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"A trip I never dreamed of..."

-Ronnie Harper

Honor flight is a free flight for United States military veterans to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C., provided by honor flight organizations. Honor flights first began in 2005 thanks to Earl Morse, a U.S. Air Force Captain who wanted to honor veterans of previous wars. 273,543 veterans have taken flight since 2005. You can visit their website for more information.

www.honorflight.org



"I never had a day like that...I was surprised, but one of the most awesome days!" said **Ronnie Harper** who took off from John Glenn International Airport on Honor Flight Columbus Mission #120 on April 13.

Ronnie was encouraged to apply for this trip, so after some thought, he filled out an application. He said, "There is a waiting list and I was on the list for approximately a year for this a one-day trip. There will be 9 trips this year, I was on the first one for the year. A total of 86 veterans were a part of the Honor Flight as well as a 98-year-old World War II veteran."

Ronnie graduated from high school in 1965 and shortly afterwards, he was in the service, the date was January 4, 1966. He was drafted by the United States Army and served for two years as a teletype operator in the com center. "I went to Fort Knox for basic, to Atlanta, Georgia for advanced training then served in Italy for 19 months," said Ronnie. **Thank you, Ronnie Harper and all veterans for your service!**

"The whole trip was awesome. It's something to see. If I had to choose the one thing as a highlight, it would be the Arlington
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Circleville First Church 17th Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, May 7

Rain Date May 21

All makes, models and motorcycles welcome



Registration Fee: \$15

Vehicle Registration: 3 pm- 5 pm

Judging: 5:30 pm

Awards: 7 pm

All registered entries eligible to win Prizes
& Grand Prize from sponsors

Circleville First Church nor the Event Planner is responsible for
any accidents or damages to vehicles

Please No Alcohol or Trailered Vehicles

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"A trip I never dreamed of..." (con't from page 1)

National Cemetery, where the monuments are all aligned in such a way that when you look at it this way, they are in a straight line. When you look at it diagonally, they are still in a straight line, one behind the other. Even in the valley or up on the hill, the aligned monuments are straight," said Ronnie.

He continued on, "The Arlington National Cemetery looks flat when you see it on tv, but as I looked at the monuments, realizing that these soldiers gave their lives, fighting for our freedom. I was impressed with the monuments in a row, it is awesome." Then he commented, "In one area, there were the most beautiful tulips all of one color, then another color. The cherry trees were still in bloom, almost finished blooming." The second highlight was the changing of the guard. Ronnie informs, "There were 3 guards, the pace is 21 steps, then each stops for 21 seconds. In unison, the three click their heels



together as they turn. You hear 1 sound (of the 3 clicking together), then they take 21 steps back. It is perfectly quiet, no phones, no noise. We could almost hear each other breathe, it's sacred."

"It was nothing like I thought, it was a lot more than I thought it was going to be. I learned a lot. We walked at our own pace (about 5 miles that day). As the day went on, I became more excited. It was tiring, but after a short rest, I was ready to go again," recalls Ronnie.

Ronnie and his neighbor were paired up with a guardian, there are two veterans to a guardian. The guardians are volunteers and do not receive pay.

"My younger brother previously took this trip; he told me about it, but it didn't quite register until I was able to take this experience," said Ronnie. They visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, "the flag was probably 50 feet in the air and the Washington Monument has 95 steps," declared Ronnie.

"I have seen the traveling Vietnam War Memorial but not the Vietnam War Memorial until

this trip. It was really neat; it is in the shape of an 'L'. There are machines to search and locate names on the wall," stated Ronnie.



"When we arrived home in Columbus around 10 pm that evening, there were a lot of people there to welcome us. "I know how the President feels. Everyone wanted to shake our hands. Columbus dignitaries present as was representatives from the Columbus Police Department and the Columbus Fire Department. There was a group from our church who was there!" stated Ronnie. He added, "The gesture that touched me the most was the little kids putting their hands under the rope to shake our hands."

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by." – Will Rogers

"This trip represents, to me, what the United States represents, it's a shame that so many gave their lives. They are gone, but not forgotten. Many paid for our freedom. I would go back again, but if I did, someone else would be unable to go. I'd rather someone else be given an opportunity to have this experience. It was a long day, but well worth the trip!" commented Ronnie.



"Since the Honor Flight, I have gotten 3 others applications and counting...Any veteran should take this trip if the

opportunity arises. I met a lot of nice people. Any special needs or disabilities, no problem, it is taken care of," he said.

Ronnie emphasized, "I would like to express how much I appreciated all those who sent cards, came to the airport and all of the congratulations I received."

***Thank you, Ronnie and All Veterans for your service!
Freedom is not free!***

Don't forget: We have a **blessing box** at the side of the Ferguson/Clark Hall. You can help fill it with food to feed our community in need. Canned goods especially pop-top cans, snacks, personal items, individually wrapped plasticware, blankets can be placed in the box. Thank you for your support!



Verse of the month

"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."
2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT

submitted by **John Adams**



Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings 8 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

This month, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be a little different. It will be held on **May 20** at 8 am in the Ferguson/Clark Hall.

But...it is open to everyone. **Yes, everyone is welcome to this breakfast.** Steve Palmer will be the speaker for the morning with the focus on missions.



Shoebox Ministries
Items of the month

TOYS

Please place items in the box
on the Ohio Street side of the sanctuary

submitted by **Darline Gose-Withers**

Serving our country

Thank you for your service! **Sean Baldwin, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Ryan Dean, Elijah Garrison, Zachary Haddox, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Anthony Romeo, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson** are serving our country. Please pray for them and their families.



Surrender

Wanted: Do you have any packing Styrofoam just laying around? If you no longer need it, please consider donating it to the church for "space fillers" in decorations. Just leave in back of church someone will pick it up from there. Thank you.



Thank you for all who participated in Work Day!

Kitchen delights

This recipe from the 1981 Circleville First Church Cookbook - originally submitted by Mary Wolfe

Dump Salad

- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 box of orange jell-o
- 1 cup of Cool Whip
- 1 cup of crushed pineapple
- 1 can of Mandarin oranges (drained)

Drain fruit and dump all together.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**



Penny March for Missions – May 7

Can you serve?



Do you have a couple of free hours once a week? Are you interested in serving the people of Pickaway County? Do you wish you could actively be the hands and feet of Jesus? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you might come meet our team at the Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is located at 722 Clinton Street and is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help stock shelves, scoop pet food, check dates on cans or organize; we can use your help! Stop in any day, Monday -Friday between 1-4 or Thursday between 1-6 and ask to see the Daily Coordinator and she will show you around.

We are also in **need of canned beans (Pinto/Kidney/Baked/etc), canned vegetables and canned soups.** You can either drop these off at the pantry during the hours mentioned above or drop them off at church on the round table in the library.



submitted by **Kristie Steck**

Thanks Mom

Jokes of the month

"I quit my job as an elevator operator."

"Oh yeah, why did you do that?"

"Because there were too many ups and downs."

---told to me by **Pastor Jim Daft**



My first job was at an orange juice factory, but I got canned.
I couldn't concentrate.

Can a vegetarian eat animal crackers?

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



Check out the **Candy Bouquets** for any occasion; located on the back table. They are ready to go, grab one or two and place your payment in the pre-marked envelope. Guess What? You will be helping missions! **Proceeds benefit missions.** See **Cathy Marck** for questions.

Proverbs 23:26

CFC Kids

Coming soon..

CFC Family Nights! This summer we will once again have Vacation Bible School Family Fun Nights. This was a great time of families getting together for a safe night of fun and also learning about God.



Dates will be announced soon so keep an eye out.

How can you help?

Most importantly we are in need of **prayer**. Please pray for those who will come onto our parking lot and that they will experience God's love.

The next important thing is **volunteers**! There is a spot for everyone. Volunteers are needed for things such as giving out prizes, helping prepare food, supervising games or activities. For more details, please see **Kiera Yaniga**!

submitted by **Kiera Yaniga**

JOY (just older youth)

Trip to Dogwood Pass and meal is scheduled for May 20

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Swap shop

It's back...Do you have an item you would like to give away? To sell? Or something you need? Well, it also does not have to be an item, maybe you are willing to provide a service or if you need of a service. If any of these apply, you can place an ad in the Swap Shop.

It is simple, really...Give a brief description of the item, whether this is a free item or for sale or a wanted item OR a description of



the service you will provide or need and how to contact you, your name and phone number. Sounds easy, right?

You can contact Kay Agin by calling or texting her at 740/500-9836 or email her at aginkay@yahoo.com

Each listing will be run for one month. If you would like the listing to run again, simply contact Kay Agin, otherwise the listing will not be run.

"The Witness" staff, Circleville First Church, church staff, church board and any other person associated with Circleville First Church will not be responsible for any miscommunications or misrepresentations of items or services in this article.

This month:

For Sale: Power Chair; Outside Scooter; Foot Pedal Exercise Bike with remote; Shower Chair with back. Contact Judy at 740/497-4260

Thank you, Security Team!!



Circleville Community Mission news

For us, this year's Easter celebration, record numbers attended and a few have started attending services. This was also our first year for sunrise service, approximately half the church attended. Special *thank you* goes to **Venita Daft** and **Judy Seymour** for their advice on what to serve. Now if someone had shown **Pastor Cathy** how to use a coffee pot and had explained that waffles go in toaster and not in oven, things would have been much smoother :)

With Mother's Day just around the corner several shared memories or thoughts on moms. **Ava**, 12 years old, says that she loves her mom and how she takes good care of her, also how sometimes, when her mother is able, she takes her to Olive Garden and recently she showed Pastor Cathy her new surprise that her mother gave her; three new Squishmellows. Six-year-old **Hayden** is new to the mission, he states that his mommy's the best, she cooks and bakes him lots of goodies. His older sister, **Ivy** shares how her mother works hard and sometimes brings treats home from work.



Alison, age 7, tells that her mom is a good cook and that she is pretty. Her sister **Madison**, tells the class how her mom is really nice and kind. The oldest child in the family, **Isabel**, 13, shares her mom is smart, helps her with her homework. **Carly**, 10, likes it when her mom buys her stuff, lately her mother gave her some cute earrings. **Ryan**, 12, says his mother is a hard worker, how she has worked as an umpire, at the school and at McDonald's. Even though she works hard, she still makes time for him, having fun playing cards and said that his mother's tacos are amazing.

Zachary, age 9 and **Abby**, age 10, both tell how their moms take good care of them. Eleven-year-old **Jayden** comments that his mother always makes sure he and their family have a roof over their head. His brother **Braxton**, who is 10, says his mom is nice, she brings him to church. Eight-year-old **Ember** comments that her mother loves her, brings her to church and takes good care of her. **Carmen**, age 11 says mommy is mommy, she takes good care of me and when I am sick, she prays for me and asks others to pray too.

Mercadies, 15, she shares that her **Aunt Sabrina** is now her mom and tells how she is nice, that she loves her because she is a good cook, she adopted her and her three siblings, giving her new mom 10 children to love and care for. **Austin**, 15, tells how his mother plans all their birthday parties, goes all out and makes each kid's day special and when **Aunt Elizabeth** tries to teach him to drive, his mom screams the loudest. **Konner**, 13, says his mom likes to garden, she makes sure their electricity bill is

paid, says his favorite meal his mother cooks for him is Spaghetti O's and meatballs. His twin brother, **Kollin**, states one of his fondest memories was going to Golden Corral, with 10 kids plus adults, but his mother never complained. He also recalls when he wrecked his bike, his mother taking him to the hospital and stayed with him through it all.

Fourteen-year-old **Joseph**, tells how his mom keeps him on track with important stuff, his favorite thing she cooks is spaghetti and meatballs. He comments that having 10 children surely is not easy, that she teaches them to help one another and that even boys can help clean and cook. **Kaylena**, 11 years old, who is nonverbal, her siblings believe if she could talk, she would thank her mom for dressing her in cute clothes, making sure she is safe and loved. **Makenzie** age 9, tells how her mother takes good care of her, buys her cute bows for her hair and very loudly states that her mother is the greatest mommy ever. **Blayke** age 10, shares how he loves his mom, how she makes sure they are safe. He tells of when he was at the hospital, how she let him hold her hand when he was afraid. His twin brother **Blayze**, states that he loves his mommy because she is his mommy and she makes special treats for him, like tacos and Oreos.

Larissa age 18, tells how her mother is very strong mentally and physically; how her mother helps them succeed in all they do; states her mother has been through a lot, but still makes her 10 children feel everything will be okay. Larissa shares that her mother's favorite things are flowers and chocolates. Their neighbors they bring with them, and people say Pastor Cathy needs a bus, 15-year-old **Terry** shares that his favorite food is his mother's spaghetti and meat balls; now his sisters disagree, **Elizabeth** age 20 believes the best dish is her mother's homemade tacos, whereas their twin sisters, age 19, **Whittney** and **Brittney** comment their favorites are cherry delight and macaroni salad.



Upcoming events:

Vacation Bible School - scheduled for June and July, Thursday nights at 6 pm

Monthly children's outings for the summer are being planned
Revival planning is in the works.

Prayer request:

Housing for mother with 2 girls.

Housing for family with three boys.

Prayers for the ministries of the mission would be appreciated.

submitted by pastoral team **Randy and Cathy Haddox** and CFC representative **Peggy Smith**



Community Meals

Do you have some time and want to help others of our community? Maybe you want to donate food or other items. We are called to serve...Here is a list of places where you could serve.

Community United Methodist Church

120 North Pickaway Street – Door C
Carry-out: Sunday 5:30- 6 pm

Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry

722 Clinton Street (740) 412-1538
Monday & Friday 1 – 4 pm Thursday 1 – 6 pm

Presbyterian Church

134 East Main Street
Carry-out ONLY: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 5 pm

Vineyard Church

911 South Pickaway Street
Dinner Service – Saturday 5 – 6:30 pm

Circleville Church of Christ Food Pantry

1555 North Court Street (740) 474-4380

Walk the Talk – Mobile Pantry

2146 North Court Street (740) 412-1565

Pickaway Community Action

Alexis Goode (740) 983-2530
Any family that resides in Pickaway County in need of food support is encouraged to call.

Ashville Food Pantry

20 Church Street
Ashville, Ohio (740) 983-2641

Circleville Community Cupboards

Pickaway County Job & Family Services (side of the building)

1005 South Pickaway Street

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

310 East Main Street

Pickaway County Board Developmental Disabilities

200 East High Street

Community Mission Church

144 Lowery Lane

Pickaway County Library (left side of the building)

1160 North Court Street

Community United Methodist Church (side of the church)

120 North Pickaway Street

St. Joseph Parish Center

777 East Ohio Street

Second Baptist Church

130 West Mill Street

Community Cupboards items

God's Word – Tracts, Bibles, Coloring Books

Flyers – Regarding Events, Free Meals, Community Help etc.

Water – Bottles of all sizes

Canned food – with snapped open lids preferred: spaghettiO's, soup, ravioli, beef stew, beef-a-roni, canned meats, fruit, Vienna sausages, tuna

Individual Wrapped Plastic Ware – from fast food restaurants

Prepackaged Individual Snacks – Little Debbie's, cheese crackers, pudding etc.

Boxes or Bags of Cereal

Candy – that will ok in temperature for the current season

Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue etc.

Clothing

Flashlight/Batteries

Children's Items – toys etc.

Notebooks, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners

Please remember our church's blessing box



**5 – 7 Penny March for Missions
Annual Car Show 3 – 7 pm
Evening Service – dismissed**

**5 – 14 Happy Mother's Day
Evening Service – dismissed**



**5 – 20 Mission Minded Weekend Breakfast 8 am
FC Hall Speaker: Steve Palmer**

JOY- trip to Dogwood Pass

5 – 21 Evening Service – dismissed

5 – 28 Evening Service – dismissed



5 – 29 Memorial Day

5 – 31 Annual Business Meeting



The mission, vision, values...

The Mission, Vision, Values are proudly displayed at the back of our sanctuary. Yet I am not sure how many of you are aware of how those came to be. Three years ago, during our Summit we felt lead that the focus needed to be on giving us focus for the future in a word form that would be helpful to every member and attender that walked through the doors. It was at this time the Mission, Vision, Values were birthed. The Elders of the church then felt it would help to give focus to our board meeting for these to be displayed at the top of our agenda which were they have gone ever since. Next, we wanted to get them out in front of the congregation in way they could see and know them this happened about year half ago on the back of the bulletin. Finally, with the focus of our world and the lack of Biblical integrity in main line churches I believed it would be important to have the Mission, Vision, Values posted on the back wall for all to see and remember. God is doing a great work in our church, and I believe it do to the focus we have given to these truths in the past few years. May God continue to challenge our hearts for His holiness and guide us to new depths with Him.

Our Mission

Helping people **Know, Grow** and **Go** in Christ's Love!

Our Vision

To **Relentlessly** know Christ and make Him known in our **Community**.

Our Values

*Believing the Bible is God's Word. It's accurate, authoritative and applicable to our everyday lives. 2Timothy 3:16

*Focusing on bringing people to Christ both near and far. Matthew 28:19-20

*The power of Prayer. 1Thessalonians 5:17 – Colossians 4:2-3

*Worshiping together in His presence. Romans 12:1

*Helping our family develop their God-given ability to serve others. Mark 10:45

*Seeking to look like Jesus. Matthew 6:33

submitted by **Pastor Jay**

Thank you, Ohio Christian University Women's Basketball Team for your hard work at our church!! We appreciate all you did!!

Hey! If you can pray, the **Aaron & Hur prayer closet** could use you on Sunday mornings! Check out the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.

Bible Study - Wednesday evenings 7 pm -- John Adams

According to a recent article I just read on nutrition, they said eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Nutritionists say there is a simple way to tell if you're eating right. Colors. Fill your plates with bright colors. Greens, reds, yellows.

In fact, I did that this morning. I had an entire bowl of M&M's. It was delicious! I never knew eating right could be so easy.

I now have a whole new outlook on life.

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. After a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore.

Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mom in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies.

"Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked.

The little boy thought for a moment and replied, "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

submitted by **Jerry Parish**

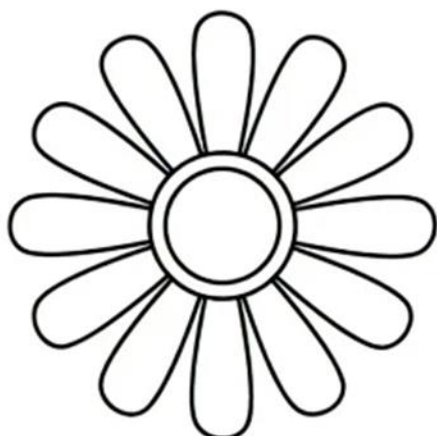
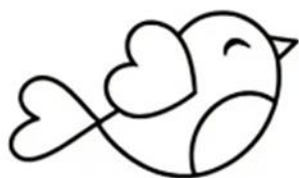


Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



Home of the free,
because of the brave

I love you
MOM



I love it when you

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You are really great at

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You make me laugh when

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My favorite thing to
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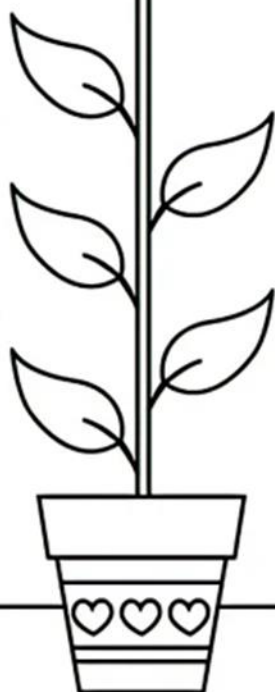
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