

**FRIDAY UPDATE**  
**MARCH 2, 2018**

**VESTRY RETREAT** – Our Vestry will meet tonight and tomorrow at Sacred Heart Retreat Center near Coolville. Rev. Linda Steelman from First Congregational Church will attend to facilitate. Remember to keep the Vestry in your prayers as they contemplate the needs and services they need to plan for the coming year.

**BABY SHOWER** – a reminder that we will have a shower for Sara & Paul during coffee hour this Sunday. We ask that you bring a card and if you are able, a gift card as well. These will be packaged and mailed to them on Monday.

**FOOD BASKET COLLECTION** – will be this Sunday, March 4. It's a good time to clean out your cupboards and bring any surplus you may have. *Please, do not bring items that are expired or close to expiring.*

**COMMUNITY DINNER** – is this Tuesday, March 6 at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. We would love to have more members of St. Luke's attend to share fellowship with the community. This is a great Outreach project and could use your support.

**LENTEN STUDIES** – Wednesdays at 6 PM during Lent (Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper and Bible Study/Discussion.)

**CONGRATULATIONS TOM AND PINKIE TUCKER!** Their home on Washington Street in Marietta was selected by the Marietta Board of Realtors as "Home of the Month" Each month from April – November one home is selected. This award is in recognition of well-maintained residential homes within the City of Marietta.

Tom and Pinkie's 1870's home was purchased in 1979. The Tuckers began their renovations by adding much-needed bedroom closets. Decades later, the house has undergone a complete rebuild, including a new kitchen, a screen porch, a side addition, and "lots and lots of landscaping."

**LAY WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING** – the diocese will be offering a two-day training for those who are interested in becoming lay worship leaders (or who are perhaps interested in further developing their own spiritual practices but not necessarily in leading worship!) on April 28th and May 12th, 9am to 3pm. It will be held at St. Peter's in Gallipolis (541 Second Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631), which is much more convenient for many of us than Procter.

The training needs 6 or 7 people to be viable, but we'd love to have more! The cost is \$20/session, and then they ask that each person provide a \$10/session donation to the church to cover food costs. Following is the website with the calendar event that gives a description and has the registration form:

<http://diosohio.org/events/event/lay-worship-leader-training-part-1/>

Following is the link DIRECTLY to the registration form:

<https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/sf0lejg1a35d82/>

**TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- Please continue to pray for Dennis & Hazel's family. Hazel's brother David, lost his wife, Kathleen, Wednesday evening. She fought a long, hard battle with cancer. Hazel is very busy helping her brother with the funeral arrangements.
- I spoke with John Brown this week. He goes back to the retina specialist next week and feels he has not had as much improvement as he had expected by now. The confinement

that is required to allow his retina to heal, is taking a toll on his physical health. He reports he is weak and I could tell he is feeling very frustrated.

**CONTACT INFO UPDATE** – Mark McKarnin has changed his contact information. Please update your records with the following:

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Jim Peebles!

**PRAYERS** – Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings you give us every day. Thank you for sparing the Marietta area from major flooding. We pray that our country is able to come to an agreement on a solution for gun violence. We ask that the West Virginia government and teachers come to an agreement that is best for the children of the state. Please be with those coping with the loss of loved ones, and especially for David, Hazel and Dennis on the loss of Kathleen. We pray that John Brown's vision is restored and he can return to his normal activities. We also ask for healing of others suffering with physical ailments: Judy Wurtzbacher, Paul Young, Judy Pfeiffer, Jean Lee, Betty Fleming, and any others in our parish dealing with physical ailments. These things we ask through Jesus Christ. *Amen*

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