



Giving Up Meaningless For Lent

Pastor's Desk

Beginning in Advent, I began using the Women's Lectionary for choosing the weekly readings in worship. After Easter and leading up to Pentecost, the plan is to lift five women who were important in the formation/establishment of the church from the book of Acts. In the in between, I have grown in my appreciation for important women in the scripture who I have known and recognized. But there is more. I have begun to see their significance differently just because I am intentionally paying more attention.

I suppose this is a truth for any of us. If we are intentional about paying attention in a particular way to people in our lives, we may begin to take notice of their influence. This past week I have been fortunate to be able to re-read the introduction to creation (origin) stories in the book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, as well as engaging in conversations about the church and our interaction and outreach to people of color and the LGBTQ+ community. I feel enthused by the richness of the world – the value of authentic lives that have been culturally influenced and self-identify in ways that are quite distinct from my own experience. It has been a blessing to be intentionally aware of differences in ways that have not been confrontational or accusational but entered into with curiosity and wonder.

It has made me think of the "Statements of Purpose" in a wedding ceremony
✦ *We are gathered here in the presence of God, family, and friends to unite...*
✦ *Seeking strength in our life together and nurtured in our love for God...*
✦ *Called to a new way of life, created, ordered, and blessed by God...*
✦ *A way that is not entered into carelessly or from selfish motives, but responsibly and prayerfully.*
✦ *I promise to be faithful in plenty and want, in joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live.*
Those whom God has joined together, let no one separate.

Lent could take on a more meaningful purpose than testing your willpower if we would approach these days as a new beginning; the fulfillment of making a new covenant with God and with one another. Lent can be personally uplifting by being community minded, becoming connected with others. If you do that, perhaps by the end of Lent, the work of introspection, prayer, and recognizing others in our midst will make us ready for more intentional

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Rev. Jeff Jackson
Senior Interim Minister
Call for an appointment.

Pastor Dotty Hartzell
Pastor of Visitation
Call for an appointment.

Belinda Lentz
Director of Christian Education
*Monday 9:30-4:00
*Wednesday 9:30-4:00
*Thursday 9:30-1:00

* indicates scheduled office hours,
other times by appointment.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM Devotions @
Fourth & Faith
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

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outward-facing activities. Through becoming more aware of the plight of people who are not like us, the work of intentional reconciliation and healing can save our "marriages".

I firmly believe that St. John's is a unique and vital congregation with much to share with the world around us. Let's remember that we are not alone in this area and let us do the service of figuring out how this ministry can be shared with those who could benefit from the love and joy that binds our community together.

Bless you all,
Jeff



Ten Things to do Without During Lent
(Or Any Time)

Listen without interrupting.

- *The selfish man quarrels against every sound principle of conduct by demanding his own way. Proverbs 18:1*

Speak without accusing.

- *Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry... James 1:19*

Give without sparing.

- *...the righteous give without sparing. Proverbs 21:26*

Pray without ceasing.

- *Ever since we first heard about you, we have kept on praying and asking God to help you understand what He wants you to do. Colossians 1:9*

Answer without arguing.

- *A dry crust eaten in peace is better than a steak eaten with argument and strife. Proverbs 17:1*

Talk without pretending.

- *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ. Ephesians 4:15*

Enjoy without complaint.

- *In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing so that no one can speak a word of blame against you. Philippians 2:14*

Trust without wavering.

- *If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him... 1 Corinthians 13:7*

Forgive without punishing.

- *Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13*

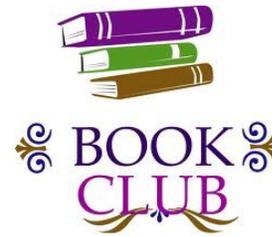
Promise without forgetting.

- *Hope deferred (promises broken) makes the heart sick; but when dreams come true at last, there is life and joy. Proverbs 13:12*

Pastor Doty



How Well Do You Know Him?



Kathryn's life, as the wife of an airline pilot, is unextraordinary yet peaceful with her teaching job, her precocious daughter, her home by the ocean, and a happy, if sometimes lonely, marriage. Her world is upended when she is notified that her husband has died in a plane crash. As details emerge Kathryn wonders if it could be true that her loving husband led a secret life. Find out the details when you join the Bad Girls Book Club on **Monday, March 13 at 6:30 in the Conference Room** as we discuss The Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve.

It's time to order Potted Easter Plants again!



The Sanctuary Committee will once again be taking orders for Easter plants. As the grower has decreased the cost this year, each plant will be \$9.50. **ALL orders will be taken in the church office during the week through Thursday, March 23.** The flowers will be used to decorate our sanctuary in spring magnificence on **Easter Sunday**. As in the past, we will publish your "in honor of" or "in memory of" in the Easter Sunday's bulletin. We will sell daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and lilies. **An order form will need to be completed... and All orders must be prepaid.**

Like last year, committee members will not hand out the plants after the last service. Please pick up your plant (which will be marked with a tag with your name on it) after the Easter Sunday service or by **Wednesday, April 12.**

Please speak with a member of the Sanctuary Committee or call the church office if you have any questions or concerns.





Another one is in the books. The 15th (no matter what the paper says) annual Homeless Awareness was held on the weekend of January 28th-29th. Ten of our youth and three adults gathered around 6PM to construct their dwellings for the night. It wasn't snowing and wasn't all that cold. The temperature was nowhere near the point at which I demand the youth stay inside. Kaleigh and Austin were excited about that as they had never spent the entire night outside. Rob Gump brought his fire ring and started a fire for the youth to gather around.

At about 6:39, a woman named Phyllis, from the Homeless Shelter arrived to talk with students. She mostly talked about the need for a new building, something I am sure we have all heard about. It was good to hear this information from the woman who is in charge of maintenance. She knows the building inside and out. It is old and has seen better days. Some things are extremely difficult to repair due to the age and construction of the building. The need is tremendous for a new structure. Phyllis stayed around for a while and talked with the kids and adults. While she was talking, one of the board members of the shelter stopped by with a donation and to see who was talking with us from the shelter.

Later that evening while we were gathered around the fire another board member stopped by with a monetary donation and some words of gratitude for what our youth was doing. The director of the shelter stopped by a number of years ago, but this was the first year for board members.

We took our annual walk all over downtown to check out places that homeless folks could get out of the weather or spend the night. Pastor Jeff joined us. It certainly is much brighter downtown than what I remember from past years. The youth found some places that could shelter a person, but there were many that did not appeal to them.

The youth got into their boxes around 1AM. At 4AM, Heather and I woke them all up and made them come inside. The rain and wind had started, and the rain continued all night. The youth slept inside on the floor. When they were awakened at 7:15 for breakfast, we heard lots of complaints about the hard floor that was not comfortable. Point made.

After breakfast, I asked the youth to write why they had participated in the event and what it meant to them. Here are a couple samplings from our youth....

Why did you participate in the Lock-out?

"I hoped that by doing this I might help people off the street."

"We did it to show that they have a way harder life than I thought."

"I wanted to be a part of something that made a difference. It's also very important to do this and put yourself in their position."

"I came to do this because I wanted to raise awareness for homelessness in our community. I also came to feel what it was like to be homeless. I wanted to put myself in someone else's shoes."

"I participated in this event in part because of tradition, but more importantly because this community, now more than ever, needs to be reminded not only of the ever-growing presence of homelessness in our county, but also that it could happen to every single one of us."

What did you learn from this event?

"I hope this event is a call to action for all participants and witnesses. I also hope it

made everyone who noticed us think about their own susceptibility to homelessness...”

“Weather is way worse when you are sleeping in cardboard.”

“I have learned that homelessness is a serious thing that we need to try to prevent in our community. I didn’t know how much I had until I participated in this event.”

“I learned that even if it’s freezing cold, they still have to sleep in cold places.”

“Being homeless isn’t fun.”

Why have we done this event for 15 years? I think the responses to my questions tell us why. Our youth had a good time and ate so much food. But they collected donations (which filled up the back of my car and were so appreciated by the men at the shelter who helped carry the supplies in), they collected cash donations (which amounted to \$1080.00) and were gracious with their thank-you’s. They stepped outside of their lives and became someone else for a short time. They remember over the years and yet, they come back to do it again. I hope they will see a new shelter happen soon.

My great-nephew is part of the youth group, as was his brother. We were talking on the way to his house after everything was cleaned up and put away at the church. I asked him if it had been a good experience and what he had learned. His immediate response was that he hadn’t slept much because sleeping in a box is really uncomfortable. I sort of glanced over at him with that look. Suddenly, it dawned on him what he had just said. He looked at me a bit sheepishly and said, “Duh.” Our youth understand why we do this every year. Thanks for your support.

*Breathe,
Belinda*



Lenten LUNCHES
The Spirituality of Imagining Prayers
Wednesdays in March, 12-1pm
In the Fellowship Center

Lent is a wonderful time to work on one’s Spiritual Disciplines. On **Wednesdays in March (1,8,15,22, and 29)** we will gather to learn and exercise our skill for Ignatian Prayer. St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), taught a form of reflective prayer that invites you to use your mind and imagination to engage in prayerful conversation with God and to recognize God’s presence in your daily life. This type of prayer invites the prayer giver to explore the depths of a gospel story. It asks us to consider our own reactions and feelings to a gospel story and to speak directly with God about what delights us and what disturbs us about the Good News we have read from the Bible.

With Ignatius as our guide, our imagination becomes a way to help us know and love God. Giving free rein to our imagination, we feel the heat of the summer sun, smell the dust as we walk along, and sense the desperation of the sick who come to Jesus for healing. And not only do we hear the words recorded in the Gospels, but we also imagine other things Jesus might have said or done. Imaginative prayer helps Jesus come alive to us. Come enjoy lunch, explore the Gospel, and share your new discoveries to help others grow in faith!

Elder of the Month

In an effort to better meet the needs of the congregation, we will be printing the contact information for the Elder of the month. The purpose of doing this is to provide another contact person, in addition to Rev. Jackson and Pastor Dotty, should you have a personal or family emergency.

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January Financial Report

Actual Income \$ 23,994
Actual Expenses \$ 33,020

Average Worship
Attendance
85

MAY YOUR TROUBLES
BE LESS
and your
Blessings
be MORE
AND NOTHING BUT
HAPPINESS
come through your
door
IRISH BLESSING

FIVEheartHOME

Meet our new Choir Director

Rev. Daniel Grimminger, the Pastor of Liturgy at St. John's, is an ordained Lutheran Pastor. Before coming to St. John's he served three congregations as Pastor and several others as a professional church musician. Before ordination, Pastor Dan was a professor in Music, Liturgy, Hymnody, and Ethics/Medical Ethics at several schools including Kent State University, Mount Union College, and Aultman College of Nursing. A native of Paris, Stark County, Ohio, Pastor Dan grew up on a dairy farm and received a public school education in Minerva. After graduation, he earned a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Mount Union College, a master's degree in theology from Capital University, a Doctor of Church Music degree in Choral Conducting from Claremont Graduate University in California, and a Ph.D. in historical musicology from the University of Pittsburgh. At Pitt, he wrote his dissertation on music's role in cultural and theological change in the German Reformed and Lutheran Churches. He serves as a Hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator concurrently with his call at St. John's. In his spare time, Pastor Dan enjoys collecting antiques and books, and doing historic house conservation with his two children, Julia, and Justus. He also enjoys writing and publishing scholarships.



I want to take this opportunity to thank some pretty important people in my life. Thank you to the 10 youth who gave up one evening of their busy lives and finally got to sleep in their boxes on the front lawn for at least part of the night. Thank you to Heather Smith who joined St. John's years ago and has given so much of her time to help with all things youth and kids related. Thank you to Rob Gump who has been a part of the Homeless Awareness event for at least 11 years as he collects boxes and mans the fire. Thank you to Doug Peterman who provided us with some amazing large boxes this year. Thank you to the parents and friends who provided snacks for the youth. And thank you to all of you who stopped by on January 28th to chat with the youth, to bring donations of all kinds and to hand me money on that Sunday. I am sure your donations will be put to good use at the Homeless Shelter.

THANK YOU!

Belinda

St. John's UCC Council Meeting February 14th, 2023 at 7:30pm

The meeting of St. John's United Church of Christ Church Council was called to order on February 14th, 2023 at 7:30 pm by President Dan Dummermuth. There were 15 members in attendance including Pastor Dotty Hartzell and Rev. Jeff Jackson.

Rev. Jeff lit the Christ candle and offered an opening prayer.

The January 2023 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Adam Herman gave the treasurer's report. General Fund Income for January 2023 was \$23,994 and Expenses were \$33,020 resulting in a shortfall of \$9,026 for the month. Beginning cash balance for the year as \$50,689 and ending cash is \$43,589 (includes Capital Improvement and Memorial Funds). Zero dollars have been transferred from investments in 2023. M/S/C by Rob Gump and Bev Smith to approve the treasurer's report.

SENIOR MINISTER REPORT- Rev. Jeff. reported on the following:

1) Lenten Activities a.) Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7pm Wednesday, February 22nd at the First Presbyterian Church, New Philadelphia. b.) Practices and Study includes 40Bags-40Days (includes Individual Practice and All Church Practice of cleaning up and cleaning out messy and neatly stored stuff to prepare for the Settled Pastor). c.) Spiritual Discipline of Ignatian Prayer that will be held the five Wednesdays in March including a lite lunch. d.) Inspiration Study of the book *INSPIRED: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again*, to be held at Sunday Morning Devotions 9:15-9:45am (Pastor Jeff), Sunday Morning Devotions Follow-up 9:50-10:20am (Jean Paddock) and in March with the Adult Contemporary Class.

2) Kent State University Tuscarawas Campus Entrepreneurship- Pastor Jeff is coordinating with Kent graduating senior students needing to complete community service work. Four students have consulted with our technology leader Heather Smith on our social media platforms. They will evaluate what we are doing now and then propose possible updates. Four additional students will meet with Belinda Lentz, Director of Christian Education on engagement possibilities with our Guatemalan community. Both of these will be completed by the first of May. It is a possibility this will be done again next year.

3) Monthly story time in the sanctuary with the pastor will begin in March. It will give our St. John's Pre-School children an opportunity to be part of a church setting. This could possibly lead to their families wanting to attend our church.

4) Confirmation Class - The class is creating videos of "Faith Stories" and having a panel discussion asking faith questions of church members. Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 21st.

5) Fourth and Faith has received a portable P.A. system from a generous "Angel Donor." Thank you!

6) Starlight - We are waiting for possible dates for the "Starlight Art Show Opening" at Fourth and Faith. There is also the possibility of a "Theatre" coordinating with

Starlight. This is an exciting new partnership.

7) Installation of Church Council members will be held during church service on February 26th.

PASTOR OF VISITATION REPORT- Pastor Dotty reported on Needles and Hookers, Bible Study group and XOO Kids gifts to homebound and nursing home members. Also, two people needed housing for a few nights and they were assisted.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Belinda Lentz updated council on the successful Homeless Awareness Project held on January 28-29th. There were three adults and ten youth involved. Donated items and \$1,080 were given to the Homeless Shelter. Two shelter board members and their maintenance person stopped by and spoke to the group. What a wonderful awareness project this is every year. XOO kids have been meeting weekly. They love making crafts. Belinda participated in her annual trip to Arizona. She told council about the water drops and the Underground Railroad. Several community residents have been working with Guatemalan youth on summer art projects. Last summer they painted a mural in New Philadelphia. The group was given cameras and their work will be in a book and displayed on the walls of Fourth and Faith (date to be determined). The Board of Christian Education will be meeting tomorrow evening to plan summer activities.

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BOARD REPORTS

ELDERS REPORT - Sue Ferbrache reported there will be Communion on Sunday, February 26th and no Communion in March. Sue's term as Elder is up after this meeting. She totally appreciated and enjoyed working with the great group of Elders.

DEACONS REPORT- Sally McCombs and Bev Smith reported five ushers for March are confirmed.

TRUSTEES REPORT - Rob Gump and Doug Peterman reported on several issues. There was discussion on possible future replacement of the Cloister roof. The panel box for the fire alarm system is on order.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

Pastor Search Committee- Dave Gingrich chairman of the committee reported they are moving forward on several profiles. This process is confidential. The committee is confident we will find an exceptional person for the Settled Pastor position.

Investment Committee- Dave Gingrich reported the committee met and reviewed the investments with Advisor Kent Beal. 2022 was a rough year but St. John's is still in a great position. M/S/C by Dave Gingrich and Adam Herman to allocate up to \$19,750 in scholarships this year.

CONGREGATIONAL SOLICITATIONS

M/S/C by Doug Peterman and Sally McCombs to allow the Tuscarawas County Historical Society to host their annual Zeisberger Heckwelder Award Recognition at Fourth and Faith on May 9th.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

UPCOMING EVENTS- Bev Smith reported that St. John's will be busy with many activities.

Taco Thursday-February 16th, 5-6:30pm. Fourth and Faith, (continuing every third Thursday of the month)

St. Patrick's Day Community Lunch-March 17th, 11am-1pm, Fourth and Faith

St. Patrick's Day Game Day-March 17th, 6-8:30pm, Fourth and Faith

Ladies Tea- April 15th, 11am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Craft Day- April 5th, 11am-1pm, Fourth and Faith

Card Party- 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1-4pm, Fourth and Faith

Dover Community Church Yard Sale, Scavenger Hunt and Church Tours- May 6th, 9am-1pm (All profits from each participating church will provide for our community families in need). Be sure to contribute items to the yard sale.

ADJOURNMENT AND LORD'S PRAYER

President Dan led the council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.



**St. John's UCC
Congregational Meeting
JANUARY 29, 2023**

President Dan Dummermuth called the St. John's United Church of Christ Congregational Meeting to order at 11:23am on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

Dan reported for Dave Gingrich, chairman of the Pastor Search Committee. The committee has received eight pastor profiles, conducted two interviews and made no offers. The committee has pursued many options to advertise the position. They are now expanding the search beyond United Church of Christ candidates. Reverend Jeff has agreed to continue to serve as Interim Pastor until the Senior Pastor position is filled.

Dan reviewed the nominees on the ballot for church council. They are the following:

Elders-
Jean Paddock, Vicki Rufener

Deacons- Jen Conkle

Trustees-
Ed Rufener, Chad McGlothin

Board of Education-
Angie Gump, Carol McCutcheon, Julie Leggett

M/S/C by Doug Peterman and Rob Gump to approve the ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am. The ballots were collected at the door.

Free Taco Thursdays

Join us on **Thursday, March 16**, and every third Thursday of the month for Free Taco Thursday!!

As a mission of St. John's Church, we will be offering a free meal to the community from **5:00 pm until 6:30 pm at Fourth and Faith**. Most people like tacos and it's a simple meal to make, but we do need your help. Every month we will asking for a donation of food items. Please consider signing up to help with this project.

We are looking for donations of:

- 10 lbs. - Shredded lettuce
- 4 big cans - Petite Diced tomatoes
- 9 of each - taco shells hard and soft
- 12 lbs. - Shredded cheddar cheese
- 7 - 16 oz bottles of Taco sauce
- 4 large containers - Sour cream
- 80 - Applesauce in individual containers
- 16 lbs. Browned/Cooked Hamburger with taco seasoning
- Cookies, brownies or cupcakes
- 4 big bags of Tostitos chips
- 8 - jars of Salsa



And, of course, we will need volunteers to help serve the food.

Call Bev Smith 330-343-2231 with any donations or to help serve.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35*

Card Party



At Fourth & Faith
Wednesday, March 8:
 1 pm - 4 pm \$10.00 includes food.
 Please contact Bev Smith
 at 330-343-2231
 Benefits the Cancer Care Bags

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday March 19** the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected. The theme for 2023 offering is **"It's Time to Share"** based on Galatians 6: 9-10. Working collaboratively with Conferences, local, national, and global partners we help to provide clean water, food, education, health care, resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief, and disaster preparedness and response.

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world and in our own communities. Your gifts put love into action, ensuring that **"It's Time to Share"**.



Attention High School Seniors and College Students!



Any member of St. John's who is a high school senior or a college student may apply for a scholarship. Pick up your St. John's Scholarship application in the office. Completed applications will be due on **Sunday, April 9.**



March Birthday

1
 Norma Cope
 Madeline Fickes
 Emily Gump

2
 Zoey Devore
 Rick Moss
 Krista Steiner
 Kathy Irwin

3
 Luke Dalpiaz

4
 Jon Harding
 Brent Morrison

5
 Sean Baumberger
 Derek Chumney
 Berit McMillan
 Kelly Wherley

7
 Maryruth Warther

8
 Terry Menges
 Susan Rini-Smith
 Scott Shaffer
 Nicole Veitinger

9
 Ryan Lengler

10
 Shirley Corder
 Ashton Hall

11
 Karen Gartrell
 Rachel Harmon
 Matt Marburger

13
 Jodi Davis
 Rachel Jones
 Dale Miller

14
 Cora Dotts

15
 Anthony Mason

Marybeth Smith

Jillian Lundberg
 Debbie Cook
 Jeff Degraw
 Bill Geib
 Corey Hall
 Rikki Metcalf

16
 Mitchell Siegenthaler
 Kevin Terazzi

17
 Evan Boose
 Tom Koontz
 Ron Smith

18
 Joyce Beitzel

19
 James Festi III
 Bridget McCrate
 Jaxson McIlvaine
 Brett Schilling

20
 Kayleigh Bair
 Gregory Dryden
 Joe Gingrich

21
 Mary Schaar
 Graem Wallick
 Jessica Zeigler

22
 Rachel Stuart

23
 Mary Ann Becker
 Jennifer Conkle
 Austin Gump
 Tara Myers
 Deborah Wertz

24
 Jill Lengler
 Emily Showers
 Ian Showers

25
 Julianna Arbogast
 Eva Haines
 Dionna Kantoski
 Jamie Schupbach

26
 Betsy Pringle

27
 Devon McGlothlin
 Benjamin Messick
 Sheila Price

28
 Patty Dunkle

29
 Barb Domer
 Bob Gibbs
 Beth Mathews
 Sally McCombs
 Aidan Mushrush

30
 Jason Hall
 Wyatt Wallick

31
 Robert Clinton
 Gary Craig
 Robert Graham
 Lori Lewis
 Susan Steiner
 Amy Triola



March Anniversaries

7
 Deanna & Bill Geib

17
 Jean & Tom Paddock

18
 Joann & David Schaar

19
 Kathy & Keith Marburger
 Molli & Ryan Froman

20
 Candy & Dave Shanklin

22
 Karen & Doug Messick

31
 Lori & Jonathan Lewis



Family Members in Nursing Homes

Walnut Hills Nursing Home
Lois Shell

Park Village Asst. Living N.

Dean & Marjorie Auman
Jim Cotton

Schoenbrunn Healthcare

Marion Haines



Hospital News

Members and friends of the St. John's family hospitalized between January 15 - present include: Adam Gingrich, Carol Graef, Bobbi Hrusovsky, Lois Shell, and Jim Murphy.

HOSPITAL NOTE: We are no longer being notified by any of the area hospitals when our members are admitted due to policies involving patients' rights to privacy. Therefore, if you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital and you would like the church to know and the minister to visit, you need to call or E-mail the church office with the information. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors



Forms for 2023 are now available in the church office to sponsor altar flowers (\$12.50 made payable to **St. John's UCC Sanctuary Committee**) or bulletin covers (\$25.00 made payable to **St. John's UCC**). Please **stop in soon** to reserve your date or **mail your form along with your check**. Thank you!

Carillon Deadline

The deadline to get information and articles into the next regular issue of the Carillon is **Monday, March 13, 2023**. Please mark your calendar! This will be for the April 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**

Office Sitter Needed

We are in need of office sitters for the week of **March 27- 31**; to fill in for vacation time for the secretary. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact the church office at 330-364-4458 or via email to church.secretary@doverstjohns.org



Thank you &
God Bless!
Regina

St. John's PreK Book Fair



Need a good book? An Easter gift or birthday gift for someone special or perhaps a grandchild?

St. John's PreK will be hosting a Book Fair featuring adult, preteen and children's books. All proceeds will benefit our preschool.

Stop by the Social Hall to shop:

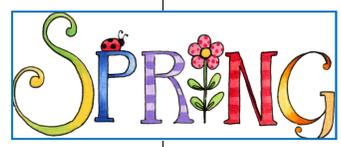
Wednesday, March 15th
after Lenten Lunch
1:00pm - 1:30pm &
5:30pm - 6:30pm





March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i></p> <p>12p-1p Lenten Lunches in the Fellowship Center</p> <p>5:00 Choristers 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>8:00 Bells Practice 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Noon Fellowship Ctr. Reserved</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga 2:00 Needles & Hookers</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>2:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>12p-1p Lenten Lunches in the Fellowship Center</p> <p>1-4 Card Party @ Fourth & Faith 5:00 Choristers 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p>  <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p> <p>6:00 Youth Group 7:30 Bells practice</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Carillon Deadline</p> <p>10:00 Yoga 2:00 Needles & Hookers 5:00 Fourth & Faith Reserved 6:30 Bad Girls Book Club/Conf. Rm 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>2:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos 6:30 Elders/Trustees 7:30 Council Mtg.</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>12p-1p Lenten Lunches in the Fellowship Center</p> <p>Preschool Book Fair open to all 1-1:30 & 5:30-6:30 in the Social Hall 5:00 Choristers 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved</p> <p>5-6:30 Community Taco Dinner @ Fourth & Faith</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>11-1 Community Luncheon @ Fourth & Faith</p> <p>6-8:30 Game Night @ Fourth & Faith</p> 	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>"It's Time to Share," offering</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Spring Begins</p> <p>10:00 Yoga 2:00 Needles & Hookers 5:00 Fellowship Ctr. Res.</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>2:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>12p-1p Lenten Lunches in the Fellowship Center</p> <p>5:00 Choristers 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga</p> <p>Last day to order Easter Plants!</p>		
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga 2:00 Needles & Hookers</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>2:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>12p-1p Lenten Lunches in the Fellowship Center</p> <p>5:00 Choristers 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>10:00 Yoga</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> 	