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 Monday through Friday



For The Birds

8368 Hill Church Street, SE
 East Canton, OH 44730

Sunday Mornings
 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
Sunday Evenings
 6:00 p.m. - Social Time
 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group
 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 262 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

218,000 ways to glorify Christ in 2018

Scrap	10,139 pounds	Goal = 75,000 pounds
Paper	7,730 pounds	Goal = 40,000 pounds
\$ for Other Ministries	\$3,526.00	Goal = \$27,000
Debt Reduction	\$7,868.00	Goal = \$48,000
Vegetables	0	Goal = 28,000 pounds

God was good to us in February! **Leslie and Seth Wellendorf** made the papers for their roles as drummer and trumpet player respectively, in a special East Canton ensemble. Good going guys! The youth served 61 at their annual Valentine dinner and raised \$670.00 for the mission trip to Columbia. Thanks kids and God bless young people who are determined to be blessings! We held the second Community Fellowship dinner and also enjoyed a visit from the Needhams – a very special gospel music group. **Mike and Missy Dillree** dedicated their family to bring up little **Melia** in the nurture of Christ and **Jamie Bernardi** was baptized and became IRCC’s newest member. May many more take such steps in faith! God bless all and we’ll pass on the good word in chapter 263.

A friend sent me a picture of a yellow cardinal. (This is an yellow Northern Cardinal not to be confused with the tropical bird called the Yellow Cardinal which is actually a tanager species with a head crest.) The first reported sighting of a yellow Northern Cardinal was in 1989. Though they are a bit more common now, they are still rare. The yellow coloration results from a genetic mutation that is apparently accompanied by other traits more disadvantageous than feather pigment. The yellow cardinals do not live as long as the normal red variety and are much less likely to reproduce. The reproduction issue may be directly related to the coloration as it affects mate selection. Or not. It may also be that yellow cardinals are simply less fertile. However that may be, the reduced lifespan is a separate issue generally thought to result from digestive processes. But there’s a connection!

Cardinal’s feathers are red because of the way their digestive system processes carotenoids taken in from their foods. The new yellow version is yellow because it processes carotenoids differently. Surprise! Changing the way an animal processes food is likely to have large systemic consequences. The vast and complex connectivity of biological systems is one of the reasons that almost all mutations result in net losses.

It should be pointed out that food related bird pigmentation can be affected without genetic mutations. Deprive Pink Flamingos of the algae and brine shrimp that constitute their normal diet and their bright pink fades to such a light pink as to look whitish. Funny – the algae is blue/green but the flamingo digestive system turns that into bright pink feathers! A compound called canthaxanthin is added to the food of captive flamingos to keep them bright pink despite the loss of their normal diet. But dietary changes only turn bright pink to pale pink. The feathers remain pink. Changing red to yellow requires a mutation. It’s a plus for bird watchers who tend to get excited by something new. But it’s kind of a minus for the cardinals in question.

I was raised in the Restoration Movement (a name barely used anymore). As I moved into the wider world past my childhood, I was surprised to discover that the Independent Christian Churches in which I had been raised were often viewed as kind of -quirky. Many saw (and see) our determination to restore New Testament doctrine and practice as getting hung up on extraneous details. And I will admit, it can become that.

On the other hand, the elements of Christian doctrine and practice have a profound connectivity. Even simple rituals – while not magic – represent a way of processing and conveying information. In this case, the information is God’s truth and literally – our very lifeblood. Change a seemingly minute detail here or there and the external shift, say from red to yellow, which will certainly capture out attention, may be the least of our worries. We may discover that we have suffered a decrease in vitality and capability and produced something that will, in the end, be non-viable. Jude 3

Terry

January 2018



Financial Report

Church

Balance January 1	\$29,453.44
Deposits	12,611.45
Expenses	(21,561.72)
Balance January 31	<u>\$20,503.17</u>

Missions

Balance January 1	\$ 0.00
Deposit	1,535.00
Expenses	(1,535.00)
Balance January 31	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Special Gifts

Balance January 1	\$ 18,977.07
Deposits	501.00
Expenses	(206.00)
Balance January 31	<u>\$ 19,277.07</u>

New Building Vision Fund

Balance January 1	\$34,327.12
Deposits	3,480.35
Expenses	(26,095.00)
Balance January 31	<u>\$11,712.47</u>
Total Balance January 31	<u>\$51,487.71</u>



~ Attendance ~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Jan. 28	61	--	130
Feb. 4	43	69	97
Feb. 11	53	65	153
Feb. 18	38	86	162



1. 1 Joshua 5-7
2. Joshua 8-10
3. Joshua 11-13
4. Joshua 14-17
5. Joshua 18-20
6. Joshua 21-23
7. Joshua 24, Judges 1-3
8. Judges 4-6
9. Judges 7-9
10. Judges 10-12
11. Judges 13-16
12. Judges 17-19
13. Judges 20-21, Ruth 1
14. Ruth 2-4
15. I Samuel 1-4
16. I Samuel 5-7
17. I Samuel 8-10
18. I Samuel 11-13
19. I Samuel 14-17
20. I Samuel 18-20
21. I Samuel 21-23
22. I Samuel 24-26
23. I Samuel 27-30
24. I Samuel 31, II Samuel 3
25. II Samuel 4-6
26. II Samuel 7-9
27. II Samuel 10-12
28. II Samuel 13-16
29. II Samuel 17-19
30. II Samuel 20-22
31. II Samuel 23-24, I Kings 1


March Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Youth Game Night	5	6 Elders Meeting 6:30	7 	8	9	10 Card Making
11 Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm	12	13 Grange Community Institute	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 	21 Community Fellowship Dinner @ 5:00	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Community Maundy/Thurs. Service	30	31

Prayer Calendar for March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1 Rick & Jamie Bernardi and Rainah	2 George & Brooke Preston	3 Carl & Nancy Unkefer
4 Bob & Bonnie Unkefer	5 Craig Yoho	6 Nick & Brooke Biller and Family	7 Pregnancy Choices	8 Roy & Joyce Ludy	9 Greg & Debbie Hartman and Briley	10 Dan & Lori Borne
11 Tyler & Julie Miller and Family	12 Neal Berkebile	13 Clint & Kristi Fetty and Family	14 Charlie & Deb Reed	15 Dan & DeVon Cappillo and Family	16 Alan & Sharon Savage	17 Carl Fetterman
18 John & Kathy Secrest	19 Mike & Suzie Felcyn and David	20 Bruce & Shirley Seemann	21 Tim & Amanda Piatt and Family	22 Willard & Jean Berkebile	23 Larry & Sharon Smith	24 Elmer & Fran Snider
25 Jim & Kay Foltz	26 Joe and Jennifer Bryan and Family	27 Joyce Snyder	28 Rick & Cheryl Perkins	29 Dick & Ann Sutton	30 Jane Thorn	31 Mike Mohr and Family

By The Way

We just finished with one of the, and sorry if I offend a lot of people over this, most insane holiday's on the calendar; by which I mean: Valentine's day. It's a day we celebrate... what? Not love. If we had a day for celebrating love it would be the holiday just around the corner; Easter. Infatuation? Maybe. Relationships? Surely we celebrate those on anniversaries. So, what do we celebrate on Valentine's day? Hershey Kisses? Truffles? Chocolate in general? 

Whatever it is we celebrate, it is over and passed and I am glad. However, remember a few sentences ago when I said there was a holiday in which we celebrate love? Yeah, that's coming up. The Bible is full of explanations and examples of what Love is. My long standing favorite is 1 John 4:7-8; "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

I like to keep this verse in the back of my head every time I read about death and destruction in the Bible. Remember that God does those things because He loves us and always had a plan to save us from ourselves. If you bear that in mind then the Old Testament becomes a completely different story.

God Bless,
Caleb Bailey,
Youth Pastor



~ Easter Schedule ~

Easter is almost upon us!

On March 29 we will join the Community Lenten Service to be held at St. Paul's Community Christian Church (formerly St. Paul's United Church of Christ) in East Canton at 7:00 p.m.

And remember – on Resurrection Sunday – April 1 – our schedule will be a little different.

We will have Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, Breakfast at 8:00 am, Sunday School at 9:00 am and Main Worship at 10:15 am.

Secret Sister Facts:

This year we have 34 secret sisters in the program. Happy Birthday to Jean Berkebile who celebrates her birthday on March 22. Belated birthday wishes to Jennifer Bryan, Susan Effinger, Mabel Hudak, Julie Miller, and Flo Shephard who celebrated January or February birthdays. Ten sisters claim purple as their favorite color. Can you guess who they might be?

Scripture Search for March



Check yourself on last issue's answers.

1. Baradach Baladan, II Kings 20:12-13
2. The words of a friend, Proverbs 27:9
3. Amos, Amos 6:6
4. All four – Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 7, and John 12
5. Babylon, Revelation 18:13

Russell E. Thorn and Lynn Schaeffer know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this next search on – fame (some versions will read 'news').

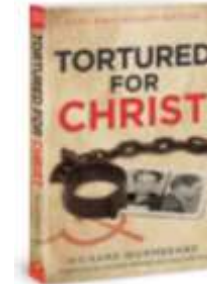
1. Solomon was famous for being wiser than any other man including Ethan the Exrahite, _____, _____, & _____.
2. God spoke of sending a sign to nations that had not heard of his fame including Tarshish, _____, _____, _____, _____, & _____.
3. Joshua's fame reached throughout the land of Canaan just before the conquest of which city?
4. According to Matthew's gospel Jesus fame spread throughout Syria as he healed _____, _____, & _____.
5. Of Matthew, Mark, & Luke, which speaks of fame the least?

When you know the answers and the references, get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your Bibles too well!



Pantry items for March are canned vegetables such as green beans, corn, peas, etc. There is a box across from the office for your donations.

Thank you!



Voice of the Martyrs (V.O.M.) is a Christian organization that keeps watch on the status of religious freedom around the world. It also ministers to families of those imprisoned or Martyred for their faith. VOM was founded by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand 50 years ago following his 14 years of imprisonment in communist Romania. Copies of his book "Tortured for Christ" are available on the counter by the display case (suggest donation \$5.00 will further their ministry).



How many Shamrocks can you find?





February: Love

Memory Verses

- ✓ “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:8
- ✓ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34
- ✓ “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 36:26

God is Love

• Key Concept

God tells us He loves us in the Bible. The Bible is God’s love letter to us. It teaches us what love looks like, sounds like, and acts like.

God Looks At the Heart

• Key Concepts

The Lord is not looking at the appearance of people. God created us and He sees our hearts. Even if we look acceptable to the world, if our hearts are filled with sin and hurtful words toward others, God cares about our hearts more than what we look like.

Love One Another

• Key Concepts

One of the greatest commands that God has given us is to love one another. Everything we do must be done in love. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 teaches us that if we act out of obligation and not love, then our actions are pointless. God love you and because He loves you He wants you to act in love toward others.

Tootsie Roll Pop – Object Lesson

• Key Concepts

A Tootsie Roll Pop is hard on the outside, but the inside is soft and chewy. The problem with this is to get to the soft insides, you have to remove the hard shell. God promises to give us a new heart—a soft heart because sometimes our hearts get hard. When people hurt our feeling or we repeat the same sin over and over again or we step away from God, our hearts can become hard. No matter how hard our hearts get, God can soften them. As a matter of fact, He promises He will. God has a special way of softening a heart.

God Bless,
Jeanelle Thorn

Lesson materials pulled from ministry-to-children.com.



Upcoming...

- February 25th – No Youth
- March 4th – Minute-To-Win-It Game Night (make-up date)
- March 25th – North Canton Skate Center (2-4pm)



Helping Osnaburg Prosper Economically, Inc

H.O.P.E., Inc

Who We Are: Helping Osnaburg Prosper Economically, Inc is a private, nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization that was developed to advance the economic growth of the community, ensure quality housing options for all community members, develop an enhanced transportation and infrastructure system, increase the tax base within the Village of East

Canton and Osnaburg Township, and enrich the quality of life for all community members. H.O.P.E. is comprised of a 25 member board volunteer Board of Directors.

Mission

The mission of H.O.P.E. Inc. is to ensure and protect the quality of life of our community where residents treat each other with respect, provide diverse business opportunities, celebrate our unique historic and agricultural heritage, strengthen our schools, and embrace our future with optimism.

To Learn More

For a more detailed explanation of the Joint Community Plan, visit the Village of East Canton website at:

www.eastcantonvillage.com

or visit us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HOPE.Inc.EastCanton/>

Fund-raising Activities Include:

Spaghetti Dinner 4/21/18 at Foltz Community Center

Adults \$10 in advance - \$15 at Door - Children Ages 5-10 = \$5

Tickets available at FCC, Espresso Pizza, County Café & Town Center

Handmade Queen Size OSU Quilt Raffle - \$5 each or 5 for \$20

For Tickets, contact any officer or board member

President – Brenda A. Griffith Vice-President – Kevin Miller

Secretary – Kathy Almasy Public Relations – Beth Schuring Mary Sanders – Treasurer

Initial project is attempting to raise \$200,000 to acquire 15+ acres on which Senior Housing could be developed. We raised \$5000 in two days last year as earnest money toward purchase of the property. Approximately 3-5 acres would provide sufficient space to build a 40 unit facility. Purchasing the property would also allow H.O.P.E., Inc. to maintain control over how the remaining acreage is developed.

Please help us make Senior Housing a reality in our community!

Donations, payable to H.O.P.E., Inc can be deposited at

Consumers National Bank in East Canton

Gifts to Helping Osnaburg Prosper Economically Inc are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.