

**Pastoral Ponderings** – Ruth Moore

The joy of Easter has been celebrated, and now the church enters the season of Eastertide, which is the six weeks after Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. In the sanctuary, the paraments behind the cross and the ones on the communion table and pulpit stay white for Eastertide. The miracle of Easter and the joy of the resurrection is so important to our faith that we keep remembering and celebrating it for six weeks.

For most pastors though, the week after Easter can be a letdown, and we are tired after planning special Lenten worship and bible studies. So I am going to take off the first two weeks of April for some rest, and some continuing education and worship planning. You will be in the capable hands of Rev. Alice McDowell for preaching and worship leadership, and the running of the day-to-day activities is always well taken care of by all of you.

And while White Lick is so well run by so many volunteers, I don't think we say thank you enough to everyone who participates in the life and ministry of this congregation. So, I want to thank all of you who contributed items for the Easter Baskets for Chords of Love families. The diversity of items other than candy show that great thought went into your purchases. The Mission Team made beautiful baskets from all of your contributions. I also give thanks for all of you who made contributions to the PCUSA Special Offering of One Great Hour of Sharing. Your donations are going to do wonderful things for people and communities that are struggling.

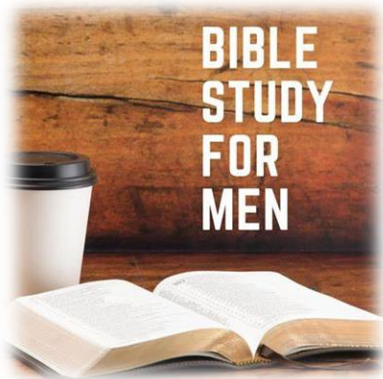
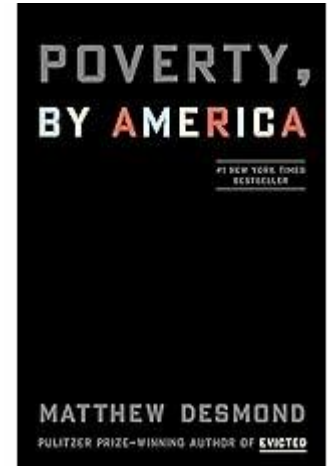
I would also like to thank those who brought flowers for our cross on Easter morning – it was just lovely and is also a gift to our neighbors driving by the church. I would like to thank the Worship Team for helping me plan and implement the special worship services during Lent. Thanks to all of you who participated and helped lead our worship services during Lent and Easter. And, last but not least, I would like to thank the Men's Bible Study for making breakfast for us on Easter morning. You guys are the best!

As Spring continues to unfold, and God's beautiful creation is growing and thriving, I thank God for WLPC, a congregation that is doing the same.

See you in church,  
**Pastor Ruth**

## Conversations that Challenge Christians: April 28: "A New Kingdom"

Jesus said that the poor will always be with us, but do we have to concur with his observation? We will finish Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America" with a discussion of Chapters 7,8, and 9. If you haven't had a chance to participate in this series, this session will be a good one to attend. Desmond summarizes the key issues that keep the poor in poverty and gives options and suggestions that would level the playing field for everyone. We all contribute to the root causes and can be part of the solutions, but that will mean sacrifice, using our voices, and voting power. Come join the group after worship on the last Sunday in April.



**Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am**

**Come for the coffee, breakfast,  
bible study, and stay for a lively  
discussion!**

***Lordy, Lordy, Presbyterian  
Women can cook!***

**Join them on Sunday, April 7,  
after worship, for a**



**Fellowship Meal**

**The Deacons invite you to attend the next Dutch-Treat**

***"Fine Time for Lunch Time"***

**April 10, 1:00 pm**

**Iguana's Mexican Restaurant  
680 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. A, Brownsburg**



**Sign-up on the sheet as you enter the sanctuary or contact:  
Mary Ann Hoke (317)752-5246**



**The  
Miles  
We  
Walk**

The Miles We Walk is a non-profit organization that supports, educates, and empowers at-risk youth and adults through workshops, training, and resource support assistance.

### **Who We Serve**

- 13-18 years old
- Adults 18+
- In-School or Out-of-School suspension
- Middle School and High School students struggling with at-risk behaviors due to truancy, class disruption, vandalism, leaving class without permission, defiance of authority, disrespect, threats or loitering.

### **Our Mission**

To transform the lives of youth and adults impacted by adversity, poverty, and addiction and provide access to resources for self-development

### **Our Values**

Educate, Empower, Access

### **Our Vision**

To impact the lives of the people we serve, one person at a time

### **Our Community Commitment**

Building community collaborations that strengthen and help people discover their full potential.

### **Our Community Comfort Closet**

Income should never be a barrier, but there is a current lack of federal, state, and local financial support for disadvantaged groups.

By offering support directly to at-risk individuals, we can ensure their most pressing hygiene needs are met. People experiencing hygiene and period poverty can experience low confidence, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Children who go to school in soiled and unwashed clothes are at a higher risk of bullying and school conflicts.

Many Americans have to bargain for hygiene, menstrual, and health care products, and will do unsafe things to stay healthy. We believe all people should have access to healthy items for bathing and protection from bleeding through their clothes.

Increasing access and educating students and parents on options that improve hygiene and period positivity are the first steps to overcoming trauma associated with hygiene care poverty.

**We are here to break the cycle** that dismisses those who experience poverty and inequities. We are committed to understanding and dismantling systemic biases and injustices.

We aim to create hope. Our programs show kids, teens, and adults that they can overcome life's obstacles and become productive citizens.

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**Reminder to all:** the deadline for all articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month. Please use Word format and Arial font if possible.

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## My Vision -Jerry Bennett, Editor Emeritus

On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. I got a surprise when I checked my text messages. Let me set the stage. Several years ago when Winona's suffering ended and she went on to be with our boys I had a problem. For fifty-two years we had ended each day by holding hands while I recited our evening prayers. Now I was alone. I had lost my parents early; my brother was in California but too wrapped up in the Space Program to listen to me. I was all alone. It could be terminal but I was determined there were still things that were important for me to do. I must go on.

I remembered Jesus' instruction "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them." I sent a simple text to all the names I had asked God to bless... just a simple "Prayers, good night." In the morning I would find responses.

On Tuesday three people had experienced life changing events. There were three lengthy texts detailing them. One, a friend had passed on; another, her dad suffered a heart attack and was in the ICU. The third was from a friend who had suffered a stroke a few months ago. I was concerned about him and added him to my prayer list.

He wrote: "Heading to Burundi Africa. This trip is one of many countries I have worked in; Mostly water-sewage treatment in four continents and many countries for about forty-five years. However, I will be leaving April 1st for about two weeks to survey some updates on their water treatment work that I installed about ten years ago. I could definitely use all the prayers I can get. Thanks Jerry.

Churches and organizations call me for this kind of thing. Many times they do not pay me but they do buy my materials which helps pay my way to and from. People will ask how did I get involved with such things? Very simple. When I gave my heart and life to the Christ on Mother's Day 1972 I stopped doing things that did my mind and soul harm like anything that would separate me from Christ and his shed blood. I mean anything and it was at that moment I felt a wide-open communication between myself and the Lord. I will never forget that. My prayer at that time was thankfulness and for that I wanted to dedicate my hands -back and mind and the rest of my life to God thru Christ. Has it been easy? Not at all. Serving the Lord in whatever capacity I could do for others has been a blessing and a thrill. I say all that to let you know that was it not for people praying for me, and sustaining and supporting me I could not have gone on. But God and his mercy and grace has sustained this old broken down guy BLESS HIS HOLY NAME."

So what's my take away from that? That my prayers, initiated because I was "lonely" had "sustained" my friend. God is the original recycler making great works out of misguided attempts.

### January - February 2024

#### Financial Information

##### Income

\$26,133.25

##### Expenses

\$26,222.83

Please keep your giving up-to-date.

*Place* your offering in the plate at church.

*Mail* your gift to the church office: 2530 N County Road 600 E, Avon 46123

*Use* the "bill pay" feature at your bank.

*Use* the "give now" link on the church website: [whitelickpcusa.org](http://whitelickpcusa.org)



## April Birthdays

- 10 Amy Chambliss
- 11 Nathan Bryant
- 14 Greg Foudray
- 15 Janet Farnsley, Roy Vanlandingham
- 17 Ken Krohne
- 18 Emily Johnson
- 19 Ron Hoke, Bryan Ruppel
- 25 Jerry Bennett



### Thursday, April 4

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 7

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:30 am Lunch

### Tuesday, April 9

6:30 pm Mission Team

### Wednesday, April 10

1:00 pm Fine Time for Lunch Time

6:00 pm Deacons

### Thursday, April 11

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, April 13

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, April 14 Communion Sunday

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

### Monday, April 15

6:30 pm PW

### Tuesday, April 16

7:00 pm Session

### Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm PAL

### Sunday, April 21

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:30 am, Worship Team

### Thursday, April 25

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 28

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:45 am Conversations that Challenge  
Christians