



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Sunday, January 25. Weather conditions did not interfere with the meeting this year.

Pastor's Message

February is here and, as I am writing this, we have not had the brutal winter weather we had last winter. When counting your blessings you can put that on your list of blessings—right at the top. Don't forget Groundhog Day is in February. It's February 2, and I always forget whether we have six more weeks of spring if the groundhog sees his shadow or if it's when he doesn't see his shadow. Maybe you can fill me in the next time I see you. Then, we have St. Valentine's Day, which is a day to express your amorous

side by buying goodies for someone you love or appreciate. After that there is President's Day when we remember all the presidents who have served our great country. There is one day I haven't mentioned that is very important to our religious lives, that we celebrate in February this year, and that is Ash Wednesday.

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 18, and we are having our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. here at the church. I have

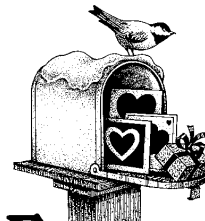
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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Communion, first Sunday every month

Chimes Practice, No practice in February



FEBRUARY

Sun., February 1
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
COMMUNION

Tues., February 10
Good Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
Bob Evans, 6420 Kit Lane

Sun., February 15
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
SOUP SALE

Wed., February 18
ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Thurs., February 19
March **Dialog** deadline

Sun., January 22
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent
COUNCIL MEETING

Pastor's Message

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kept the palms from last year's Palm Sunday and burnt them to make up the ashes for this Ash Wednesday. The ashes are placed on the forehead of each worshipper by the pastor or a layperson, in the shape of a cross. While a worshipper is receiving the ashes the distributor says the words "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return", taken from Genesis 3:19. There are other phrases that are spoken and taken from different scripture readings, but the *dust phrase* is the most common. Ash Wednesday pays respect to Jesus' 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, when he was tempted by the devil to reject his Father in heaven. From Ash Wednesday to Easter there are 40 days, not counting Sundays. If Sundays are counted there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

Ash Wednesday starts off our Lenten season, which is a 40 day time period to reflect on our sins and repent of them. So, as we enter into the month of February, let us reflect on our faith, our life, and how they fit together.

Peace to all,
Pastor Kaufman



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6420 Kit Lane, Maumee.

Donna and Harold Creswell are hosts. Please make a reservation by signing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Donna and Harold at 419-865-6519.



Remember your loved ones on Saturday, February 14, especially that special someone.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Soup Sale

Buy Soup, Take Home and Enjoy—only \$6 per quart or \$3 per pint—Sunday, February 15, after church services, we will be selling soup to go. You will have five homemade soups to pick from—Beef Barley, Potato, Bean and Ham, Chili, and Chicken Noodle. Buy a few and freeze them for those cold winter days that we still have to look forward to before spring arrives. You will definitely enjoy eating the fruits of the labors of our very own soup makers.



"Millions of fish begging to be caught, and we only brought two worms."



Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.


Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember — we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.



**Ash
Wednesday**

**Worship
Service**
and positioning
of the ashes
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday,
February 18

Satan's Beatitudes

Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians in Church — they are my best workers.

Blessed are those who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked— I can use them in my business.

Blessed are those who are touchy. Soon they will stop going to church — verily, they shall be my missionaries.

Blessed are those who sow gossip and trouble — they are my beloved children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray — for they are MY prey.

Blessed are those who gossip — for they are my secret agents.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it has everything to do with other people, and nothing to do with you — I've got room for you at my inn.

Coming in March...

We will be having another Bob Evans fundraiser in March. It will be at the Bob Evans Restaurant at 6420 Kit Lane in Maumee and will be on Wed., March 11. Watch for flyers in the entry.



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LENT
First Sunday of Lent is
February 22

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More Scenes from The Annual Meeting



*Please re-
member the
following people
in your prayers
this month:*

Dorothy Kowalski, Burt Badenhop, Lori Yant's mother, Glenna Scanlan, Tim Craske (friend of Mel Barrios who is suffering pancreatic cancer), Richard Zack, Hope Billings, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Ruby Burkey, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.

