



Faith Community United Church of Christ

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Message from Pastor Scott

Dear Faith Folks,

WE MADE IT! The 'it' being getting through winter. *What a winter!* Snow storm after snow storm, followed by an ice storm. Constantly having to be plowed out of our driveways, freeways, and businesses. Some people lost power for several days, and then a hint of spring came with some warm weather, then back to thirty degree temperatures for a week. The winter had the feel of the old winters we had back in the 1960s. Remember those? The snow started on December 1 this year, and it didn't seem like it ever let up.

'My cup runneth over' is our theme this year for Lent. I don't know about your cup but my cup has been running over with snow and cold. By the time you read this we will have been well into spring and like I said in the beginning, WE MADE IT!

By the way, how is *your* cup doing? Is it running over with lots of blessings and good stuff? Or is it running over with money because you are forgetting to do your *Fast, Pray, Give*,

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He is
not here; he
has risen!

Luke 24:6



Pastor's Message *(... from page 1)*

and have to keep putting in a quarter instead of a dime? Even remembering to do the *Fast, Pray, Give* discipline can be expensive. Putting in the price of a gallon of milk can cost you almost three dollars depending where you buy groceries. But remember all the money is going to Northwest Hospice, which helps people deal with death—both the one dying as well as the loved ones left behind.

Lent is also a time for all of us to look to the end of our lives as well. We don't need to wait until we are on our death bed to look inward, and to contemplate our earthly life as well as our eternal one. Just like no one can die for us, no one can *Fast, Pray, and Give* for us. Our Lenten journey is our own and no one else's. This is something we can do only alone. It is *you* who decides whether something is beautiful, as we were to have God reveal something beautiful to us in our *Pray, Fast, Give* discipline. It is *you* that decides to forgive yourself for past transgressions. It is *you* who decides to forgive someone who has hurt you in the past. Lent is an examination of our own spiritual well being. No one can fast for you; no one can pray your prayer, and no one can give for you. *You* are the only one who decides whether your cup runneth over or not. I know by being in the Faith Community that my cup does.

May all of you have a very happy and satisfying Easter, and may all of your cups runneth over.

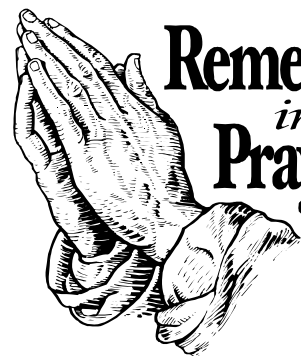
Sincerely,
Pastor Kaufman



Birthdays This Month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Apr. 1 — Betty Huntebrinker
- Apr. 6 — Hope Billings
Florence Pohlman
- Apr. 7 — Bill Pohlman, Sr.
- Apr. 8 — Alan Pohlman
- Apr. 10 — Ann Bowes
Julie Moran
- Apr. 12 — Dorothy Kowalski
- Apr. 17 — Peggy Knapp
- Apr. 22 — Mel Barrios
- Apr. 24 — Margaret Bruss
- Apr. 26 — Jim Pohlman



Remember *in* Prayer

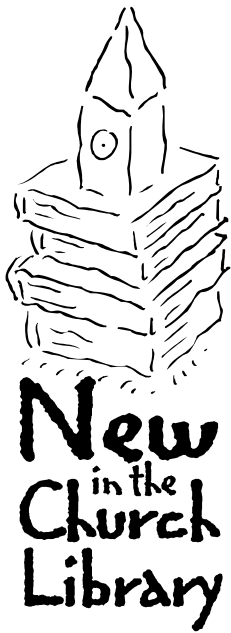
*Please remember the
following people
in your prayers this
month:*

- Rosemary Paugh
(friend of B.J. fighting cancer)
- Nancy Barrios
- John and Inez Reichard
- Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)
- Eleanor Huss
- Elva Goudy
- Helen Shearon

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Library News

I love feedback! It's a great help to hear what you think of books you have read from our collection, whether your opinion is positive or negative. Gifts and suggestions for purchase are always welcome, but before adding most things to the collection I check professional reviews. (These are the quotes you see in my annotations.) Our budget is small, books are expensive and I try to spend wisely. Keep the comments coming!

Here are some new additions:

Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker. "The Super Bowl-winning coach of the Indianapolis Colts reveals secrets to achieving significance (as a man) that he has learned from his remarkable parents, his athletic and coaching career, his mentors and his walk with God."

The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer

by John Dominic Crossan. Sometimes I think we recite this prayer mechanically without thought or feeling about what we are saying. Crossan, probably the best-known biographer of the historical Jesus presents "a full and loving exposition of Christianity's most famous prayer. For Crossan the Lord's Prayer reflects the dual nature of the New Testament's vision of God as a God of love, as well as a God of justice." After reading the reviews I decided that this book is **MUST** reading for me during Lent, although I've started reading ***Jesus*** by Marcus Borg. I hope to be able to read both.

I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg. On a lighter note, Fannie Flagg's latest book features former Miss Alabama, Maggie Fortenberry, whose beauty has begun to fade as has all the promise of her earlier life. Everything has become too much for her, so she plans a graceful exit, but events keep interrupting her. "Part charming Southern romp, part murder mystery; a totally delectable read."

See you in the library.

Gloria Parker



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at the Red Lobster Restaurant on Reynolds Road, at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call hosts Bob and Peggy Walters at 419-381-0639.

Thank You!

Thanks to the Faith family for all of their thoughts and prayers during my husband's short fight and death from cancer. It was comforting to us to have so many people praying for us.

Judy Walle

*I just received the monthly "Dialog" and Sunday Bulletin for the week. I read them from "stem to stern" and thanks so much. I would appreciate receiving the monthly Dialog. My new address is: **Phyllis T. Rietzke, 540 Joslen Blvd., Apt. 147, Hudson, NY 12534.***

Miss you, thank you and love you,

Phyl Rietzke



Holy Week Worship Services

Sunday, April 17
PALM SUNDAY
Worship, 10:30 a.m.



Thursday, April 21
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Service, 7:00 p.m.
COMMUNION

Friday, April 22
GOOD FRIDAY
Service, 12 noon
Sanctuary Open
1-3 p.m.
for prayer and
meditation



Sunday, April 24
EASTER SUNDAY
Worship
10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION



Before Easter Sunday
worship. Serving from
8:45 to 9:45 a.m.



Hyacinth, Tulips, Daffodil

Orders taken through
Palm Sunday,
April 17

Decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning
by purchasing a potted Easter Lily, Hyacinth,
Tulip, or Daffodil as a memorial or to honor a
loved one. Take home after the service.

Sold at cost of \$6.50 per pot.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lily | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinth | <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tulip | <input type="checkbox"/> White | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink | |

Name _____

Memorial or Tribute: _____

Please fill out a separate form for each plant purchased.
Additional order forms available in the narthex.
Please fold around check or cash and place in the collection
plate, in the basket in the church office,
or mail to the church before the deadline.
Gloria Parker — 419-893-9528 — for more information.

Good Friday

Good Friday will include a worship service this
year, beginning at 12 noon. Following the
service, all are invited to go uptown to par-
ticipate in the Maumee community "Way
of the Cross" service. The sanctuary on
Anderson Avenue will remain open from 1
to 3 p.m. for prayer and quiet meditation.

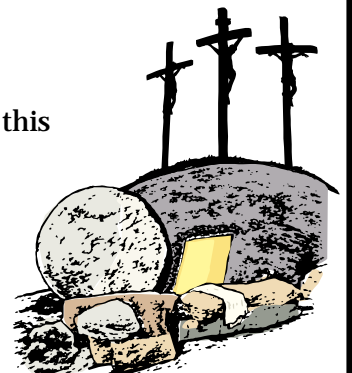


Photo Directory to be printed



We voted at the Congregational Meeting to have a new church directory with photos prepared by Olan Mills. We met with the sales representative and decided on May 23 for the photo day. Watch for reminders as the date nears.

Member's families can take advantage of this opportunity also. You'll receive a free 8x10.

Charlene Reese

Thank You!

Greetings from Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. I want to offer thanks on behalf of our Board of Directors, our staff, and all those we serve for your recent gift of \$100 to Back Bay Mission. May God's blessings shower you with life abundant in 2011!

Maria Watson
Director of Development

Thank you for your generous gift received July through December 2010 of \$150 to support Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries. Your contribution helps to keep seminary education affordable for those who feel called to ministry.

Kiely Todd Roska
Development Coordinator

Check it out!

If you haven't seen it, the March issue of *Pathway Christian Newspaper* features our very own Pastor Scott Kaufman as the Pastor of the Month. The feature includes some really good photos of Pastor Scott and one of our new church home. It is also a good read to learn more about our leader. There are some copies of the paper on the table in the entry. Pick one up today.



The
worship
leaders for
April are:

Worship Leaders

Apr. 3	Tom Parker
Apr. 10	Mary Anderson
Apr. 17	Peg Knapp
Apr. 24	Mel Barrios
May 1	Gloria Parker



The Good Bunch

at the Hong Kong Buffet on Tuesday, March 8, 2011



Gloria and Tom Parker, Nancy Collier, Rita and Ed Braker



Harold and Donna Cresswell, Barbara Hadley, Mel Barrios



Doris Mathews, Barbara Gillmore, Peggy and Bob Walters



Roger and Charlene Reese, JoAnn Diefenthaler, Darla Myles, and Ruby Burkey



Dorothy and Joe Kowalski, Dortha Stewart





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Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011



ELLA'S BAPTISM



The family of Ella Grace
invite you to her baptism
Faith Community UCC
1126 Anderson Street
Maumee, Ohio
April 16, 2011
at 11 a.m.

Join us for a small lunch at
2233 Marengo Street
Toledo, Ohio



ERIS' BAPTISM

Eris Velouria Kantner
(born Oct. 22, 2010)
will be baptized at
Faith Community UCC
Sunday, May 1, 2011
during the morning service.

Eris is daughter of
James and Amanda Kantner
Granddaughter of
Kirk and Nancy (Diefenthaler)
Ehardt and Linda Braucher
Great-granddaughter of
Jo Ann Diefenthaler.

