



May 2017

A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and 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. Isaiah 2:4



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

As we approach Memorial Day this goal has not been reached, but many have paid the ultimate price to work toward that end.

During the dark days of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln wrote the following letter to a grieving mother.

Dear Madam: I have been shown in the files that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. A. Lincoln

In Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, there is a small cemetery said to be “the birthplace of Memorial Day.” Three young women, Emma Hunter, Sophie Keller, and Elizabeth Myers began the custom of decorating soldiers’ graves in 1864 while the Civil War was still being fought. They wanted to

recognize the contributions of villagers who had paid the ultimate price, and they did it with what was at hand, some homegrown flowers. The idea of decorating graves caught on, and today, because of the thoughtfulness of Emma, Sophie, and Elizabeth millions of people across the nation this Memorial Day will remember with deep affection those whose lives once touched theirs.

When publications run pictures of Memorial Day, they usually show cemeteries like Arlington with its thousands of pristine markers in unbroken waves or the American cemetery at Normandy with its countless crosses and stars of David. But around the country in cemeteries both large and small veteran’s graves are often marked with a small American flag. You could find them at the feet of the most ornate marble angel or next to a simple granite stone. Some of these graves might have pretty rosebushes around them or fresh flowers in a vase nearby. Others are neglected and overgrown, as though no one had visited in years. Most of the flags are for people we’ve never known, some of whom, from the dates on their stones, died all too young. But all the flag marked graves are men and some women who were veterans of war.

As we move toward Memorial Day we give thanks to the Lord for those who have and who do serve. We ask that God would guard men and women who risk themselves going in harm’s way for their country. Though they must be men and women of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. O God we pray that You would encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Rev. George Walton
Stated Supply Pastor



HOME COMING

MAY 7TH

Time to tell your family and friends to attend Buffalo’s Homecoming for 2017. Rev. Walton will present our message. Please bring your favorite dish to our Pot-Luck Lunch following the service. Let’s make more good memories together as we celebrate years of continuous service to the Lord.



**THIS PICTURE IS FROM HOME COMING 2007
THESE ARE MEMBERS WE HAVE BEEN MISSING:
MALCOLM JACKSON, JOHN BRIDGES, & MARY RITTER**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Sunday School Class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. For the month of May, we will study the following lessons:

- May 07th **God’s Sustaining Love** *Jonah 1*
- May 14th **God’s Love Preserved** *Jonah 2*
- May 21st **God’s Love for Nineveh** *Jonah 3, Nahum 1-3*
- May 28th **God’s Pervasive Love** *Jonah 4*

Easter Lives

Sunday, April 16, 2017

IN LOVING HONOR

IN HONOR OF: Nelson & Kathy Jolly Burke.....Bob & Jeanne Jolly Vernell Cersosimo.....Mike & Missy Cersosimo Bob & Jeanne Jolly.....Nelson & Kathy Jolly Burke Jim & Sarah Monson.....Ken & Jackie Frie Our Buffalo Church Family....Kevin & Pam McDonald



IN LOVING MEMORY

IN MEMORY OF: Floyd Brown.....Virginia Brown Eloise Sawyer Cashion.....Jill Cashion Willett Jack Cashion.....Jill Cashion Willett Randall Douglas.....Lee & Pat Setzer E. P. and Clara Lee Dowdy.....J. W. & Mary Bailes Maggie Frie.....Ken & Jackie Frie Malcolm & Inez Jackson..Brooks & Pat Kelly & Family Shack & Treva Kelly.....Brooks & Pat Kelly & Family Knott Family.....Nancy K. Smith Alberta McDonald.....Kevin & Pam McDonald Ann Seymore.....Jean Wilberg Peter Wilberg.....Jean Wilberg Janice Winchester.....Lee & Pat Setzer Dear Loved Ones.....Jan Renwick Our Loved Ones.....Bobby & Evelyn Johnson



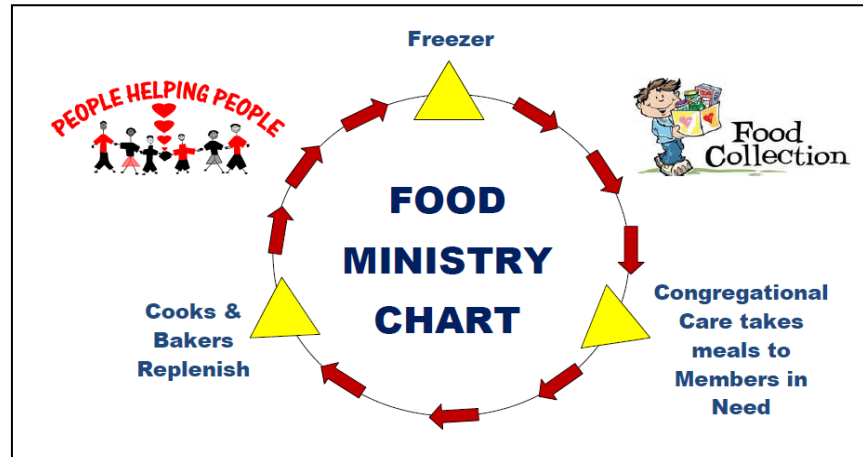
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What a wonderful day Easter Sunday was at Buffalo Church! From the beautiful music presented by the choir, to additional friends and family attending to the flowering of the cross, it was truly a joyous day. Such a celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead!

Thank you to all who participated in the Blanket Offering. A total of \$201.17 was collected which will help support a variety of worthy causes.

We hope to see everyone at Homecoming on May 7th. Buffalo is the oldest Presbyterian Church in Lee County. Join us as we celebrate the history of the church and look forward to Buffalo continuing to serve Christ for many years to come. Remember to invite friends and family to join us on this special day.

Jackie Frie
PWCT Moderator



A special thanks to Sarah Monson for creating the Food Ministry. Sarah, along with several other ladies, has made a variety of food items that can be used to fill needs of our congregation. If you know of one of our members who may be in need of a meal at a difficult time, please feel free to use the food from this ministry. We are using the refrigerator/freezer in the small room in the sanctuary. Also, feel free to add your own dishes to the food supply.



Session Corner

Highlights from Stated Meeting held April 9, 2017

Worship: Buddy will drape the Sanctuary cross with correct liturgical colors throughout Holy Week ending with the cross draped in white on Easter. Communion by Intinction will be offered at Easter Sunday Service.

Christian Education: Larry invites all to Sunday School led by Anne Collins at 9:45 a.m. There has been an increase in participation recently.

Congregational Care: The committee offered prayers for the sick, made phone calls, and sent cards. Food was taken to some.

Women: Kathy reported that the Flower Cross will be available for Easter. The Yard/Bake Sale will be held starting at 8:00 a.m. on April 22nd rain or shine. Help is needed before to price and set-up and after to clean-up. Baked goods are requested. Ideas for free advertisement were suggested and Patrick offered to put information on Facebook.

Old Business: The Sanctuary will be used for the wedding of Amanda Rodgers to Daniel Holmes, sponsored by Lee Setzer, and held on November 18th.

New Business: Rev. McDowell will fill the pulpit on April 30th and Rev. Walton on April 23rd to accommodate Rev. Walton's desire to help with the Yard/Bake Sale. Men of the Church dinners will now be held on the last Monday of each month to resolve the conflict with Choir practice.

Jean Wilberg, Assistant to the Clerk

Please use smile.amazon.com when you buy from Amazon. Sign up for donations in Lee County. Pick from: CUOC, Backpack Kids, or Emergency Services.



Amazon will give a donation with each purchase. Every little bit helps.



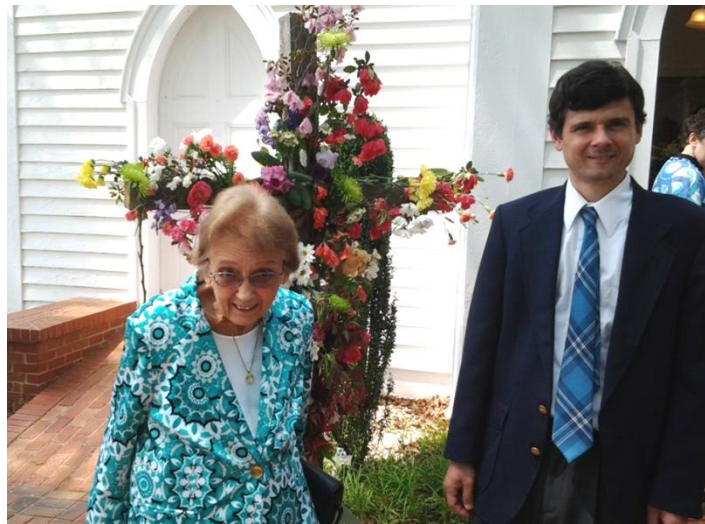
God Bless, Sandie Lemons

REJOICE IN THE MIRACLE OF
EASTER!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH



WE HAD COMMUNION



EVEN SHEILA CAME WITH ANDY



MISSY AND MIKE WITH THEIR FAMILY



JACKIE, ALLISON, CASH, CHASE, & KEN



JIM, VIRGINIA, AND SARAH

Easter



KOLBY, MAX, & MACKENZIE



ALLISON, CHASE, & CASH



**GREG, ANGELA, KOLBY, MAX, MACKENZIE, TIFFANY,
CARLTON, KAY, AND DARLENE**

Remember with love and prayer:



CHURCH MEMBERS: Lynda Bowers, Sheila Brewer, Dr. David Ciliberto, Nellie Cox, Greg Deck, Barbara Jo Glass, Clay Ingram, Sandie Lemons, Marie Macko, Lois Martin, and Susan Mierisch

FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Vernell Cersosimo, Linda Crompton, MacKenzie Deck, Brielle Frear, Lynn Godwin, Inez Holt, Michael Holt, Terry Johnson, Stanley Jones, Taylor Jones, David Key, Elaine McBryde, Sam McClearen, Marie Robinson, Carson Setzer, Doug Ury, and Theresa Williams

FRIENDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Ruth Berryman, Noah Clifton, Wendy Cole, Michelle Daurity, Henry and Nancy Douglas, Billy Edwards, Terry Farmer, Frank Gaddy, Jim Griggs, Dr. Earlie Hill, Brian Holland, Debbie Hurley, Eva Jones, Claire Kennedy, Kim King, Will Kirkland, Kasyn Kolacinski, Judy Lloyd, Pat Maguire, Rebecca Mansfield, Wendy McBryde, Chris McRae, Emily Moonyham, Megan Nelson, Tommy Scott, Cheryl Smith, Frank Tibbett, Rebecca Todd, Hannalore Vickers, Marie Wicker, and Emily H. Wright

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

April 02, 2017 – \$2690.00
 April 09, 2017 – \$1202.00
 April 16, 2017 – \$1339.00
 April 23, 2017 – \$1797.00
 April 30, 2017 – \$2374.00

10 Cents A Meal Offering – \$94.50
 Backpack Kids Offering – \$127.00



Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of the newsletter will be Tuesday, May 23rd by 9:00 a.m.



FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY DURING MAY BY THE FOLLOWING:

05/07/17 – by Nikki Cashion Thomas in memory of Virginia Cashion's Birthday

05/14/17 – by WOC in honor of Mother's Day (Carnations)

05/21/17 – **OPEN**

05/28/17 – by WOC in honor of Memorial Day



May 03rd - Libby Ragland	May 21st - Larry Collins
May 07th - James Tart	May 25th - Lee Setzer
May 11th - Patrick Kelly	May 26th - Brad Johns
May 13th - Helen Martindale	May 26th - Kathy Jolly
May 16th - Caitlyn Bridges	May 30th - John Bridges
May 31st - Carlton Davis	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



May 01st	Mike and Missy Cersosimo
May 16th	Brooks and Pat Kelly
May 21st	Daniel and Amy Hart
May 22nd	J. W. and Mary Bailes



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/GREETER

May 07th	Larry Collins
May 14th	Karen Johnson
May 21st	Kathy Jolly
May 28th	Patrick Kelly

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Gifts to the Church



In Memory of Kathleen Marie Morgret
 Bobby and Evelyn Johnson
 Buffalo Presbyterian Women

In Memory of Lloyd F. Cashion, Jr.
 Andy and Jay Holder

In Memory of Louise Stewart
 Andy and Jay Holder



In Honor of Austin Johns
 Robin Parker

In Memory of Bill Shermer
 Mr. and Mrs. J. David Fisher and Faye Gulliford

In Memory of Terry Johnson
 Jean Wilberg

Dear Church Members,



Please accept our deepest gratitude for your compassion and concern for our family during our time of loss. Your expressions of sympathy and comforting support have meant so much to each of us.

Your donations in honor of Dad's memory have touched us deeply. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. May these contributions continue to support the good works of Buffalo Church in the community and beyond. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

*With warmest regards,
 Elizabeth Shermer,
 Candy Young and Tim Shermer*



Mother's Day

is May 14th!

You may purchase a carnation "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" your mother or loved one. Please fill out below and return this to the church office as soon as possible. If you wish to have your name published in the Carnation Brochure, please ensure the order form is in the office by Wednesday morning, May 10th. Otherwise, you may purchase a flower until Mother's Day. The carnations will be \$1.00 each and you may take them home with you following Worship Service.

In Honor Of: (One name only please)

In Memory Of: (One name only please)

Given By:



RADIANT IS HIS LOVE

On bright and sunny mornings
My heart is filled with praise,
For my dear heavenly Father
Who brightens up my days!

Tho He is always with me
Whatever weather be,
When Springtime brings sweet promise,
His joy made known to me!



I love to hear the songbirds
When they are on the wing,
And when they're near my window,
Such solace do they bring



Yes, early in the morning
When grass is wet with dew,
'Tis then I feel uplifted!
'Tis then am I renewed!

So when I greet the dawning
My soul is filled with awe,
For Thee, my heavenly Father,
Who heeds my every call!

God's love is Bestest of All



My own dear heavenly Father
Tho dark or bright above,
My heart goes on rejoicing,
For radiant is Thy love!

Sancie Earman King

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