



Faith Community United Church of Christ Dialog

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Pastor's Message

Well, we made it, spring is here! Yea!! What a winter! It seemed that the winter went like this. We would have our annual meeting planned at Faith, then a snow storm would come in on Saturday night and I would have to call our council president *extra ordinaire*. Known as Cathy Hammack to you and me, and I would ask her "what did Jay say?" Then Cathy and I would make the decision of whether to cancel worship service for that Sunday. I think we cancelled worship services four times, and at the time I am writing this we still haven't had our annual meeting. Again, I say, "What a winter!"

So *spring* is finally here, which means warmer temperatures. Warmer temperatures mean the snow will be melting, and will be just a distant memory in only a couple of weeks. It also means that our grass, which seemed to disappear all winter,

should be uncovered in the near future. Signs of other life, such as birds singing, deer grazing, groundhogs *not* seeing their shadow, butterflies flying, and cows grazing are starting to appear. Another sign of spring is baseball. The major leagues will have their home openers soon, and our beloved Mud Hens will be starting their season as well. All these things will be a wondrous sight, and a great sign that the winter of 2013-14 is history. *Thanks be to God!*

Spring also means *Palm Sunday*, *Good Friday*, and *Easter* for our spiritual lives and worship services. With the harsh winter we endured, I am looking forward to all these worship days of this Lenten season with more excitement and anticipation than I have in the past. It seems like my physical body has

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Calendar of Events

Every Thurs., 10 a.m.
Bible Study
Communion, first Sunday every month
Chimes Practice, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. each week

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Tues., April 8
The Good Bunch
Hong Kong Buffet, 11:30 a.m.



Sun., April 13
Palm Sunday
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Council Meeting following worship service.

Thurs., April 17
Maundy Thursday
Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Fri., April 18
Good Friday
Worship Service, 12 p.m.
Sanctuary open 1-3 p.m.

Sun., April 20
Easter Sunday
Breakfast, 9-10 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs., April 24
May/June *Dialog* deadline

Sun., April 27
Bright Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

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gone dormant during this winter, and I am really looking forward to all the new life and promises that Easter brings, as well as the warmer days. Even as I write this I can feel my spirit and physical body awakening from their winter slumber.

Maybe this harsh winter with its record snowfall and subzero temperatures is making us grow stronger in our faith journey, because we had little control this winter over where we went and what we did. The control was in God's hands, not ours. In the future perhaps we can give over more control in our lives because of the winter of 2013-14. Perhaps we can just let God's snowplow clear our path. We need to have the faith to let him.

Blessings,
Pastor Scott Kaufman



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m., at Hong Kong Buffet (in the party room), 3015

Glendale Avenue (next to Walmart). Dorothy and Joe Kowalski are hosts. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board to make a reservation or call Dorothy and Joe at 419-382-6171.

Stamp Out Hunger

The 22nd annual Letter Carrier "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive is Saturday, May 10. Simply leave your non-perishable food items near your mailboxes and your Letter Carrier or an identifiable volunteer will pick up your donation.

Suggestion Box

Remember, there is a suggestion box on the shelf in the entry. If you have ideas or complaints, please write them on a slip of paper and put them in the box. It is not necessary to sign your comments. Your input on the church would be appreciated.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 1	Betty Huntebrinker
Apr. 6	Hope Billings
Apr. 6	Florence Pohlman
Apr. 7	Donna Titera
Apr. 12	Dorothy Kowalski
Apr. 15	Aubrie Robinson
Apr. 17	Peggy Knapp
Apr. 22	Mel Barrios
Apr. 24	Sydney Breeding



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Mel and Nancy Barrios, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Ruby Burkey, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.

Carruth Fundraiser

We will be selling products from the Carruth Studios until Sunday, April 13. Catalogs are available on the table in the entry. Please take one and share it with friends, neighbors and family. The items ordered will be delivered



to the church. Anyone wishing to write a check should make it payable to Faith Community UCC. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Memorial Fund.



Church Shower

We want to thank all of you for your generous donations for the church shower. Your response was overwhelming and will help defray some of the expenses for running the church. Also, a big thank you for making our luncheon so successful. We took in \$220. We do like to eat!



Charlene Reese and Donna Titera planned and prepared the luncheon on March 9.



Directory Update

We will be printing new copies of the member and friends directory soon. A copy of the current list is on the bulletin board. Please make any changes or additions to your entry directly on that copy. We are looking for cell phone numbers and email addresses for all who have them. Thank you for checking into this.

This 'n That

- The annual meeting is still on hold until further notice. Watch for the announcement.
- Remember we have cookbooks on hand at all times. They make great gifts at only \$12 each.
- There are a handful of Lenten devotionals in the entry way. They are free, if you would like to select one and take it home to enhance your devotions.



Hopefully you have been cleaning out closets, drawers, basements, attics, and garages on all those snowy days these last several weeks, because our Spring Rummage Sale is coming up May 8 and 9. Mark your calendars for that week so that you can help out or bring in items. You'll be hearing more about it in the next month.

Good Bunch at Black Pearl
Tuesday, February 11



**Hyacinth,
Tulips,
Daffodils**

Orders taken through
April 6

Decorate the sanctuary for Palm Sunday and 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 on Easter morning.

\$9.00 per pot.

- Easter Lily
- Tulip
- Daffodil
- Hyacinth
 - Blue
 - White
 - Pink

Name _____

Memorial or Tribute: _____

Please fill out a separate form for each plant purchased. Additional order forms are available in the entry or the church office. Please fold around check or cash and place in the collection plate. Orders will be taken each week until the deadline. Thank You.





The Good Bunch at Dolly & Joe's Restaurant

Tuesday, March 11





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OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



Our Cup Runneth Over

During Lent this year we will again be collecting for the *Cup Runneth Over* campaign. The cup will be filled on Easter Sunday and the proceeds this year will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Their mission is to honor and empower our military men who have been wounded while serving our nation. They offer a variety of programs and services to help encourage these warriors as they adjust to their new normal and achieve new triumphs. The WWP is equipped to serve warriors with every type of injury — from the physical to the invisible wounds of war. If you would like to know more about the project, check the information on the bulletin board.



Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday — Sunday, April 13

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday —

Thurs., April 17

Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Good Friday — Fri., April 18

Worship Service, 12 p.m.

Sanctuary open 1 to 3 p.m.



Easter Sunday — Sun., April 20

Easter Breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m.

(Free-will offering)

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.



Easter Breakfast

We will be having the Easter breakfast again this year, however we are asking for a freewill offering to help cover costs. We will be serving on Easter morning from 9 to 10 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.