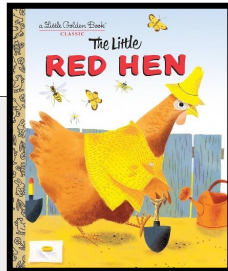


Pastor's Desk

Not Some, Everyone! Not Few, You!



There are four words in **1 Corinthians 12:1-11** that I had never noticed before. Those **four words** are found in verse 7, and the words are: ***“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*** In church circles, we may sometimes think that gifts and talents are only given to a few chosen people. But, that’s not the case. That’s not how God works. God does not just pick **some**, but **everyone!** God does not just pick a **few**, God picks **you!**

One of the most memorable stories that I learned growing up was “The Little Red Hen.” In the story, the little red hen and her chicks were hungry and looked for something to eat. Sure enough, she devised a systematic plan to get food. Despite not having any posable thumbs, she makes it happen! The little red hen finds some seeds, which she plants and tends to. With her hard work and elbow grease, we see a transformation that happens. The seeds turn into wheat. The wheat turns into flour. The flour turns into bread. At each step of the process, the little red hen asks for help from her barn-yard colleagues. And every time, they decline the offer. The duck and cat give excuses and reasons to discredit their ability to help. I love the duck’s reason for not helping. He said, “That sort of work doesn’t agree with me.” In the end, the little red hen has a loaf of bread that she eats with her chicks, and she does not share it with the duck or cat.

While we may want to applaud the little red hen for her virtuous work ethic and shame the duck and cat for not helping, I see this fable with different eyes. This story is a great example of over-functioning and under-functioning. When others said no, the little red hen was there to pick up the slack. When others were under-functioning, she was over-functioning. When others were not putting forth their gifts and talents, she was pulling double-duty to get it all done. And, while the little red hen reached her goal, her method was not sustainable, and burnout would be inevitable for her.

Church, we function best when everyone is participating and bringing forth their gifts and talents. I must confess, I sometimes act like the “Little Red Hen” and do as much as I can, all by myself. However, this approach to ministry is unhealthy and unsustainable. It is what cripples the church and stops it from growing and maturing. With the best of intentions, many of us try to do as much as we can, all by ourselves. But, when we all work together, we bring out the best of what our faith community has to offer.

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Listen, we all have gifts.

Some have a way with words and tell stories with a fresh perspective.

Others ask enlightening questions and create meaningful dialogue.

Others are great with numbers, and know how to crunch them, just right.

Others are wizards with organization, and you are not afraid to declutter, when need be!

Others are amazing cooks and bakers, who can whip up something delectable, for everyone to savor, or even, just mix up some Crystal light.

Others are great with networking, if there is something this church needs, you know-a-guy in Dover!

Others have the gift of planning and hospitality, you make sure that our church events run smoothly and without a hitch!

Others have the gift of singing and music, you graciously guide us through our hymns, so we don't have to mumble through them alone.

Others have the gift of fixing anything, or know who to call, to get the job done, just right!

Others can create anything, from crafting to crocheting, and everything in between.

And, all these gifts are given to us by God.

As a church, we need to find balance. We function best, when everyone is participating and bringing forth a willingness to help. Sometimes, we may not realize that we have a talent and know what we are capable of, until we try and volunteer. Sometimes, we develop a gift by doing. We need ALL the gifts and talents for the church. Remember, God does not just pick **some**, but **everyone!** God does not just pick a **few**, God picks **you!**



Join our Prayer Chain

We are looking for people to join us on the prayer chain.
It's as easy as making a phone call and pray for
whomever might want you to say a little prayer for them.

*Contact Marge Burkhart at 330-343-1731
She'll guide you through the process.*



Carillon Deadline

The deadline to get information and articles into the next regular issue of the Carillon is **Monday, March 17, 2025**. Please mark your calendar! This will be for the **April 2025** Carillon. We want to continue to keep each mailing loaded with information, dates, articles, etc. pertaining to the life of St. John's. **Remember ... you can now send your articles, thank you's, etc. by E-mail to:**
church.secretary@doverstjohns.org

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Senior Minister

Natalie Peterman
Director of Christian Education

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9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

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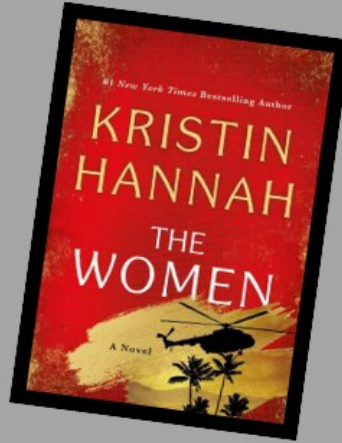
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WOMEN CAN BE HEROES JOIN THE BAD GIRLS

March 10th at 6:30

in the Conference Room to
discuss this acclaimed novel.



This little-explored version of the role of American military nurses during the Vietnam era led the Bad Girls to choose The Women by Kristin Hannah as our **March** book. We meet Frances McGrath who decides to take the unusual role of military nurse despite the skepticism of her parents and her friends. When she reaches her assignment, she is immediately thrust into the chaos of a wartime hospital. The relationships she forms with doctors and other nurses are the basis of this story. This book will make you laugh and cry and you will gain appreciation of those brave people who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives.

Communion Dates for 2025

Sunday, January 5, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, February 2, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, March 9, 2025	First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 6, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, April 20, 2025	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 4, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, June 8, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, July 6, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, August 3, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday September 7, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, October 5, 2025	World Communion
Sunday, November 2, 2025	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday, November 30, 2025	First Sunday of the Advent
Sunday, December 7, 2025	First Sunday of the Month

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Send us your sports/music/activity schedule or the date of a special event! We'd love to attend and show our support!

natalie@doverstjohns.org

Save the Date

Youth Group
March 2nd
March 23rd

Adult
Contemporary Class

Sunday, 9:00AM
Conference room



Join
US

**I ARISE TODAY
THROUGH THE MIGHTY STRENGTH
OF THE LORD OF CREATION**

DOVER ST. JOHN'S UCC



**2025
HOMELESS
AWARENESS
LOCK-OUT**

Benefiting Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County

Thank you for your support! We collected so many donations we were able to fill the steps of the sanctuary. We also set a goal of raising \$1,000 and we surpassed it because of your help. The youth learned a lot though this unique and meaningful experience and had a ton of fun at the same time.

*Thank you
very much!*

St. John's UCC Church Council Meeting February 11, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer-Reverend Cassandra lit the Christ candle and opened the meeting with a prayer. There were 16 members and baby Sonya in attendance.

Minutes of the Last Meeting-Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report- Reported by Holly Gonter

Month of December 2024

General Fund Income for the month of \$16,936 is \$6,822 less than the budget Expenses for the month of \$30,559 were under the budget by \$2,121 Resulting shortfall for the month of \$13,624 is \$4,702 less than the budget

Cash

Beginning cash balance for the year was \$25,146 and ending cash is \$28,213 We have transferred \$17,896 from investments to cover General Fund expenses. M/S/C by Sue Ferbrache and Dan Dummermuth to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Recognition of Outgoing and Incoming Council Members

President Dave Gingrich thanked outgoing Council members and welcomed incoming members.

Senior Minister's Report

Reverend Cassandra reported she had three phone call check-ins and one office visit. Looking ahead to Ash Wednesday, "Ashes To-Go" at Fourth and Faith will be from 8am-10am. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm in the church sanctuary. She consulted with the Elders about new events in the coming months. She wants to make sure events include worship in a creative way and have activities that will encourage youth to attend church. Upcoming Events are Brunch Church – March 30th, Youth Sunday – April 6th, Palm/Passion Sunday – April 13th and Pet Blessing Service – April 27th.

Director of CE Report

Natalie Peterman reviewed the Youth Group activities for the month and upcoming activities. Youth Group-In January, 15 youth enjoyed pizza and bowling. Next Youth group is March 2nd. Upcoming Events include Homeless Awareness- February 15 & 16 and End of Year Summer Kickoff Cookout is May 25th. Adult Sunday School- Natalie is possibly looking for new materials. She would like Multigenerational Sunday School several times throughout the year. Natalie thanked Camryn Hurst for serving as Youth on Council the past year.

Reports of the Boards

Elders

Sue Ferbrache reported the Elders are working with Reverend Cassandra on the Associate Pastor Profile and job description. Communion will be served March 9th, April 6th, May 4th and June 8th. Jean Paddock reviewed upcoming Lenten dates. Ash Wednesday, March 5th with Ashes to Go at Fourth & Faith and worship in the sanctuary at 7pm, Palm/Passion Sunday April 13th, Good Friday Stations of the Cross April 18th at Fourth & Faith and Easter Sunday service April 20th at 10:30am.

Trustees

Dan Dummermuth reported. Up to \$145,000 was approved by the congregation for new air conditioning in the sanctuary building. After much research by the Trustees (special thanks to Trustee Doug Peterman) signed contracts with Unified Building Technologies, Red Hill Crane and Wood Electric for combined cost of \$133,020. There may be some incidental added costs for plaster repair, etc. when the construction work is finished. Lead time is estimated at 12 to 14 weeks to have the installation completed. Dan and Rob Gump reviewed several projects including choir room heating, men's restroom updates and back office heating leaks. Future projects include caulking windows, inspecting the roof in the educational building and HVAC for the front section of the Fourth & Faith building.

Deacons

Jen Conkle reported that the ushers and communion servers are secured for March.

Reports of Committees

Scholarship

Approval of committee members for 2025: Sue Ferbrache, Carol Huprich, Jen Conkle, Sally McCombs & Beth Showers. M/S/C by Holly Gonter and Rob Gump

Investment

As per the investment guidelines, up to \$24,442 will be available for scholarships. M/S/C by Jean Paddock and Bev Smith to authorize up to that amount for 2025 distribution.

Congregational Activities

Card Party at Fourth & Faith – 02/12/25 (2nd Wed monthly) – benefit Cancer Bags

Youth Group – Mar 2, Mar 23, Apr 6, Apr 27

Homeless Awareness – Feb 15-16

Breakfast for Homeless Awareness Participants – Feb 16

Youth Sunday – April 6

Summer Kickoff Cookout on Front Lawn – May 25 following worship

Unfinished Business -None

New Business

A Search Committee will be named next month to begin the recruiting process for the Associate Pastor position

Comments for the Good of St. John's

Natalie Peterman thanked Dan Hurst for all of his help with the Youth Group. Awesome!

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm.

Sanctuary Committee



Daffodil



Tulip



Hyacinth



Lilies



\$ 10.25

It's time to order your potted Easter plants!

- All orders will be taken in the church office during the week through **Thursday March 27.**
- As the grower has increased the cost this year, each plant will be **\$10.25.**
- The flowers will be used to decorate our sanctuary on **Easter Sunday.**
- As in the past, we will publish your "In honor of" or "In memory of" in the Easter Sunday bulletin.
- We will sell daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and Lilies.
- An order form will need to be completed, and All orders must be prepaid.
- Committee members will not hand out the plants after the last service.
- Please pick up your plants (which will be marked with a tag with your name on it)
- After Easter Sunday service or by Wednesday April 30.
- Please speak with a member of the Sanctuary Committee or call the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

We will not be able to sell plants on Palm Sunday.



MARCH
5
2025

Ash Wednesday Services

ASHES-TO-GO

MARCH 5, 2025
 AT THE CORNER OF FOURTH AND FAITH
 FROM 8AM TO 10AM.
 JOIN US FOR COFFEE, DONUTS
 AND ASHES.
 ALL ARE WELCOME.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
 AT 7PM IN THE SANCTUARY.

LET'S PREPARE TOGETHER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS' RESURRECTION



Blessed

are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Matthew 5:8



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO:

Brunch Church

Sunday, March 30th @ 10:30am

St. John's United Church of Christ
in the Social Hall

(409 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622)

Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin forms available in the church office to sponsor Altar Flowers & Bulletin Covers.

ALTA FLOWERS \$1250
MADE PAYABLE TO
ST. JOHN'S UCC
SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

BULLETIN COVERS
\$2500 MADE PAYABLE
TO ST. JOHN'S UCC.



Wednesday, March 12
1:00pm - 4:00pm



Card Party

Cost of \$10.00 includes lunch
Located at Fourth and Faith
Benefits The Cancer Care Bags

Contact: Bev Smith 330-343-2231

Spring BLESSINGS




January Financial Report

Actual Income	\$ 16,936
Actual Expenses	\$ 30,559
Average Worship Attendance	85

Needles & Hookers



*Meet on Mondays at
2:00pm until 3:30pm in
the lounge.*

Scarves made with love



March Birthdays

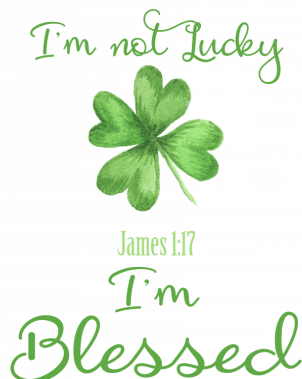
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Madeline Fickes
Emily Gump
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Kathy Irwin
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Brent Morrison
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Berit McMillan
Kelly Wherley
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Bradley Rausch
Maryruth Warther
- 8
Terry Menges
Scott Shaffer
- 9
Tim Chumney
- 10
Shirley Corder
Ashton Hall
- 11
Karen Gartrell
Matthew Marburger
- 13
Rachel Jones
Dale Miller
- 14
Anthony Mason
- 15
Debbie Cook
Jeffery Degraw
Corey Hall
- 17
Tom Koontz
Ronald Smith
- 18
Joyce Beitzel
- 19
Bridget McCrate
Brett Schilling

- 20
Gregory Dryden
- 23
Jennifer Conkle
Austin Gump
- 25
Eva Haines
Dionna Kantoski
- Jamie (Thomas) Schupbach
- 29
Barbara Domer
Robert Gibbs
Sally McCombs
- 30
Jason Hall
- 31
Gary Craig
Robert Graham
Susan Steiner



March Anniversaries

- 18
David & JoAnn Schaar
- 19
Keith & Kathy Marburger



Elder of the Month

In an effort to better meet the needs of the congregation, we print the contact information for the Elder of the month. This is to provide another contact person in addition to Rev. Cassandra should you have a personal or family emergency.

Sue Ferbrache
511 Shawnee Dr
Dover, Ohio 44622
330-364-5079



**April 13
Palm Passion Sunday**
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship

Palm Passion Sunday ~ this service will incorporate Maundy Thursday and Good Friday into a Palm Passion Sunday Service. There will be no Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services.

Good Friday, April 18
Stations of the Cross
10 am - 1pm & 3pm - 7pm
Fourth and Faith

Easter Sunday, April 20
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship/
Communion



ST. JOHN'S BLESSING BOX



From Gods hands to yours



Items Used in the Blessing Box

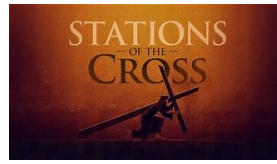
Kraft Mac & Cheese	Package Mash Potatoes	Applesauce Cups
Packages Rice	Fruit Cups	Canned Fruit
Canned vegetables	Spaghetti Sauce	Spaghetti
Bagged Noodles	Peanut Butter (creamy)	Jelly or Jam
Ramen Noodles	Dinty Moore Beef Stew	Canned Chicken
Small cans of Tuna	Canned Baked Beans	Canned Soup
Cereal	Flavored Oatmeal Packets	Fruit Bars
Toaster Pop Tarts	Granola Bars	Kool-Aid
Juice Pouches	Laundry Detergent	Dryer Sheets
Toilet Paper	Toothpaste	Deodorant
Hand Soap	Dish Soap	

Items Not Used

Canned cream ofSoups, Bagged Beans of any kind, Canned Beans (except Baked Beans)



Stations of the Cross



As stated by Dennis Bratcher...” The *Stations of the Cross* refers to the liturgical practice of using various events in the final hours of Jesus’ life as a structure for prayer and meditation (also called the *Via Crucis* or *Way of the Cross*). These events encompass Jesus’ journey carrying his cross from the Hall of Pilate where he was condemned to death to the site of his execution on Golgotha (Calvary).

As part of their acts of devotion, early Christian pilgrims of Jerusalem retraced the route of Jesus as he carried his cross to his death. Early pilgrimages varied considerably with different starting places and different routes. As the practice developed in the medieval period, the starting point for this journey through the streets of Jerusalem began in the ruins of the Fortress of Antonia that originally housed Pilate’s Judgment Hall. It concluded at the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulcher that marks the traditional site of Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus.

By the sixteenth century, the route this pilgrimage took through Jerusalem came to be called the *Via Dolorosa*, the *Way of Sorrow*. Along the Way, certain points on the journey (stations) were associated with specific events recounted (or implied) in the Gospel accounts.”

As travel to this area became too dangerous and as many couldn’t afford the trip, The Stations of the Cross were added to many towns and eventually the stations were permanently set up in cathedrals throughout Europe and even in the coliseum in Rome.

Today, traveling The Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself to us. You will begin a pilgrimage of prayer and meditation centered on the journey Jesus took on His way to be crucified. A station is just a place to stop, to take time to reflect and pray.

We invite you to stop by on **Good Friday from 10:00AM – 1:00PM and 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Fourth and Faith.** Spend some time in prayer and thought and meditation as you travel the Stations of the Cross.



MARCH

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