Monday Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg.</p>	<p>16 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>17 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Seekers Class #2 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 p.m. AA Back to Basics</p> 	<p>19 Good Friday 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's) 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Chris.) 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</p> 	<p>20 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Rockport United Methodist 10:30 a.m. Worship /Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship</p> 	<p>22 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>23 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 7:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace</p> 	<p>24 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>25 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p> 	<p>26 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)</p>	<p>27 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>28 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:45 a.m. Children/Youth Choirs 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>30 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>				



Easter Gifts to Your Church: Flowers... In His Name.. Endowment

At Easter time, we like to make a special gift in honor or memory of loved ones. Rocky River Presbyterian Church (RRPC) offers three ways to remember someone special. We print these remembrances in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **The deadline for Easter contributions is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.**

- 1) *Holiday Flower Fund* - Contributions to the *Holiday Flower Fund* provide plants for our sanctuary (**suggested minimum donation \$10 for a plant**). The RRPC Deacons' sanctuary decorating group purchases adequate plants for a tasteful display. Following the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service we encourage donors to pick out a plant (there will be plants of varying sizes and styles) suitable for giving to someone who is sick, shut-in or needing a lift in spirit! (Added bonus: *Flower Fund* money remaining, after buying flowers, is used for sanctuary flowers on Sundays without flower donations!)
- 2) *In His Name (IHN) Fund* - This is a discretionary fund used by the pastor to address appeals for emergency assistance, special mission support and other unmet needs within or outside of our congregation. Donations to the *IHN* Fund may be in any amount.
- 3) *RRPC General Endowment Fund* - This fund is an *abiding endowment* which is never decreased. All contributions add to the fund and generate increased interest income for the church. Donations to the *RRPC General Endowment Fund* may be in any amount.

Holiday Flower Fund, In His Name and RRPC General Endowment Funds

(Contributors to the RRPC *Holiday Flower Fund* may select a plant after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Include payment with form. Designate: *Holiday Flower*, *In His Name* or *RRPC General Endowment Fund* in your check's memo area.

Fund	\$ Amount	Exact wording for bulletin (In honor/memory/celebration of...etc)
<i>Flower Fund</i>		
<i>In His Name</i>		
<i>RRPC General Endowment</i>		

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How many monthly payments do you make electronically?

Did know you can add your monthly church offering to the list—you can save the time and trouble of writing your offering check every month, and you won't have to wonder, "Did I remember to make that gift?"

Our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe can assist you with setting up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank account directly to the church. It's secure, easy and free:

- ⇒ Only one simple form to fill out
- ⇒ No fees to pay
- ⇒ You can adjust or stop the EFT at any time just by calling the church.

Questions? Want to get started? Email or call our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe at (440) 333-4888 or dwolfe@riverpres.org.

—Stewardship Committee

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