WE NEED YOUR HELP...

With the weather (hopefully) getting nicer soon, now is a great time to perform a bit of spring cleaning to spruce up our home in anticipation of visitors for Resurrection Sunday. Pastor Jim would like to request help in cleaning the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, the main hallways, and the classrooms. He would also like to address outside issues such as picking up trash on our property and cleaning out the garage and the flower beds. Joy and Candy will be available Monday through Friday next week if anyone is interested in coming in and doing some cleaning during the week and there will be a work day tomorrow, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please come out and help us prepare our home to receive our Resurrection Day guests.
A Happy Thought…

It’s Time For The Women’s Ministry’s Spring Candy Sale!!

Order forms are now available in the Main Hallway and are due back to Martha by this Sunday, April 9th!!
Attention!!
We’re having an Open House Party for Robin Hundley!!

Sunday, April 23rd

from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate Robin’s new home and EVERYONE is welcome!!

For gift ideas, Robin is registered at Target
Compassion Sunday is coming May 7th!!!!

Gary Olson will be speaking to us about Compassion International. Please come and learn more about this wonderful ministry that helps so many impoverished children and also please come prepared to financially bless our sponsored child, Olivia.
Intercession & Worship Services

Friday evenings @ 6 p.m. and
Sunday mornings @ 7:00 a.m.

ALSO...

Please consider this your personal invitation
to join the Middlebury Chapel Ministry Team!!

Our next meeting/training will be announced soon.
If you are interested in the Ministry Team but would
like to know more about what is involved,
please see Iman Taylor.

As we all begin spring-cleaning
our homes and closets, please remember
that the Open Hand Clothing Room is in need of
spring clothing, especially men’s apparel
including pants, shirts, socks, and shoes,
and the Open Hand Food Pantry is in
need of plastic grocery and brown paper bags...
Hey Middlebury Men!!

Start making plans to join us for the 2017 Middlebury Chapel Men's Retreat being held at Stony Glen Camp June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and 4\textsuperscript{th}!!

This year's theme is: "Preparation"

"Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come."

- Mark 13:33

The retreat will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and 4\textsuperscript{th} at Camp Stony Glen, 5300 W. Loveland Rd., Madison, OH 44057.

Please join us as we come together for a weekend of learning, sharing, fellowship, and fun. The cost of the retreat is $20 for one night or $40 for two nights and food is included.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Main Hallway. Please contact Rick Herbert or Stu Davis for more information.
Attention – All Middlebury Men - Why should the Ladies have all the fun?? Please join us for our Middlebury Chapel Men’s Ministry Meetings!!

Our next meeting will be this coming Thursday, April 13\textsuperscript{th} at 6:30 p.m. and we hope that you will join us!!

Also, please don’t forget...

The next Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 1\textsuperscript{th} at 8:30 a.m.
Ladies, please start preparing now to attend our 2017 Middlebury Chapel Women’s Retreat being held Friday and Saturday, May 19th and 20th at the beautiful Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek, OH, deep in the heart and green pastures of Amish Country…

This year’s theme is:

“Value His Voice”

“Simon Peter replied, ‘Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.’” – John 6:68 (New Living Translation)

Your room fee includes: 24 hour complimentary coffee/tea, the Saturday morning continental breakfast buffet, access to the fitness room, and free wireless internet access

The room costs are:
4 to a room: $40/person
3 to a room: $55/person
2 to a room: $80/person

Register on the signup sheet on the Main Hallway bulletin board and pay online by clicking here

Please click here for directions to the Carlisle Inn

We look forward to seeing you there!!
Our next Women’s Ministry Bible Study will be this coming Wednesday after the Community Dinner. We will be continuing our study of the Bible, specifically the Book of John and this week we are studying Chapter 11. All ladies are invited and highly encouraged to attend this insightful and in depth study of one of the most influential and interesting books of the Bible.

Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Children ages 5 – 12 years will be welcome to participate in our Kids’ Club program during the study.

Please remember to bring your Bible to the study.

We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!!

**Our Weekly Financial Report:**

- Tithes Needed Last Week: $3200
- Tithes Received Last Week: $3950
- RU₵2 Funds Last Week: $.75₵
Dear APS Champion:

Each year we look to the Lord for specific direction for our Spring Life event. Last year we rallied; this year we will witness. Please save the date on your church calendar for this year’s WITNESS FOR LIFE—SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 at 10 A.M.

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God.” Isaiah 43:10-12.

Our theme this year: Because He has revealed, saved and proclaimed we will Witness for LIFE. We will walk to the Charles Goodyear Park at Summit County Courthouse and share testimony. The testimony is His but He bestows it on us. We are God’s chosen witnesses.

Please plan to attend the Witness for LIFE Kick-Off Meeting on Saturday, April 8TH at 10 a.m. at APS, 105 E. Market St., Akron.

At the Kick-Off you will receive a 2017 Witness for LIFE t-shirt to promote the event, as well as pledge forms and other resources. Come find out more about this year’s vision and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments.

As a follow-up to this letter, a Witness for LIFE Captain will call you to reserve your spot at the Kick-Off meeting.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness to your calling at APS.

It’s all about Him,

Angie Klapp
Witness for LIFE Coordinator
330.606.6781
walk@akronpregnancyservices.org
Please join us for our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study!!

“The Kingdom Of God”

Presented by Tom Gordon
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.
in the Youth Room
Class handouts are available [here](#).

See you Sunday!!

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Something to Ponder...

YOU ARE MINE FOR ALL TIME; nothing can separate you from My Love. Since I have invested My Very Life in you, be well assured that I will also take care of you. When your mind goes into neutral and your thoughts flow freely, you tend to feel anxious and alone. Your focus becomes problem solving. To get your mind back into gear, just turn toward Me, bringing yourself and your problems into My Presence.

Many problems vanish instantly in the Light of My Love, because you realize you are never alone. Other problems may remain, but they become secondary to knowing Me and rejoicing in the relationship I so freely offer you. Each moment you can choose to practice My Presence or to practice the presence of problems.

Romans 8:38-39; Exodus 33:14

from “Jesus Calling – Enjoying Peace in His Presence” by Sarah Young
**GREAT NEWS!!**

You can now choose to support Middlebury Chapel as you do your Resurrection Day shopping on Amazon!! Middlebury is partnered with Amazon with a program called “Amazon Smile” and every time you shop at Amazon via our special login page on “Amazon Smile”, a donation will be given to Middlebury. Here’s how it works:

**What is “AmazonSmile?”** - Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Middlebury Chapel every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Middlebury!! 😊

To be sure that you are supporting Middlebury Chapel, please look for the “Supporting Middlebury Chapel” indicator under the Amazon search bar:

Interested?? Please read more about AmazonSmile by clicking here.

Ready to shop?? Please click here for the direct link to our organization’s login page on Amazon Smile. You may also access our Amazon Smile page by clicking this advertisement or any of these advertisement boxes here or on our website:

Thank you for supporting Middlebury Chapel.
FYI – Tithes, offerings, donations, and payments are able to be made securely online via our website through PayPal®. Please visit www.mc-akron.org and click on the “Please click here to donate” link:

The Sunday Morning Worship Service and Message are available as a download from the Internet. Interested in obtaining a copy?? Please click here. 😊
For everyone interested in writing letters of encouragement to Charlie Smallwood, here is his address:

Charlie Smallwood  
R.I.C.I.  
P.O. Box 8107  
Mansfield, OH 44901  

A self-addressed, pre-stamped (no postage stamps, please) envelope must be included with your correspondence for Charlie to respond to your letter.

Also, we would like to ensure that Charlie is receiving encouraging mail on a consistent basis, so we would like to have people commit to writing to him at least once a month on the same day each month so he will receive mail at least 3 or 4 times each week. We have a calendar on the big table in the Main Hallway that we will be using to have people sign up to write to him and this calendar will also be available online to allow people to see where there may be gaps in correspondence so those gaps can be filled. If you are interested in writing to Charlie, then either please sign up on the calendar in the Main Hallway or please see Candy who will add you to the online calendar.

Please click here to see Charlie's online calendar: [Charlie's Calendar](#)

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**The Spring Community Dinner Signup Sheet is now available. Please sign up to cook a meal and participate in this wonderful ministry that helps so many in our community.**
Update on Larry Inks...

Larry is currently in Altercare of Stow, 5000 Sowul Blvd., Room 213 and he is greatly missing his Middlebury family. Both he and Ann could really use your visits, prayers, encouragement, and support during this stressful time. Ann has extended a personal invitation to anyone who would like to visit Larry as he is very lonely and Ann would love company as well.

Attention Community Dinner Chefs, both seasoned and new:

Pastor Jim has requested that we have at least two months of dinners planned at all times for the Community Dinners. To help accomplish this, we have a signup sheet on the Main Hallway table and an online calendar so everyone knows who will be cooking each Wednesday and everyone will be able to see where meals are needed. This will also give you all time to plan your meals and work with Candy on procuring menu items from the Foodbank to help keep our costs down. Please click here to view our online Community Dinners Calendar.

If you would like to commit to providing a meal and be added to this calendar, please contact Candy P. by text or email and she will connect with you to help finalize your meal plan.
Join the Spiritual Fight

Personal Prayer Mapping Conference

April 21 __ 6:30 pm - 9 pm  
April 22 __ 9 am – 5:30 pm

Middlebury Chapel  
82 S. Arlington St.  
Akron, OH 44306

Cost is $50  
Includes continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and workbook materials

Registration closes April 14

Register online at www.rahab-ministries.org

This is prayer mapping conference that will change your prayer life.

It will teach you how to target the issues that keep you up at night. If you’ve received a promise for revival, healing or restoration, don’t wait passively for its fulfillment.

You can do more than that.

Understand your own story through the Word of God and how the enemy is attacking that identity. This prayer mapping conference will help you pray in specific ways to target the enemy’s attacks on your life and the lives of others.

Christine Wyrtzen, Speaker
GO WINN! Conference  May 12-13, 2017
REGISTRATION FORM
You may also register on line at www.gowinnwomen.org.

Name ____________________________
Address/State/Zip ____________________________
Phone/Email ____________________________

4 in a Room $135 each  3 in a Room $150 each  2 in a Room $165 each  1 in a Room $250 each

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(names if known)  (names if known)  (names if known)  ____________________________

Registration is non-refundable

Go Empower Women in Need Networking

Sheraton Suites
1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

1986 Manchester Road, New Franklin, OH 44319
Call 330 701-6211 for more information

As God has commanded
Heeds to lift you up and send you out
Rwm 107: 15

Your Turn To Fly

1800 W Main St, New Franklin, OH 44319
Our Host

**Founder Director**
Linda Brillhart
New Franklin, OH

Linda established GoWinn Networking in 2006 to connect you with other amazing women across Northeast Ohio. GoWinn focuses on networking and building relationships while imparting transformational knowledge. Linda’s heart is to provide tools, resources and connections to empower women, build their families, and help balance their careers and personal lives. GoWinn meets every other month.

Our Speakers

**Guest Speaker**
Sandy Sirrine
Eureka, CA

Sandi is a business owner and graduate of Rhema Bible College. She developed a heart for the nations while ministering in Fiji. She moves in power and humility with a gifted sense of humor. Her passion is to encourage women to pursue their dreams that get lost along the way being moms and grandmothers! Sandi and her husband, co-pastor Life Church in Eureka, CA.

**Worship Leader**
Theresa Burkhalter
Columbus, OH

Theresa is an anointed worship leader that traveled the nation with praise and worship artist Clint Brown of Orlando, FL. Her passion is to lead people into the heart of the Father and introduce them to their true identity in Christ. Her powerful vocals and unique prophetic style carry a heavy anointing that leads women into the presence of God. She and her husband, Steve serve at The Potter’s House in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Your Turn to Fly

**Conference Package Includes:**
- Hotel Room
- Friday Night Dinner
- Saturday Luncheon
- Complimentary Gift
- Door Prizes

*(note, Saturday breakfast is on your own)*

**Conference Schedule:**

**FRIDAY, May 12th**
Registration & Check in ........ 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Meet the Speakers ............. 5:30 pm
Dinner .............................. 6:00 pm
Meeting .............................. 7:00 pm

**SATURDAY, May 13th**
Breakfast ......................... 7:30 - 8:45 am
Meeting ............................. 9:30 am
Lunch .............................. 12:00 pm
Meeting ............................. 1:00 pm

Contact 330-701-6211
The Color Purple

There are many signs that indicate that we as created beings are inclined to love colors. Our schools have their colors (all you need to do is watch an Ohio State football game to see a sea of scarlet and gray), the national flag of the United States bears the colors of red, white, and blue, and each state has their own colors on their state flags.

Our Wonderful Creator God is all about color. Just step outside and look at the earth, the sea, and the sky and all they contain to behold this wonderment (Genesis). In the book of Exodus, our God placed a high importance on color. Exodus 26 expounds on the many colors contained within His temple. For example, the "fine twisted linen of blue, purple, and crimson yarns" for the tabernacle curtain. In Exodus 28, the priestly vestments included a breastplate with
beautiful colored stones such as green emeralds, blue sapphires, and blue-green turquoise.

It is no wonder then that our early Christian brothers and sisters incorporated colors into the only celebration of the year that testifies to our faith... Passover, Resurrection Sunday, and Pentecost. It is very probable that when Christianity was legalized in the 300's AD by Emperor Constantine, outward celebrations of faith with symbols and colors grew.

Beautiful colors abound during this Holy season. Christians are wonderfully inundated with the rich hues of purple, crimson, white, black, blue, and gold. In the Hebrew language, the name for Adam can be translated as "man" or "red". Blue is thought to represent God and the heavenlies, thus the choice of blue and white for Israel’s national flag (Revelations 21: 18-21). Purple is produced by the combination of red and blue and this color is prophetic of the coming Messiah who
would be both God and man and who would be the mediator between man and God (1 Timothy 2:5-6a).

Purple dyes in ancient times were very expensive thus came to be associated with kings and royalty. The day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey the people hailed him with Hosannas as if He were a King. Luke 19:34-38. Thus, the color purple is often used on Palm Sunday commemorating that day. The Roman soldiers, after scourging our Jesus, gave him a purple "royal" robe (Mark 15:16-20, Matthew 27:28). The term purple in the book of Mark is translated to mean shades of rose to purple, and in Matthew the word used is scarlet. Using a robe made of "cheap" or "fake" purple dye added to the mockery of Jesus implying He was a "fake" king. Thus, scarlet is often used during the Easter season. Red also represents our sins that Jesus took on to His
Sinless Self so that we would be made white as snow (Isaiah 1:18, Revelation 19:13, 16).

It is natural that the very first followers of Jesus would hold Resurrection Sunday, the Sunday after Passover (Mark 15:42) and Pentecost 50 days later as sacred days.

It is the anniversary of that wonderful time when they had firsthand experience of our Risen Lord still among them for 40 days. Jesus’ Resurrection fulfilled all that the Passover had meant to them. It was an exodus or passage from the old times of the oppression of slavery into the new times of physical and spiritual freedom. Jesus was and still is the Paschal Lamb slain for us to achieve this freedom.

Continuing with the symbolisms of colors, the Christian Church uses white and gold to symbolize the hope of our resurrection as well as purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and
death. The gold symbolizes the Risen Christ as the Light of the world and the city of gold where our Lord reigns as King and where we too will be (Revelation 19:13-16).

When the church of Jesus the Christ, with Him as the Head and we as the members, bear witness to our faith everyday (Isaiah 43:10), Resurrection Sunday is the time we wave our colors for the entire world to see as we exclaim, "Jesus Lives and We Are Saved, Alleluia!"

At this time of year, many churches will drape these defining colors on the outside of their buildings, on their doors, or on crosses. These acts testify our belief to the whole world that Jesus is the Messiah Who died for our sins, was Resurrected by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and Who reigns as King as prophesied in the books of Daniel 7: 9-14, Hebrews 7:25, and 1 John 5:1-15.

HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY!
Thank you, Diana Popovich, for this awesome and timeless submission!! 😊