



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017

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From the Pastor...

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. There will be a service that evening at 7:00 pm with the distribution of ashes. In addition, the local churches will again hold weekly services on Wednesdays during Lent at 11:30 am followed by a luncheon. The schedule will be as follows:

March 8-----Bolivar United Methodist Church

March 15-----St. John United Church of Christ

March 22-----Zoar United Church of Christ

March 29-----Holy Trinity Catholic Church

April 5-----St. Paul Lutheran Church

On the Sundays of Lent we will show a DVD by Max Lucado entitled, "He Chose the Nails." This five-part series will cover such topics as: He Chose to Be One of Us, He Chose to Forgive Us, He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence, He Chose to Love Us Forever and He Chose to Give Us Victory. Max Lucado provides a powerful and insightful message for all of us to consider during Lent.

There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer during Lent on Thursday evenings. Evening prayer will be offered on March 16, 23 and 30 beginning at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As Jesus spent forty days and nights in the desert preparing for the ministry that God set forth for Him, let us take this time of Lent to prepare for the joy of Easter and grow in faith for the glory of God. During the season of Lent, individuals are encouraged to examine their lives and seek the Lord's forgiveness for their transgressions so that we may rejoice in Jesus' victory over sin and death on Easter and always. Traditionally, many people practice some form of self-denial during Lent. These practices serve to remind us of our radical dependence upon God and His mercy. I pray that God's grace will renew our hearts daily during Lent and beyond.

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Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
3/1	7:00 p.m.	Marcia Howenstine	3/1	7:00 p.m.	Cheryl Simers
3/5	8:00 a.m.	Rose Harris	3/5	8:00 a.m.	Alexandria Howell
	10:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 a.m.	John Seng
3/12	8:00 a.m.	Charlann Young	3/12	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 a.m.	Randy Simers		10:30 a.m.	Sue Bahr
3/19	8:00 a.m.	Jim Ward	3/19	8:00 a.m.	Skip Steward
	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison		10:30 a.m.	Byron Lautenschleger
			3/16	7:00 p.m.	
3/26	8:00 a.m.	Rose Harris	3/26	8:00 a.m.	Jen Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 a.m.	Tammy Huggins
			3/30	7:00 p.m.	Dee Garrison
		USHERS			ACOLYTES
3/1	7:00 p.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	3/1	7:00 p.m.	Austin Ward
3/5	8:00 a.m.	Jim & Jen Ward	3/5	8:00 a.m.	Carson Majors
	10:30 a.m.	Rick & Lori Caughey		10:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
3/12	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Charlann Young	3/12	8:00 a.m.	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
3/19	8:00 a.m.	John & Sandy Bolitho	3/19	8:00 a.m.	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 a.m.	Skip & Jeanie Steward		10:30 a.m.	Bailey Keane
3/26	8:00 a.m.	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	3/26	8:00 a.m.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 a.m.	Lisa & Bailey Kean		10:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
		Altar Guild	Fellowship	Community	
		Marcia Howenstine	Alyce Snyder	Meal -----	
		SCREEN MONITORS			
3/1	7:00 a.m.	Doug Dix			
3/5	8:00 a.m.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Lisa Keane			
3/12	8:00 a.m.	Sydney Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Josh Dix			
3/19	8:00 a.m.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Doug Dix			
3/26	8:00 a.m.	Julie Majors			
	10:30 a.m.	Rick Caughey			

Offering and Attendance

Date	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
Offering	\$5,593.00	\$3,237.00	\$2,687.00	
Attendance	81	78	73	

Readings:

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	<u>First Sunday in Lent</u>	<u>Second Sunday in Lent</u>	<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u>
3/1/17	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
<u>Isaiah 58:1-17</u>	<u>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:17</u>	<u>Genesis 12:1-4</u>	<u>Exodus 17:1-7</u>	<u>1Samuel 16:1-13</u>
<u>Psalms 51:1-17</u>	<u>Psalms 32</u>	<u>Psalms 121</u>	<u>Psalms 95</u>	<u>Psalms 23</u>
<u>2 Corinthians 5:20-6-10</u>	<u>Romans 5:12-19</u>	<u>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</u>	<u>Romans 5:1-11</u>	<u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u>
<u>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</u>	<u>Matthew 4:1-11</u>	<u>John 3:1-17</u>	<u>John 4:5-42</u>	<u>John 9:1-41</u>

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers: Carol Wasson, Ron May, Jean Baker, Jerry Hoskinson, Imogene McClellan, Christina Martini Sleutz, Herb Seifert, Bill Tait, Donna Dudash, Pam Ward, Amelia Hartong, Amy Wise, Ellie Sears, Robert Snyder, David Dotson, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Jack Garrison, Karen Joki, Tia McCoury, Melinda Caldwell, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, Jackson Kuntz, Floyd McBeth, Nan Seng, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmilller, William Robishaw, Calvin Farmer, Kirk Habrun



Youth News: Attn: ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS!!! Spring has sprung and it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!!!! This year, Community VBS will be hosted by St. John UCC July 9th - 13th. Please consider volunteering one or more days to work during the event, helping from home, or donating supplies or money to purchase supplies. Please watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet as well as a donation supply list. In the interim, we have a VBS Donation box placed in the Narthex for anyone who would like to donate money towards VBS supplies. Checks should be made out to Jeannie Farber.



You are invited to attend a celebration of **PURIM** with Kory and June Christman! - Sunday, March, 26th in the Fellowship Hall - Time – TBA – Purim is one of the most festive and popular of the Jewish holidays, Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from their imminent doom at the hands of their enemies in the biblical [Book of Esther](#).

Purim is so-called because the villain of the story, Haman, cast the "pur" (the lot) against the Jews yet failed to destroy them. Reading the [Purim Story](#) is a central part of the Purim celebration.

Whenever Haman (the villain's) name is mentioned people will *boo, howl, hoot and shake noisemakers* (groggers) to express their dislike of him. Unlike more serious synagogue occasions, both children and adults often attend the Megillah reading in costume. Traditionally people would dress up as characters from the Purim story, for example, as Esther or Mordechai. However, you may choose to dress as any character or story from the bible. The tradition of dressing up is based upon the way Esther concealed her Jewish identity at the beginning of the [Purim Story](#). At the conclusion of the Megillah reading, we will hand out prizes for the best costumes / ideas! And of course, no celebration would be complete without some special

themed food and possibly a game or two! We hope you will all join us in this special celebration.

Luther Celebration and Ordination Anniversary: Celebration Dinner Sunday, April 30! Remembering the life of Martin Luther 500 years after he posted 95 theses at Wittenberg in 1517. Honoring our pastor's 40th ordination anniversary. With Sunday School, a service including special music and program, followed by a 16th century meal, we hope to have a memorable gathering of fun and friendship.

The Vision Committee needs help with "props" for our 16th century dinner. So, look in your attic or basement! If you can loan us any of the following the last week in April, please call (330-343-4809) or e-mail Ginny Smerglia (lsmerglia@roadrunner.com). We need old pitchers (pottery or metal), wooden or pottery candlesticks, old lanterns that can hold a candle (no kerosene), rustic woven baskets suitable for breads or rolls, very old fireside brooms.



Book Club News: Our next book, ***Why the Reformation Still Matters*** by Michael Reeves and Tim Chester, will be discussed on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 pm. At just over 200 pages, it is very readable and covers the major topics you would expect. There is some very interesting history, covering Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and many others. A few chapters go much deeper into the theology and can be skipped over easily without losing the big pictures. Given the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I think this is a timely issue worthy of the effort. If you're interested, contact Terry Tegtmeier (\$10 each).

Evangelism News: We would like to thank the church members who have shared their experiences and faith with our congregation through videos over the past several months. In addition, we'd like to thank, ahead of time, others who will be sharing their stories in the months to come. Yet even if you never volunteer, you can still make a significant contribution to our evangelism effort – with your PRAYERS. Over a year ago when we started talking about our evangelism efforts, it was mentioned how important prayer was to our efforts as a church. Your prayer efforts are still a vital part of that effort. It requires no cash donation, and can be done in your own home, at a time of your own choosing. Please pray that our congregation will make evangelism a normal part of their Christian walk, that we may have the opportunity to courageously and winsomely share the Good News with others, both inside and outside our church. While it may not seem like much, that would be a step within the reach and ability of everyone in our congregation.



It is that time again! Warmer weather came early this year and it is time to begin gathering up you items for this year's rummage sale. **(May 5 & 6)** More information will follow on times and where to leave your donations. Please contact Rose Harris if you have

any questions.



BIRTHDAYS			
Whitney Ward	3/1	Lauren Prinz	3/15
Vaughn Sears	3/2	Water Tidenburg	3/16
Joe Pozzuto	3/3	Jim Howell	3/19
Rick Simmons	3/5	Gabriel Woods	3/22
Lizzie Kienzle	3/5	Gary Pohovey	3/23
John Kienzle	3/6	Jen Ward	3/24
Brenda Tegtmeier	3/8	Meghan Woods	3/24
Skip Steward	3/11	Joe Cline	3/28
Madelyn Reeves	3/15	Jack Sanders	3/31



ANNIVERSARIES		
Todd & Susan Barr	3/4	
Pastor Mike & Kathy	3/31	



Turn your clocks ahead 1 hr. on Saturday March 11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Ladies Night Out: Dover Alliance Church invites you to attend the **Free Community Ladies Night** at Quaker Theater on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. to view the movie **“God’s Not Dead 2”**

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: I will be placing the Easter Flower order as usual with Baker Florist. The deadline to place our order is March 27. If you wish to order flowers for Easter this year, please complete the order form attached and forward to the church office.

6” Pot - Cost is \$10.00 each.

Name: _____



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Hyacinth

Quantities: (_____) (_____) (_____) (_____)

In Memory of... _____

Otherwise will be listed *“To the Glory of God”*

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS: March 27, 2017



The Jerusalem Walk.....

Journey Towards The Cross A Journey of Hope!

Winfield United Methodist Church
5247 St. Rt. 516 NW Dover, Oh

- Tours will be given in groups
- Join us in the Sanctuary to wait for your tour to start and listen to special music
By area groups, choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists
- Visit the stations – Hear the stories
- Complete your journey with refreshments in the entryway

Dates:

April 1st, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

April 7th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Group Reservations Only)

April 8th, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Month of MARCH 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4
			Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.			
3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. GROGS 5-8:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.		Lenten Service 11:30 a.m. BUMC Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m. Jim Ward – Fellowship Hall Turn clocks ahead 1 hr. before bed time.
3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. FROGS 5-7:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.		Lenten Service 11:30 a.m. St. John UCC Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.		
3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. - Collection for Bible Sticks	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Lenten Service 11:30 a.m. Zoar UCC Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.		
3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Purim by youth evening TBA..	Yoga Class 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Deadline to order Easter Flowers	Book Club 7:30 p.m.	Lenten Service 11:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Church Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.		