



Faith Community United Church of Christ Dialog

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Pastor's Message

What a winter so far! I haven't seen snow like this since I was growing up in the 60s. But, we are heading into February. Can spring be far away? This month has a lot of things going on in it. February has Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day. It's also Black History Month, National Heart Month, and believe it or not, National Bird Feeding Month. So, this is a month where we are told when spring will arrive by an animal. We are to give our sweeties gifts of flow-

ers and candy for Valentine's Day. We are to learn about the history of our African-American friends, and we are to keep our hearts in good working order. We are also supposed to feed our birds. February is just full of stuff!

What has February to offer us for our spiritual life? Well, the focus for February is on Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. On Feb. 2 we celebrate the presentation of Christ in Jerusalem. On the second Sunday Jesus tells his disciples they are the salt of the earth. The third Sunday Christ says he has come to fulfill the law, and on the last Sunday he tells us to love our enemies. I am all right with the first three Sunday's themes, but the fourth Sunday about loving my enemies has always given me some difficulties. After all, your enemies are your enemies for a reason.

February this year falls in the church calendar called *ordinary time*. The first segment of *ordinary time* is the Monday after the baptism of Christ, which was Jan. 13, and the day before Ash Wednesday, which is March 5 this year. This three week period is a time to meditate on the mystery



Jesus
Presented
in the Temple

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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



Sun., Feb. 2
Congregational Annual Meeting with Potluck
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION
Potluck and meeting to follow (re-scheduled from Jan. 26)

Tues., Feb. 11
The Good Bunch
Black Pearl Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 16
Council Meeting following worship service.

Thurs., Feb. 20
March Dialog Deadline

Sun., Feb. 23
Church Shower as part of Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Luncheon following.

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of Jesus Christ's birth, and a time to grow quietly in our faith. This *ordinary time* is a time that connects Christmas to Easter. It's a time to reflect upon the holy family as the family nurtures and cares for Jesus through his childhood into adulthood. It is also a time to reflect upon Jesus' maturing into the Messiah and eventually dying and then rising again.

February is not only a time to reflect on Jesus' family and his maturing into our savior. It is also a time for us to reflect on our own maturing in the Christian faith. How does your maturing Christian life fit into Jesus and his maturing years into our savior? February is that month to contemplate how we have matured in our walk of faith, as to how Christ matured in his journey as a human being. Take the month of February and honestly reflect on how your growth as a Christian is coming, and let me know.

Sincerely,
Pastor Kaufman



Congratulations to Michael Reese who made the achievement honor roll as a senior at Maumee High School. Also, Brian Utter who made the recognition honor roll as a junior at Maumee High School.

To earn the achievement honor roll a student must earn a GPA of 3.7 or higher and a student with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.699 will make the recognition honor roll.

Michael's grandparents are Roger and Charlene Reese and Brian's parents are Daryl and Jeanette Utter. Well done!

Dialog Deadline

The deadline for the March issue of the *Dialog* is Thursday, February 20. The March issue will be distributed on Sunday, March 2.



THIS MONTH'S

birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 5	Lois May
Feb. 7	Karen Diller
Feb. 16	Jeanette Utter
Feb. 21	Roger Reese
Feb. 23	David Barboza



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



Church Shower

We will have our church shower on Sunday, February 23. As you may recall,

we have done this the last couple of years. It really helps defray some of the expenses for running the church. In early February, we will have suggestions for items needed for the office, maintenance, kitchen, and restrooms from which you can choose. Also, on the 23rd, after the service, we are going to have a luncheon. We are asking for a goodwill offering for a delicious lunch and good fellowship. If this is something that you enjoy, perhaps we will consider having similar luncheons in the future.



Loving Memory

INEZ REICHARD 1915 - 2013

Inez Reichard, 98, of Toledo, Ohio passed away surrounded by her family on December 25, 2013. She was born on February 24, 1915, in Wauseon, Ohio to parents Emma (Bernath) and Andrew Burkholder.

Inez was preceded in death by sisters, Audrey, Fannie, Mary, and Merlin; brothers, Harry, Oliver, Otto, and Harold. Surviving are her loving husband, John Reichard; children, Cherie Yant (Jesse Walter), Sally (Robert) Leu, Dave (Mary Ann) Reichard,

Mary Lewis, and Jim (Linda) Reichard. She had 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Inez and John lived a full life together for 70 years. She was very active in Faith Community United Church of Christ. Inez was a fantastic cook and wonderful wife and dedicated mother. She loved to play cards, travel, dance, and most of all, spend time with her family. Inez was always the life of the party and had a keen sense of humor and sharp wit. One of her trademarks was her radiant smile and wonderful laugh. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Family and friends visited at the Walter Funeral Home, 4653 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio on Friday, December 27, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Her funeral service was held at the funeral home on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., with entombment following in Toledo Memorial Park. The family asks that memorial contributions in Inez's memory be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

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A memorial dinner was held at Faith Community UCC following the funeral services for Inez.



Our Altar during the Christmas Season

The photo on the left shows the altar on the Sunday before Christmas and the one on the left shows

the way it looked on the Sunday after Christmas, both demonstrating the richness of our worship.



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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.



February
is
National
Bird Feeding
Month

*Remember
our feathered
friends.*



Congregational Meeting

TODAY • TODAY • TODAY
is the

annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 2.

There will be a potluck luncheon following worship services and before the meeting. The meat will be provided.

***Re-scheduled from Jan. 26
due to bad weather.***



Congratulations to Hope and Justin on the birth of their son, Trenton Stoltz on December 11, 2013. Proud grandparents are Eugene and Earlene Billings and great grandma is Dorothy Trail. Now older brother, Jace, will have a playmate.

Paper Shredder

We have a new paper shredder in the office. It is available for all to use. If you need materials shredded, bring them in and run them through. It will also shred credit cards.



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 11:30 a.m., at the Black Pearl Restaurant on Heatherdowns Blvd. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board to make a reservation.