

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

APRIL 14, 2019

EASTER HUNT BY: DAN ADAMS

Easter is nearly upon us – finally. It's coming just about as late as it possibly can in the year, and I can feel the anticipation.

Families and children are eager for the celebration. Teachers and students still waiting for Spring Break are eager and antsy. And for good reason – Easter brings with it a reminder of the best news mankind has ever heard.

I have two strong memories surrounding Easter from my early childhood. I recall my parents making my siblings and I all wear coordinated, if not matching, outfits. Maybe that wouldn't have been so bad if I had brothers instead of three sisters.

A more fond memory was the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Most parents know this fun activity. Dad would hide bags of eggs all over the yard. Mom would give us each a basket, and then set us loose to find all of the treats tucked inside the hidden eggs. Then one parent would chase us around with a camera, while the other would try to make sure everyone found an equal number of eggs. Easter eggs, chocolate, and fond memories.

The Easter Egg is said to remind us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life that He brings. On that first Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, there were a number of people on a much more important hunt. On the third day, after Christ's crucifixion, two women, Mary and Mary, went to search for Jesus. They were expecting His body, but instead found an empty tomb with the huge stone rolled away. Two angels appeared to them and said...

"I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said, come see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:5, 6)

I'm confident that no one has ever been more pleased to come up empty after an Easter Hunt. Of course they had to tell this exciting news to the disciples. Admittedly, this was an amazing and hard to believe account. So John and Peter raced to the tomb to see for themselves. All they found was an empty tomb and Jesus' folded up burial clothes. (John 20:1-8) Not finding His body solidified their faith in Jesus. "...he saw and believed..." (John 20:8)

So, Resurrection Sunday started with a hunt for Jesus. While they didn't find His body, they did find a renewed faith in Jesus, and His power over life and death. In many ways, the hunt for Jesus is still on today, and especially at Easter.

There are people in our lives who desperately need to know about the life-changing news of Jesus Christ, and how He has provided hope, healing, forgiveness, new life, and eternal life. As they go about life hunting for fulfillment, meaning, and satisfaction in so many places, what they're really in need of is Jesus, whether they realize it or not.

Let's be like the two Marys on the first Resurrection Sunday – let's hurry to tell everyone we know to come and see for themselves. Jesus is alive and well, and won't disappoint. A great way to get the news out is by inviting them to join us for our Easter Celebrations at church, where they'll hear the best news ever... "He has risen, just as he said. Come and see..." (Matthew 28:6, NIV).



AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

During the last year, we have supplied materials to make bricks for a school building. The photo shows the school building that we have helped build. Pray for Damien, one of the men who helps with our projects in Ahumbe.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Jonathan and Megan work with international students in the Cleveland area. Jonathan has established relationships with many students from the Middle East who have studied in the Cleveland area. Pray that they will have volunteers to assist with their activities throughout the year.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:9)

Hosanna – Lord Save Us

Praise God, Jesus came to save us from our sins!

Praise His Holy Name!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It won't be long before it's time to think about summer camp, and there are great possibilities for Christian camps in the area. As always, we would like to assist in helping kids have a camp experience that could change their lives forever. Beginning April 28, there will be a camp table in the north end of the glass walkway, where you can pick up a campership packet. By completing a series of Bible studies and verse memorization, you can earn \$75 towards your Christian camp fee. All completed work can be turned in at that table on Sundays during May from 10:35 to 11:00am. Verses will also be listened to by our campership coordinators. Camp brochures will also be available. This is a great opportunity to learn as you earn. Don't miss out!

Parent-Child Dedication is just around the corner, on Mother's Day, May 12. If you are interested in participating in this commitment of raising your child in God's way, please contact the church office by May 5, and submit three pictures of your child.

Early Bird worker sign-up has begun for Kids Summer Shake-Up, July 15-19. Pick up a lime-green worker form from the literature shelf to make your commitment. Let's build our teams early so we can work together to get ready for this great outreach ministry. Training opportunities for anyone working in grades 1-6 areas will take place on June 23 from 9:30-10:45am, and July 14, 10:45-noon. Choose one to attend, but it's a must for anyone working with grades 1-6, including the activity stations.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The 15th Annual Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction is Sunday, April 28 in the Family Life Center from 12:30 to 3:00pm. This church-wide meal is your opportunity to support our students participating on Mission Trips this summer. Tickets are on sale now in the glass walkway.

You can also support our youth mission trips by stopping by the Giving Wall in the glass walkway. Please pick up a card to indicate your willingness to pray for and/or give a financial gift and submit them to the church office. Thank you for your continued support!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adult 101 will be having a movie night in the youth diner on Friday, April 26 at 5:00pm. Contact John Combs for more information at jtbcombs@gmail.com.

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who picked up a packet of cards to write notes to connect with our guests. Your involvement is vital to making PHBC a place that welcomes our guests. Look for more opportunities in the future!

The women from PHBC recently gathered for an event called "Downpour", where they were encouraged, spent time building relationships, and held a "baby shower" for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. Hundreds of items were donated that afternoon. These items will be used by the CPC as they support women and men who choose to keep an unplanned pregnancy. The gifts the center gives to these soon-to-be families provide encouragement and shows Christ's love in a tangible way, opening up opportunities to share the Gospel. Thank you, ladies, for your involvement and generosity!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The PHBC Food Pantry remains active. Although the number of families we have served has dropped, we remain open. The church family has been wonderful with its support and contributions. There are several items we are always running short on; such as paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.). We have an abundance of canned vegetables, but still need canned fruit, peanut butter, and jelly. We are also in need of laundry detergent and liquid dish soap. We truly appreciate all PHBC has donated to this mission and we will continue to serve as long as needed.

From May 3 at noon until May 4 at noon, we are holding a 24-hour prayer vigil in the parlor. This is an opportunity for the church family to pray for God's leading and direction in our church and congregation. Sign up for a time slot in the glass walkway so we can have all 24 hours covered. Contact our deacons, Ed Predota (216.351.0689) or John Kraidich (440.243.1361), with any questions.

The Facility Team is in need of one adult team member to work 15–20 hours a week, combined shift (day and evening hours), and one to two (over 16 years old) team member(s) to work evenings and weekends (10–15 hours). Please fill out an application, which is available in the church office.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Good Friday Communion Service at 7:00pm

On Friday, April 19 at 7:00pm, our church family will gather to remember Christ's great sacrifice for us through music, prayer, reflection on Scripture, and communion. Childcare is available for preschool children (ages 0-4).

Easter Sunday, two worship services at 9:00am (classic) and 10:45am (contemporary)

Easter is almost here! Who will you tell about celebrating with us at PHBC? If you are not sure how to invite someone, simply use one of the invite cards provided in your bulletin, or pick one up at numerous locations around the church. Let's pack God's house on Easter!

Children's Easter Service during both services for children in grades 1-6

Easter is a great time in the children's area, as well. Begin to invite your friends, as our kindergarten and younger areas will have special Easter celebrations in their classes during both services. Grades 1-6 will have Easter Services just for them during the 9:00 and 10:45am service times. Join us in C-8 (youth room) as we present *More than a Miracle*. With the use of puppets, video, and a special Easter message, children will understand what Jesus has done for each of them.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PHCA will be closed for Spring Break beginning Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 28. Regular office hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday–Friday.

PHCA's 18th Annual Garage Sale is on May 4. Donations can be dropped off Wednesday through Friday. Please call the Academy office at 440.845.8668 for more information on donation drop-off times and ways you can volunteer. Free admission 8:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, May 4. Early Birds, with \$5 admission, can enter at 7:00am.

We have space in all our classrooms for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. More information is available on our website, www.phcawarriors.com. With questions or to schedule a tour, please contact Jen Robinson at 440.845.8668 in the Academy office.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the clients and staff at the Cleveland Pregnancy Center, I would like to thank the many women who put together the beautiful baby shower for our center. I would also like to thank the women who attended and gave so generously. Because of your downpour of love, we at the center will be able to make many layettes for our new moms.

Thank you for showing these men and women facing a crisis pregnancy the love of Jesus.

Blessings,
Maureen Fleming

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Property Management would like to share what we are up to and how you can get involved, helping keep up with the church building and grounds. So far this year, we have had several events happen that we have had to act on and fix. We replaced a boiler that services the A-hallway to the youth center. Roof repairs over the church offices hallway is scheduled and waiting for Cleveland weather to cooperate. We have completed the drain replacement in the front parking lot and are waiting to

finish with the repair to the asphalt. Also, as you have heard, we are looking at replacing the carpet in the D-hallway this summer with the Easter offering and help from the Academy.

Now, for the ways you, the church family, can get involved. We are planning several projects and work days for folks to come and help work on the building and grounds. Here is the list of projects where we can use your help:

- **Adopt a Bed:** You, your family, or Growth Group can pick a flower bed around the church and will be responsible for maintaining it by pulling weeds and keeping it looking fresh and clean. Feel free to plant flowers, but please remember that you are responsible for the care and maintenance of them. Contact Dave Wozniak at 440.823.7972 with any questions and to adopt a bed.
- **Church Grounds Work Day:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11 from 8:00am until noon (rain or shine). We will be cleaning around the exterior of the building, in addition to edging the sidewalks and picking up trash around the property. There is the possibility of planting some flowers. If it rains, there will be things to work on inside the building.
- **Youth Center Remodeling:** There are a few things left to wrap up this project. If interested, please contact Dave Wozniak at 440.823.7972.
- **Painting Work Days:** This summer, we will be having some work days painting the interior of the building. More info to come.
- **Security:** If you missed the last training or want to go over what you learned, please watch out for more info. We will be holding additional training classes later this year. We are also looking for medically trained folks to serve on-call during church events. Please let us know by contacting Dan Buncher at dbuncher@phbaptist.org.

If there is something you would like to help out with, or if you see something that is broken and needs to be repaired, please contact Dan Buncher at dbuncher@phbaptist.org.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14

All In – 11:00am/B-5
Puppet Team Rehearsal – 12:00pm/C-8
Hatch Open House – 6:00pm/parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Senior Adult Trip – 11:15am
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

No IMPACT Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Good Friday
Church office closes at 12:00pm
Communion Service – 7:00pm/WC

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Church office is closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

No IMPACT Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Adult 101 Movie Night – 5:00pm/C-9

PHBC LEADERSHIP STAFF

Dan Adams – Interim Senior Pastor

Pam Scott – Children's Pastor

Jon Perkins – Discipleship and Senior Adults Pastor

Tim Hunsicker – Connections Pastor

Matt Vince – Interim Youth Director

Dave Griffey – Christian Schools Administrator

Jen Moench – Preschool Director



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15 & 9:30am *Classic* | 11:00am *Contemporary*

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