



A Heart for Israel



Just this past Sunday I heard Messianic Jewish singer Marty Goetz in concert in Marion, OH. I was reminded once again of my heart for Israel. Actually, I probably have had more encounters and relationships with Jewish people than the average Christian. It began when I was seventeen years old and working at a local restaurant near my home in Pittsburgh. The owner of the restaurant was Norman Herman. Norman was a Jewish man who had watched his family being killed in the Holocaust. That was my first experience with a Jewish individual while growing up. I worked at the restaurant through high school, college, and graduate school. Norman was one of the kindest, most gracious individuals. I remember him and his family celebrating the Jewish holidays, yet he recognized our Christmas and even gave us bonuses at Christmas.

My sister married while I was in high school; and she moved to Squirrel Hill, the Jewish community in Pittsburgh. The majority of neighbors on her street were Jewish. As a matter of fact one of the professors I had in college lived on her street.

After moving to Delaware, OH, for a teaching position, one summer I worked at Christian Psychological Associates in Columbus. The man who owned the practice was a Messianic Jew. That was my first experience of knowing someone who was Jewish and who also believed Jesus was the Messiah. I remember eating lunch with Dr. William Beausay, and he prayed and closed with Yeshua Hamaschiach (Jesus the Messiah). I remember enlightening conversations I had with him that summer.

When I moved to Shadyside, OH, for my first call as a pastor, one of my members worked in a wig and cosmetic shop across from a popular restaurant that I frequented. Florence Mendelson, a Jewish woman, was the owner of the shop. I often would pop in the shop to say hello to the member of my church, and I became friends with Florence as well. Florence and I had conversations about Jesus. She shared with me her difficulty believing in Jesus as the Messiah. She was one of the kindest, most gracious individuals I had ever met. She worshiped with us on a couple of occasions at my church. Actually, I had given her a DVD of Marty Goetz.

I met Marty Goetz on one of my first trips to The Cove. He led worship for the seminar that I was attending. I was so moved by worship...one could feel the Holy Spirit so ever present. When Marty sang in Hebrew it was absolutely beautiful, and you definitely felt he led you into the presence of the Lord. I have heard him numerous times. He often asks people to pray for Israel.

While a pastor in Creston, OH, I was on a return trip from a Presbyterian conference in Minneapolis, I sat next to a man on the airplane. After some initial conversation, we found out we were at the same conference. Rev. Dr. Gerry Mills grew up a Jew and his neighbors invited their family to worship at their church. His whole family came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He went on to become a Presbyterian pastor. I had some of the most intriguing conversations with Gerry throughout the years. He was a brilliant man. He was a Presbyterian pastor yet still held on to his Jewish heritage. He was so eloquent in tying the Old Testament references to Jesus in the New Testament. I always enjoyed his enthusiasm to reach people for Jesus up until the time of his death in his late '80's.

It was while I was in Creston, I also felt an urging to attend a Messianic Jewish Sabbath service. I attended Tikvat Yisrael in Cleveland on several occasions. I loved it! Rabbi Eric Lakatos made the connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament in his sermons. We invited him to come to Creston Presbyterian Church to lead a Messianic Seder meal one Maundy Thursday. People who attended were so amazed at the references to Jesus in the Seder Meal. We invited him to preach on Father's Day, and once again people were touched by his powerful message. He also had asked that I pray for Jewish believers in Messiah.

(continues next page)

And most recently, my cousin David married, Sandy, a Jewish woman. She has worshiped here at our church, and she has worshiped at my cousin Tommy's church as well.

So you are probably wondering why I have given you my history with Jewish individuals. I want you to know that I have a heart for Israel. That may help to answer the question, "Why do you pray for Israel on Sunday mornings during the pastoral prayer?" You will hear me pray for Israel that they may come to know Jesus as Messiah. I never pray to convert them to Christianity; because when they come to know Jesus as Messiah, they are Jewish believers. Messianic Jews still maintain their Jewish heritage yet believe that Jesus is the Messiah and celebrate Him as their Lord and Savior.

Not only was I asked to remember in prayer the people of Israel by Messianic Jews, but Scripture encourages us to pray for Israel.

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning." — Isaiah 62:1

I believe the following from Chosen People Ministries explains it so well.

"Tied up in God's climactic plan of redemption is the salvation of the Jewish people. That's really what Isaiah was speaking of in Isaiah 62:1. He was saying, "I'm not going to keep silent until salvation fully comes to Israel." Because the salvation of the Jewish people is so close to the heart of God, it should be close to ours as well. Paul said he magnified his ministry to the Gentiles because through the Gentiles the Jewish people would be saved. (See Romans 11:11–14.) God is counting on the church to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people."

I love being your pastor!

Love and Blessings in Jesus!

Alice

Thank you ❤️

...to Jim Kaufman for painting in the room outside the parlor..

...to the soup makers for Ash Wednesday-Soup makers - Whitney Reed, Mindy Foust, Barb Holliday, Janell Wilcox Gordon, Nancy Patterson, Donna Rihl, and Alice Phillips Salad - Kim Moody, Valerie Meredith, Barbara Berry Breads - Donna Rihl, Rosemary Anderson, Mindy Foust, Carol Burkhart Cake – Deacons Drinks - Barbara Berry

...J(Walkers) for making the Lenten bags for the shut-ins.

...to everyone who donated a blanket. You honored or memorialized a loved one and also helped someone in need. Thanks for filling up the blanket with hearts of love.



Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness including Covid.

Dick Wilson



SYMPATHY-
We send our love and sympathy to families experiencing the loss of a loved one.

...to Linda and John Watson as they mourn the loss of Linda's sister-in-law, Jody Thornton.

...to the family and friends of Richard Harper, Elaine Wilcox's brother, who passed away on Feb. 28. Please keep his wife, Joyce, and the entire family in your prayers.

Over the last 10 years DNA has been a provider of resources and programming but now we find ourselves in need of your help.



We are looking for: 2,500 square feet of storage space in a sealed, barn/warehouse - will rent the space

MANY volunteer groups to pack and move Community Service Days on March 15,17,18, 22

An outdoor lot where we could set up a mobile market during spring and summer months

J (Jesus) Walkers Youth Group is inviting ALL CHURCH FAMILY to join us!!!! Help DNA move-something for everyone to do! Not all lifting!!-be watching for the date!!!

To the Church and Women's Circle:

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and all you have done in the past several months of my mom's illness & passing! Also, thank you to the Women's Circle for the throw. I am touched and thankful to all!

Sincerely, Trina Stone

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-391-2531



The AED has Arrived .

Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided an AED to the church for use in the event of a cardiac emergency. It has arrived and the Trustees will be mounting it on a wall soon Training for its use will be scheduled in the near future so keep an eye out for it.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

PRAISE JESUS!!! LifeWise is

now serving over 160 children from PC

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

PRAY, GIVE, VOLUNTEER

PRAY FOR A BUS DRIVER

Link to volunteer and contribute: <https://>



www.lifewiseacademy.org/nearlaunch/3904826/jonathan-alder-local



Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on THURSDAY March 16 at 6:30 pm. With later days, we are moving back to evenings to help with some scheduling conflicts. All women of the church are invited to attend. Watch for slides on Sunday for more details.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, Ian Reed and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men . They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

NURSERY



Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's during worship service. As a volunteer, we ask that you arrive in the nursery no later than 9:45AM on your Sunday. If there are no "little ones" to care for, you may join worship service at 10:10AM. If you are willing to volunteer, try to secure a buddy, as we need 2 adults for every service. If you are unable to find a partner, I will pair you with another volunteer. Let me know if you would like to serve in this way and what Sunday that would be convenient for you. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for considering this request!

Rita McCray text: 614-634-8197
email: teawithrita@yahoo.com

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!



Our Shut-ins

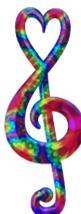
- Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living
- Chuck Stoker—Home
- Bryan Becker—Home
- Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson—Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville
- Charlotte Lambka—Edgewater
- Jack Mercer—Bluebird Marysville



Monday Night Bible Study resumed and are taking a journey through John. See Rev. Alice for

Zoom link.

Men's Bible Study meets on Saturday mornings. See Bill Pettibone for details. Next meeting TOMORROW, March 4 from 9 am until 10 am at the church. All men are invited to join us.



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday but you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any-time.

What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. **NOTHING** that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.

In need of : SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA .

Church Treasurer Report for January 2023

The general fund balance for the end of January ended with a similar balance to last month. During the month there were five weeks of donations which was beneficial to the month. Since the Church had a large carryover balance, the Session approved a tithing donation of \$3,613.00 to Life-Wise Academy. Other expenses were basically as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2023	\$ 36,125.87
Income	12,495.00
Expenses	<u>(15,597.79)</u>
Ending Balance 01/31/2023	\$ 33,023.08

If there are any questions about the financial information of the Church, please let me know.

Best Regards, Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

Special Easter Choir -

If you would like to join us, please let Ailene know!

Easter Rehearsals

Sat., March 18th (10:00 to 11:30 am)

Sat., April 8th (10:00 to 11:30 am)

EASTER 2023 FLOWER ORDER FORM Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023

L.I.G.H.T and Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the annual Spring Flower Sale to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Plants are priced individually as indicated. **Please plan on taking them after the Easter Service if you are attending in person or plan on picking up during office hours the following week.** Please fill in the blank below with the number of flowers you wish to order and specify honorarium or memorial. Proceeds will be divided between the L.I.G.H.T program and the Presbyterian Women's Circle.

Lilies (\$15) ____ Tulips (\$10) ____ Daffodils (\$10) ____ Azaleas (\$15) ____

Ordered by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Payment can be cash or check payable to PCPC. If you are attending worship in person, you can put your order form and payment in the offering or you can drop off or mail your order (with payment) to arrive **by March 5 . Our deadline for ordering is MARCH 10.**



- 03/16 Barbara & Jim Berry
- 03/17 Larry & Pat Myers
- Michael & Barbara George
- 03/21 George
- 03/24 Tom & Kathy Verne
- 03/25 John & Linda Watson

03/02	Katelyn	Moody
03/05	Betty	Ferguson
03/05	Jay	Ferguson
03/08	Alexis	Rihl
03/11	Sonia	Walker
03/15	Drew	Lear
03/16	Arlene	Perkins
03/18	Whitney	Reed
03/21	Kathy	Verne
03/21	Mackenzie	Beltz
03/23	Janell	Wilcox Gordon
03/28	Chris	Reed
03/31	Bruce	Keiser

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Session Sunday, March 26

Trustees—Sunday March 12

Deacons— Sunday March 19

Bible Study– Mondays 6:30 pm Zoom

Men's Study– Saturday, March 4 at 9 am

J Walkers - Watch for updates

March 19th - Bowling at PC Lanes

5:30-7:30 pm

