



Finley's Newsletter



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FROM OUR PASTOR

April / May 2017

Dear Finley Church family,

Jesus talks about how He is the Good Shepherd in John 10:11-18. Verse 11 states, *“(11) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep... (13) The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. (14) I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.”*

Jesus cares for us (His sheep) and He is totally invested in our well-being and protection. A hireling is not totally invested; when “push comes to shove,” the hired hand will leave because he is not totally sold to the cause of protecting the flock. This fact of Jesus’ care should comfort our souls and display to us Jesus is always on the clock – caring for His own – no matter the cost!

Verses 17-18 tell us, *“(17) Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. (18) No one*

takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Jesus tells us He alone has the power to lay down His life – and to take it up again. Jesus accomplishes this by His own surrender to His Father’s will (Matthew 26:39). God the Father has given Him this command, and Jesus always obeys His Father. In other words, there is eternal life in His Name and only those who know the Son have this life and hope. 1st John 5:11-12 says, *“(11) And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”*

Christians are resurrection people! We believe Easter changed everything. Christ’s birth changed time and history (B.C. to A.D.). Christ’s resurrection encapsulates God’s power from mortal unto immortality – totally transforming our soul’s destiny in eternity from eternal death into everlasting life by Christ’s infinite power and glory. Christ dominated “the sting of death” and broke sin’s curse over hopeless sinners through His victory (1st Corinthians 15:54-57).

1st Corinthians 15:44-46, *“(44) It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (45) And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit. (46) However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.”*

Christian - may Jesus’ Power rise within you today! **HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

In His service,
Pastor Jerry Ernst





BIRTHDAYS

**SUNDAY
EVENING
SERVICES**

April 2
Youth and Young Adult
Modern Worship Service

April 9
Cantata Choir
"Hallelujah, Praise
The Lamb"

April 16
No Service

April 23
Pastor Jerry

April 30
People's Meeting

May 7
Youth & Young Adult
Modern Worship Service

May 14
Pastor Jerry

May 21
Prayer and Intercessory
Service

May 28
TBA

April 14
Imagene Hendricks
1638 Pershing Ave
Steubenville, OH 43952

April 19
Coral Rohrabough
102 Winks Way
Wintersville, OH 43953

April 26
SPC Vincent Petrozzi
1443 Glacier Ave, Unit B
Fort Richardson, AK 99505

May 11
Steven Quigg
416 Red Hill Rd
Pequea, PA 17565

May 18
Ruth Connell
151 Ridgeway Dr
Weirton, WV 26062

May 29
Joe Rohrabough
102 Winks Way
Wintersville, OH 43953

May 30
Ken Sawka
PO Box 511208
Chipata
Zambia



*Our deepest sympathies
and prayers go out to:*

*Kelly Justice & family in the
death of her grandfather, John
Davies.*

*Becky Delaney and family and
Gary & Patty Delaney in the
death of her dad/his brother,
Bobby Delaney.*

*Darlene Lewis and Family in
the death of her sister Susan
Lawson.*

*James Parks and family in the
death of his wife Mary Margaret
Parks.*

*Betty and Joe Dixon & Joy and
Rich Amick and family in the
death of their brother-in-law,
Tom Oiler.*

*Pam Edgar, Tammy, Shealor
and Braxtyn Lowe, and family
in the death of Curt Edgar.*



Annalise Faith Howell

was born on
February 6, 2017,
to Beth and Adam Howell
She weighed 7 lbs 4 oz, and
was 20 inches long. Proud
sister is Emmeline Howell &
proud Grandparents are
David and Patty Grodhaus

KIDS...

(and volunteers)

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

'Makers Fun Factory'

July 10-14

**The Jefferson County
Christian School**
will be performing

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

April 6, 7 and 8

Performances are each evening
at 7:30, and a matinee on
Saturday at 2:00.
Our very own Gabe Ernst,
Harper Ernst and
Blayke Malone are
performing.
Reserved seats are \$8.00 each



HALL MONITORS

Sign-up sheets on the
bulletin board in hallway

PRAY-ERS

Are needed in the prayer
room on Sunday mornings to
pray for the Pastor as he is
preaching and yellow prayer
cards. Praying for yellow
prayer cards also on
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**Do You Know Me
???**

- I like baking and cooking.
- I am a scientist.
- I have two daughters.
- I like to sing.
- I live in West Virginia.
- I am a preacher's kid.

~I belong to Finley and I
believe most of you know
me. **GUESS WHO . . .**



*Guess Who, from February
and March 2017 newsletter*
was
Carroll Porter

**RANDOM ACTS OF
KINDNESS**

- Put some coins in
someone else's parking
meter.
- Buy a coffee for the
man on the street.
- Cut your neighbor's
hedges or grass

Special Services -

April 9th, Palm Sunday at 6:30
p.m the Easter Cantata,
Hallelujah Praise the Lamb, will
be presented.

April 13th, Maunday Thursday
Communion/ Tenebrae service,
at 7:00 pm.

April 16th There will be only
one service on Easter Sunday
morning, that being at 10:45
with special choir and bell choir
music. *There will be no Sunday
evening service on Easter.*

Sunday, May 7, at the 10:45
service the Johnstown Christian
School choir and bell choir will
present a concert entitled,
Hungering and Thirsting after
God. Finley Church is
responsible for hosting choir
members overnight the night of
the 6th. Please contact Tom
Call if you are willing to host
choir members.

TRUSTEES

Trustees plan to have new flooring installed in the Fellowship Hall this year.

If you would like to contribute directly to this project, please use an offering envelope and mark "Fellowship Hall Flooring" in the section labeled "OTHER"

Thank You

FINANCE

Easter is approaching and so is the annual Easter offering. This year the offering will be split in 4 equal ways with 25% going to each of Missions, Kids camps, Block Party and Associate Pastor fund. The Associate Pastor fund has been averaging \$1,374.00 a month for the past 12 months. Pastor Derek's salary is \$3,541.67 a month, so we have a ways to go. Please keep giving ABOVE your normal tithe and mark your envelope "Associate Pastor". Thank you for your contributions.

Harold Griffith, Chairperson

UMW

The Marguerite/FWM Circle met on Saturday, March 18th. Devotions were from the Old, Old Story.

We are currently working on the All Daughter Tea which is scheduled for May 20th. The theme this year is 'Light' If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Dee Whisman. There will be a planning meeting on April 22, to finalize plans. All ladies, 18 and older are welcome to our meetings to see what we're all about.

The District team has been meeting monthly, with another meeting scheduled for April 20th, in Carrollton, at the Mt. Pleasant UMC from 9:30 to 2:30. Guest speaker is Rev. Donald Kuntz.

Mission U will be July 21-23, at Mt. Union. Please see Carol Canyock for details.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Four new Small Group book studies will begin April 10th. All four are six weeks long and all four will be held on Monday nights. Sign up in main foyer. *(Time and places vary)*

One Faithful Promise

Derek Trout, Leader
Held at Tim Horton's @ 7:00 pm

1st Corinthians; Living Love When We Disagree

(Women's Small Group)
Debbie Griffith, Leader
Held at Finley @ 6:30 p.m.

When Did God Become a Christian?

Ryan Call, Leader
Held at Finley @ 6:00 p.m.

Armor of God

Robbie Young, Leader
Held at Finley @ 7:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 2

8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Youth & Young Adult
Worship Service

April 3

10:30 Prayer

April 4

7:00 Choir Practice
7:30 Cantata Practice

April 5, 12, 19, 26

11:00 Bible Study & Prayer
5:00 Middle School Youth
6:30 Senior High Youth
7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

April 7

6:30-7:30 N.A. meeting
6:30 Youth meeting for
JCCS Play

April 9 Palm Sunday

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Cantata Choir
*"HALLELUJAH, PRAISE
 THE LAMB"*

April 10, 24

- 10:30** Prayer
6:00 Small Group Study
*"When Did God Become a
 Christian"*
6:30 Small Group Study *"Living
 Love When We Disagree"*
7:00 Small Group Study
"Armor of God"
7:00 Small Group Study *"One
 Faithful Promise"*

April 11

- 11:30** Staff Meeting

April 13

- 7:00** Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 Good Friday, 21, 28

- 6:30-7:30** N.A. meeting

April 16 Easter

- 9:30** Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

April 17

Easter Monday Office Closed

- 6:00** Small Group Study *"When
 Did God Become a Christian"*
6:30 Small Group Study *"Living
 Love When We Disagree"*
7:00 Small Group Study *"Armor
 of God"*
7:00 Small Group Study *"One
 Faithful Promise"*

April 18

- 7:00** Choir Practice
7:00 Trustees Meeting

April 20

- 7:00** Commissions/Committees
8:00 Administrative Council

April 22

- 1:00** UMW Planning Meeting

April 23

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Worship Service

April 25

- 7:00** Choir Practice

April 30

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 People's Meeting

May 1, 8, 15

- 10:30** Prayer
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 Did God Become a Christian"*
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May 2, 16, 30

- 7:00** Choir Practice

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- 11:00** Bible Study & Prayer
5:00 Middle School Youth
6:30 Senior High Youth
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May 5, 12, 19, 26

- 6:30-7:30** N.A. meeting

May 7

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Youth & Young
 Adult Worship Service

May 9

- 11:30** Staff Meeting
7:00 Choir Practice
7:00 Trustees Meeting

May 11

- 7:00** Commissions/Committees
8:00 Administrative Council

May 14 Mother's Day

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Worship Service

May 20

- 1:00** All Daughters' Tea

May 21

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Prayer & Intercessory
 Service

May 22

- 10:30** Prayer

May 28

- 8:30** Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Worship Service

May 29 Memorial Day Office Closed**May 30**

- 7:00** Choir Practice

*Articles for the June, July and
 August 2017 newsletter are **due
 by May 20th**. Please email your
 article to
newsletter@finleyumc.org, or
 you may put your article in the
 newsletter mailbox, or give to
 Sharon Christopher. **THANK
 YOU!***

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April / May 2017

Special Services for Easter

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Small Groups/Book Studies 



All Daughters' Tea  *May 20 at 1:00*



Come Worship With Us

