

# The Grapevine



March, 2018

Cove Spring Church ~ 5705 Walnut Grove Road ~ Troy, Ohio ~937-214-4416 ~ Pastor Greg Morrow

There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. –John 19:18

This month we are in the middle of the Easter season. The time of year when we think about the crucifixion of Jesus. Recently I prayed asking God to help me comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus. I got my answer while reading a book. The author said that God gives us opportunities to comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus when He gives us opportunities to practice self-giving love. So to comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus we need two things. First, we need choose to say yes to the opportunities God gives us to practice self-giving love. Second we need to reflect on how those moments point beyond themselves to God's self-giving love for us.

Everyday God gives us opportunities to practice self-giving love. It may be the moment when a teacher is tired and ready to go home and a student walks into her classroom asking for extra help. She says yes to the opportunity and gives 30 minutes of her time to tutor the child. It may be when a husband is exhausted from a long day of work and just wants to veg out, but his wife needs to talk so he listens. Every day God gives each of us opportunities to practice self-giving love. When we say yes it empowers us to comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus.

But we need more than to say yes to those moments. We need to reflect on what those moments mean. The other day I had my heart set on what I wanted to do that particular evening. But I was presented with an opportunity to practice self-giving love by giving up my plans and helping someone else. Afterwards I reflected on the experience. I noticed how hard it was for me to give up an *evening* and then I thought about how Jesus gave up his *life*. In that moment I felt like I gained just a little more awareness of what Jesus actually did for me.

My prayer is that this Easter season each of us will better comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus.

Faithfully, Pastor Greg Morrow

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# Joys and Concerns

## Prayer Concerns

Our Nation, Our President, Our Country,  
Our Service Men and Women

Our friends and neighbors and in our community who  
have lost, and are searching for employment.

Please pray for God's comforting & healing touch for  
the following:

### **Families who have lost loved ones in February:**

- The Stull family upon the loss of Lillian Mae Stull
- The Davidson family upon the loss of Melville
- The Kauffman family upon the passing of Kenneth
- The Staley family upon the loss of Mark.
- The Caldwell family upon the loss of James.
- The Gensinger family upon the loss of a grandson.

### **Those recovering from health issues or surgery:**

- Levi Delimpo- 10 yr. old Grandson of  
Darryl & Bev Gheen, diagnosed with bone  
cancer.
- Sara Duff – Health issues
- Karen Hassa – diagnosed with cancer
- Bobby Sparks – diagnosed with cancer
- Stan Terebinski – recovery from open heart surgery
- Hunter Sharp-Recovery from multiple injuries from  
a 2-story fall with a projected one year recovery  
period.

### **Those battling Cancer:**

<i>Judy Overholser</i>	<i>Sharon (Simpson) Thornhill</i>
<i>Sandy Lease</i>	<i>Catherine Bensman</i>
<i>Steve Quillen</i>	<i>Maria Adams</i>
<i>Arlene Wise</i>	<i>Kyle Ressler</i>
<i>Jackie Gearon</i>	<i>Karen Hassa</i>
<i>Bobby Sparks</i>	<i>Levi Delimo</i>
<i>Jerry Dearth</i>	

### **MARCH USHERS:**

Tom Fulton and Matt Gilliland



### **Happy Birthday In March:**

Ella Hershberger, Dan Danielson,  
Danielle Danielson, Sutton Flora,  
Mark Staley, Debbie Faulder, Molly Fine,  
Jennifer Bowman, Katie Benham,  
Elizabeth Robbins, Bill Sutherly,  
Matt Gearhardt, Sharon Luttrell,  
Brian Wick, Jamie Long,  
Ronda Hershberger, Sarah Walters,  
Kyle Greenlee, Caleb Greenlee,  
Betsy Staley, Elizabeth Freshour,  
Haley Matheny, Eris Worthington,  
Andrew Miller, Carol Sweet, Tom Fulton,  
Kim Harbison, Tom Wallace, Kathryn Kingrey,  
Pastor Greg Morrow



### **March Anniversaries**

Tim and Sharon Holzen  
Doug and Melanie Benham  
Bill and Janice Frank

### **April 2018, Newsletter Deadline**

Items for the April Newsletter are due on **Mar.25th**  
Please notify Lynda Mott at ([Lynda.mott05@gmail.com](mailto:Lynda.mott05@gmail.com))

# Church News and Announcements

## **BAKED POTATO DINNER MAR. 04<sup>th</sup>**

The Harvesters Circle Class will host a Baked Potato Dinner on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the morning service. All are welcomed.

A freewill donation will be appreciated.

## **DEACON BOARD MEETING, Mar. 05<sup>th</sup>**

Our Deacon Board meeting is scheduled for March 06, at 7:00pm.

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST Mar.10<sup>th</sup>**

The Casstown Fire Dept. will host it's pancake breakfast at the fire station 7:30am to 11:00am, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Adults: \$6, Children 4-10 \$3, age 3 & under-Free

## **BLESSING OF THE FARMERS, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Cove Spring Church will again set aside a time during worship service to offer a special blessing and prayer for the safety and health of our farmers upon this Spring planting season.

### **A Farmer's Prayer** -Robin Fogle

Lord, bless the land You've given me,  
And may I always know  
As I tend each crop and creature  
You're the One who helps them grow.  
Grant me the strength and wisdom  
Please protect me from harm,  
And thank You For Your gracious gift-  
The blessing of a farm.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MAR. 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Will meet Mar.13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Devotional Chairman for this meeting is Carol Sweet and our theme: "Faithful"  
All ladies welcome!

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**

The men's Bible Study class has been enjoying their study with Mr. John Fulton as leader. The class continues to be very well attended. The class meets every third Saturday morning of the month at 7:30am. We look forward to your presence.



**Daylight Saving Time**  
Begins March 11.

## **TGIF -CORNER..**

**TGIF:** (Thanking God in Fellowship) Ladies will be meeting for dinner **Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>** at Harrisons in Tipp City at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Ann Horner @239-6750 by Mar. 07<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend. All Ladies are welcome.

## **ANNUAL PASTA DINNER Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Friendship Circle Class will host their Annual Pasta Dinner Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> between 5 & 7 p.m. in the church basement. They offer salad, pasta, bread stick, dessert and drink for a free-will donation. Proceeds to be given to local cancer funds and other missions. All are welcome for a great time of fellowship.

## **COVE SPRING YOUTH GROUP MAR. 18<sup>th</sup>**

All youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to attend. Pastor Greg will teach a relevant lesson about how God changes our lives. Dinner will be provided. If you are planning on attending, let Pastor Greg know.

## **HOME GROUPS BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP APR. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our next home group Bible Study/Fellowship will be hosted by Wade & Diana Wilhelm at the Memory Barn House at 4:00pm

*Our Groups meet each month at the home of a member. All are welcome. Pastor Greg will lead the group in a bible study with fellowship and refreshments following. (Bring a dish to share) Home groups are an excellent way to study the Bible with other believers and get to know others in our church better. There are sign-up sheets in each vestibule for those who are interested in having a group meet in their home.*

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Each Wednesday evening at 6pm. Always promises to be interesting and rewarding. All ladies welcome.

Mar. 07   Mar. 14   Mar. 21   Mar. 28



## **CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Cove Spring has set a date of April 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual rummage sale. More details to follow at a later date. However, now is the time during those cold nasty days to gather those good-conditioned, no-longer used items, but still valuable and donate to this fundraising event.

# Easter Services & Activities Schedule

## PALM SUNDAY - March 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30a.m.

Cove Spring welcomes New Christians and New Members to our church during morning worship service.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00a.m.

Doors of Cove Spring will be open for prayer at 6:00 A.M.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m.

Our Maundy Thursday service will include communion and will begin at 7:00pm.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

FOR THE CHILDREN, Mar. 31

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for 12pm to 2pm Saturday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. More details will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Stay tuned.

## EASTER SUNDAY -

April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

Cove Spring will celebrate this holy day by opening with the ***Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00a.m. with breakfast following.*** Then our normal Easter Worship Service will follow at 10:30am.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forward from December 31, 2017.....		<b><u>\$613.72</u></b>
Receipts		
Collections.....	83.00	
Jr. Church(World Vision).....	100.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$183.00
Expenses		
David Cook(SS material).....	77.89	
Bank fees.....	5.00	
Total Expenses .....		\$82.89
Ending Balance January 31.....		<b><u>\$713.83</u></b>

Marcia Knife, Treasurer

**Cove Spring Church  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

	<u>Jan 18</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Basket Collections	\$ 3,596.00
Currency Envelopes	\$ 4,401.16
Special Offerings	\$ 250.00
Mission Contributions	\$ 85.00
Fund Raising	\$ 425.00
Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ 1,000.00
Music Fund Contributions	\$ 113.50
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 1,500.00
Parsonage Rent	\$ 1,350.00
Donated Salaries	\$ 249.99
Interest Earnings	\$ 301.98
Unrealized G(L) on Portfolio	\$ 912.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,185.33</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Payroll Expense	\$ 5,060.75
Pulpit Supply & Education	\$ 658.49
Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 198.66
Church Business Expenses	\$ 878.61
Capital Improvements	\$ -
Trustee Expenses	\$ 1,186.03
Water System	\$ 140.00
Fuel Oil	\$ 1,091.70
Electric	\$ 169.49
Telephone	\$ 44.95
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 696.49
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,254.00
Missions	\$ 60.00
Bank Charges	\$ 5.60
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 396.29
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 11,841.06</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,344.27</b>
	<u>Jan 31, 18</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$ 256,251.42
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,340.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 23,391.06
Music Fund	\$ 5,507.01
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 287,489.49</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 287,489.49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 805.27
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 645.61
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.88</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Fund Balances	\$ 283,694.34
Net Income	\$ 2,344.27
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 286,038.61</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 287,489.49</b>

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> Membership & Conf. Classes to begin 12:30 Baked Potato Dinner 11:30	<b>5</b> Deacon Board Mtg. 7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> TGIF 6:30pm at Harrisons, Tipp City	<b>10</b> Pancake Breakfast at Fire House 7:30am
<b>11</b> Spring Blessing of Our Farmers 10:30 Daylight Savings Begins	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Women's Fellowship 2pm	<b>14</b> Ladies Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Men's Monthly Bible Study 7:30am Pasta Dinner 5 to 7pm
<b>18</b> Monthly Youth Group Mtg. at the church. 5 to 6:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ladies Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Palm Sunday Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ladies Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	<b>29</b> Maundy Thursday Service. 7pm	<b>30</b> Good Friday- Prayers 6am thru day	<b>31</b> Childrens' Easter Egg Hunt. 12pm -2pm