



Pathways March 2024



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What's Happening

Journey
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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary

EASTER EGG HUNT

**FREE
EVENT**

**NEWBORN
to 9 YRS OLD**



Lunch with the Easter Bunny

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



SAT. MARCH 16, 2024

Egg Hunt begins at 11:00

Followed by Lunch in Fellowship Hall
Please arrive 15 min. early

Registration is not required

Journey Community Church

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For more info call 513-931-2205

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

Pastor Words of Wisdom

“I am enough.”

Those might be the three hardest words in the world to believe.

I find it so much easier to believe in the existence of aliens, to believe that someday I might get superpowers, or to believe that this might just be the year the Cincinnati Bengals win the Super Bowl.

But to believe that I’m actually, genuinely, truly enough? Not a chance.

Why is that? Why do we struggle so much to believe in ourselves and our abilities and our capacity to do what we ought to know we can do?

Maybe it’s because we were told at a young age that we would never be good enough or that we didn’t deserve love, and that’s frustratingly stuck with us all this time.

Maybe it’s because we’ve failed at achieving things at various points in our lives, and rather than experiencing those as moments of growth, we’ve experienced them as moments that prove how useless we are.

Maybe it’s because a friend or a partner left us, and we can’t help but think it’s entirely our fault; that if we would have just been different or better, they would have stayed.

Whatever the reason, I feel confident in thinking that, at some point in our lives, we’ve all felt that we weren’t enough. But I am here to tell you that’s not true! You are, and always have been, enough. If you need proof, just read the Bible.

We are enough because we are created in the image of God, and how can anything created to reflect God ever be anything but enough?

We are enough because Jesus lived and died for us, and how could someone so loved by Jesus ever be anything but enough?

We are enough because we were fearfully and wonderfully made, and how could anything made by God’s own hands ever be anything but enough?

We are enough. You are enough. I am enough.

You deserve to believe that. You deserve to know that. You deserve to feel that. So if you ever feel like you might not be good enough, I want you to remember that the Creator of the entire universe made you and loves you. Then look yourself in the mirror and say:

“I am enough!”



Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

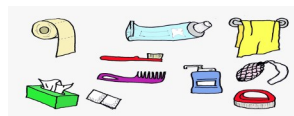
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Personal Care Items

Spring Cleaning Supplies



3/2 Patrick Marshall
3/5 Andy Iverson
3/7 Emma Sauer
3/8 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



4/3 Ann Roberts
4/7 Matthew Chalfin
4/8 Marlene Sheward
4/9 Owen Chalfin
4/11 Matt Tietsort

4/14 Carolyn Dykes
4/15 Sue Erickson
4/17 Carol Chalfin
4/18 Sandy Blevins
4/19 Quaid Hauer

4/20 Trudy Jester
4/28 Samantha Wiesman
4/30 Dorothy Dumford
Steve Lighthall

January 8th, 2024 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with and Brian prayed at 6:05pm. Five board members and pastor were present.

- Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read and accepted as presented.

Team/Committee Reports

Finance (Mike I) Shared budget numbers (need to plug in new numbers to get from Treasurer)

- Journey Checking Balance: \$27,961.92
- Journey Savings: \$377,555.54
- SPELC Grant Money: \$104,505.96
- St. Paul Checking: \$19,273.01
- Schwab JCC: \$138,426.03
- Edward Jones: \$385,795.45 (now includes P & G Stock)
- Edward Jones (cash account): \$1296.79
- Finance team to meet with Schwab later in January do to consultant illness.
- SPELC received another grant of \$37,770.00
- 2024 Proposed Budget changes and updates shared and discussed with Board
 - ◇ Board voted and agreed to proceed with final budget updates and to have the document shared in advance of January (previously our December) congregational meeting.

Building (Skip)

- Reported that the Rooftop units for fellowship hall and water heater in boiler room are installed and functioning.
- Sanctuary laptop computer- Mike B. to make recommendation.

Personnel (Ben)

- Team has created employee assessment forms to gain feedback for our staff: Senior Minister, Office Administrator/ Treasurer, and Sexton. To be made available at congregational meeting.
- Working to finalize Office Administrator and Treasurer contract and job descriptions ready to share. Met with Brian and Steve to gain their inputs.
- Beginning to work on employee assessments.

Spiritual (Robin)

- Shared progress on gaining clarity between Teams and Sub Teams and shared list with responsibilities to Board.
- Reviewed the time and talents that were submitted by congregation and handed out a breakdown of the volunteer opportunities for spiritual groups.

Spiritual (Robin) (continued)

- Shared discussion of possible future monthly events.
- Announced the start of Pairs and Spares fellowship dinners.
- The activities room has been cleaned out and is being painted. New blinds need to be purchased.

Pastoral (Brian)

- Preparation for Lent, including Ash Wednesday is underway.
- Working on worship experience and presentation consistency.
- Live Streaming progress reported to be getting closer to happening. This includes getting side cameras to function properly.

Additional Business (Steve)

- January 21st Annual Congregational Mtg agenda reviewed and aligned.
- Agreed to proposed Zwoster Memorial Scholarship update specifics regarding eligibility and financial considerations as presented.

Brian closed with a prayer at 8:40 pm

End of Meeting

Maundy Thursday

Services - March 28th - 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Services - March 31st - 10:00 AM

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen Church Carolyn Dykes Alice Graber Diane Griswold
 Ruth Hoeweler Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch
 Melitta Marx Bob Runk Dave Schleutker Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan
 Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

*Our Service Men and Women
 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

Civil War in the Sudan

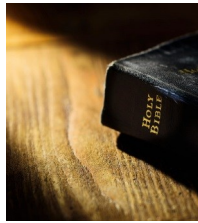
Victims of Children Trafficking

For Maui, Hawaii

Erma Amrein Nola Apro LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister) Dawn Ball
 Victoria Baumstead Carol Benning Al Bonaccorso Pat Bonaccorso
 Mary Brakers Max Buerkle Amy Buschelman Mike Burriss Bill Carter
 Kim Caudell Jim Cobb Debbie Shelley Dauderman Carrie Devine
 Mercedes Dreier Brian Drinnen Dorothy Dumford Huntleigh Enderle
 Owen Erickson Pam Farlow Paul Fuhr Sue Geary Marcia Gibbs Theo
 Gruber Michelle Henn Allen Holmes Dave Huser Jim Hutchison
 Trudy Jester Jamie Kist Rhonda Lahmann Joan Lewis Dan Mc Donald
 Dick Manifold Harper Manning Vicki Newport Kathy Noble Jackie Northrop
 Barb Nuckols Jerry Oberjohann Terry Pitcher Darlene Reed Ricky Renier
 Rhonda Bill Richards, Jr. Steve Rogers Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma Sauer
 Jacob Sauer Ken Scheffel Tom Schumm Kari Shell Kathy Snider
 Karen Street Denise Tingle Anne Vander Molen Chad Wilcocks
 Ann Winkler Mike Woeste Paula Zellner

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

**Worship Leaders
in March**



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| Melissa Holmes | 3/3/2024 |
| Ben Sauer | 3/10/2024 |
| Kathy Terrell | 3/17/2024 |
| Bobbie Compton | 3/24/2024 |
| Cheryl DuPriest Maundy Thursday | 3/28/2024 |
| Judith Lewis- Combs | 3/31/2024 |

**Communion Servers
in March**



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| Melissa Holmes | Bobbie Compton | 3/3/2024 |
| Ben Sauer | Louise Pitcher | 3/10/2024 |
| Kathy Terrell | Margaret Maybury | 3/17/2024 |
| Bobbie Compton | Roxanne Reed | 3/24/2024 |
| Cheryl DuPriest Maundy Thursday | Missy Sauer | 3/28/2024 |
| Judith Lewis- Combs Easter Sunday | Ben Sauer | 3/31/2024 |

**Greeters
in March**

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| Ben Sauer | 3/3/2024 |
| Vicki Celenza | 3/10/2024 |
| Judith Lewis- Combs | 3/17/2024 |
| Lois Bates | 3/24/2024 |
| Robin Lighthall Maundy Thursday | 3/28/2024 |
| Ben Sauer Easter Sunday | 3/31/2024 |

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, March 24th, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**APRIL
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the March edition is Wednesday, March 20th. 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 will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

The updated Zwoster Scholarship Criteria Information, Application and Service Hour Log are now available in the Narthex and in the Office. If you have someone who would be interested, and need a copy emailed, please call the office and speak with Anne and all the information can be emailed.

The deadline to submit application and service hour log has been extended to Friday, May 31, 2024. All paperwork must be in the church office no later than end of business hours, which is 9 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact either, Sandy Blevins, 513-520-2772 or Margaret Maybury, 513-522-9606.

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 Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. 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

ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

February was the month of love and friendship. Our children enjoyed making Valentine boxes/bags to collect those special cards from friends. It is so much fun watching their eyes light up as they look at their Valentines!

Did you know that we talk about Jesus and learn Bible stories each week at Chapel Chat? Chapel Chat takes place most Wednesdays. Feel free to join us and see how the children at St. Paul Early Learning Center are learning about our Good Father!

Did you know that Anne Zimmer (known as Miss Anne to our preschool friends) knows ALOT about zoo animals? From time to time, Miss Anne will share her knowledge of zoo animals with our preschool friends. The pre-k class looks forward to looking at photos and learning facts about specific animals with Miss Anne. I love how Journey Community Church has partnered with St. Paul Early Learning Center in educating young children!



During the month of March, our students will enjoy some special time with Mom at our Moments with Mom event! We will treat our Moms to a special breakfast, songs, and some one on one time at school! This is a fun tradition which the Moms of our preschool look forward to each year!

Do you know a 2.5, 3, 4, or 5 year old? If so, encourage them to check out St. Paul Early Learning Center. We are extremely proud of how we help set families up for success!

Judy Staudigel
Director



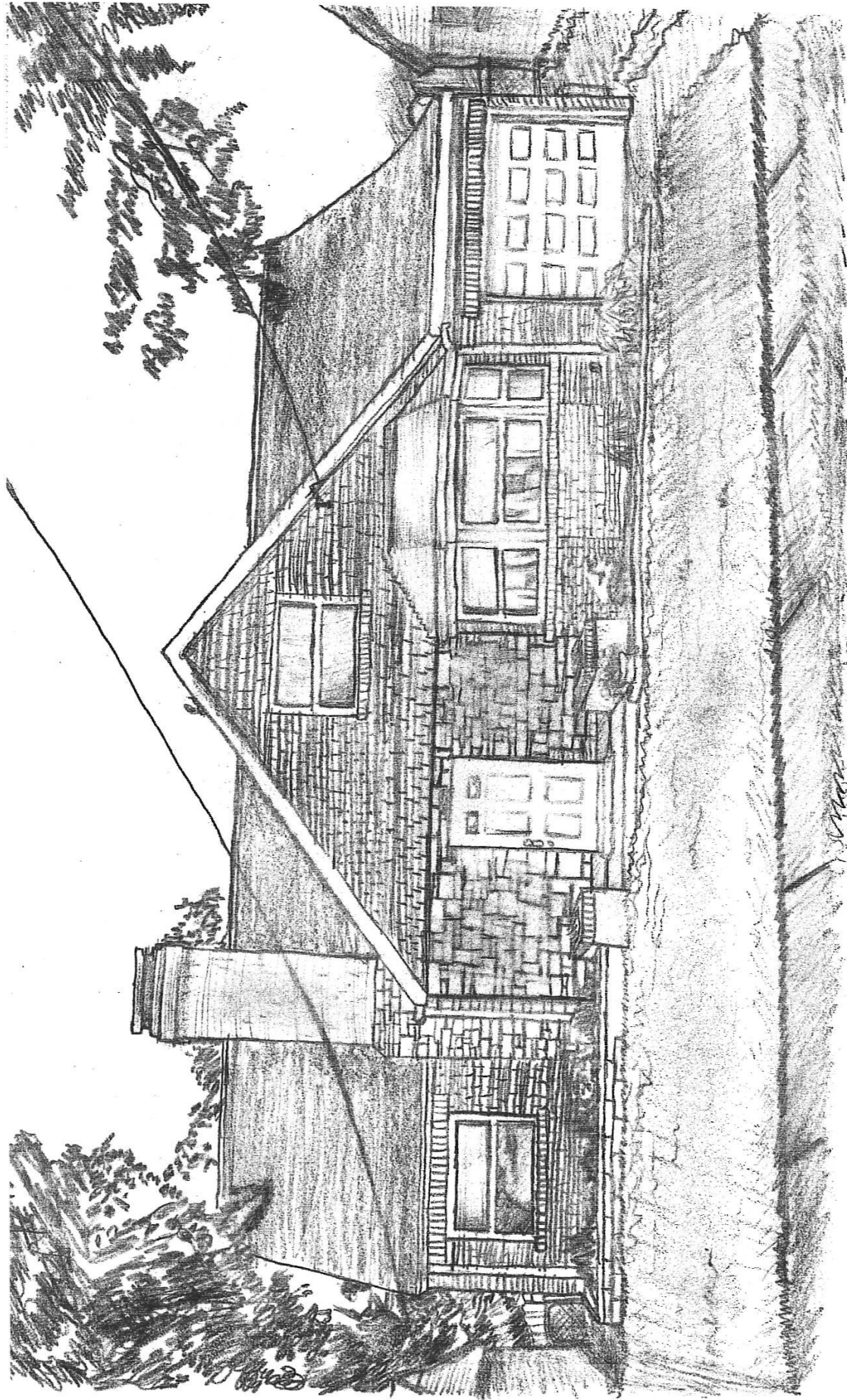
INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.


Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at office@journeyccc.com.

Thanks in advance!



Thank you for the 2023-24 Zwoster Scholarship. It is
greatly appreciated in pursuing my dream at CCAO
Rylan Poynter

March 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start | Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed. | | | | 1 AA - 8 PM | 2 AA - 8 PM |
| 3 Jazz Trio | 4 HS - No School AARP - FH Finance Mtg 6PM Spiritual Mtg 6 PM | 5 ELC- 3's Moments w/ Mom Dinner - 5-6:30 PM | 6 ELC - 4's Moments w/ Mom | 7 ELC - Pre-K Moments w/ Mom | 8 ELC - 2.5's Moment w/ Mom AA - 8 PM | 9 AA - 8 PM |
| 10 George Theders OGHS-UCC | 11 HS - No School AARP - FH Personnel Mtg 4PM Board Mtg 6 PM | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 AA - 8 PM | 16 Lunch w/ Easter Bunny 11 AM AA - 8 PM  |
| 17 Jazz Trio | 18 HS - No School AARP - FH | 19 ELC - 3's No School Conferences Voting Primary Dinner - 5-6:30 PM | 20 Newsletter Articles Due | 21 | 22 AA - 8 PM | 23 AA - 8 PM |
| 24 Palm Sunday George Theders | 25 HS - No School AARP - FH | 26 | 27 ELC 3's Easter Party | 28 Maundy Thursday ELC- 2.5, 4, Pre-K Easter Party Service - 6:30 PM | 29 Good Friday ELC - No School AA - 8 PM | 30 AA - 8 PM |
| Jazz Trio Easter Sunday 31 | | | | | | |