



# Faith Community United Church of Christ

# Dialog

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MARCH 2011

## Pastor's Message

March is here! March is filled with lots of stuff. Stuff like the first day of spring, Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi gras, and we don't want to forget March Madness.

For those of you who are not sports fans, March Madness is when the college basketball division 1 teams have their national tournament. As cool as all the stuff I mentioned is, I don't want to talk about any of it.

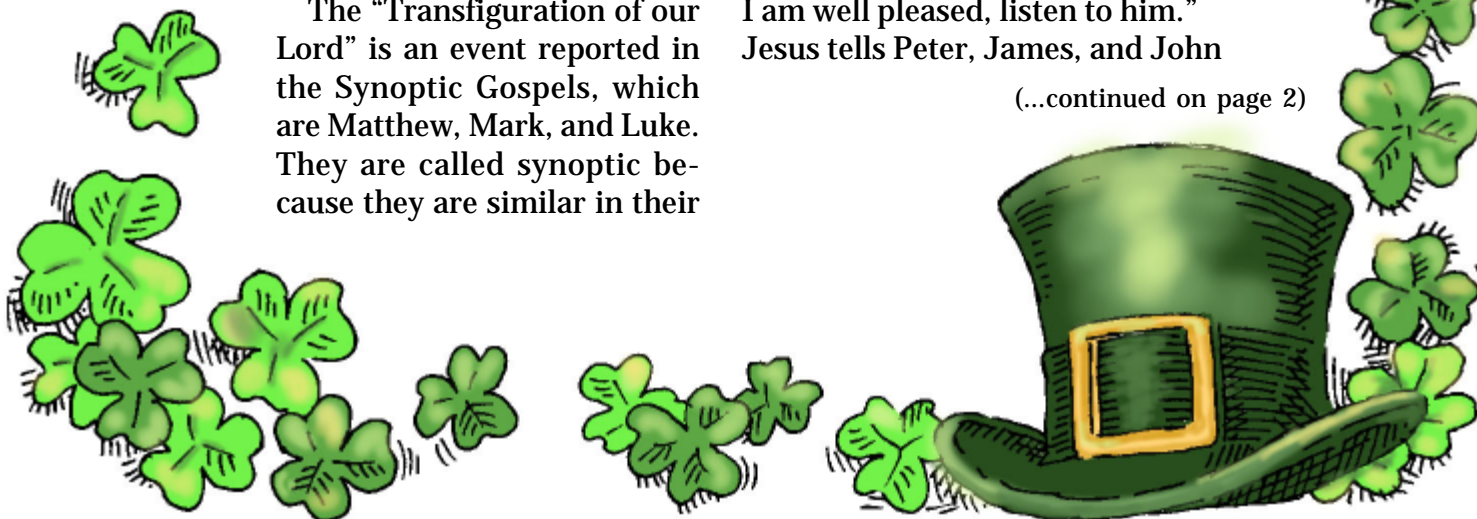
For those of you who think I am going to talk about Ash Wednesday, which is March 9th, are very good thinkers. After all, Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. But I am not going to talk about that either. I am going to talk about "The Transfiguration of our Lord" which we celebrate on March 6th.

The "Transfiguration of our Lord" is an event reported in the Synoptic Gospels, which are Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They are called synoptic because they are similar in their

content of the stories they tell about Jesus, such as the nativity story.

In the transfiguration event Jesus is transfigured in his physical appearance and his raiment, which we now a days just call clothes. His face becomes radiant and his clothes are glistening white. Jesus also speaks to Moses and Elijah, two of the most important prophets in Jewish history. Peter, James, and John are with him as well. These three disciples came up to the mountain top to pray with Jesus. But while Jesus is praying, the bible says Jesus is praying fervently, the disciples become tired, and instead of praying they fall asleep. They awake and see Jesus, in his transfigured state, talking with Moses and Elijah. They also heard the voice of God saying "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." Jesus tells Peter, James, and John

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# TRANSFIGURATION

## SUNDAY

March 6

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

that they are not to tell anyone of what they saw until after his death and resurrection.

Gosh, what a secret to have to keep! What about our song "This Little Light of mine"? I thought we were not to keep our light underneath a basket. I guess this light; this transfiguration light is to be kept under a basket until the right moment. What a secret to keep! Positive uplifting secrets are hard to keep. It's like knowing a friend is getting a promotion and being sworn to secrecy. Or that someone who has tried to have a baby for years and is finally pregnant, but you can't tell. Perhaps a family member is having a surprise birthday party, and mums the word.

But waiting for the right time has its benefits. What if we didn't keep our secrets? What if we did tell about that promotion and it didn't take place? What if relatives told about a pregnancy and it was a false test? What if the person having the birthday couldn't attend the party for some reason?

But let's just imagine what impact Peter, James, and John's experience would have on the followers by waiting. The three disciples saw the physical power and glory that Jesus really had. After seeing the resurrection all followers of Christ would certainly sit up and take notice of "The Transfiguration of Jesus" that those three disciples witnessed first hand on that mountain top. They will be more willing to believe the Transfiguration.

Just imagine what other miracles are in store for you and me as we continue on with our own mountain top journey.

Sincerely,  
*Pastor Kaufman*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Mar. 3 — Melissa Stroud
- Mar. 4 — Judy Walle
- Mar. 6 — Peggy Walters
- Mar. 8 — Charlene Reese  
Matthew Phillis
- Mar. 19 — Cathy Garvin
- Mar. 22 — Darlene Stark
- Mar. 24 — Joe Kowalski
- Mar. 25 — Erin Cole
- Mar. 27 — Amanda Ehrhardt
- Mar. 30 — William Stark
- Mar. 31 — Don Amsden

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- Mar. 7 — John & Inez Reichard



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

- Roger and Cathy Hammack  
(on the death of their brother-in-law Mike Burchett)
- Nancy Barrios
- John and Inez Reichard
- Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)
- Eleanor Huss
- Elva Goudy
- Helen Shearon

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# Behind the Scenes

There are several people who work unceasingly to keep everything working and on time around the church. Everyone knows them and sees them on a

regular basis. This is our opportunity to let them know that the work they do and the hours they put in are appreciated.



Pastor Scott Kaufman is not only in the pulpit on Sunday mornings, but you can find him at the church nearly every day during the week as well. He also finds time to visit the homebound and those hospitalized.



Deb and Dorothy Trail are often found in the kitchen making sure that you always have coffee and refreshments for fellowship hour every week. They are also the reason you have pleasing decorations that match the seasons all year.



Rita Braker provides the organ music nearly every week, as well as accompaniment for the choral group and is working to get a handbell choir organized.




Dorothy Kowalski provides the piano music once a month and fills in for Rita when necessary, as well as providing accompaniment for the choral group.



Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
Sunday, March 13  
*Set clocks  
ahead one hour.*

Time to  
Spring Ahead



Friday  
March 4, 2011

World Day  
of Prayer

# More Behind the Scenes



Gloria Parker runs the library and keeps the stacks in order, well stocked, and works to encourage everyone to make use of this wonderful resource.



B.J. Lord makes sure the bulletins are done every week for the services and the monthly newsletter is mailed on time, as well as keeping the office somewhat organized.



Joe Kowalski has become the church photographer and provides nearly all of the wonderful photos that appear in the Dialog.



And, let's not forget, Mary Anderson, with the help of Roger Reese, who keep the lights on, the snow removed, the lawn mowed, and many, many other things by making sure that the bills all get paid every month.

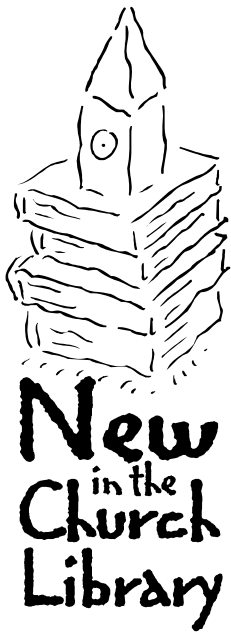


**Ash  
Wednesday**  
Wednesday  
March 9, 2011  
Ash and Communion  
Service, 7 p.m.



**1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday  
in  
Lent**

Sunday,  
March 13  
Lent continues for  
five Sundays  
through Sunday,  
April 10.  
Palm Sunday, April 17  
Easter Sunday, April 24



## LIBRARY NEWS

I promised in my 2010 annual report that I would feature recently added library acquisitions in the *Dialog*, but the complications of learning to use a new computer and programs have slowed my compliance. Although I still am not really familiar with this new beast, I'm trying.

When adding new materials I try to achieve a mix of serious but readable theological nonfiction books with entertaining lighter materials, usually fiction, with wholesome stories. I'm very excited about two new non-fiction titles with similar themes.

*In If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus* author Philip Gulley challenges the church to follow Jesus the teacher rather than worship Jesus the Christ. He describes how far the church has come from spreading the message of Jesus and provides specific suggestions for its return to the original purpose. A professional reviewer states "Gulley's newest book is thoughtful, insightful and a joy to read."

*Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus* by UCC pastor Robin Meyers shows what it means to follow Jesus' teaching today. "True Christianity emphasizes compassion over condemnation, blessing over sin, and equity over individual prosperity." South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu says "Saving Jesus from the Church is scholarly, pastoral, prophetic and eloquent – all in equal measure. Meyers has spoken truth to power, and the church he loves will never be the same."

*In the Company of Others: A Father Tim Novel* by Jan Karon is the long awaited second novel in the author's Father Tim series. The beloved Episcopal priest, now retired, and his wife Cynthia travel to Ireland planning to sight-see and do a bit of genealogical research. They quickly become involved

in investigating family secrets of their innkeepers and the fun begins. Karon's "new book will delight her avid fans, earn her new ones and send them running for the first book in the series."

I hope you'll visit the library to peruse these and other old and new items. Be sure to check out the book truck in the narthex. See you there.

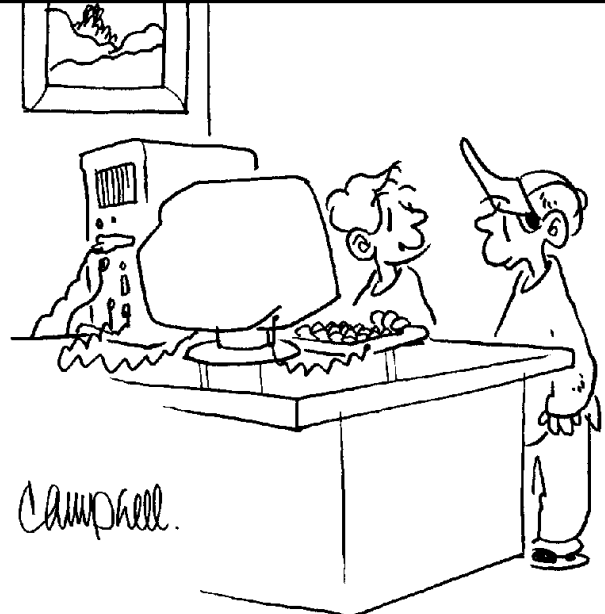
Gloria Parker



**The worship leaders for March are:**

**Worship Leaders**

Mar. 6	Mary Anderson
Mar. 13	Peg Knapp
Mar. 20	Mel Barrios
Mar. 27	Gloria Parker
Apr. 3	Tom Parker



Campbell.

"Let's type in some Old Testament verses and watch the spell-check go crazy."

# The Good Bunch

at Black Pearl Restaurant on Tuesday, February 8, 2011



## The Big Snow Storm of 2011





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The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, March 8, at the Hong Kong Buffet, 3015 Glendale, near Wal-Mart, at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call hosts Joe and Dorothy Kowalski at 419-382-6171.

Everyone is asked to bring a baby picture of themselves, or if you don't have a baby picture, bring the youngest photo of yourself that you have. Sounds like a lot of fun is planned.

The 2011 Church Council members gathered on Sunday, February 13. Not pictured, Ann Stine.