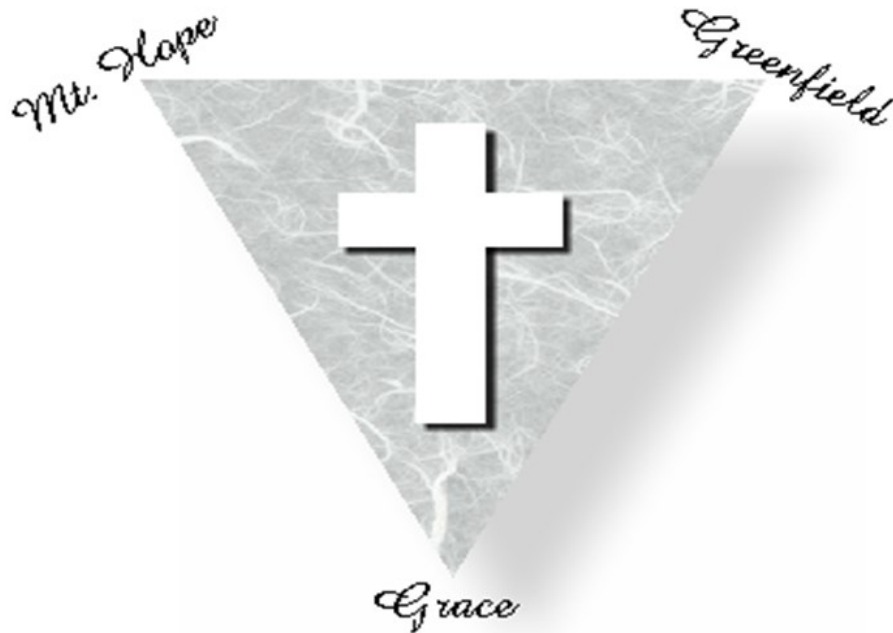


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TRINITY Gazette

Second Quarter, 2016

The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



LEADING THE CHARGE!

A Message from Pastor Bob

What Does God Do About Sin?

Sinners all ... The 17th century French scientist and religious philosopher, Pascal, said that there are really only two kinds of people: Sinners who think that they are righteous, and the righteous who know that they are sinners. We are all Sinners!

Some of us sinners, like the philosophy of a character in a novel written some years ago, “The world is really admirably arranged. I like sinning. God likes forgiving. What could be better for both of us?”

But, God does not like forgiving. When God forgives our sins, it costs him something. It cost him his Son, Jesus – it cost him the suffering of the Son – it cost him the rejection of the whole world. The Cross reminds us of the ultimate heartbreak of God.

God loves sinners, yes, but God does not love sin. We affirm our belief in the forgiveness of sins when we recite the Apostle’s Creed – we affirm our belief in the forgiveness of sins when we give witness to Jesus crucified and we affirm our belief in God’s love when we give witness to the empty tomb. God loves sinners all.

An early pagan critic of Christianity named, Celsus, said: “Every other teacher summons to himself the best people, the clever, and the good, but this crazy Jesus calls to him the beaten and the broken, the ragtag and bobtail, the failures and the scum of the earth! “

To which we can only say, Thank-you God! For that includes all of us. Jesus does call the broken and the defeated. But, He does not leave them that way.

In II Corinthians 5:17, St. Paul says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

What does God do about sin? He calls all of us sinners and makes us his new creation. No matter how bad our sins may be, God loves us and will forgive and help us to become new creatures through Christ Jesus.

There is a beautiful illustration of this in Victor Hugo’s *Les Miserables*. Jean Valjean had stolen some candlesticks belonging to the Bishop. Later, he was apprehended by the police and brought by them to the Bishop. The police asked, “Bishop, are not these your stolen candlesticks?” The Bishop said, “Yes, they are mine.” Then, looking into the eyes of the young man and seeing repentance clearly written there, the Bishop recognized that what the boy did not need was a jail sentence, and quickly added, “But, I gave him the candlesticks.”

That sounds to me like the kind of suffering, forgiving love that God has for all of us. I pray that you experienced this the forgiveness of sins and God's love this past Lenten Season. And, I pray that you go into this Springtime as new creation in Christ Jesus.

Amen!

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Bible Study – Hymns of the Faith

This year we will continue learning about Hymns. We will learn about:

- The Lyrist and Composer
- How old or young the hymn is
- The reason why the hymn was created
- Any interesting facts about the hymn in history
- And much more...



We have followed up each lesson last year with singing our best the hymn or two of the day. We are few, but we've had fun singing and learning.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday on each month:

- April 12 & 26: Grace
- May 10 & 24: Greenfield
- June 14 & 28: Mt Hope

YOU are welcome to join. Come for 1 Bible Study or all the Bible Studies. There's a new hymn and you won't miss anything by coming at any time.

Lectionary Texts for Second Quarter, 2016

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Second Sunday of Easter April 3	Acts 5:27-32	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter April 10	Acts 9:1-6	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 17	Acts 9:36-43	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24	Acts 11:1-18	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Blessing of the Fields May 1	Acts 16:9-15	Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5	John 14:23-29
Ascension Sunday May 8	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Pentecost Sunday May 15	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
Trinity Sunday May 22	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22 -31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Second Sunday after Pentecost May 29	1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

Lectionary Texts for Second Quarter, 2016 cont.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5	1 Kings 17:8-16	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12	1 Kings 21:1-21	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36 - 8:3
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 19	1 Kings 19:1-15	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 26	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Four Thoughts on Prayer

Fear not because your prayer is stammering, your words feeble, and your language poor. Jesus can understand you.

--J. C. Ryle

Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings!

--Phillips Brooks

A prayerless Christian is like a bus driver trying alone to push his bus out of a rut because he doesn't know Clark Kent is on board.

--John Piper

He who is too busy to pray will be too busy to live a holy life. Satan had rather we let the grass grow on the path to our prayer chamber than anything else.

--E. M. Bounds

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Schedule of Church Services Second Quarter, 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT SERVICE Second Sunday of Easter April 3	GREENFIELD	Joint Consistory Meeting	10:00am
Third Sunday of Easter April 10	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 17	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24	All 3 churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Blessing of the Fields May 1	MT. HOPE	Covered Dish Luncheon following the Service	10:00am
Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day / Ascension Sunday May 8	All 3 churches	Communion	Regular Services
Pentecost Sunday May 15	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Trinity Sunday May 22	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Second Sunday after Pentecost May 29	All 3 churches		Regular Services

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JOINT SERVICE Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5	GRACE	Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 8:30am-9:30am	10:00am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / June 12	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Fifth Sunday af- ter Pentecost / Father's Day June 19	All 3 churches		Regular Services
Sixth Sunday af- ter Pentecost June 26	All 3 churches		Regular Services
JOINT SERVICE Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3	GREENFIELD	Fourth of July Celebration Joint Consistory Meeting	10:00am



W.I.N.G.S

(Women Into Nurturing God's Spirit)

WINGS meets on the third Monday of each month at Greenfield at 7pm. The next three meetings will be on **April 18th, May 16th and June 20th**. Devotions are followed by a business meeting where we discuss our mission work and plan for our big fundraiser-the Basket Auction at Claysburg Community Days. All women in the Charge are welcome to attend.

Trinity Gazette Newsletter Briefs

Reported by Pastor Bob



Leo Update

March 9 was my Day of Celebration! After three years of Agility Training, Leo conquered the Weave Poles! Leo is doing great in both, Agility and Obedience Training. We have moved up to the Advanced Agility Training. When I get enough courage, I am going to enter him in some practice trials. If that goes well, I will take him to Competitive Trials.

Blessing of the Fields Sunday

May 1, 2016

The Blessing of the Fields will be celebrated at the Joint Service at Mt. Hope on May 1, 2016. The Service will begin at 10:00 and include a “Special Sunday School Project” for the children. A Covered Dish Brunch will follow the Service.

Ascension Sunday / Mother’s Day

May 8, 2016

Ascension Sunday and Mother’s Day will be celebrated at all three churches on May 8, 2016. The Service will include Holy Communion.

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated at all three churches on May 15, 2016. Pastor Bob will be on vacation. The Services will be led by Wendy.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

June 5, 2016

You are invited to a “Pancake & Sausage Breakfast” prior to the Joint Service at Grace on June 5, 2016. The “Men of Grace” will prepare and serve breakfast starting at 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM. The Joint Service will begin at 10:00 AM. Join us for good food and good fellowship.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 10 through July 14, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Mt. Hope. This year’s theme is “Barnyard Roundup – Jesus Gathers Us Together” – based on Psalm 23. Closing Program will be held on July 14, 2016 with the Children’s Presentation, followed by a Hot Dog Roast.

A Big Thank-You!

Thanks to Roger Knisely and Mark Zumbro for the wonderful music at the Joint Services. We have all enjoy it!

Thanks for your support of the Wednesday Evening Lenten Services and to those that prepared the food for the Fellowship Meals.

Thanks to those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt – thank-you Cathy Barnes.

Thanks, Wendy for filling in for Robin to prepare the Bulletins during the busy Lenten Season. Robin will resume her duties on April 1, 2016.

Thanks to those who prepared the Funeral Luncheon for Rita Lingenfelter.

The Trinity Gazette

We have updated our Distribution List for The Trinity Gazette. If we missed you or someone you know should be on the List, please tell Jeanne or Pastor Bob.

The Trinity Gazette is published on a quarterly basis. It is available on the Church's Web site and hard copies are being distributed at each of the three churches.

**For all the Greenfield Charge News and Calendar of Events,
Go to www.greenfieldcharge.org, click on 'News & Events'.**

**A request to each of you. This will only
take a couple minutes of your time!!**

Would you please review the prayer list in the weekly bulletin and provide Pastor Bob or Emily with updates. Some of the names have been on the list for a while and possibly can be removed. We do not want to remove if there is still a need for prayers.

Thank-you!

Locked Doors

It was a dark and dreary morning. The sun struggled to rise against the weighty chains of clouds, and outside a steady sputtering stream of frozen particles falls downward to the barren earth below. As I push off the covers so full of warmth, I am reminded that this still is a day the Lord has made and start the task of preparing for Sunday worship.

As I open the door to the outside world, I am greeted by the fangs of a wintry wind and nothing but greyness as far as one can see. Travelling down the road is like driving on the world's largest curling rink. Slowly sliding along and yelling at the PennDOT trucks to sweep the precipitation away so that I may end up safely in the home circle of the church.

Slowly I grind my way up the ever increasing sloped driveway. My mind begins to churn and my stomach aches as I spy no other vehicles. My oh my! What could this mean? As I do my imitation of an Olympic bobsledder, I reach the doors of the church and find they are locked as tight as a holy bank vault.

Has church been cancelled? Is there a Joint Service and I'm just at the wrong church? Not sure what to do. Do I stay or do I go? I do hope the dear Lord shows me the way.

Has this ever happened to you? If you have an email address or are on facebook, we can hopefully eliminate this issue for you. The Consistory tries their best to call everyone when there's a cancellation but calling by phone does take time and they just may not have your number... But an email to everyone on the list will take a second. Let's help you join the 21st Century in your Church Experience.

The Greenfield Charge:

- * **Email** – Sign up by giving your email address to Wendy or Pastor Bob. We will not share your email address with others. Also the email's "send to" does not include addresses of the recipients.
- * **Facebook** – Search for 'Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ' and Like Us.
- * **Website** - <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org>
 - * **Google Calendar** – Select Charge Calendar under News & Events
 - * **Download Newsletter** - Select News & Events



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Bob and Jean Gordon were selected for induction into the Claysburg Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held at the CKHS auditorium on April 2nd.

Emily Walter, (below on left) daughter of Donald and Kathy, and **Emma Bushore**, (below on right) granddaughter of Donna Glass, were inducted into CKHS National Honor Society on March 10th.



Kaitlyn Farber (shown on left) was selected as the 4th chair for Flute 1, out of a total of 11, for PMEA Region 3 Regional Band Competition which was held Saturday, March 12th. Kaitlyn was the only one to place (other than last) for Bellwood-Antis. Both her band and private flute teachers are impressed on how well she did, being a sophomore and having private lessons for less than a year makes it even that more impressive!



**Greenfield United Church of Christ
Charge Joint Consistory Meeting Minutes
of January 3, 2016**

Submitted by Lisa Pejack, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Jonathan Furry. Pastor Bob opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Jeffrey Farber, Sally Barnes, Roger Knisely, Rick Walter, Sylvia Olewinski, Emily Corle, Donna Glass, Louise Smith, Dick Finnegan, Donna Finnegan, Cathy Barnes, Karen Stombaugh, Dick Lingenfelter, Robin Pozgar, Peggy Berkhimer, Roy Berkhimer, Jonathan Furry, Pastor Bob Penner, and Lisa Pejack.

Election of officers for 2016 was the first order of business. Peggy Berkhimer moved and Roger Knisely seconded the motion to elect the following as officers for 2016. Motion carried.

The officers for 2016 will be:

President - Grace - Jonathan Furry

Vice President - Greenfield - Denny Cowher

Treasurer - Grace - Rick Walter

Secretary - Mt. Hope - Lisa Pejack

Lisa Pejack read the secretary's report. The report was approved as read with one correction to the New Business for the October 4, 2015 meeting regarding the Helsel Fund deposit. It was reported as \$10,000.00 but corrected to read \$5,000.00.

Rick Walter presented the treasurer's report. Jeffrey Farber moved and Robin Pozgar seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Juniata Association Church and Ministry Committee approved Pastor Bob's license renewal in August.

The Technology Committee has not begun taping services yet, but will begin soon.

The Constitution Committee has not met yet, but will be meeting in the near future.

Tessa Knisely's request for funds from the Helsel Endowment was approved and the funds were received.

Mark Zumbro's contract for \$55.00 per service beginning January 1, 2016 for one year was approved, and he accepted.

New Business/Pastors Concerns:

The Finance Committee met on December 7, 2015. Rick Walter presented their recommendations for the 2016 budget. Rick discussed the salary increases for Pastor Bob, Mark Zumbro, Robin Pozgar, and Rick Walter. The Finance Committee recommended an increase in the apportionment for each of the churches from \$1200.00 to \$1400.00 per month. Dick Lingenfelter moved and Jeffrey Farber seconded the

motion to approve the 2016 Budget. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob reviewed the dates for the upcoming Lenten and Easter services. Ash Wednesday service will be held at Grace on February 10, 2016. There will be Wednesday Lenten services beginning February 17, 2016. A soup and sandwich meal will be served before each service at 6:00pm. See the newsletter for dates, times, and places. Maundy Thursday service will be held at Grace on March 24, 2016 with a covered dish dinner served before the service. Good Friday service will be held at Greenfield on March 25, 2016 at 7:00pm. Mt.Hope 's sanctuary will be open on Saturday from 10:00am until 12:00pm for quiet reflection and prayer. There will also be the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mt. Hope that day starting at 1:00pm.

The jointure newsletter will now be published quarterly. Pastor Bob will put something in the bulletins on a monthly basis.

Pastor Bob thanked Barry Barnes for serving this past year as president. He welcomed Roy Berkhimer onto the consistory.

No date was set for the next meeting. Jeffrey Farber moved and Peggy Berkhimer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.



Bulldog Backpack Program

The Claysburg-East Freedom Ministerium and the CK Elementary School partnered together to provide weekend bags of food for elementary students who may not otherwise have sufficient food supplies. Currently 90 students are receiving food in their backpacks on Fridays each week. Breakfast and lunch items are most needed at this time. Both food and monetary donations will be gladly accepted. For more information on the program or to volunteer, please email ckbackpack@gmail.com or call Matt Hall, Principle at 239-5144.



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Open every Thursday morning 9:00 am to 11:30 am and every third Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Items most needed at this time are soup, mashed potatoes or other boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pudding, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce and tuna. However, all non-perishable items **in date** will be much appreciated.

Monetary donations should be made payable to the *Claysburg Food Bank* and mailed to Dolores Hesel, treas., 371 Cottontown Road, Claysburg, PA 16625.

**Bible Word Search:
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April, May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

1st Cara Ebersole
1st Brian Helsel
1st Allison Walter
4th David Burket, Sr.
10th Cassidy Ebersole
10th Pastor Bob Penner
11th Cara Berkhimer
13th E. Louise Smith
14th Quentin Burket
16th Kera Knisely-Furry
17th Cordell Ebersole
23rd Peggy Berkhimer
24th Casey Zimmerman
24th Makenzie Ebersole
25th Stephen Walter

May Birthdays

1st Rhea Costello
4th Lindsey Barnes Hobaugh
4th George Smith
5th Jean Gordon
9th Jeffrey Farber
9th Bill Foy
10th Craig Bivens
16th Bob Gordon
17th Robert Wees
19th Pastor Bill Hendricks
20th Samantha Yoder
22nd Edna Berkhimer
22nd Leah Farber
23rd Emma Kelly
28th Joni Elliott
29th T. Naomi Weyant

June Birthdays

4th Sharon Roudabush
5th Hannah Bowmaster
8th Kay Burket
10th Sophia Walter
11th Amy Boyer
13th James Berkhimer
14th Emily Corle
19th Tiffani Finnegan
22nd Nellie Cowher
23rd Cheri Berkhimer
23rd Donna Glass
23rd Haydden Kranik
23rd Robin Pozgar
24th Joe Claar
26th Adam Helsel
27th Regina Gordon
29th Jacob Claar

April Anniversaries

6th Joel & Donna Claar
27th George & E. Louise Smith

May Anniversaries

15th John & Peggy Lingenfelter
22nd Ted & Erika Reynolds
23rd Pastors Bill & Mary Hendricks

If there are any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary lists, please contact Emily Corle. THANKS!

June Anniversaries

12th Jonathan & Kera Knisely-Furry
19th Scott & Ronnette Kranik
24th Roger Knisely & Pam Bowser
28th Dave & Betty Burket