

Pathways March 2025





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Worship Opportunities <u>Sundays:</u> 10:00 AM Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

For an electronic version of newsletter please visit our website: www.journeyccc.com What's Happening Rains & Corres

Krimmer's Italianette

Saturday, March 29th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 1704 W.Galbraith Rd 45231 Celebrate the arrival of spring

while enjoying a wonderful dinner with fabulous friends! Can't wait to see your smiling face!

RSVP Cheryl Rogers 513-702-1707 or email cherogers56@hotmail.com

Pastor Words of Wisdom

I'll be honest - I did not want to write this newsletter article. Anne (with more patience than I probably deserved) kept dutifully reminding me that I needed to write and submit this so that she could finalize the newsletter.

And I kept putting it off and putting it off and putting it off, until this exact moment when I am finally writing it.

There was no specific reason why I didn't want to write it - just a general malaise or laziness infecting me. Perhaps I can blame it on the weather; or on my busy schedule; or on the fact that my mind has been focused on other things.

Either way, I didn't want to! And still don't. Yet here I am, typing away.

Because sometimes, as Nike would say, we have to just do it.

We don't always get our way. We aren't always motivated. We are busy and tired and our minds can wander.

It could be related to work, to projects on our homes, to get-togethers with family and friends.

And sometimes even our faith.

I don't need to think hard to come up with times when I didn't feel like practicing my faith. When I didn't want to pray or preach or (gasp!) love.

I am sure you can come up with a time or two as well. But the thing about our faith is that sometimes we have to just do it because we know it's what's best for us.

The times when we *really* don't feel like praying are often the times we need prayer the most.

The people we *really* don't feel like loving are often the people who need our love the most.

The times when I *really* would rather be selfish instead of selfless are often the times when we should be focusing on others the most.

Life is funny like that sometimes.

So the next time you don't feel like doing something, especially related to your faith, try to push through and do it anyway. You'd be surprised how often you feel better once you've done it.

You'll get a sense of relief, or pride, or accomplishment, or gratitude.

Just like now, as I *finally* send this off to Anne to print.

ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

It's time once again for those who are eligible to apply for the Zwoster Scholarship for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year.

If you have a student who is interested in applying, please contact the office and the criteria and application will be emailed. The deadline for applying is Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Applications may be mailed or emailed to the office at office@journeyccc.com. Only applications and necessary documentation that are in the church office by close of business hours, 2:00 PM, will be considered. If mailing, please be sure to allow the proper time as mail delivery times have changed. Any questions, please reach out to Sandy Blevins, 513-520-2772.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

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

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3/8 3/9	Venessa Mittler Anne Zimmer Elaine Sloan	3/11 3/15 3/19	Karen Chalfi William Ree Jann Apro		Julie Shockley Cheryl Davis
4/3 4/7 4/8	Ann Roberts Matthew Chalfin Sandy Blevins Marlene Sheward	4/9 4/11 4/15 d 4/17	Owen Chalfi Matt Tietsor Sue Erickso Carol Chalfi	t 4/20 n 4/28	Trudy Jester Sam Wiesman

Ilease Continue to Remember in Frayer:

Home Bound Members Wm & Eileen Church Alice Graber Ruth Hoeweler Lynn Hoffman Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch Melitta Marx Bob Runk Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan Anne Timme

> Special Prayer Request Our Service Men and Women The Country of Ukraine Civil War in the Sudan Victims of Children Trafficking For Everyone is the Wildfires of California

Lois Barland Victoria Baumstead Nola Apro Barb Brewer Calvin's Grandpa Sue Brown Mike Burriss Mark Carothers Joyce Compton Bill Carter Ray Clark Danielle Coulton Logan Cowan Carrie Devine Mercedes Dreier Terry DuPriest Tanya Elliott William DuPriest Ethan, student of Missy Kim Ferry Ken Handley Michelle Henn Janet Koehler Teresa Howard Sue Gearv Rob Langdon Linda LeValley John Koehler Vicki Luke Harper Manning Dan McDonald Catherine Lynch Debbie Nungester Ruth Purcell Ricky Renier Vicky Ritz Steve Rogers Roger Purcell Cherie Lynn Sauer Emma & Teddy Sauer Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm Gary Smallwood Summer, Mom's Family Dave Shannon Kari Shell Amy Wadl Lisa Super Paul Tensing AJ Walker Leslie Washington Karen Wilson Kamaria's Mom & Family Chad Wilcocks Ann Winkler Bruce Wright Paula Zellner Rick Zellner Family of Dorothy Lighthall - Dumford Family of Jim Maybury Family of Del Yung

> Please keep the office informed when Names can be removed or need to be added Bold typed names were just recently added

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APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The newsletter deadline for the April edition is Wednesday, March 19th. 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

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





If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, March 23rd. All are welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory



In Memory of Dorothy Lighthall-Dumford

Carol & Mike Chalfin Judith Lewis-Combs Linda Woods Dot Kahle Bonnie & Steve Lighthall Anne & Skip Zimmer

In Memory of Jim Maybury

Dot Kahle Linda Woods Judith Lewis-Combs Anne & Skip Zimmer

In Memory of Adele Yung

Dot Kahle

Linda Woods

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Worship Leaders in March



Missy Sauer	3/9/2025
Ben Sauer	3/16/2025
Bobbie Compton	3/23/2025
Roxanne Reed	3/30/2025

Communion Servers in March

Missy Sauer	Judith Lewis-Combs	3/9/2025
Ben Sauer	Louise Pitcher	3/16/2025
Bobbie Compton	David Holmes	3/23/2025
Roxanne Reed	Margaret Maybury	3/30/2025

Greeters in March

Margaret Maybury
Steve Lighthall
Lois Bates
Judith Lewis-Combs

3/9/2025 3/16/2025 3/23/2025 3/30/2025



St. Paul Early Learning Center

March is full of fun and learning here at St. Paul Early Learning Center! It has been so nice spending some of our play time outside on the playground! Mid month will be our yearly Moments With Mom event! The children will invite Mom to eat a light breakfast with us at school! There are many surprises for Mom including special songs and activities!

Did you know that all 8 teachers attended a 4 hour training on Social/Emotional Development last month? At the end of the training, our school earned not 1 but 3 toolkits full of resources and materials to support social/emotional development in our classrooms. Each toolkit is valued at approximately \$800! We have also been working closely with a mental health consultant in order to serve the children and families in our care!

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to "Mr. Jim" last month! Jim was an important part of the St. Paul Early Learning Center team! I cannot even begin to share what he meant to all of us! The teachers appreciated his kindness and his willingness to help us with whatever we needed! The children looked for Mr. Jim each day and enjoyed having small conversations with him! The parents were also very fond of Jim! Here are just a few of the many comments I received from parents:

- "He was the sweetest man!"
- "He was the absolute best!"
- "My child loved Mr. Jim!"
- "He always went out of his way to make the children feel special"

Needless to say, Jim had a positive effect on many! Our halls will never be the same!

Later this month, a Friend of the Children award will be presented to Margaret Maybury in honor of her son, Jim for his love and attentiveness to the children of St. Paul Early Learning Center. She will receive a plaque and a second plaque will be displayed on the walls of Journey Community Church in the Narthex! Rest in peace, Mr. Jim! Our lives were better just by having you in them! We love you!

Judy Staudigel Director St. Paul Early Learning Center









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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start					1 AA - 8 PM
2 Worship Jazz Trio	3 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 am - 3 PM	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM	9	7 Anne Off - Linda In	ω
	HS No School	Community Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM			AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
9 Worship George Theders	10 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 am - 3 PM	2	12 ELC 3's Moments w/ Mom	13 ELC Pre-K Moments w/ Mom	14 ELC 2's Moments w/ Mom	15
Daylight Savings Time Begins	HS No School				AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
16 Worship Jazz Trio	17 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 am - 3 PM	8	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22
	HS No School 🛠 St Patricks Day	Community Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM			AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM
	24 AARP Tax Prep 8:45 am - 3 PM HS No School ELC	25	26	27	28	29
screening Hour Sharing Worship Jazz Trio 30	AARP Tax AARP Tax 8:45 - 3 PM HS No School 31				AA - 8 PM	AA - 8 PM