



PARMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Minister: Rev. Eugene Carey email eugenecarey1@gmail.com

Sunday School: 9:30 AM.

Worship Service: 10:45 AM.

February 17, 2019

THE CAREY CORNER

Believe it or not – the Lenten Season is almost upon us. Ash Wednesday is March 6th and we will be having our Lenten Services and fellowship meals again this year. Fellowship meals begin at 6:15 each evening and fellowship Lenten Service begins at 7:00pm.

Our theme is “The Objects Of Easter”. Your scripture is: “All things were created thru Him....and for Him.” Col. 1:15, 16.

The common items of everyday life were a vital part of the Easter story. We will be focusing on:

Thorns – Matthew 27:28, 29

Wood – John 19:16-18

Linen - John 19:38-40

Stone – Matthew 27:59, 60

Nails – John 19:18, 19

Wine – John 19:29

All of these were ordinary items used everyday in a variety of ways. But during the Easter event, they all took on special significance. Come be with us each Wednesday as we explore these items.

Also remember, on Thursday, April 18th, we will be observing our Seder Service and meal. It is always special, and something new added this year.

We have some special events planned this year for the church. A Spaghetti supper, a pancake breakfast, and antique car show, some special events in the pavilion. Watch your calendar for more information. Some really special things planned this year.

Look out your window from the breakfast table and you see the bird after the worm, the cat after the bird, and the dog after the cat. It gives you a better understanding of the morning news!

Because I Love You All,
Pastor Gene

DIACONATE SERVING SCHEDULE

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| Feb. 17 th | Joe Marchese, Walt Kusen |
| Feb. 24 th | Kristin Green, Barbara Webb |
| Mar. 3 rd | Barb Dawson, Paul Gehrig |
| Mar. 10 th | Daniel Vithous, Kathy DiFranco |
| Mar. 17 th | Joe Marchese, Walt Kusen |

DEACONESS FOR FEBRUARY

Julie Green

DEACONESS FOR MARCH

Sandy Stansky

SHUT-INS

Here is the shut-in list of PCC members and friends. Please visit them, if you can, phone them, or drop them a note or a card. Above all, please **PRAY** for them!

Charlotte Mickovic
Falling Water Health Care Center
18840 Falling Water Room 213-W
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
440-238-1100, Room 213-Window

Ann Tyma
Sunrise of Parma
7766 Broadview Road
Parma, Ohio 44134

Our next Caller will be passed out on **Sunday, March 17th**. Articles are due by **Wednesday, March 13th**.

OUR DAILY BREAD booklet is available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary, and it's **FREE!** If you would like to make a donation in the box, that's fine, but there's no obligation!

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

Parma Christian Church has had this celebration offering for quite a long time. A dollar per year of your birthday and/or wedding anniversary is a wonderful way of thanking God for all His blessings AND helping your church. But if that's too much \$\$\$ (Everyone is getting older, after all!) just give whatever you can.



Food Pantry Items for February. For the month of February we are collecting canned vegetables. You can place your items in the barrels in the Sanctuary. Thank You!

Care & Prayer Time

Did you know Parma Christian Church has a Weekly Prayer Time each Wednesday at 7am., Noon and 6:30pm. Please join us each Wednesday for Prayer.



Volunteers are needed to pack the food bags once a month. Food is passed out the **3rd Wednesday**

of each month so the bags must be packed before that date. There is a sign up sheet in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please see Pastor Carey.



Bell Choir Practice – Monday, February 18th, 25th, March 4th at 7pm. On Monday, March 11th Bell Practice will begin after the Board Meeting.

Choir Practice – **Wednesday, February 20th, 27th** at 7pm. Choir Practice will begin on **Wednesday, March 6th** following our Ash Wednesday Service.

Our weekly Bible Study Group will meet on **Monday, February 18th, 25th, March 4th** at **8pm**. All are welcome.



Birthday Coffee Hour – **Sunday, March 3rd** following the Worship Service.

Elders Meeting - **Sunday, March 3rd** at **7pm**.



Please plan to attend our **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** on **March 6th** at **7pm**.

Hospitality Ministry Meeting – **Sunday, March 10th** following the Worship Service.

Board Meeting – **Monday, March 11th** at **6:30pm**.

During the Season of Lent we will have our weekly Lenten Dinners beginning, Wednesday March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th at **6:15pm**. Followed by our weekly Lenten Service at **7pm**.



St. Pat's Meal Program is **Thursday, March 14th**. If you can help serve at St. Pat's please be at the church by **4:15pm**. If you cannot help serve but can bake a cake (we need 9 cakes) please drop your cake off at church by **1:00pm**.

PCC Men's Prayer Breakfast – **Saturday, March 16th** at 9am.

ELDERS CORNER

To have the most positive life, our bodies need to be in synch physically, mentally, and spiritually. This is just as the body's physical parts are all intertwined so are these.

We are primarily an aging congregation currently. However, even though our physical abilities differ for various reasons, that doesn't mean we shouldn't get into as good physical shape as possible. The main thing is to keep moving all our joints. This is very powerful medicine!

Physical activity also makes us sharper mentally which has a great effect on our emotional health. It decreases depression, anxiety, etc., and increases our ability to concentrate. We are never too old to learn, and learning helps our emotional balance.

When we are in optimum balance with these, we also get in balance spiritually. Spiritual balance encompasses many things! Of most importance is our getting in touch with God. One easy way to do this is with prayer – just talk with Him and take time to listen. Read His Word and try to understand its content. I don't believe we are supposed to understand it all. That keeps us going back for more. We are also blessed to be able to partake of Communion each Sunday.

Blessings to you all!! Marge Carey, Elder

CHILI COOK-OFF

Hello!

You and your family are invited to join us for
The North Eaton Christian Church Chili Cook-Off
35895 Royalton Road, Grafton
on Sunday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Dig out your favorite recipe and enter in the competition. We also ask for donations of desserts and other items that go well with chili. A "house chili" will be provided, along with drinks, hot dogs, corn bread and mac-an-cheese, for those who don't like chili.

Sample all the entrees and put money on the one you think is the best. All money collected from the evening goes to the church's Roof Fund and to Cleveland Christian Home – a healing ministry to area children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect.

You do not have to enter a chili – just bring the family and enjoy an evening of good fun, food and musical entertainment!

The **Midview High School "Swingin' Blues,"** directed by Josh Brunger, will be here again this year to entertain us throughout the evening. **We hope to see you there!**

WEEK OF COMPASSION

SPECIAL OFFERING FEBRUARY 17TH & 24TH

Each disaster recovery has some particular uniqueness about it – a slogan that galvanizes the community, a practice of welcoming people home, a way of lifting people's spirits. The recovery from Hurricane Harvey is no different. In one community among the many affected, that unique element comes in the form of lawn signs.

Week of Compassion has been working with Disciples Volunteering to host a volunteer Mission Station at First Christian Church in Texas City, TX. Teams from across the country have come to work with homeowners in Galveston County whose homes were damaged during the storm in Aug. 2017.

One of the other churches in Galveston County leads a program called "Signs of Hope." People of all ages can come to the church and make signs that simply say HOPE. These signs are distributed among the organizations that are helping people rebuild, to be placed at each job site. Some of the signs are a bit more elaborate, while others are quite, while others are quite simple. Steve Huston, the long-term volunteer who manages the Mission Station, says, "I derive much pleasure in presenting these signs to our clients and asking, "May we put this in your yard or on your home?"

A small thing: A Sign of Hope, but when we bring HOPE we can change lives.

Your gifts to Week of Compassion help those affected by disasters to rebuild their homes, their lives, and their communities by providing more than just building supplies and volunteer labor. Your gifts bring hope.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PAPER DRIVE!!

IT PAYS TO RECYCLE!!

Parma Christian Church has a recycle container located in the church parking lot. We are asking you, your family members and friends to save your papers. Items that can be put in the container are: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, office and school papers, hard and soft bound books and cardboard. The cardboard must be flattened before putting it in the bin. Items **NOT** accepted in the recycle container are Styrofoam, metal, glass, trash, any type of plastic, aluminum. **So start saving your papers today!**

PCC OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY 2019

Breakdown for the month of January:

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| Current Expense | \$ 5,783.24 |
| World Outreach | \$ 41.00 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 342.00 |
| Reimbursed Expense | \$ 0.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$ 55.92 |
| TOTAL OFFERINGS | \$ 6,222.16 |

Bills paid out for the month of January amounted to \$5,314.60.

Keeping in Touch

Hi there! Hope this finds you well and happy and surviving our up-and-down weather! We have only 40 or so days until the calendar says "spring," but who knows when it will actually arrive!

Jayne Chafin is getting settled into her townhouse in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and enjoying preaching at two churches on Sunday mornings, first at a Christian Church in Marietta, Ohio, then going across the Ohio River to preach at another Christian church in Parkersburg. This is an interim assignment, but she knows both churches very well, having lived in Parkersburg for a number of years before coming to northern Ohio. She sends her love to everyone and misses you all.

Her address, by the way, is 503 Palmer Drive, Parkersburg WV 26104, should you wish to drop her a line.

Some PCC folks spent part of Valentine's Day serving a meal to folks at St. Patrick's Church in the inner city, as we do on the second Thursday of each month. This time we shared chocolate Valentine hearts sent by Beth Barnickel in memory of her mother Gloria, who brought the hearts to St. Pat's on Valentine's Day for many years.

Speaking of hearts, we held our annual Festival of Hearts dinner on February 16. This event has happened at PCC for many years. I don't know when it started, but when I first came to PCC in 1980, it was happening then! This year our chef was Vince DiFranco, who prepared roast beef, mashed potatoes and delicious green beans. Our entertainment was the duo known as "Side by Side," who performed for us last year. The number of attendees has declined over the years, so this event may take a different form in the future.

Our chancel choir is beginning work on an Easter cantata, which will be presented on Easter Sunday, which occurs on April 21 this year. (Perhaps we'll even have good weather by then!) Our Lenten services will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. On the following 5 Wednesdays there will be a simple fellowship meal served at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service starting at 7 p.m. This will be followed by choir practice. On Holy Thursday, April 18, we will hold our third annual Seder meal, which features good food and good fellowship, culminating in a

re-enactment of the Last Supper. Hope you can be there!

Please don't forget our annual Soup & Pie Luncheon, to be held after worship on March 31. It replaces our usual 5th Sunday potluck, so our food pantry friends will be invited as well. Coming up also is what we hope will be our annual Spaghetti Dinner, planned for April 27. Look for more info on this event in next month's Caller.

As you are probably aware, the cost of postage recently went up from \$.50 to \$.55. This will make mailing out the Caller to all folks who don't make it to church on the 3rd Sunday of the month, or who are homebound, more expensive than ever. Our church secretary, Debbie Hannan, is hoping to send out copies via e-mail, or by posting the Caller on our church website.

If you have an e-mail address, please call Debbie at the church, 440/842-1614 to give it to her, or simply e-mail her at pcchurch1@gmail.com. If you still prefer to have the Caller sent via regular mail, please consider making a postage donation to the church to help reduce our costs.

Many PCC members and friends have been ill or had other difficulties recently, so please keep them in your prayers. Julie Green will be joining our "knee replacement club"(!!!) when her surgery occurs on March 11. Joyce Everard was recently hospitalized with pneumonia, but she's home now and doing better. Marge Carey and Kathy DiFranco have a number of family members, including Marge's mother, who are facing possible surgeries. Debi and Tim Schnell's baby nephew, for whom they have been caring for some time, had to have adenoid/ear surgery recently, but came through it fine. Many PCC members have been forced to miss church due any number of more minor winter maladies. Let's hope that everyone is feeling better soon.

Well, I am once again at the bottom of the page, but that's all right, since I'm out of news. Till next month, take care and God bless!!!

Mary Anne Woodward

MARCH 2019

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