

## Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger March/April 2020

Pastor's Blog  
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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 26th this year, and ends on Holy Saturday, April 11th of Holy Week.

Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring." The season is meant to be a preparation time for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. (The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 320.)

This Lenten Season at Sixth Avenue UMC, we will be involved in a special series called "Listen" or "Listening for the Still Small Voice of God and Finding Our Own." We will quiet things down and heighten our attention to the "still, small voice" of God and our own True Self by sharing in ancient spiritual ways of praying, including praying the Psalms, reading and being inspired by scripture and prayerfully experiencing music in some new and meaningful ways.

One way we can heighten our sensitivity to God's presence and God's speaking to us is by trying new methods of connecting to God. These methods for connecting are called spiritual disciplines and we can practice them in solitude or in corporate worship. During worship we will invoke some of these ancient spiritual disciplines and share in them together. Everything we do in worship can also be practiced at home.

Did you know that Protestants have traditionally, like our Catholic brothers and sisters, used prayer beads as an aid to praying to God? We will give worshippers their own set of prayer beads and a small book to share this meaningful way to get closer to God through contemplation and prayer. Another Sunday, we will light prayer candles, and another, dissolve our sins of commission in the grace filled waters of Jesus redemption, as well as partake of the Lord's Supper by the method of intinction.

The special journey with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem and the cross will be our focus as we make our commitment to quiet down, open ourselves and connect; through spiritual disciplines who, we are with the passion story of Jesus Christ.

Plan on joining us every Sunday for the six weeks leading up to the Easter Celebration of the Risen Christ.

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family of Evelyn Smith upon her death on February 17, 2020.

The family of Dorothy Lou Burgett upon her death On February 17, 2020.

Larry Downs upon the death of his mother Freda Louise Downs on February 22, 2020.

Judy Woods upon the death of her brother Larry McClurg on February 25, 2020.



My dear church family,  
I am humbled and grateful for your support, gifts, cards and prayers as I start my new adventure with The United Methodist Nomads. Each of you is a blessing and your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure.

Yours in Christ's Love,  
Judy Woods



Dear Sixth Avenue UMC Family,  
Thank you so very much for all of your cards and calls. Also, a big thanks to the Heartwarmers for the bag of goodies at Christmas and for the delivery by Lee Ann.

May God Bless you all,  
Clara Herrick



The 2020 Altar Flower Chart is now posted on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office. The flowers are still \$30 for the set. Dates fill up quick, so please fill in the dates you want before they are taken. You can either write on the date on the calendar, or you can call the office at 740-653-1196.



Heartwarmers,  
Thank you for thinking of me and thank you for the gifts.  
I love the bag.

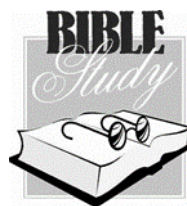
Thanks again,  
Marilyn Lawson

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- If you and I give nothing – we are voting for the closing of our church.
- If we give grudgingly – we shall find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.
- If we give proportionately – our gifts are of equal importance to other contributions, though ours may be small.
- If we give systematically – we make it possible for our church to plan its ministries in advance and we develop a holy habit.
- If we give sacrificially – we testify to the high place we give Christ and His Church in our lives.

**New meeting times**

- Finance – 5:30 p.m.
- Trustees – 5:30 p.m.
- Administrative Council – 6:00 p.m.



Adult Bible Study is open to all folks interested in fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. New comers are welcome! The class meets before worship at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor, taught by Richard Sanders with the help of Lundy Drake.

## LANCASTER COMMUNITY CHORUS

Presents

Music of **John Rutter**

Guest Artists:

Ohio University Choral Union

Featuring the major work,

**Gloria**

With brass, percussion and organ

**March 29 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Fairfield Christian Church

1965 N. Columbus St.

Lancaster, Ohio 43130

**Tickets: \$10.00**

[www.LancasterCommunityChorus.com](http://www.LancasterCommunityChorus.com)

740-653-5207

## Heartwarmers Food Pantry

The Heartwarmers voted to bring back the food pantry to be used for Easter and Thanksgiving.

The following items are needed:

Scalloped potatoes and instant potatoes

Gravy

Stove Top Dressing

Broth

Green Beans

Corn

We will be furnishing ham, turkey, rolls, butter, eggs and pie or cake.

Food items can be left in the wheelbarrow in the Narthex.

Any help into this outreach ministry will be greatly appreciated and blessings to the Sixth Avenue Church for all your help.

The Heartwarmers' Committee



### Aluminum Can Collection

The church is still accepting aluminum cans. Please crush them to save space. You can leave your bags of cans outside by the shed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. The money received from all the cans will go to the Veteran's Burial Squad.

Thank you!



### World Mission Coin Box Ministry

With your loose change, you can help send a *Treasure* (a solar-powered audio Bible, which can be programmed in over 6,000 languages and dialects) to the poorest of poor and who are oral learners. There are small 'Change the World' coin boxes on the Welcome Center counter. Please take a box, fill it with your loose change, and return it to the office whenever you get it full. You can tape your name to the box if you want record of it. We will be reusing all of the coin boxes, so please be gentle with them. This year we are going to continue doing this all year long. As some of you may know, the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings, collect for this twice a month. Let's help to continue to help spread the Word of God all across the world. It doesn't take much and every cent counts.

Thank you for your continued generosity!  
May God Bless you and keep you!



The Evangelism Team has decided to take orders for RADA Cutlery. Everything in this catalog will make excellent gifts for you or someone else.

The catalogs are on the counter in the Narthex. I will be placing orders as they come in. This will be an all year fundraiser.

All profits will go to the Evangelism Team Ministries.

If you have any questions, please ask Lee Ann or anyone on the Evangelism Team.  
Thank you!



Below is a list of the Nursing Home Facilities.

**Nursing Homes**

Altercare	6725 Thrush Dr.	Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110	(614) 834-2500
Arbors at Carroll	3680 Dolson Ct.	Carroll, Ohio 43112	(740) 654-0641
Brookdale Senior Living	4000 Lakeview Crossing	Groveport, Ohio 43125	(614) 321-8767
Buckeye Care & Rehab	1900 E. Main St.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 653-8630
Canal Winchester Rehab	6800 Gender Rd.	Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110	(614) 834-6800
Carlin House	12 Carlin Dr.	Logan, Ohio 43138	(740) 380-6383
Carriage Court	800 Becks Knob Rd.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 654-4422
Carroll Place	3682 Dolson Ct. NW	Carroll, Ohio 43112	(740) 204-7084
Circleville Post Acute, LLC	1155 Atwater Ave.	Circleville, Ohio 43113	(740) 477-1695
Country Lane Gardens	7820 Pleasantville Rd. NE	Thornville, Ohio 43076	(740) 536-7381
Crestview Manor	957 Becks Knob Rd.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 654-2634
Genesis Healthcare	1900 E. Main St.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 653-8630
Lanfair	1590 Chartwell St.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 687-5100
Main Street Terrace	110 S. Ewing St.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 653-2939
Pickaway Manor	391 Clark Dr.	Circleville, Ohio 43113	(740) 474-6036
Pickerington Care & Rehab	1300 Hill Rd. N	Pickerington, Ohio 43147	(614) 863-1858
Primrose	1481 Wesley Way	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 304-0275
Reflections	2750 W. Fair Ave.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 653-1423
Scott's Place Too	1078 Lanreco Blvd.	Lancaster, Ohio 43130	(740) 785-9334
Winchester Place	36 Lehman Dr.	Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110	(614) 834-2273



# Happy Anniversary



## ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH

Thomas and Janice Boch March 4

## ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL

Jerry and Janet Lentz	April 4
Charles and Patti Crist	April 9
Jeff and Dee Wright	April 10
Ken and Barbara Cook	April 13
Charles and Kathy Shafer	April 17
Jan and Connie Cox	April 28



## Birthdays - MARCH

Alice Moneypenny	March 3
William Cattran	March 4
Jane Pool	March 5
Molly Trogus	March 5
Robin Patrick	March 6
James Funkhouser	March 9
Margaret Hayden	March 10
Karen Zumbro	March 10
Roxanne Alspaugh	March 11
Larry Hedges	March 12
Isaac Hill	March 12
Jiles Powell	March 12
John Smith	March 13
Carolyn Cattran	March 14
Mary Chilcote	March 14
Janet Reynolds	March 14
Shirley Short	March 14
Bonnie Currence	March 15
Jack Wright	March 15
Jerry Dickson	March 16
Kristen Whitmer-Beatty	March 17
Joshua Mark Juniper	March 17
Diane Cochran	March 18
Mary Groves	March 22
E.J. Gurile, III	March 23
Richard Wagner	March 25
B. J. Baughman	March 26
Mary Ledgett	March 28
Kimberly Sauer	March 28
Kyle Whitmer-Beatty	March 29
Rodney Neil	March 30
Todd Suman	March 31



## Birthdays - APRIL

Sara Hedges	April 1
Sharon Byerly	April 2
Jeffrey Bender	April 9
Kenneth Cook	April 10
Angela Hill	April 10
Bob Ledgett	April 10
Barry Axe	April 11
Thelma Dilliard	April 13
Max Smith	April 13
Sharon Layne	April 18
Gregg Witham	April 22
Jerry Lentz	April 23
Bob George	April 24
Joyce Lee	April 24
Marcella Green	April 27
Jerry Raymond	April 30

