

First Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

A light dinner of soup and salad will be served at 5:30pm. Then at 6:30pm, we will worship together.

Cathedral Concerts in the Evening

Presents:

Daniel Roth, world-renowned concert organist

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 5pm

**Carillon Prelude at 4:30*

**Reception follows the concert*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Trevor Beeson stood at the high altar of Westminster Abbey to celebrate the marriage of his daughter, Catharine, to Anthony, aged twenty-three. Nine months later he stood before the same altar for Anthony's funeral, who was killed when his car ran into a wall in East London. Four months later, Trevor returned to the altar beside the coffin of his friend and hero Earl Mountbatten, who died when his fishing boat was blown to pieces by Irish terrorist. Reflecting on the experience, he said he could not blame God for these senseless tragedies. He wrote:

I should find it impossible to believe in, and worship, a God who arranged for the great servants of the community to be blown up on their holidays and who deliberately turned a young man's car into a brick wall. . . . This is not the God of love whose ways are revealed in the Bible and supremely in the life of Jesus Christ.

Beeson found two insights that helped him to cope with his tragedy and to look beyond it: "The first is that, although God is not responsible for causing tragedy, he is not a detached observer of our suffering. On the contrary, he is immersed in it with us, sharing to the full our particular grief and pain. This is the fundamental significance of the cross." Second, although we naturally ask, "Why did it happen?" Beeson discovered that the more important question is "What are we going to make of it?"; "Every tragedy contains within it the seeds of resurrection." This is, after all, the whole point of our pilgrimage through Lent, to Good Friday, and Easter morning. (John Berglsn, Sermon.com)

These two insights are particularly important to me as we enter this season of Lent. We see both the humanity of Christ and the divinity of Christ. We see Christ's humanity in the grief he feels at the death of his friend Lazarus, the anger he feels toward the money changers in the temple, the compassion he has for those in need of healing, and the fear he feels the night before his trial and death on the cross.

We also see Christ's divinity. We see it when Christ's sets his face toward Jerusalem knowing what awaited him there. We see it in the compassion he has for the sick. We see it, even though he feared the pain of the cross, when he prayed to his Father that his will be done. We experience it when Christ spoke a word of forgiveness while he hung on the cross dying. And finally, we experience it as we are made whole in the blood of the Lamb.

I hope during this season of Lent you will experience both Christ's humanity and his divinity. Blessings,
Pastor Mark

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Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Mary Lou Collard. Lord please wrap your loving arms around her and her family and friends.



In our prayers today we will remember

Michael Grimm, Marsha Paul, Eric Theiss, Pat Myers, Baby Adelyn Wetzel, John Stanko, Sherri Carano, Evelyn & Mark Eclm and their friend Bruce, Chad Pittman, Janice Sprankle, Russ Poling, Henry Leitner, Anna Langenfeld, Amy White, Rosemary Stephen, Jackie & Mike Bergerner, Robert Haas, Chris Collard, Bob Reid, Michael Jordan, Dave Paul, Cheryl Shaw, Steve Kress, Tiffany Weick, Noah Salberg, Bill Ruppel, Linda Williams, Bobbee DeGordon, Larry & Katheryn Sheets, Susan Carter, Matthew Cottle, Kyle Whelan, Ken Dexter, Mike Zigelhoffer, Betty Ayers, Pam Dekowski, Sherrie Whelan, Paula Kritzer, Lynne Nunley, Matthew Kronenwetter, Mark Duris, Maria Garton, Carol Rohr, Ray Jones, Renee Brown, Josh Keller, Chrissy Sturtz, Donna Viles, Jean Dexter, Dan Landig, Karen Lunkwitz, Scott & Darlene Lewis, Maria Lichtenberger, Hazel Draper, Jennifer Mays

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3/12 - Dick & Robin Cordes

3/19 - Craig Maurer

3/26 - Russ & Mary Ann Poling

Sacristan

March

Mary Ann Poling

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Marsha Fortune	3/12	Paula Kritzer	3/23
Sue Morgan	3/13	Joel Moden	3/24
Mark Kreemer	3/15	Gretchan Sekilich	3/25
Rebecca Myers	3/15	Eric Myers	3/26
Deb Schmolt	3/15	Wanda Evans	3/30
Marilyn Sheaters	3/15	Carol Stoner	3/30
Richard Theiss	3/15	Nancy Morningstar	3/31
		Christopher Johns	3/31



Happy Anniversary

Bryan & Kathleen Corban March 22

John & Jennifer Stanko March 22



March 2023 Calendar



3/1 - Snip N Stitch 8:30am - 11:30am

3/1 - Chancel Choir 7:30 - 9pm

3/1 - Lenten Worship Service @
St. John's UCC.

101 Tremont Ave. SE

Massillon, Ohio 44646

3/2 - Bible Study 10:00am

3/5 - Worship Service 10:00am

3/5 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

3/8 - Snip N Stitch 8:30am - 11:30pm

3/8 - Lenten Worship Service @

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

3/8 - Chancel Choir 7:30 - 9pm

3/9 - Bible Study 10:00am

3/10 - RSVP for Euchre @ St. Jacob's church

3/10 - Community Meal & Clothes Closet 4:30 -
6pm

3/11 - Euchre @ St. Jacob's church 5:30 - 9pm

3/12 - Worship Service 10:00am

3/15 -Lenten Worship Service @

First United Methodist Church

301 Lincoln Way E

Massillon, Ohio 44646

3/15 - Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - 9pm

3/15 - Bridge Deadline

3/16 - Bible Study 10:00am

3/19 - Worship Service 10:00am

3/19 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

3/21 - Finance Committee 6pm

3/22 - Snip N Stitch 8:30am- 11:30am

3/22 -Lenten Worship Service @

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

Massillon, Ohio 44646

3/22 - Chancel Choir 7:3- 9pm

3/23 - Bible Study 10:00am

3/23 - Property Committee 6pm

3/26 - Worship Service 10:00am

3/26 - Adult Sunday School 11:30am

3/29 - Snip N Stitch 8:30am—11:30am

3/29 - Lenten Worship Service @

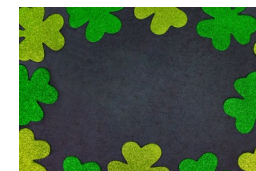
First Baptist Church

20 Sixth St. SE

Massillon, Ohio 44646

3/29 - Chancel Choir 7:30—9pm

3/30 - Bible Study 10:00am



FEBRUARY 2023
COMMUNITY MEAL AND COMMUNITY CLOSET

Our February Community Meal took on something of a Super Bowl/Valentine's Day theme on Friday, February 10. With the big game only a few days away, our guests were provided with special Super Bowl buttons commemorating the big event.

Our February menu consisted of fried chicken, steak fries, tossed salad, dinner roll, beverage, and dessert. Dessert consisted of either heart shaped cut-out cookies or Special Valentine cupcakes. The number of people served was 88 and, after eating, nearly all made their way to both the Community Clothes Closet and our "special additional needs" tables.

As part of our Super Bowl celebration our guests were given an opportunity to guess the final score of the football game. The winning entry will be announced next month with a special prize being awarded.

Among the guests in attendance were 5 children. All were given a special gift from the congregation.

There was one additional surprise for those in attendance. One of our regular monthly helpers in the Community Closet, celebrated a birthday with us. We all sang "Happy Birthday" as she blew out her candle.

What a fun time we had on this February evening and 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 10, from 4:30 to 6:00. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Jack and Marsha Fortune



Flowers



As of February 1st, 2023 there will be a slight increase to the flower costs. The altar flowers will now cost \$40 per Sunday, and the Throne flowers will now be \$28. You will still be billed from Carmola Flowers. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any questions at 330-832-9405

5th Sunday offering



St. Paul's still relies on endowment funds to meet our current budget. One of the ways we hope to minimize our reliance on these funds is through a special offering on the 5th Sunday of the month.

In the fiscal year, there are three months with 5 Sundays of the month to reduce the deficit. Our Challenge is that each family prayerfully consider making an extra week of offering for this fiscal year.

If you cannot make a full extra week of offering? Perhaps, you can spread it out over a few weeks, or even just a few dollars can make a difference. Every dollar adds up and with each donation we can greatly reduce or eliminate our reliance on endowment funds!

Community Lenten Worship Services



March 1st	St. John's UCC 101 Tremont Ave SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Angie Storer of St. Jacob's preaching
March 8th	St. Paul's Lutheran 127 Cherry Rd NE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. George Baum of St. Timothy's preaching
March 15th	First United Methodist 301 Lincoln Way E, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Linda Slutz of Epworth UMC preaching
March 22nd	St. Timothy Episcopal 226 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Roger Alber of First Baptist preaching *incense will be used
March 29th	First Baptist Church 20 Sixth St. SE, Massillon, OH 44646	Rev. Jules Joy of Central Presbyterian preaching

Through the season of Lent, churches in the Massillon area will once again join together for worship and Holy Communion, rotating locations and preachers. Our theme this year is God's Call, Our Response.

A light dinner of soup and salad will be served at 5:30pm. Then at 6:30pm, we will worship together.

Offerings to go to Make-A-Way, a local ministry helping those with mental and physical disabilities to better integrate into our community

Cathedral concerts in the Evening

Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Massillon, Ohio

Presents:



**Daniel Roth, world-renowned concert organist
*St. Sulpice Cathedral-Paris, France***

**Sunday March 12, 2023
5:00 pm**

Co-sponsored by *The American Guild of Organists, Canton Chapter*

*Carillon Prelude at 4:30 pm

*Reception follows the concert

LONDON“Daniel Roth showed himself a master both stylistically and technically ...”

Musical Times

PARIS“His strong technique ... the wild character of his improvisations as well as his accomplished knowledge of harmony have rightly impressed the audience.”

Le Figaro

Mission Endowment Fund

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

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St. Jacob Euchre Night: **March 11, 2023**

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 10th, to Sue Phillabaum
at smphillabaum@hotmail.com or
Carolyn Carasea at c.carasea@gmail.com**

Income and Expense Summary
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Month Ending January, 2023

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 22,758	\$ 179,024
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ 2,083	\$ 24,607
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 27,371</u>	<u>\$ 186,626</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (2,529)	\$ 17,005

Stewardship Corner

SENDING IT ON AHEAD

Sigmund Freud's favorite story was about the sailor shipwrecked on one of the South Sea islands. He was seized by the natives, hoisted to their shoulders, carried to the village, and set on a rude throne. Little by little, he learned that it was their custom once each year to make some man a king, king for a year. He liked it until he began to wonder what happened to all the former kings. Soon he discovered that every year when his kingship was ended, the king was banished to an island, where he starved to death. The sailor did not like that, but he was smart and he was king, king for a year. So he put his carpenters to work making boats, his farmers to work transplanting fruit trees to the island, farmers growing crops, masons building houses. So when his kingship was over, he was banished, not to a barren island, but to an island of abundance. It is a good parable of life: We're all kings here, kings for a little while, able to choose what we shall do with the stuff of life.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19-20).

From James S Hewaett

Editor Sermons.com

January 23, 2023

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent generous gift to Mission Eurasia of \$1,875 given on January 18, 2023 for “I Care” Refugee Assistance Program/Ukraine. As we begin this new year, we are so grateful for your prayers and faithful support that will enable us to continue spreading the hope of the gospel throughout Eurasia 2023.

Because of generous donors like you, many hurting children, including thousands of Ukrainian displaced and refugee children, are finding hope and joy through our Gift of Hope children’s Christmas outreach program that is now in full swing in Poland, Moldova, Ukraine, and across Eurasia.

These include Viktoria, age 5, who came with her mother and brother to our I Care refugee assistance center in Moldova after fleeing from the war in Mykolaiv, Ukraine. When Viktoria and her brother came back from the Gift of Hope program at our center, they started looking through the children’s Bible they had received even before they opened their gifts. As Viktoria explained: “My dad use to read me fairy tales before bedtime, but we had to leave all of those books at home because of the war. But the girls who gave me this beautiful Bible said that it contained true stories about God and His love, not fairy tales, and that will really help me. My mom gets really sad sometimes, so I want these Bible stories to help her, too!”

Once again, thank you for your prayers and support that are bringing the true hope of the gospel to those in Eurasia– like Viktoria and her family- who need it the most.

Gratefully in Him,

Sergey Rakhuba

President



January 31, 2023

Dear St. Paul's,

The kind donation of \$100.00 for December and \$100.00 for February from St. Paul's Lutheran Church have been gratefully received at The Salvation Army Massillon and is being put straight to good use.

The simple truth is, at The Salvation Army, everything we do is because of supporters like you. It is your kindness that—for the homeless man there is a hot meal and personal care items available for him. It is you who stocks our food pantry shelves so our neighbors have food on their tables and less worry in their hearts. You make it possible for families to remain in their homes and not face eviction or disconnection of utilities because of past— due rent or payments. You ensure parents in need have enough diapers for their babies or toddlers. You help those who find themselves in seemingly hopeless situations. You.

St. Paul's, because of this wonderful gift, *hope* lights even the darkest places.

Thank you for the light you bring.

Blessings,

Brennen and Allison Hinzman, Captains
Corps Commanding Officers/Pastors



Adult Sunday School

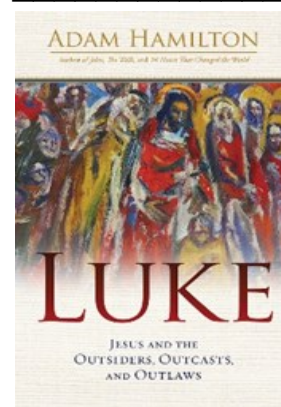
Dying and Rising: A Journey through Lent to Easter



I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live... (Gal. 2:20 KJV)

What does it mean when the Bible talks about “dying to self” and also that we should “walk in newness of life” as followers of Jesus Christ? As we move through the Lenten Season, we will study and reflect on these challenging directives found in Scripture and also examine the lives of people who faithfully practiced them. We gather each Sunday after morning worship starting at 11:30, upper level Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access. We hope you’ll join us for Bible study and fellowship

Patty Long



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning February 23rd 10 am

Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws
From Birth to Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke’s stories we find Jesus’ care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus’ concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

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