



**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.

March 17, 2019

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## THE CAREY CORNER

A little country boy saw a poster announcing a circus coming to his small home town. He had never been to a circus. He counted the days. He saved his money. On the last night he could hardly sleep because he was so excited. He stood along the parade route and watched the circle parade. He saw lions, tigers, bears, and elephants. He watched the beautiful horses, the acrobats, and the clowns. He heard the circus band and the calliope. His eyes danced with excitement. He was thrilled with it all. When the parade passed, he stepped out of the crowd, handed the last man in the parade his money and he went home. Years later he discovered that he had never been to the circus. He had only watched the parade.

On Easter Sunday, families decked out in their spring finery will march in the Easter Parade. The emotional excitement of Easter will soon pass. Thousands will fail to realize they only watched the parade. They missed the cross. They never went inside the empty tomb. The victory of the resurrection was missed.

The little boy saw the parade. But he never went inside the big top and saw the wonder and excitement of the whole circus. Too many will see the Easter Parade but will miss out on the whole experience.

Don't miss out on the whole experience. The week after Easter, the minister looked at the congregation that was smaller than the week before. He said "The Easter lilies have faded but the perennials are still here." Let's be perennials, blooming all of the time, and not just special day flowers.

Because I Love You All,  
Pastor Gene

## DIACONATE SERVING SCHEDULE

Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Marchese, Walt Kusen
Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin Green, Barbara Webb
Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Barb Dawson, Paul Gehrig
Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Vithous, Kathy DiFranco
Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Marchese, Walt Kusen
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kristin Green, Barbara Webb

## DEACONESS FOR MARCH

Sandy Stansky

## DEACONESS FOR APRIL

Kathy DiFranco

## 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, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Articles are due by **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 March.** For the month of March we are collecting peanut butter & Jelly. 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Bell Practice will begin after the Board Meeting.

Choir Practice – **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>** following our Lenten Service.

Our weekly Bible Study Group will meet on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.** All are welcome.



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

**Upcoming Easter Season Events:** Palm Sunday Breakfast, **April 14<sup>th</sup> 8am** at Denney's Restaurant. On **Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>,** we will have a potluck dinner, starting at 6:30pm and conclude with a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Good Friday Community Worship Service on **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at Divinity Lutheran Church from Noon until 2:30pm. **Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** will begin with a Continental Breakfast at **9:30am** followed by our beautiful **Easter Service at 10:45am.**

Elders Meeting - **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

Board Meeting – **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

Hospitality Ministry Meeting – **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** following the Worship Service.



St. Pat's Meal Program is **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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.**



Upcoming Event: Look for our Clown Ministry started in May!!

## ELDERS CORNER

The house of God has many mansions – each an important part of the community of Parma, the community of Believers.

Our Lenten season is a way to come together – worship, break bread, exchange ideas and to relive the teachings of Jesus. Remember the lessons he taught us and do what he sent us to accomplish.

Parma Christian has in the works a new face lift indoors and out. Adult Sunday School is growing and all grade levels for our youth have lesson plans and teachers at the ready. A senior program that tells us we're not old and not to stop growing with exercise classes tailored to your activity level. Facebook to reach out to new members-to-be. A small vocal choir with a big voice. Ring-a-dings that form our bell choir. So many options that call for you to JOIN US!

Come help cook and eat: Mother/Daughter Luncheon, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for our roof fund, bake sales and contests are just a few of our upcoming taste temptations.

Learn how to put on a clown face and costume, make balloon animals, face painting or play a kazoo to help spread God's love with a smile while acting to tell a story. We're even planning a car show!

Come help plan and do more indoor and outdoor worship and activities! Come join the fun!

Vince DiFranco, Elder

## EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> & APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5*

**As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries.** These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruit of our shared work.

- **Disciples Women** provides fruits like Bible Studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.
- So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the **National Benevolent Association**, like young adult EXPLOR Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.
- **Disciples Home Missions'** fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This upcoming Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our share work.

*In the early morning light  
when Angels take to flight  
pushing back the beckoning darkness  
with it's God given might*

*I hear their wings trashing  
as the winds begin to subside  
filled with a deafening rumble  
of feet racing to hide*

*The darkness plus the evil  
that's raising its ugly head  
to be counted strong among us  
now found chained or dead*

*In that mighty place  
in joyous blissful peace  
I lift up your Holy Name  
and praise you without cease.....*

*Written by Jim Sipple*

### **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 FEBRUARY 2019**

Breakdown for the month of February:

Current Expense	\$ 4,554.00
World Outreach	\$ 105.00
Restricted Funds	\$ 392.00
Reimbursed Expense	\$ 0.00
Bank Interest	\$ 51.36
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 5,102.36</b>

Bills paid out for the month of February amounted to \$5,410.07.

## Keeping in Touch

The top o' the mornin' to you! Yes, it's St. Paddy's day once again, and however (or if!) you celebrate, hope it's a good one! I always make corned beef and cabbage for dinner, while our youngest son Brian and his family always march in the parade downtown. Even 6-year-old Michael marches, this year as the newest member of the fife-and-drum corps, representing the Irish-American Club East Side. That should be a sight to see--too bad the parade isn't televised any longer!

Life continues to be busy here at PCC. Lenten services, preceded by fellowship meals prepared by various PCC members, have begun and will continue till April 10. The following Thursday, April 18, is Holy Thursday, so we'll celebrate that with our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Seder meal. More info about that will be available soon.

Pastor Carey has come up with interesting topics for our Lenten services. On Ash Wednesday, besides communion and the distribution of ashes, he focused on "Thorns" in his message. This past week's theme was "Wood," so he had a wooden item for everyone to take home, in addition to a small thorn branch bringing to mind the previous week's theme. The next week's theme is nails, with other upcoming surprises. Come at 7 p.m. to see what the themes are! (You can also come for supper at 6:15.)

Other upcoming events to put on your calendar include our annual Soup-and-Pie luncheon, to be held after worship March 31, and our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, scheduled for April 27. We will be raising \$\$\$ to help pay for the new roof on our fellowship hall. The sign-up poster for Soup-and-Pie is in place in the rear of the sanctuary today, while info about the spaghetti dinner will be forthcoming. Hope to see you at BOTH events!

One more event to look forward to: the men of PCC will honor the women at our annual Mother-daughter celebration on May 5. Don't know much about that event just yet, but rumor has it that there MAY be a "hymn sing" afterwards! Be sure to check next month's Caller for details.

Speaking of the Caller, you may be reading this on our church's website, [www.parmachristianchurch.org](http://www.parmachristianchurch.org), or via e-mail if you've given our church secretary Debbie Hannan your e-mail address. We are currently implementing ways to cut down on mailing costs for those who can't pick up their Caller at church. (Postage recently rose to \$ .55.) If you have any questions, please call Debbie at 440/842-1614.

Let's see, what's new with our PCC family? Julie Green underwent knee-replacement surgery at Lutheran Hospital on March 11, and came home the next day, brave soul!!! She is currently doing her rehab therapy at home, and is progressing well. Julie, welcome to the Club! You'll soon be up and around!

Marge Carey's mother, Marion Eldred, underwent a procedure to rid her of kidney cancer last week in Florida. Marge says she's doing fine! (Our prayers were answered.)

Bob Elardo has been at Parma Hospital, suffering from double pneumonia. He was very seriously ill at first, but he is doing better now. Please keep him and Lori in your prayers.

Wanda Vasarhely sends greetings to everyone at PCC. She is still under a doctor's care, and hopes to be back at church as soon as she can. Meanwhile she enjoys monthly communion visits from an elder.

The church has recently learned that Gloria Barnickel's home on Parklane Dr. in Parma was sold, so don't be surprised to see her daughter Beth in church, as she is here for a 3-week stay. Gloria grew up in that same house, as did her children, so it's difficult for them to see it go. Please keep Beth, Laura, and Dale's widow Judy in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also on March 11, I had minor hand surgery to correct a locking "trigger finger" on my right hand. I can't drive for 2 weeks, nor can I write! Typing is also interesting, so please forgive any errOrz! Thanks to my ever-loving husband for taking such good care of me!

On a happier note, our oldest granddaughter Hannah Hart was in town from California February 28 to March 4 for a quick visit. She stayed with our youngest son Brian and his family in Cleveland Heights, and we had lots of good family time. Our daughter Sharon and granddaughter Morgan came up from Cincinnati to see her, and we had an all-female, 8-person visit with my mother, who loved it, at Mt. Alverna. (I forgot that Dick was there for a short time -- to take photos!) Last weekend Dick and I made a quick trip to Belleville, Michigan (outside Detroit) to see our granddaughter Kelly Montgomery in her middle school play.

On March 14, our son-in-law Kent Montgomery and several other church members went to Guatemala to help build a church about 5 hours from the capital city. Please keep them in your prayers--they will return March 23.

You had to wade through lots of news of my family, but that's all the news I had to write about! Please be sure to let me know YOUR family's news so I can share it with your PCC family! Now I'm out of room, so till next time, take care and God bless!

Mary Anne Woodward

**PARMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

*Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Includes Meatballs, Sausage,  
Salad, Bread, Water  
Desserts for purchase*

*Open seaing 4pm-7pm*

*Parma Christian Church  
7000 Ridge Road  
Parma, Ohio 44129*

*Adults \$10.00  
Children (ages 3-10) \$5.00  
2 & under free*



*To make reservations please call  
the church office at 440-842-1614  
Monday through Friday 9am-12:30pm*

*Deadline is Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

*All proceeds benefit our Roof Fund*

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