



Newsletter for March 2023



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What's Happening

EASTER EGG HUNT

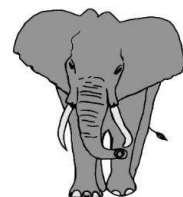
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Lunch with the Easter Bunny

FREE
EVENT



newborn
to 9 yrs old



Everyone will be entered
for a chance to win a
Family Zoo Membership

SAT. APRIL 1, 2023

Egg Hunt begins at 11:00

Followed by Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Please arrive 15 min. early

Journey Community Church

Formerly St. Paul UCC/Mt. Healthy Christian

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

Website and email will be
updated soon!

For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.stpaulnch.com

Pastor Words of Wisdom

We have officially entered the Lenten season, which is a time where we are called to be intentional in preparing ourselves and our community for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

But what exactly does it mean to be intentional during this time? And why shouldn't we be intentional the rest of the year with our faith.

To answer the second question first - we should! We should always be intentional in how we nurture our faith and prepare ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Christ. But...we also know that life sometimes gets in the way.

Our lives can become busy, hectic, difficult, demanding, and everything in between. This can make it hard for us to always prioritize our faith and spiritual growth. That's okay! We are not perfect and can't always bring our "A" game to our spiritual journey.

And that is part of the reason we have Lent. It is an acknowledgement that we aren't always on our best behavior as Christians, but that we know that there are times where we have to at least try.

Which is where the intentional part comes in. For the 40 days of Lent, we are asked to prioritize our faith, be intentional in trying to connect with our spirituality, and work hard at preparing ourselves to more fully follow Jesus.

We are encouraged to fast from the things in our lives that distract us from our faith. We are challenged to create the space needed to connect with God. We are called to divest ourselves from the actions and thoughts that cause us to harm others.

And we are to do all of those things with focus and intention.

Now is the time to make up for the fact that we don't always stay on the path that God lays before us. Now is the time to repent, turn back toward God, and refocus ourselves on our faith.

If you haven't done a great job at some of those things in the last year, that's okay. You are human. We all are.

But ask yourself this - for the next 40 days, how can I be a better version of myself. How can I make an impact on the world? How can I grow closer to my God and my neighbor? All it takes is a little intentionality.

Blessings,



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Joann Ernst

Linda Woods

Anne & Skip Zimmer

In Memory of Ray Sandman

Carol Lommer

In Memory of Cheryl Bordenkircher

Jane & Wayne Schleutker

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Thank you, Thank you, to the ladies who prepared and served in honor of my 103rd birthday coffee hour on Sunday, February 5th. The food was delicious and the flowers on the table were beautiful. The cake was from my niece in Wisconsin.

I truly appreciate everything!

Sincerely,

Erma Amrein



**Worship Leaders
in March**



3/5/2023	Ben Sauer
3/12/2023	David Holmes
3/19/2023	Cheryl DuPriest
3/26/2023	Kathy Terrell

**Communion Servers
in March**



3/5/2023	Ben Sauer	Louise Pitcher
3/12/2023	David Holmes	Bobbie Compton
3/19/2023	Cheryl DuPriest	Missy Sauer
3/26/2023	Kathy Terrell	Lois Bates

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, March 26th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

TAKING THE QUESTIONS/FEARS OUT OF HOSPICE CARE

Harmony Hospice is offering a dedicated seminar to the members of Journey Community Church. Even if you do not have an immediate need, they would like to hold a gathering to help you to get a better understanding of how Hospice Care actually works and to take away the fear of hospice with a loved one.

I have used Harmony Hospice personally, the nurses, social workers, and liaisons are wonderful to work with and the communication they have with you and your loved one was great.

If you are interested in attending a gathering, please let Anne know so that a meeting can be scheduled.

ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Here we are at the beginning of March! This is always an exciting time at St. Paul Early Learning Center as the children are looking for signs of Spring! From buds on the trees to birds singing, there is so much learning which takes place outdoors! We are blessed to have such a beautiful, outdoor play area to explore in.

In the month of March, we will be hosting MOMENTS WITH MOM. This is a special time set aside for our students to spend some time with Mom at school. Our moms will be pampered with songs, activities, gifts, and of course a lite breakfast. The children enjoy introducing mom to their friends and teachers.

Great news! Last month air purification systems were installed in each classroom of the Learning Center. The systems reduce 99.9% of all viruses and bacteria in the air and on/under surfaces. This is part of the plan to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. Even better news! The systems and installation were paid in full through a grant!

Something to ponder...

"No matter how old you get, may you always stop to fill your pockets with smooth stones, empty snail shells and other little treasures." Nicolett Sowder

Happy Spring

Judy Staudigel
St. Paul Early Learning Center & Staff



Scouting News

We are in danger of the Scout Troop folding. If you have or know of someone Ages 11—18, male or female, please consider passing along that we do indeed have a scout troop here. Please pass along contact info - Skip Zimmer 513-578-5211.



The Venture Crew had a great time at our lock in. Lots of fun was had by the 12 who attended.

The Crew will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 12, from 11—12:30 PM. It will be a free will offering. This will help the crew with travel expenses for Florida Sea Base. We hope you can make it.

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Mr. Charles Brown Mary Jane Burgess Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn
 Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer
 Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Hilda Meier Bob Runk
 Dave Schleutker Elmer Seesing Elaine Sloan Gay Steinhauer
 Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women

Those Affected by Hurricane Ian

The Country of Ukraine

Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers

Cities affected by any and all Violence

Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence

Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake

Jerry Allen Etsel Andrews Nola Apro Ray Bates Bob Bechtold
 Pat Bonaccorso Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell Emmalynn Colins
 Rob Condo Verna Cowan Wm. Church Cathy Criswell Debbie
 Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes Diane Griswold Theo Gruber
 Gael Gruenwald Nick Helton Michelle Henn Estie Hutchison
 Jim Kobb Jackie Petrocelli Kim Manifold Harper Manning
 Carol Boyce-Martinez Barb Nuckols Bill Richards, Jr.
 Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Kari Shell Colleen Smith
 Gloria Stagman Karen Street Ann VanderMolen
 Chad Wilcocks Mike Woeste
 Family of Bruce Bures Family of Ray Keller Family of Bonnie Paulson
 Family of Treacy Bates Webb

*Please keep the office informed when
 Names can be removed or need to be added*



3/1 Doris Dunn
 3/2 Patrick Marshall
 3/3 Kevin Lewis
 3/4 Robert Jensen
 3/5 Andy Iverson
 3/7 Emma Sauer
 Gay Steinhauer

3/8 Sharon Frazier
 Venessa Mittler
 Anne Zimmer
 3/9 Elaine Sloan
 3/11 Karen Chalfin
 3/15 William Reed
 3/19 Jann Apro
 Mike Hornback

3/19 Julie Shockley
 Alex Tietsort
 3/20 Cheryl Davis
 3/25 Nathan Bierkan
 3/29 Rick Tallarigo



4/3 Don Fischer
 Ann Roberts
 Elmer Seesing
 4/7 Matthew Chalfin
 4/8 Marlene Sheward
 4/9 Owen Chalfin

4/11 Matt Tietsort
 4/14 Ray Bates
 Carolyn Dykes
 4/15 Sue Erickson
 4/17 Carol Chalfin
 4/18 Sandy Blevins

4/19 Quaid Hauer
 4/20 Trudy Jester
 4/28 Elizabeth Cain
 Samantha Wiesman
 4/30 Dorothy Dumford
 Steve Lighthall

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
 Hand Soap
 Dishwashing Liquid
 Non-Perishable Foods

Shampoo
 Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
 Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



**APRIL
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for the April edition is Wednesday, March 22nd. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for St. Paul. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team

ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

As our churches have combined, the Merging Committee began to look at all items that both churches offered to their Congregations. The Zwoster Scholarship was established in 2002 by two retired teachers who were members of St. Paul UCC. We are pleased to announce that this Scholarship will continue to assist our young adults who are members or who are directly related to members of Journey Community Church. Those who fit the criteria written in the Procedures and General Information may apply for the Zwoster Scholarship. Copies of the new Procedures and General Information and the Application are now available in the church office, the kiosk table in the Narthex, or they can be requested to be sent by email, by contacting the church office at 513-931-2205 or office@journeyccc.com. All applications are due in the church office no later than Friday, May 5th, 2023 by the end of church business hours.

If you have questions, you may contact the Scholarship Committee.
Sandy Blevins 513-520-2772 or sblevins50@yahoo.com
Margaret Maybury 513-522-9606 or maybury@xavier.edu



The logo features the words "Save These" in a cursive, orange font, positioned above the word "DATES" in a large, bold, blue serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a network or molecular structure with three orange nodes and a blue node connected by thin lines.

March 5th - Congregational Meeting - Vote on Board Chair
And Team Leaders

March 26th - Stewardship Sunday


April 1st - Lunch with the Easter Bunny - 11:00 AM
(volunteers needed, sign up sheet in Narthex and
also looking for donations of plastic eggs, individually
wrapped candy and/or small trinkets for eggs)

April 2nd - Palm Sunday

April 6th - Maundy Thursday - Service at 6:30 PM

April 9th - Easter Sunday - Lunch after Worship

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday			1	2	3 HS- No School AA - 8 pm	4 AA - 8 pm
5	6 AARP Tax Prep - FH Scouts	7 Dinner	8	9	10 HS- No School AA - 8 pm	11 AA - 8 pm
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins Crew 150 Pancake Breakfast 11:00 - 12:30 pm	13 AARP Tax Prep - FH Scouts	14 Dinner	15 HS - No School	16	17 St. Patrick's Day AA - 8 pm 	18 AA - 8 pm
19 UCC One Great Hour Sharing Offering	20 AARP Tax Prep - FH HS - No School Scouts	21 ELC - Mom's Dinner	22	23	24	25 AA - 8 pm
26 DOC - General Ministry Offering	27 AARP Tax Prep - FH Scouts	28 Dinner	29 Newsletter Articles Due	30	AA - 8 pm	AA - 8 pm
					31 HS- No School AA - 8 pm	