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| CHURCH FINANCE'S | |
| Last Sunday's Attendance | 54 |
| Last Sunday's Offering | \$1,224 |
| Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering | <\$1,180> |
| Offering YTD | \$39,365 |
| Difference to Offering YTD | \$3,305 |

* **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex

* **Listening devices are available upon request**

- * **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.
- * **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph
- * **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
- * **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message
Lesson: God's Word Is for His Children; Genesis 3, Ephesians 2
- * **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**
- * Sign up to host future Coffee Hours in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

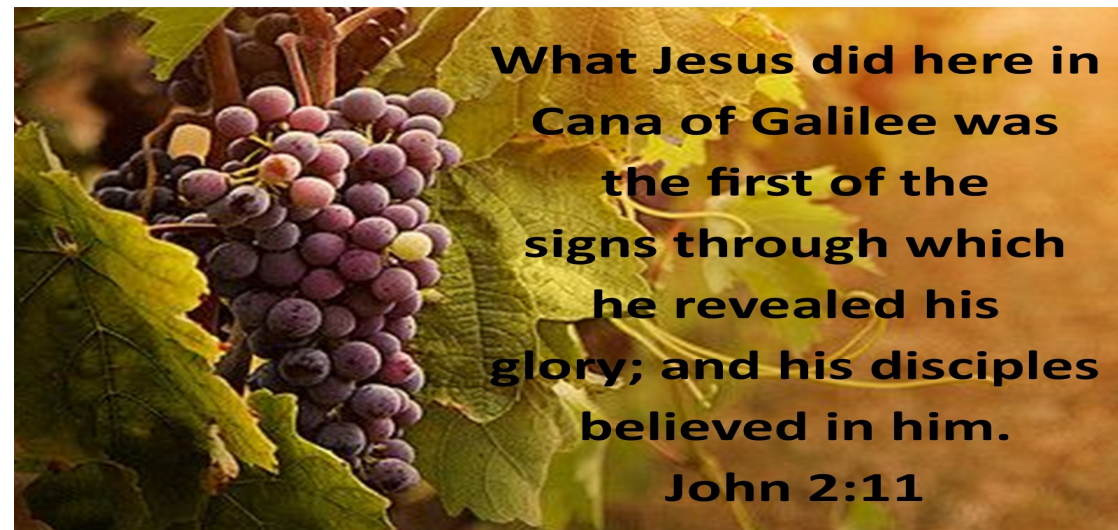
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Elders

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Sunday, April 21st

The First Sign: The Blessing of Wine

John 2:1-12

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship

A School of Religious Education

A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC



Order of Worship

April 21st, 2024

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Call To Worship: (Psalm 88:1-2) Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:** #368 He Lives

***Prayer of Adoration:** Randy Richard

Responsive Call to Confession: (Psalm 88:3-10) Randy Richard

Corporate Prayer of Confession: (All)
LORD, You have shown us how low we truly are, how low we have brought ourselves. We have felt the wrath of Your just judgment and it is more than we can bear, but we have not experienced its fullness. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to Your favor and the honor of being in Your glorious presence. Make us more grateful for the mercy You are showing to us, by placing our condemnation onto Jesus Christ, Your Son and our substitute. Hear us when we call out to You and let us always turn to You first, rather than trusting in our own strength. Brighten our eyes with joy and anoint our heads with the oil of gladness. Rescue us and deliver us from the power of sin and the death we dread. Help us to be more humble, so that You may then exalt us into a life of eternal glory with You, in Your holy Kingdom, forever. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions: Randy Richard

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 88:11-18) Randy Richard

***Song of Response:** #813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Offertory: Angie Hunter
"Children's Medley", arr. by Mark Hayes

**Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

Greek word: *semion* which means "sign"; John 2:11, 18, 23; 3:2; 4:48, 54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30

Please see (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27) concerning references made by Jesus to His "hour".

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

LORD'S DAY 16

Q. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

A. Because of the justice and truth of God¹ satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.²

¹ Gen 2:17.

² Rom 8:3; Phil 2:8; Heb 2:9, 14, 15.

Q. Why was he buried?

A. His burial testified that he had really died.¹

¹ Is 53:9; Jn 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor 15:3, 4.

Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.¹

¹ Jn 5:24; Phil 1:21-23; 1 Thess 5:9, 10.

Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with him,¹ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us,² but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.³

¹ Rom 6:5-11; Col 2:11, 12.

² Rom 6:12-14.

³ Rom 12:1; Eph 5:1, 2.

Q. Why is there added: He descended into hell?

A. In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which he endured throughout all his sufferings¹ but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.²

¹ Ps 18:5, 6; 116:3; Mt 26:36-46; 27:45, 46; Heb 5:7-10.

² Is 53.

*Song of Response:

#815 Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released to go to Kids Own Worship

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Hymn of Preparation:

#439 Song for the Nations

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 2:1-12

Sermon: The First Sign: The Blessing of Wine

***Affirmation of Faith:**(The Apostles Creed)

(All)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#429 They'll Know We are Christians

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on page 863 in the red pew Bible.*



**WALK | 20
FOR LIFE | 24**

Saturday, June 1st 10:00 a.m.
Central Park, Mansfield
Registration opens at 9am

The Walk for Life benefits Richland Pregnancy Services. Register to be a walker for free and you will receive access to your own personal website to raise funds to help save and change lives.

Ask friends and family to sponsor you as you walk. You will be eligible for some GREAT PRIZES from local businesses and attractions all around Ohio! PLUS you will be entered to win prizes the day of the event!

**Sign up to join
team Mansfield 1st
EPC in the Narthex**



**Now through
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2024**

the power of
HOPE
ignites
CHANGE

The 2024 Richland Pregnancy Services Change for Life Campaign

By filling a baby bottle with change (cash, check or coins) you are helping to provide hope to those facing an unplanned pregnancy and igniting change in the lives we serve.

visit www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com to find out more.

**Baby Bottles
for coin
collection are
located in the
Narthex.**

April Books of the Month

Adults

Do you own a hymn book? Recently in his podcast "Things Unseen," Presbyterian pastor and author Sinclair B. Ferguson posed this question to his listeners and discussed the importance of owning a hymn book. Ferguson states, "The great hymn writers were students of scripture. And some of them were not only unusually gifted poets, but also fine theologians capable of developing an idea and illuminating a biblical truth...Because often they (hymns) are sermons in song.." So, if you don't own a hymn book, head to the church library and check one out today!



Also check out these supplementary resources on the great hymns and hymn writers!

Great Hymns and Their Stories

by W.J. Limmer Shepherd

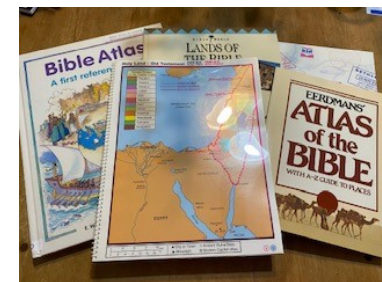
Suffering and Song, Lives of Hymnwriters by Julia Ann Flora

40 Favorite Hymns

by Leland Ryken

Teens and Kids

Do you wonder what an ephod is? How about what a house in Jesus' time looked like or where Nazareth and Jericho actually are? Well our church library has a plethora of resources to help answer these questions and more in our collection of Bible atlases, dictionaries, and encyclopedias! Come check them out today!





Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult

Sunday School at 9:00 am in room 201. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten - 2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.



Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **Next meets on May 1st.**

Spirit Seekers - Meets every other Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next meets on April 28th**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

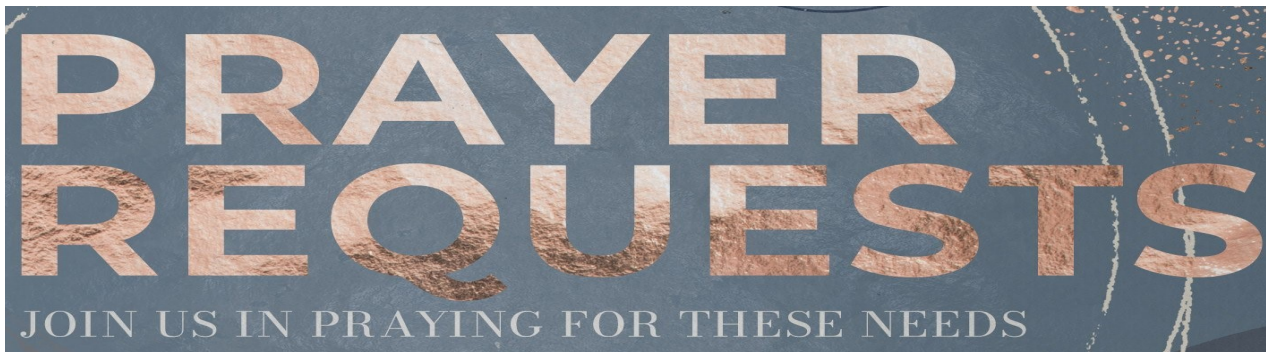
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| Sunday, April 21st | 9 am | Sunday School |
| | 10 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:20 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 12 pm | Session Meeting |
| Monday, April 22nd | 1 pm | Quilting |
| Wednesday, April 24th | 12 pm | Staff Meeting |
| Thursday, April 25th | 10 am | Prayer Group |
| | 10 am | Mission Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, April 28th | 9 am | Sunday School |
| | 10 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:20 am | Coffee Hour |

Congregational Care Committee Meeting - May 16th at 4:30 pm

We need 300 cookies for the upcoming Preschool spring program on May 8th. If you are want to donate please sign up in the Narthex.

Missions Meeting April 25th at 10am.

Once again our rummage sale was very successful. The WIM would like to thank everyone who helped in this endeavor. We are now ready to begin filling our shelves with your donations for the Fall sale.



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS

Our American Freedoms

Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Carol Nemeth

Healing for Martha Ball

Healing for Dan Davis

Healing for Beverly Urschel

Healing for Joseph James

Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourk

Healing for Martha Montague

Healing for Nik Stevens

Healing for Edda Braun

Healing for Vicki Woodmen

Healing for the daughter of Lucille Bridgeman

Healing for Agie

Healing for Janis Gibbs

Healing for Stefen Francis

Peace & Comfort for Ryan Christman

Sellards Family

Diana Hammer & family

Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Elizabeth Arthur

Patsy Himes

Jim Standridge

Frank Daniell

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

Over——>

Ted Hanson

The friends and family of Fred Segar, in mourning

The Thomassen Family

James Willis

Family & friends of Caroline Ruth, in mourning

Brandi Coe

Eurobrass

EduNations and its students

My Village Ministries

www.myvillageministries.com

Families & children of the Sudan

Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph & Jodie

Shawn Wade & Our Preschool

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward

Mayor Jodie Perry

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

All Christians being persecuted around the globe

For Revival in our city, state & county

Palestinian Christians

Jerusalem and all those in harms way

For everyone else not listed, but also in need of prayer

The Youth of Richland County

YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:
4/2

Healing for Richard

Healing for Brian

Youth of the YMCA and our Community

Healing & Strength for Jack Cowell

Healing for Jeff

Healing & Strength for Tom

Healing for Dave

Healing & Strength for Conner

Healing for Mary Sizemore