



Newsletter articles for April are due no later than March 21st.
Thanks!

Church History: Women & the Church
Submitted by: Jody Iaderosa

The driving force behind the organization of a church in the city of Parma were mothers, determined to create a positive environment in which to raise their children. Parma had gambling and saloons, but no laws or churches. The women set out to build a church and by their second meeting 1891 they had already raised \$54.34 and chosen a name for their group. A Greek word meaning “an association of neighbors for a common cause” was given to this group. It was THE AMPHICTYONIC COUNCIL. Membership grew and fund raising schemes proliferated. While the women were determined to build a church, the men had no enthusiasm, emphatically pronouncing the project ‘Impossible!’

Two stories about their work: One day a wagon load of dubious females drove into town and pitched tents beside the railroad track. Soon they received a note: “We know what your business is, and you better move on.” Signed Amphictyonic Council”. Tents were folded and they quietly moved on.

A similar case concerned a new barber in town who was most welcome until it became clear that he was entertaining a “lady of ill fame” after hours. He too received a note and he disappeared. His business returned to the home front.

Most of the fund raising revolved around community dinners, mostly near holidays, there were ice cream socials, entertainment programs, and Mrs. Stewart’s solicitations of every drummer who stopped by their mercantile store.

The dedication of a debt free church took place on May 1, 1900. The building stands at the corner of 2nd and Grove St., an attractive Parma home.

From Lucile Peterson’s “Hundred Years History of KMCC”

Baby Sunday

This is to remind everyone that Sunday, March 3rd is Baby Sunday!
We are celebrating the 7 babies that are being born this year, and want to invite everyone to join in after worship for fellowship & food, in the Community Hall.

Please remember : NO GIFTS thank you!



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KIRKPATRICK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Church Mouse

‘Grow or die’ aren’t the only two options

By Sue Washburn | Presbyterians Today

I’d been on the job for about three months when it came time for the joint planning meeting with the session and deacons. It was my first call to a small congregation in a medium-sized building. I was old enough to remember what church was like back in the ’70s, when vacation Bible school was a community event and Christmas and Easter meant extra chairs around the perimeter of the sanctuary. The church to which I’d been called didn’t even fill up on the big holidays.

So I went into that first leadership meeting with my new “Reverend” title and armed with information and statistics. As a second-career pastor I knew my way around the communication business. I also knew that churches were supposed to grow to be successful — and gosh darn it, we were going to do just that.

I went into that meeting with all my fear and anxiety about serving a dying church. The leadership meeting started right on time and I proceeded to rush through all my great ideas. I talked about new communication strategies, adaptive change, appealing to millennials, mission and vision statements and probably about a hundred other things that I thought were vital at the time. Many of the leaders sat quietly.

What was going on? I wondered. Why were they not excited to try all of the new things? How could they be so blasé about what their low numbers were showing? Did they want to dwindle away?

Over the next year in ministry we got to know and love each other. They knew some of my idiosyncrasies and I knew some of theirs. Still, the next joint meeting wasn’t that much different. I went in with my PowerPoint and statistics and they patiently endured — again. Toward the end, a deacon raised her hand.

“I don’t want to seem rude,” she said. “But it seems like we do the same thing every year and nothing ever changes. It doesn’t seem to make a difference.”

Another elder pushed back against the need to change at all. I announced, rather harshly, that I was not a hospice pastor. We had to increase our numbers. An elder, who was (and is) wiser than me, pointed out that they had heard the same dire stories and statistics about decline for quite a few years, but every year God managed to pull them through, oftentimes with a few new members. Not enough to show statistical growth, since so many were dying, but enough to maintain.

After another year or so together, we baptized an older child. I asked all the people in the sanctuary who had been baptized to stand and invited the boy to see the new family he would be joining. Then I asked everyone to sit except the people who had been baptized in that church. I expected about half of the congregation to be standing, thinking that since it was a small town, most of them had probably been baptized in the church. I was very wrong.

Of the 30 or so people who were in the room that day, only two remained standing. It was then that I realized that the church I had been serving for more than three years, the church that I thought never changed, had in fact been changing all along. While they never had 50 people join in a year, for 15 years they had welcomed a few people who felt the presence of Jesus in that sanctuary and chose to come back week after week to meet him there.

It was then that I realized that the given narrative for leaders with small congregations is simple: Grow it or close it. Today, I know that this is a false dichotomy. There is a third option. Small churches can thrive. Thriving small churches don’t get written up as success stories. Their pastors aren’t invited to speak at church conferences. In fact, there aren’t many resources geared just to them. Yet these small congregations continue to meet with Jesus and welcome others to join them. They remain grateful, as God remains faithful.

Sue Washburn is the pastor of Reunion Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

*Thanks to Carol Collins for sending me the link. You can read this and other stories online at :
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story>*



- 3/6 Don McCormick
- 3/11 Jim Bailey
- 3/12 Ashlie Randall
- 3/13 Gary Rohwer
- 3/17 Nichole Johansen
- 3/20 Pat Rohwer
- 3/21 Kaye Gyllenskog

Installation of Officers 2/10/2019



The officers that were able to join us are shown here.

We welcome Jenny Brown & Carol Collins to the class of 2021 Deacons, along with Susan Haaheim who was unable to be with us.

Our Session members for the class of 2021 are: Jenifer Edmonds, Jeff Hartman & Brad Watson, who was also unable to be here.



- 3/5 Ruby Finley
- 3/12 Jody Iaderosa
- 3/19 Lorie/Carol
- 3/26 Jenny Brown



Mason Samuel Obendorf was baptized 2/10/2019



Mason is shown with his parents: Phil Obendorf & Whitney Bettencourt. Elder Hans Gotsch is shown above.

Men's Group

Our men's group gather for breakfast the first Saturday of the month, excluding the summer months. They plan what to do for the church & grounds, along with planning their Lion's lunch menu!

Thanks to John Hartman for the photo!





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DEACON'S REPORT

(February)

Visits 16
Calls 18
Cards 20
Funerals 0
Communion Served: 49

March Deacons

Susan Bennett
Kaye Gyllenskog

Funeral Contacts:

Barb & Susan

Plus a host of great helpers!

Next meeting: March 17th

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sunday Choir Practice 10:00am
Worship 11:00am
Monday & Wednesday: Yoga Noon
3rd Monday: SSC 3:00pm
Tuesday Lions Meeting Noon
Wednesday Choir Practice 7:00pm
Thursday: Bulletin items due 9:00am
Art Guild in AH 9:30am

Call 208-989-7056 for office hours

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, 3/2,
8:30am.

Baby Sunday: Sunday, 3/3, food &
fellowship after worship in AH.
Please bring desserts to share!

Daylight Savings Time: Starts
Sunday, March 10th at 2am. Make
sure and set your clocks ahead
before you go to bed on the 9th!!

PW Spring Gathering: Saturday,
3/16 at Bethany in Ontario.

Session Meeting: Tuesday, 3/19,
7pm.

Blue Denim Sunday: Sunday,
3/31, after worship.

**More dates on calendar page ...
check it out!**

Sunshine Cupboard

Our next food distribution:

Monday, March 18th

3-4:30pm

**Always the 3rd Monday of the
month**

REMEMBER?

**Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!**



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am	Preschool 9-11:30am	Preschool 9-11:30am	Preschool 9-11:30am Choir Practice 7pm		1	2 Men's B/F 8:30am
3 Baby Sunday! Please bring desserts to share!	4 12:15pm Yoga	5 12pm Lion's Lunch	6 12:15pm Yoga	7 Art Guild 9:30-2pm	8	9
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24 31 Blue Denim Sunday	25 12:15pm Yoga	26 12pm Lion's Lunch	27 12:15pm Yoga	28 Art Guild 9:30-2pm	29	30