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MISSION ACTION AND INTERPRETATION...

Imagine the joy when your gift changes someone's life – both the joy they will feel in being changed and the joy you will feel in knowing that your gift is changing lives. As Christians, we talk about God providing us with blessings of all kinds in abundance, but there are many in the world who live with less than what they need. Surely our God calls us to be sharers of abundance. You can be a channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the poor and oppressed. Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

The MA&I team will be sharing the messages of **One Great Hour of Sharing** as we move thru the Lenten season. We invite your participation by mailing your contribution to the church and mark the check memo as "One Great Hour of Sharing Contribution." Thanks for your cooperation and willingness to participate!

PW MEETING IN MARCH

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, March 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge downstairs. Pastor David will lead the discusses from Lessons Seven and Eight. All women are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

During the month of March, Pastor David invites you to join him immediately following worship in fellowship hall for **Sunday School**. A light lunch will be served each Sunday as people will enjoy conversations around the table. Please note that this will take the place of our fellowship time following worship.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We come now to the Second Commandment: “You shall not worship idols.” At first glance, it seems straightforward—do not make false gods. In the ancient world, that meant golden calves, carved images, and the many idols that filled the religious landscape. The commandment called Israel to worship the one true God, resisting the pull of every rival object of devotion.

Yet idolatry isn’t limited to statues or shrines. As theologian Paul Tillich observed, human beings are always drawn to the idea that something can make us complete. We may not bow before a carved image, but we can easily elevate success, possessions, security, or achievement to a place that belongs to God alone. Cars, homes, careers, and even good gifts can quietly become substitutes for the One who gives them. Whenever we look to something created to make us whole, we drift toward idolatry.

The Second Commandment is not merely a prohibition; it is an invitation. It calls us to turn our attention away from what falsely promises completion and back to the living God who truly sustains us. The triune God exposes the empty claims of lesser loyalties and draws us into deeper trust.

As we enter the season of Lent, this commandment offers a timely challenge. Pulled by our consumer culture, we are invited to refocus our hearts. Let us seek God’s will, pray for wisdom to discern it, and ask for the courage to follow faithfully. In turning away from idols, we discover again the freedom and fullness found in God alone.

Pastor David

WORSHIP AND MUSIC...

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:

USHERS:

- 1st: Gary & Elaine LeFever
- 8th: Judy Ditmars, Marjorie Reinsch
- 15th: Peggy Jones, David Smith
- 22nd: Joey Aiken, Ruth Randinelli
- 29th: Doug & Barb Morrow

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Doug & Barb Morrow, Jim & Julia Nixon, Peg & Norm Yoder, Peggy Jones

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 29 – Palm Sunday (Please mark your calendars.)