

The Bridge

"Connecting Church and Home"

MARCH 2022

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00 pm



Omega Circle
Tuesday, March 8th
1:00 PM
Gleitsman Lounge

Community Meal
And
Clothes Closet
Friday, March 11th
Parish Hall Dining Room
4:30 - 6:00

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year I was invited to preach at First Baptist for our community Lenten Service. The theme for this year's services is "My favorite Jesus Story". Mine has always been Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Many don't think Jesus has a sense of humor, but I can't help laughing when I hear Jesus say, "Why do you worry about the speck that is in your neighbor's eye, but pay no attention to the 2" x 4" protruding from your own eye" (Paraphrase) We all do it, don't we? We look for flaws in others and ignore our own.

LUKE'S GOSPEL TELLS US THAT WHEN WE PASS JUDGEMENT ON OTHERS, WE ARE TAKING THE PLACE OF GOD.

We are all sinners. It sounds like a cliché, but it is the hard Gospel truth. None of us has any bragging room as far as righteousness is concerned. We would like to believe that there is a hierarchy of sin. In our minds, there ought to be a grading scale for beginning sinners, intermediate level, and advanced-placement hypocrites.

People Magazine once did a survey called "The Sindex: A Reader's Guide to Misbehavior." Readers were asked to rate how guilty they would feel, on a scale of one to ten, if they engaged in any of fifty-one activities. The results were averaged to give each behavior a Sin Coefficient and a ranking in the Reader's Morality Index. On a scale of Ten, the top ten sins, according to the magazine's readers were: Murder 9.84, Rape 9.77, Incest 9.68, Child Abuse 9.59, Spying against your country 8.98, Drug Dealing 8.83, Embezzlement 8.49, Pederasty 8.30, Spouse Swapping 8.09, and Adultery 7.63 (3)

We often assume that God has a "Sindex." Gossip, anger, lack of charity, and gluttony should be benign sins in our estimation and should be covered by a quick prayer and perfect church attendance for one full month. Adultery, drug dealing, homosexuality, and murder are major sins, and God should be just as repulsed by these sins as we are. That's what we'd like to think. But it's a lie. A sin is anything . . . anything . . . anything that separates us from God. Anything. Romans 3: 23 says, "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . ." Anything that falls short of the glory and holiness of God is sin.

The Season of Lent is a time to repent. This year let us repent from judging others.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark



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Please contact Sue Ambrosic at 330-832-5798 if you would like to have the Altar or Throne Flowers for 2022. Or sign up in the hallway across from the Gleitsman Lounge.

Please note:
New office hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Mission Endowment committee members have adopted a new form for making nominations. This form is available by request from a committee member (listed on the page 3). If you have an organization or cause for consideration Mission Endowment Funds, please request the form and submit the details for consideration.



Baby Caroline, Jeff Akey, Betty Ayers, Renee Brown, Chris Collard, Jim Dehnke, Pam Dekowski, Jean Dexter, Ken Dexter, Teri Dew, Hazel Draper, Mark Duris, Joe Ehret, Maria Garton, Mark Griffith, Robert Haas, Chance Haines, Sara Hughes, Ray Jones, Josh Keller, Bob Kirsch, Paula Kritzer, Matthew Kronenwetter, Dan Landig, Anna Langenfeld, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Karen Lunkwitz, Jennifer Mays, Ron Meimer, Cheryl Myers, Lynne Nunley, David Paul, Ann Pratt, Carol Rohr, Becky Sadler, Cheryl Shaw, Chrissy Sturtz, Angela Sutter, Gloria Talarico, Donna Viles, Marcie Waltz, Kyle Whelan, Sherrie Whelan, Amy White, Doug & Becky White, Mike Zigelhofer, Dr. Donald Zimmerman, Matt & Jen.

Assisting Ministers **For March**

If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Minister, please contact Karl Kalk via phone at 330.904.9797 or email at karlkal@msn.com

March 6th: Andrew Lang

March 13th: Carol Stoner

March 20th: Kathryn Myers

March 27th: Veronica Kreemer



March Greeters:

If you are interested in Becoming a greeter, please Contact Karl Kalk via phone At 330.904.9797 or email at karlkal@msn.com

March 6th: Debbie Stevens

March 13th: Gary Collard

March 20th: Craig Maurer

March 27th: Greg & Lynda Klein



If you are interested in becoming a Lay Lector, please contact Karl Kalk via phone at 330.904.9797 or email at KarlKal@msn.com

March Lay Lector
Kathryn Myers

March Communion Assistants

March 6th: Lea Lang & Greg Klein

March 13th: Carol Stoner & Amy Burkett

March 20th: Don Gray & Eric Myers

March 27th: Patty Long & Tracie Schmolt

March Ushers

Christine Bates
Hailey Carano
Gary Collard
Don Gray

If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact Dick Longworth via phone at 330.756.2943 or email at richardlongworth7569@gmail.com

Sacristy

Now that we are able to have full Communion, volunteers are needed to prepare the altar and the elements. If you would be willing to help with this very important ministry, please contact me.

I will work around your schedule and provide easy training, if needed.

Kathryn Myers

Kkirk124@yahoo.com or 330.854.6137

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2021- 2022 MONTH ENDING JANUARY

January		YTD	
Income	\$ 17,370	Income	\$ 152,744
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 8,929	Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 31,973
Expenses	\$ 23,688	Expenses	\$ 195,369
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 2,611	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (10,652)

Just a friendly reminder: 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2022.

Review: Two Men and a Bench

On February 25th the first offering in the St. Paul's Concert Series, "Cathedral Concerts in the Evening," was presented to an audience of more than 160. Even the wintry weather could not discourage those who began arriving early to first listen to the Carillon Prelude presented by Dr. Robert Morrison, and then to the organ duo of our own Director of Music, Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes, Minister of Music at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Massillon. The selections included both classical and more contemporary organ music. In addition to the excellent musical talent on display by Chad and Mark, Chad did a marvelous job connecting with the audience between numbers. After the well deserved standing ovation, Chad asked the audience to join in singing the hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* as he played, remembering especially the people of Ukraine. It was an appropriate and moving conclusion to a beautiful concert.

Don't miss the next concert on **March 19th, 5:00p**, when we are privileged to host the Capital University Chapel Choir as well as two high school choirs, Massillon Washington High School and Northwest High School. No doubt it will be a very special evening of choral music.

Patty Long
Worship and Church Music Committee

St. Paul's Seeking a Communications Coordinator

Church Council has decided to seek a Communications Coordinator rather than another Office Administrator. This better reflects the current needs we as a church have on a day-to-day basis. The primary purpose of this position is to initiate, coordinate, and manage the multiple modes of communication at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, working in collaboration with church staff, leadership and other members of the congregation. It is a part time salaried position – 20 hours per week which includes in-office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. - Fri. The full job description is available on the church web site. We encourage anyone who is interested in the position or who may know someone who would be interested to check out the full description and submit a cover letter and a resume to the church office to the attention of the Staff Support Committee.

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEAL

Our February Community Meal took on something of a Super Bowl theme on Friday, February 11. With the big game only a few days away, our guests were provided with either an LA Rams or Cincinnati Bengals button on request. Our Super Bowl themed menu consisted of an unlimited supply of coneys (complete with mustard and onion), homemade mac and cheese, applesauce, beverage, and dessert. The number of people served was 43 and, much to the delight of our attendees, the Clothes Closet was open and fully operational,

Our monthly “special additional needs” offering for those in attendance was again a success. Items provided included things such as paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine products, disinfectant wipes, dishwashing liquid, body wash and other assorted items. These were made available and distributed one per family.

What a blessing it is to serve the Lord!

St. Paul’s Community Meal and Community Closet provide a free meal and clothing for all on the 2nd Friday of each month. Our next opening is Friday March 11, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune





Livestream our Worship Sunday morning at 10 am

You can livestream our worship services on Facebook and YouTube. Please follow the links below and subscribe to our pages.

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXq78jxlo0oK6Lcwz0G_x0A

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- Click on uploads
 - o select all videos
 - o scroll down to find live stream

Facebook

https://m.facebook.com/groups/126744778439/?ref=group_browse

You will need to login to your Facebook account and join the group.

Reaching Out To A Friend!

You can share the Good News by inviting a friend to join us on Facebook or YouTube.

Worship Service on Sundays at 10:00 AM

So share the good news and invite a friend to join us. All of the information they need to connect to our site can be found on our web page – stpaulsmassillon.org



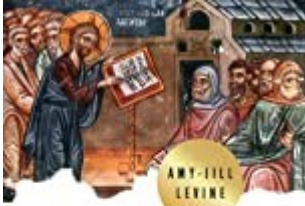
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Thursday Morning Bible Study



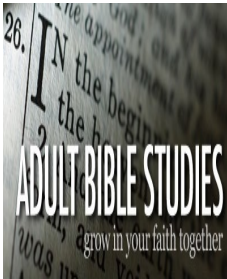
The DIFFICULT WORDS of JESUS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HIS MOST PERPLEXING TEACHINGS

The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings by Amy-Jill Levine

Sometimes Jesus taught things that his followers found---and still find---confusing and contrary. Levine examines how instructions about hating your parents, selling what you own, referring to "your father the devil," and more would have sounded to those who first heard them, have been understood over time, and can be interpreted within the context of the gospel.

Sunday Adult Bible Class



Beginning the season of Lent in March, we continue our study of Hebrews. It might be hard to imagine we could have a month worth of lessons coming from just one chapter, but such is the case with Hebrews 13, the final chapter of this extraordinary letter. (Truthfully you could have a month worth of lessons coming from the benediction alone, one of the most beautiful in all of Scripture.)

It's been encouraging to have so many choose to attend the class as we meet on the top floor of Parish Hall immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. We look forward to seeing you there too!

Community Lenten Worship Services



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| March 9th | St. Timothy's Episcopal | Rev. Angie Storer of St. Jacob's preaching
226 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646 *incense will be used at this service |
| March 16th | Faith Lutheran | Rev. Les Peine of Epworth UMC preaching
107 6th St SW, Massillon, OH 44647 |
| March 23rd | First Baptist | Rev. Mark Kreemer of St. Paul's preaching
20 6th St SE, Massillon, OH 44646 |
| March 30th | First United Methodist | Rev. Sarah Coons of First Christian preaching
301 Lincolnway E, Massillon, OH 44646 |
| April 6th | Grace UCC | Rev. George Baum of St. Timothy's preaching
933 Main Avenue W, Massillon, OH 44647 |

Through the season of Lent, churches in the Massillon area will once again join together for worship, rotating locations and preachers. Our theme this year is "What I love about Jesus: Favorite Jesus stories."

Given the current COVID metrics, we will forgo eating together or sharing Communion this year. Services begin at 6:30pm. Child care will be provided.

Offerings will go to the Family Living Center, a shelter and housing service in Massillon.

Cathedral Concerts in the Evening
Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presents:



Capital University Chapel Choir
Sunday, March 20, 2022
5:00 pm

Since 1929, the Capital University Chapel Choir has upheld the rich Lutheran heritage of fine choral singing. This select mixed ensemble is the Conservatory's most advanced choir and is recognized as one of the outstanding elite college choral ensembles in the nation. The choir's long-standing touring tradition has sent them around the world, leveraging the transformative power of music and connecting people from diverse cultures. Recent national and international travel has included concerts in South Africa, Oman, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Washington D.C., Chicago, Kansas City, and New York City.

Under the direction of Dr. Lynda Hasseler since 1990, the Chapel Choir has been honored with invitations to perform for numerous state, regional, national and international conferences and conventions. The Chapel Choir was awarded the 2018 American Prize, Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music. Recent concert highlights include the world premiere performance of *A Silence Haunts Me* by Jake Runestad at the 2019 ACDA National Conference in Kansas, a 2019 Gala Concert with Eric Whitacre on Capital's Mees Hall stage, and a concert on Carnegie Hall stage on March 8, 2020.

St. Jacob Euchre Night:

March 12, 2022

Where: St. Jacob Social Hall

Arrival Time: 5:30 pm

Tournament: 5:50 to 9:00 P.M.

What to bring: A snack to share

Pop and Coffee provided

There is a \$5.00 donation



We hope some of your congregation at St. Paul's in Massillon will come to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food. You will note there is a \$5.00 donation. This goes toward prizes and a contribution to a need identified by the group.

RSVP by Friday, March 11, to Sue Phillabaum at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com

2022 Upcoming Euchre Date

April 9th



A note from our Church Council President:

Your Church Council continues to work diligently as we strive to best represent each of the members of the congregation, and your input is important to the work in which we are involved.

Sunday, March 13th right after worship, we need to hear your thoughts on one vitally important topic: the repair and upkeep of our sanctuary. At this meeting you'll learn about the work that is being proposed to maintain the Cherry Road façade and the associated costs. Please plan on being in attendance either in-person or online. With either form of attendance, you will be able to place your vote on how you wish for us to move forward.

As we move forward through the church year, it is also important to note that, in the coming months, new members of council and various committees will need to be voted upon. The Nominating Committee is searching for candidates and asks that you prayerfully consider how you can be of service to the church. Each of the positions have a different term of service. Please consider the gifts that you possess and how you can use them to the glory of God.

In His Service,
Eric Myers

Special Congregational Meeting

Dear Friends in Christ,
Church council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting on March 13 following worship. The meeting is called to get approval for repairs to the stonework around the Cherry St Entrance to the Sanctuary. The cost of the repairs is just under \$24,000.

With the leaks forming in the sanctuary this winter, the council will also ask for permission to get estimates and schedule repairs to the scoffers' heating system and roof/brick repair to make the sanctuary watertight. Both approvals are needed so that we can get repairs scheduled before next fall. We hope to have the cost of the additional repairs for the congregation at the May annual meeting.

For those still unable to attend the meeting in-person because of Covid concerns we will send a link so you may attend and vote via Zoom. A link will be sent a few days before the meeting and again that morning.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark Kreemer and Church Council



CHICKEN DINNER

First United Methodist Church

MARCH 26 | 4-7 PM

301 LINCOLN WAY E, MASSILLON OH 44646

Parmesan crusted chicken, potatoes, green beans, Cole slaw or applesauce, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Cost: \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 and under

Reservations may be made by calling the church at 330-833-8529.

If you need to leave a message, please include your name, phone number and how many will be attending (adults and children)

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 20.

Christ Presbyterian Church's Concert Series 2021-2022 Friday, March 18 at 7pm



Celebrating its **24th** anniversary season, the **EUCLID QUARTET** enjoys one of the most highly regarded reputations of any chamber ensemble of its generation, with its members constituting a multinational mix representing three continents: violinist Jameson Cooper (Great Britain), violinist Aviva Hakanoglu (United States), violist Luis Enrique Vargas (Venezuela), cellist Chris Wild (Canada). Formed in Ohio in 1998, the Euclid Quartet takes its name from famed Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, home to a wealth of renowned artistic and cultural institutions.

530 Tuscarawas St West, Canton, OH 44702



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25. Gretchan Sekulich
26. Eric Myers
30. Wanda Evans, Carol Stoner
31. Christopher Johns, Nancy Morningstar



Wednesday 3/2

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service-*St Paul's*

Thursday, 3/3

10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, 3/6

10:00 am Worship

Monday, 3/7

12:00 -6:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, 3/8

1:00 pm Omega Circle –Gleitsman Lounge

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, 3/9

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

6:30 pm Lenten Service -*St. Timothy's Episcopal*

Thursday, 3/10

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, 3/11

4:30-6:00 pm Community Meal

4:30-6:00 pm Clothes Closet

Sunday, 3/13

2:00 am Spring Forward-Set clocks ahead 1 hour

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, 3/15

Bridge deadline

6:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, 3/16

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

6:30 pm Lenten Service- *Faith Lutheran*

Thursday, 3/17

10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, 3/20

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Capital University Concert

Wednesday, 3/23

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

6:30 pm—Lenten Service-*First Baptist*

Thursday, 3/24

10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, 3/27

10:00 am Worship

Wednesday, 3/30

9:00 am Snip n Snitch

6:30 pm Lenten Service -*First United Methodist*



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