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Session

March 21, 2024

The Session of Dayton Glade Run Church met for its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the Academy. The Moderator, Pastor Sheila opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Elders Present: Joanne Colligan, Jim Gearhart, Ed Hollenbaugh, Barb Lightner, Andrea Marsh, Brenda Wadding, Melissa Wadding, Larry Wilson and Steffani Winslow.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Current Membership is 127. Church Registry & Session Minutes will be reviewed in May by Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

In February, Pastor Sheila conducted 4 worship service which included the installation of Elders/Deacons and Baptism. She attended 1 committee mtg and Session, conducted a Bible Study. She made the following visits: Hospital (1); Nursing Home (1), Home & Youth (2), Office Appts (3), Funeral Service Prep w/Family (2), Funeral Home Visits (1); Funeral Services (2) Doris Walker & Ron Schrock. Pastor Sheila attended the Dayton Ministerium Meeting and worked on the church newsletter.

Approved Pastor Sheila vacation, May 12 & May 22-29. She is serving on the Presbyters Search Committee. Barb Lightner will serve on the Nominating Committee as an Elder,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry/Technology: The Committee met on March 13. Our organ will be serviced. Easter plans have been completed. Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday/Communion, Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday/Intinction Communion, Mar. 30 – Easter Egg Hunt, Mar. 31 – Easter Sunrise Service at 8 am, breakfast to follow, Traditional Easter Service, May 5- Graduate Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Communion, May 26 - Patriotic Sunday Pulpit Supply May 12 - Joanne Colligan, May 26 - Denny Weaver. The next meeting of the Committee will be April 24.

Christian Education: Lenten Bible Study has been completed.

Fundraising: The committee met on March 11th. Melissa Wadding is the new chairperson. We worked

on the Golf Outing and discussed other options for fundraising. The next meeting will be April 10 at 10:00 am

Mission/Evangelism: The following funds were distributed in March: Unified Mission - \$350, Mucubira - \$200, One Great Hour of Sharing - \$200, Dayton VFD - \$500. Total disbursements: \$1250.

Stewardship/Interpretation: The Treasurer's reports were presented.

Property: A security camera will be installed.

Presbytery Business: Pastor Sheila and Joanne Colligan attended the March 9 mtg via Zoom.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: The cemetery gate will be open beginning in April.

A motion was approved to close the meeting.

Pastor Sheila adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Academy.

Easter Egg Hunt

What a generous, caring congregation we have. We asked for candy for Easter, and you delivered. We had one person fill her own and donate 200 eggs. We had another person fill her own and donated 282 eggs. Someone donated 80 Smarties-filled eggs. We have 96 non-candy filled eggs. We had a couple other people fill 45 eggs and donated many more eggs to be filled. There also was enough candy and money donated to fill 532 eggs. So roughly we have 1,190 eggs for the littles to gather at our egg hunt. And it wouldn't be possible without all of you. We've even had volunteers who offered to help hide/drop eggs for us. Betty Wilson is our photographer, and we so appreciate that. And the Easter Bunny. See Page 3 and next month's newsletter for pictures.

Ministry Support Committee

As we met March 13th and Easter coming upon us earlier than usual, our thoughts have been on the services and other activities that typically take place during this season.

Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday service including the serving of communion. Maundy Thursday will be a more solemn service where we take the bread and the wine in remembrance of Jesus' last days on earth. During that service we will vividly remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

But then on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate His resurrection. We will begin the morning with an 8:00 a.m. sunrise service in the academy. Following that service will be a full breakfast prepared and served by our Fellowship Committee. We will then join together in the sanctuary for our traditional 11:00 service. The church will be filled with beautiful Easter flowers.

Among all this will be an Easter egg hunt on our church lawn on Saturday, March 30th for the kids from our church family and surrounding community.

By the time you receive this newsletter, most of these activities will have taken place. But we are also looking ahead to the warmer month of May when we will be recognizing our high school graduates, honoring mothers, celebrating Pentecost, and holding a wedding in our sanctuary. You will hear and read more on these celebrations in weekly announcements and in the next newsletter.

Spring is upon us and the life and ministry of our church will continue to go from this hill as we serve Him together!

What Do Each of the Jellybeans Represent in the Jellybean Prayer?

Green: Green stands for "the grass he made." In other words, God created us ([Genesis 1](#) and [Genesis 2](#)). God created us to live in harmony and relationship with him in the Garden of Eden. Unfortunately, in [Genesis 3](#), things take a dark turn.

Black: Usually the flavor of licorice (you could use dark blue or dark purple if you don't have black available) represents sin. [Romans 3:23](#): "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Everyone sins and falls short of God's glory. We've created a chasm between ourselves and our Creator with no way to bridge

that divide.

Purple: In this poem, it stands for Christ's hour of sorrow he experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane ([Luke 22](#)). He knew what he had to do to save humanity, but he also knew how much pain and suffering he'd have to go through. In the Bible, purple also represents royalty. This means that Jesus is our everlasting King and Prince of Peace.

Red: Because of our sin, Jesus shed his blood for us. By his wounds, we are healed ([Isaiah 53:5](#)). Because Jesus shed his blood, we can come into a relationship with him.

White: Stands for God's grace. He washes us white as snow through his blood. [Isaiah 1:18](#) says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Yellow and Orange: In the poem, these stand for the sun and the edge of night. But we could also interpret these two colors as heaven. One day, we will live in a place where we will shed no tears and experience eternal joy with our Father in heaven ([Revelation 21](#)). The edge of night orange could represent the hope we experience as we wait for that glorious reunion in heaven.

Pink: Pink stands for our hope of a new tomorrow. For now, we wait for God's kingdom to arrive here on earth. But we know he has fulfilled his promises in the past, and he will come through for us now. As the rest of the poem goes, "And handful of jellybeans, Colorful and sweet, Is a prayer, a promise, A loved one's treat!"

In other words, on [Resurrection](#) Sunday, we celebrate the sweetness of salvation and the sweetness to come when we reunite with our Lord in Heaven.

A Sample Jellybean Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for creating me and everything in this universe (**green jellybean**). I admit that I have sinned (**black jellybean**) and have fallen short of your glory. But I want to thank you for going through with God's plan, even when it was scary for you (**purple jellybean**). Thank you for dying for my sins and the cross (**red jellybean**) and shedding your blood for me so that I could become pure as snow (**white jellybean**). I know that you will do everything you said you will do and that one day I will be in heaven with you (**orange and yellow jellybean**). For now, I wait in hope and excitement for when I will see you face to face (**pink jellybean**). Amen.

God can use even simple objects, such as Easter candies, to share his message. Think about the hidden message of the [candy cane](#) as well.

NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS Family of Margie Jamison, Eleanor Gahagan, Elinor Lockhart, Dan Stockdale, Barney Barnett, Ella Mae Bussard, Emily, McKenna McDonough and family, unspoken requests

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS Dorcea Troup, Janelle, Esther Irvine, Jackie Blose Schrecengost, Hudson Overly, Larry Ferringer, Nahij Greger, Richard Barnett, Donna Detwiler, Randy Freehling, Bill Calhoun, Jack and Lu Bennet, Suzanne Schrecengost, Rae Jean, Laurie Hill Shankle, (McKenzie Buzzard, Garrett Askew, Alyssia Park-Hedges, Andrew Jones, Scott Davis, Cameron Neigh, Leslie Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr.; Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucabira

Ongoing Prayers of Concern: Shannon Anderson-Black, Bobbi Ruth Blinn, Tom Brooks, Kitty Buzzard, LuAnn Cloak, Josh Conrad, Donna Funari, Shawn Getty, Mark Goldinger, Pete Hawkins, Lee Irvine, Kim Kerr, Dick Kolodick, Betty and Vernie Lightner, Elinor Lockhart, Mason Martin, John McCafferty, Shirley McEntire, Ernie McMeans, Faye McGaughey, Melissa Olinger, Joe Osterling, Gretchen Powers, Darlene Roudybush, Gunner Rix, Myrtle Schall, Corinne Schour, Jill Schrecengost, Gwen Shrock, Allen Simmers, Kim Slease, Dane Stear, Jean Swartz, Shawn Sweeney, Sabastian Toledo, John Turner, Ruth Ann Wineberg, Connie Yoakum,

We extend our sympathies to the families of Ron Shrock (February 6th), Doris Walker (February 24th), and Margie Jamison (March 28th) on their passings.

April Birthdays

3 Ken McGaughey
4 David McGaughey
4 Nicholas Sweeney
9 Chad Stockdale
13 Denise Getty
17 Kyler Calhoun
18 Brandon Lightner
19 Brian Crytzer
23 Paisley Mumford
25 Lily McMeans
27 Joyce Jamison
27 Nancy McIntire
29 Davy Lytle
30 Bill Hollenbaugh

Cemetery:

The gates of the cemetery are going to be open April 1st to November 1st.

April Anniversaries

25 **Kevin & Connie Bussard**
30 **Bill and Melissa Wadding**

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April Calendar of Events

2		4-H in Academy
3	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
4	1:00 p.m.	Women's Association
7	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
10	10:00 a.m.	Fundraising Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
10		4-H in Academy
14	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
16	10:30 a.m.	Mission Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
17	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
18	7:00 p.m.	Session
21	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
24	1:00 p.m.	Ministry Support Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
28	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
30		4-H in Academy

Look ahead:

May 2—Women's Association
May 5—Graduate Sunday
May 12—Mother's Day/Pulpit Supply
May 16—Ascension of the Lord
May 19—Pentecost Sunday/Communion
May 26—Red, White and Blue Sunday/Pulpit Supply
May 27—Memorial Day

