

# CORNERSTONE

“...for I am sending Christ to be the precious Cornerstone of my church...” Peter 2:6



## Palm Sunday, April 5

Our 11:00 A.M. **worship service** will include a joyful procession of palms by the children in our beginners and primary department Sunday school. They also will sing a responsive song with the congregation. Special music from the Chancel and Handbell Choirs is also planned. Following worship, the Bardeen family and new church members will host fellowship brunch in the parlor.

The Mohawk Area Church Association **Palm Sunday Choir Festival** brings together singers from our local churches. It begins at 4:00 P.M. at Westfield. Sarah Phillips will direct the combined choirs.

## Holy Week Morning Worship at Mt. Jackson Church

Stop by on your way to work or school at 6:45 A.M. This brief service, which includes special music, is followed by a continental breakfast. On Wednesday, Dr. Bob will be the speaker and Ken Shiderly, Sr., our church representative, will coordinate the refreshments.

## Maundy Thursday, April 9

No reservations are needed for a **tureen dinner**, hosted by the Faith Seekers Class, that begins at 6:30 P.M. Just bring your table service and a sidedish of your choice (your favorite potato, hot vegetable, or salad) to share. Meat, dessert, rolls and drinks will be provided. **After our shared meal, we will worship** the Lord, listen to the choir, and conclude with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

## Saturday, April 11

Starting on Saturday morning and continuing through Sunday, our **Prayer Vigil** allows the privilege of praying for one hour for the church, our church family, and needs of our community and world. Check the schedule on the bulletin board near the church office to see available time slots.

Our annual Children's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held from noon to 2:00 P.M. on the 11th. All children are welcome to attend. Includes lunch and a craft.

## Easter Sunday, April 12

Easter morning worship is at 11:00 A.M. Come early and enjoy Sunday School at 9:45!

## Weep No More!

In John 20:13-15 (NRSV), the same question is repeated twice. The angels ask Mary, “Woman, why are you weeping?” (verse 13). And then Jesus asks Mary, “Woman, why are you weeping?” (verse 15).

On Easter Sunday, perhaps it's still the question before us: “Why are we weeping?” Why is there still such anguish in the world? Why are we

laboring on, burdened and living as though there has been no resurrection?

Weep no more! Christ has risen!



**BEHOLD,**  
**CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

# The Source of Joy

by Bob Bardeen

Joy is related to forgetting a myth and learning a secret.

The myth is about the word *happy*. With delight, we sing “Happy Birthday” and with energy we wish everyone a “Happy New Year,” but the Bible rarely uses the word *happy*.

Actually, according to the NIV translation—a total of 25 times, and only 4 times in the New Testament! Paul used the word when he wrote to the Corinthians about Titus: “*By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.*” (2 Corinthians 7:13). I am surprised by their choice because they could have used the word *joy* instead, like KJV does.

The problem with the word *happy* is this: it comes from the Latin root word, *hap*, which means *chance*. Chance is related to luck. Chance means things happen without design or purpose.

Events are just accidental. According to chance and luck and happy, all of life is random.

Chance and luck and happy are related to a myth; namely, that life is without God! That’s the myth we need to forget.

Instead, we need to learn a secret—the secret of true joy, true contentment. “*I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want,*” Paul wrote to the Philippians and then goes on, “*I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*”

That’s the secret! Christ in us who gives us strength! That’s the source of joy for Christians—daily strength from our Savior!

We need to learn that secret again and again, and apply its truth to our lives, daily, moment by moment. It’s our source for joy! Earl Palmer

writes in his book, *Integrity in a World of Pretense*,

“The secret is the focal point of his (Paul’s) life, the center around which his life is integrated. As he focuses his vision on God and his love as seen in Jesus Christ, all other things automatically are relegated to the realm of peripheral vision. The other things are still there, and we are still aware of them, but their sharp contours are softened and they do not occupy the center of our awareness.”

The secret is having Christ as the center of our awareness! And that secret is our source of joy!

## FROM THE



## Pastor



- 5 **Palm Sunday**  
*The Cross of Christ*  
Mark 15:16-47
- 9 **Maundy Thursday Dinner/Worship**  
*The Upper Room*  
John 13:1-16; 33; Matthew 26:20-29
- 12 **Easter Sunday!**  
*Resurrection Joy*  
Mark 16:1-8
- 19 **Second Sunday of Easter**  
*The Road to Emmaus*  
Luke 24:13-35
- 26 **Third Sunday of Easter**  
*Breakfast with Jesus*  
John 21:1-14

# SALT Company Celebrates Tenth Year of Ministry!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our SALT program this year! Our ministry took on a new challenge as we switched to an earlier time period on Fridays—a challenge that was met and exceeded by a staff dedicated to children’s ministry. We had about 60 in the dining hall each week. **Special thanks goes to Lorraine Book for her servant’s heart and passion for this ministry. She served as our 2008-2009 Director.** Other volunteers:

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| Bob Bardeen      | Joyce Bardeen |
| Leslie Barkfield | Jim Book      |
| Sandy Burkey     | Jill Byers    |
| Pat Byers        | Kathy Cowher  |
| Gretchen Daniels | Beverly Deal  |
| Scott Deal       | Taylor Deal   |
| Devon Giancola   | Mimi Gettemy  |

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 Nicole Sperdute  
 Renee Tanner  
 Mardelle Vollick



*Quarterly Bible Reading Plan*

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## Save the Date for 2009 Vacation Bible School



Take a romp through the swamp! Our 2009 VBS is called Crocodile Dock! Please set aside the week of June 15 for this exciting adventure.

Our family picnic will be at noon on Friday, June 19, and our closing program will be during worship on Sunday, June 21. Remember, if you or someone you know is age 4 through grade 8, we've got some exciting activities planned. If you are a parent or grandparent, neighbor or friend of a child or youth, then spread the word about this

fantastic week of Bible study, games, crafts, food, and just plain fun!

You can register for VBS starting on Sunday, May 31 at Westfield, or on-line beginning Monday, June 1.

"Croc Dock" is also recruiting adventurous volunteers to fill a variety of positions on our staff. Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the bulletin, or contact the church office.



### Special Friends

Marie Carlton  
*Shenango on the Green*

Doris Clark  
*at her residence*

Alice Fullerton  
*at her residence*

Effie Henry  
Lillian Lutzberger  
*Avalon Nursing Center*

Helen Scott  
*Country Meadow Retirement Community*

Doris Williams  
*Edison Manor*

### What's it All About?

#### Collections of all kinds of things in the coatrack

The COATrack at Westfield could very well stand for Collections Of All kinds of Things. We use our coatracks on a year-round basis for more than just coats! This is a list to inform you of what is being collected in the large bins in the coat rack area. Your donations are always welcomed.

#### City Rescue Mission

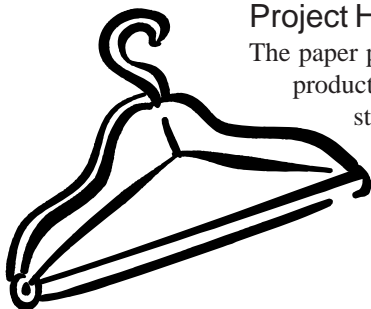
This bin is for paper products and canned goods to help keep their food pantry stocked. People can qualify through the mission. Put items in at your convenience.

#### Love Packages

This agency is located in Illinois. They collect new and used Bibles, Christian books, movies, CDs, and Sunday school material. It is shipped to other countries that are desperate for Christian material to read and use as curriculum. *Representative—Debbie Replogle*

#### Project Hope

The paper products, canned goods, cleaning products, and hygiene items, collected here, stay in the Mohawk area. The items needed are listed each month in the newsletter. **For April, we are asked to contribute tuna or jelly.**



The food bank is located at Bethel Church and is open by appointment. *Representatives—Kathy Eichenlaub, Beverly Deal*

#### Eyeglasses

Any used glasses you have are passed on to those who have the need but can't afford them. *Representative—Debbie Replogle*

#### Used Postage Stamps

For any stamp that is unique, (i.e. not the standard ones like flags). Cut off and leave a half-inch margin of paper around the stamp. These are sold to collectors to raise funds for missions.

*Representatives—Women of Westfield*

#### New Greeting Cards

These are given to the prisons in Mercer county, to enable the inmates to send birthday cards, get well cards, etc. to family.

*Representatives—Women of Westfield*

#### Used Cell Phones and Chargers

These are given to the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. They are either sold for parts or reprogrammed to dial 911 only and given to a woman living in an unstable situation. *Representative—Debbie Replogle*



## New Members Welcomed

Westfield is pleased to welcome several new members to our congregation. Please take a moment to greet them, introduce yourself, and get to know them.

**Keith and Rhonda Breuer**  
and their children Isabella, age 4,  
and Benjamin, age 2.

**Katherine Kidder**

**Carl and Cindy Mace**

**Dan and Shel McClain**  
and their daughters Sabrina, age 8,  
Marissa, age 5, and  
Evelyn and Lillian, age 3.

**Jim McKim**

**Lisa Nero**  
and children Mickayla and Miranda, age 13,  
and Brenden, age 7.

**Wes Stoner**

## Celebrating Under the Big Top

All women and children are invited to our annual Spring Fling under the Big Top (Fellowship Hall). We will have a real 3-ring celebration on Saturday, May 2!

In the first ring: a delicious catered lunch. In the second ring: Face Painting by *Face Esteem*. And in the Center Ring: Twinkles, a Scrubgrass Grange Christian Clown.

Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, and age 2 and under are free. Reservations can be made through a bulletin insert or by contacting the church office. Reservations and money are due by April 27.

Our Spring Fling is not only a fun time to honor the mothers in our congregation, but this year, all proceeds after expenses will go toward YO!'s mission trip.



## Women of Westfield Celebrate Birthday Offering

Want some ideas on birthday party themes, cakes, and cards? On Tuesday, April 21, the Women of Westfield will celebrate birthdays and share lots of ideas.

We will have our 8th Bible study in the series of Jubilee on Luke 13:10-21 and 44:1-6: *The Oppressed Are Set Free*. Everyone is invited at 10:30 for Bible study, or come for lunch at noon. Bring the kids and help us celebrate!

All donations will go toward Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. This year's offering supports 2 projects. *La Mujer Obrera* in El Paso, Texas ministers to thousands of Mexican immigrant women by creating long-term economic opportunities. *His Kids, Too!* is a children's home in Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine that provides homes for up to 30 special needs orphans.



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## Spring Luncheon Planned

### Your donations to City Rescue Mission help provide meals

The Fellowship & Membership Committee would like to invite you to the Spring Luncheon, Sunday, April 26, after worship. This year's theme is "Birds of the Air, Lilies of the Field," based on Matthew 6:26, 28-34.

*"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is God clothes the grass of the field, which here today and tomorrow is thrown into fire, will he not much more clothe you of little faith?"*

*So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows you need them. But seek first his kingdom, his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

*...do not  
worry about  
tomorrow ...*



In these troubling economic times, it is easy to worry. The Lord tells us not to worry, but to seek His kingdom first, and He will provide for our needs. Come join us for a light spring luncheon (we are providing everything including your table service) and remember to seek the Lord's kingdom and righteousness, and not worry about your troubles.

### Bring a Donation

The City Rescue Mission is currently seeking packages of Styrofoam cups, bowls or plates for their Kitchen renovation project. While the Mission's kitchen is being renovated, meals will be served on Styrofoam. Please consider bringing a package of cups, bowls or plates to the Spring Luncheon, to help our neighbors in need. All donations will be sent to the Mission through their new missionary in ministry, Karen Matsukas.



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We worship together every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.  
We welcome all members, friends, and visitors to join us.

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