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Pastor's Message

Well, it's February 2018. Time marches on whether we march with it or not. We have Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and Ash Wednesday in February. It probably has happened before that we have had Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day on the same day, but I don't remember it ever happening.

Ash Wednesday, I hope you all remember, is the first day of Lent. It can be as early as February 4, and as late as March 10. Church goers are marked with the sign of the cross with ashes from the previous year's palm branches. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and there are forty days between Ash Wednesday

and Easter excluding Sundays. These forty days commemorate Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert while being tempted by Satan.

Even though most of us won't be fasting in a desert while we are being tempted by the Devil, we all have our own temptations that we can work on avoiding this Lenten season. If any of you made New Year's resolutions, Ash Wednesday is a good time to restart them if they have gone by the wayside—and it could give you a spiritual boost to continue on with them.

Blessings,
Pastor Kaufman



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Bob Evans Restaurant at Reynolds Road and Heatherdowns, at 11:30 a.m. The hostesses will be Jo Szalkowski and friends from St. Andrews. To make reservations, call 419-382-8473 or sign the sheet on the hallway bulletin board.

Community Days Fundraiser with Elder-Beerman

We are excited to announce that Faith Community UCC is partnering with Elder Beerman for their Community Days fundraising event. As you may know, Community Days is one of the biggest sales events of the year at Elder Beerman, taking place Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3.

In the spirit of celebrating communities they do business in, the Bon-Ton stores has invited us to sell their Community Days coupon booklets for just \$5 each. And what makes this so exciting is we will keep 100% of the proceeds to help fund our church mission work which includes the Under One Roof food pantry in Maumee.

That is why we are writing to you...Because when you buy a Community Days coupon booklet from us for just \$5, you can be assured that 100% of the proceeds will fund our mission work here in our community.

And there is more good news. Purchasing a booklet from us also means you'll get an entire book of Community Days coupons for Elder Beerman worth over \$500 in savings!

All that for just \$5. It's a win-win for everyone!

Our fundraising goal is \$400. And with the generous support of friends like you, we can reach this goal together!

Your part is easy. To purchase the coupon booklet today for just \$5 and help make a difference in our community, simply reply to this email or call us at 419-887-1976. Or you can visit the website at <http://bit.ly/2F4agAm>. A coupon book will be sent to you at no additional cost.

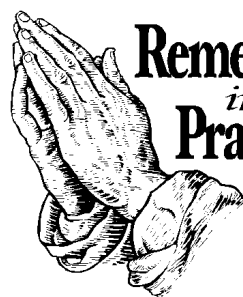
We hope you will be part of this exciting chance to help make a difference in the community we all share. Thank you for supporting FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, and happy shopping!

Sincerely,
Mary Anderson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 7—Karen Diller
Feb. 10—Sue Rufenacht
Feb. 16—Jeanette Utter
Feb. 21—Roger Reese
Feb. 23—David Barboza



Remember *in* Prayer

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month.

Sue Rufenacht, Ruby Burkey's granddaughters Erin, who died at age 38, and Megan, who had a dead fetus, Peg Knapp, Roger Reese, John Reichard, Janet Butterfield, Mel Barrios, Karen Diller, and Ruth Farnsworth.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled due to the loss of heat at the church. It is currently scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11 following the worship service and coffee hour.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m. service

Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Communion, first Sunday each month



Sun., February 4
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION

Sun., February 11
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting

Tues., February 13
THE GOOD BUNCH
 11:30 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant.
 Reynolds Road and Heatherdowns Ave.
See article on page 2.

Wed., February 14
ASH WEDNESDAY
 Worship Service at 4 p.m.
Beginning of Lent and "Cup Runneth Over" campaign

Sun., February 18
First Sunday of Lent
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., February 22
 Deadline for copy and photos for the
March 2018 Dialog

Sun., February 25
Second Sunday of Lent
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.

COMING IN MARCH

Sun., March 18—Church Shower
Sun., March 25—Palm Sunday
Thurs., March 29—Maundy Thursday
Fri., March 30—Good Friday

Around the Church



Joseph played special music for the worship service on December 17.



The altar decked out for the Christmas season.



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."



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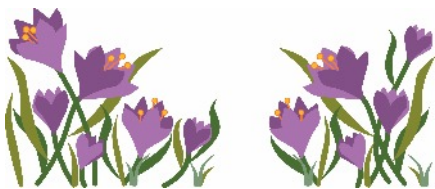
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Thank You

We thank Neil Powell for providing music during Sue Rufenacht's recovery from surgery. What a blessing his music has been and we look forward to more in the future



Bible Quiz

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

Puzzle!

Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

WORD LIST: covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect, rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth

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