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“It is Finished”

Good Friday, March 30, clergy from around Gettysburg gathered to conduct a community “Good Friday” service, reflecting on the “7 Last Words of Jesus” from the cross. My word was, “It is finished” from John 19:28-30. As a Navy man, I thought of the statement used in the military when an assignment has been completed: “Mission Accomplished”! “It is finished,” in the Greek is simply one word meaning to . . . “perfect,” “make complete,” “accomplish,” “reach one’s goal,” “finish one’s work.” In the first century Roman Empire, that word was also used in accounting - written at the bottom of an invoice that had been satisfied, meaning “paid in full.” When Jesus made this statement, in essence, he acknowledged that the work God sent him into this world to do had been completed; that he had given his life as a “ransom for sin” (Mark 10:45) – the debt of sin owed by all of us had been “paid in full.” As the Apostle Peter wrote in his first letter, “We have been redeemed . . . not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish” (1:18-19). The plan of God for the salvation of the world set in motion in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem, was brought to completion on an old rugged cross on a hill called, Calvary on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Humanly speaking, there is no way we could ever satisfy the debt we owe. But, because of God’s “Mission Accomplished,” we can enjoy new life! No guilt, no shame, no fear of eternal punishment.

As we step away from a long, cold, harsh winter and enjoy the first “new life” of Spring this month – buds, blossoms, brown turning to green, milder temperatures, etc. – may we pause to give thanks to God for the beauty of His creation, and the visual reminder that death is not the end. And may we be reminded, that though our Savior’s work on earth had been completed with his death, resurrection, and ascension into glory, the work of his followers had just begun. We are called to be instruments of life and hope – God’s hands and feet and mouthpieces in this world – caring, serving, making a difference in the lives of others, sharing God’s love so that the world may know that we are being “finished”/“made complete” in Him.

Happy Spring!

Pastor Dale

Cont.



3-Connie Brown
Abigail Keebaugh
Gwendolyn Keebaugh
Pat Carbaugh
5-Ross Winegardner
7-Rachel (Lane) Howells
10-Charles Ramsey
11-Melissa Horton
Matthew Brown
Dylan Fowler
12-Jessie Hu
15-David Meglaye
17-Cali Mitchell
Matilda Correll
18-Dale Booth
Barbara MacDonald
19-Bill Warthin
22-Maya Drover
24-Nevin Carbaugh
27-April Leese
Sara Beth Winegardner
29-Charles Barnett
Bill McGinnis
30-Steve Fleming
Lindsay Newman



Prayer Concerns: Please be in prayer for those listed below and their families: **Short Term:** Family of Sandy & Jake Richards, Family of Anne Howard, Ellen Garrison, (Carolyn Kneas' mother), C.J. Rhodes, Roxanna Mellott, Family of Patsy Johnston & her niece, Lori Keiser, Betty Faunce, & PNC. **Long Term:** Chas Howells, Ella Spriggs, Audrey Mitchell, Esther Webb (Bill Warthin's sister), & Chuck Wissinger (friend of Bill & Janet McGinnis)

New Address for Bernice Stewart

In December 2017, Bernice Stewart moved to Virginia to live with her daughter, Janet. Her new address is 3705 Freehill Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033 and her phone number is (703) 391-0496. She enjoys cards and phone calls.

GLEANER DEADLINE for the May issue is April 23, 2018. Please submit your information by 10 AM that day. If you can't email it, feel free to call or lay a hand written document on the secretary's desk.



March 6, 2018

Your trustees held their monthly meeting in the Fellowship House on March 6. Richard was out of town. All other members were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ron.

Our new chairs are Sandy Richards and Richard Hornberger.

Thank Earley Painting for all their work painting our Sanctuary and foyers. Thanks to Sandy for overseeing this project.

Our AED is installed near the elevator in the Foyer. Thanks Wayne. If you see anyone that is in stress and may need their heart defibrillated, open the machine. It will tell you what to do.

The Sanctuary should be brighter with new dimmable LED bulbs.

Please remove any materials you have in our church facilities that are not being used for current programs. We will be removing these excess materials.

The Scouts are very active and are enjoying using our facilities. They helped at one of our Soup Nights and are looking for ways to help our church people.

Your Trustees are working hard on our “to do” list.

If you see something that needs our attention, please contact any of us.

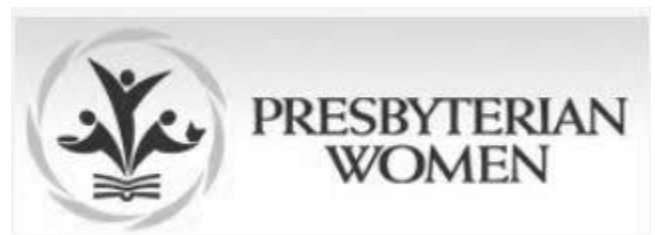
Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 7 pm in the Fellowship House.

Our meeting was closed with prayer by Sandy.

Ron Mitchell, secretary



No Report



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March 7, 2018

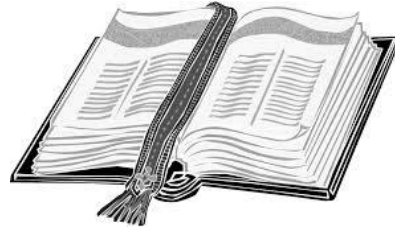
Present: Nancy Bivens, Barb MacDonald, Stanley Kerlin, and April Leese
Absent: Patty Rhodes and Laura Metcalfe
Lots of soup and all the bread was served by the deacons. Following soup night, we opened our meeting in prayer.
February minutes approved as amended.

Benevolence

Loves Closet \$100.00
Heifer International \$1,000.00
Women in Need \$500.00
Catholic Mission, Special Projects \$1,000.00

Business

Shut-ins for Easter to receive spring mix of tulips and daffodils. We will get them for Palm Sunday (March 25).
One Great Hour of Sharing items will be available for Palm Sunday. People can pick up their stuff on the previous Sunday.
Next meeting April 4 at 7.
Closed in prayer.



April Lectionary Readings

Week of April 1

Easter

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43
John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8
Luke 24: 13-49

Week of April 8

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1: 1-2; 2
John 20: 19-31

Week of April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3: 1-7
Luke 24: 36b-48

Week of April 22

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

Week of April 29
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8



**Memorial Lilies in the sanctuary today
are to the glory of God and given by:**

**Dale & Lenorah Williams in loving
memory of Jean Williams & William Fox**

**Marion & Charles Walker in loving
memory of Timothy Walker**

**Rena Ott in loving memory
of Paul & Lori Ott**

**J. Faye Elvey in loving memory
of Harry, Alma, Judy, & Roger Elvey**

**Melissa & Roger Horton in loving
memory of our Parents**

**Richard Rotz in loving memory
of Harold & Beulah Rotz**

**Paul MacDonald in loving memory
of his wife, Jane**

**Linda Heuston in loving memory of her
mother Esther Yorko**

**Mary Lou Eisenhower in loving memory
of Frank L. Eisenhower & Gr. Hannah**

**Mary Ott in loving memory of Mary,
Raymond, & George Cline,
Beulah Grissing**



Saturday, April 14th at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30
p.m. and **Sunday, April 15th** at 3:00 p.m. for
the concert by the Mercersburg Area
Community Chorus and Orchestra of *Elijah*
by Mendelssohn. The concerts are held in
the beautiful Irvine Chapel at Mercersburg
Academy. Richard Rotz is the conductor.

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