

St. Paul's News March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Often times, during the season of lent, we give things up that we enjoy. We will often give things up to feel a sense of sacrifice and to honor the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. If we reflect on 2020 and early 2021, many of us have already spent the past year in a state of sacrifice. All of our lives have been impacted in some way by the pandemic. How do we approach the sacrificial season of lent when we feel as if we have already given up so much?

Rather than sacrifice, consider living into thanksgiving this lent. We can honor Jesus' sacrifice for us by living thankfully and by giving rather than giving up. We can honor and worship Jesus by adding something into our routines.

You could consider things based on our Discipleship 5 studies:

- **Worship:** Add another time of worship into your week. Maybe a mid-week worship time. Find something online and participate. Watch a previously recorded worship service. Set a family casual worship time for mid-week and worship with your family.
- **Grow through Study:** Add a daily devotion time if you are not doing that already. Consider using the Upper Room, which is available through the church office. Start a bible study. Read five verses of scripture per day.
- **Serve:** Try to serve five people each day with simple acts of kindness. Volunteer. Sign up to serve as liturgist at church.
- **Give:** Make a meal for a sick neighbor or a treat for an elderly friend. Identify a local need that could use financial resources and donate. Increase a donation at church. Donate to a specific ministry in your local church.

- **Share:** Invite someone to church. Share our worship service online with a friend. Invite a young person to our Easter Egg Hunt so they can hear the Easter story. Pray for our confirmands.

In a time that we have felt that we have given up so much, we always remember that our sacrifices pale in comparison to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Let this time of minimal sacrifice guide us in our understanding of what it meant for Jesus to give His all for us, His very life.

Seeking His wisdom in all things,

~ *Pastor Charlene*





Sunday March 14th

*Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead an hour!*



The Third Sunday Ingathering for February collected \$97 which was sent to First Call for Help. February also included a mission to help support the Blankets and Hygiene Kits program sponsored by Church World Service. We contributed \$230 to this program.

thinking about Easter Lilies. In the past some of the congregation preferred to donate to a program rather than purchase flowers. We have listed Sharing Kitchen or Youth Annual Conference on the forms. This year we will list the Sharing Kitchen or Youth Conference/Youth Fund (in case the Conference cannot take place). Forms will be on the back tables in the sanctuary.

In April the Missions Committee will be meeting to discuss use of the Leanne Wolff funds for the first half of 2021. This will also be a good time to discuss the Armstrong proposal and some new ideas concerning our participation in the FISH program.

I have some limited feedback on where our Shoeboxes were sent this past year. From this area some went to Namibia, South Africa and some to Tanzania. If I get any more feedback, I will include it in my next repost.

Thank you Church for your support of our missions.

~ Denise Lawson, Chairperson Mission Committee



Saturday, April 3rd 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Crafts, Bingo, the Easter Story and Egg Hunt will be the activities. This will be a modified version due to COVID safety precautions. Donations of wrapped candy are appreciated. There will be baskets located at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for candy donations or candy donations can be dropped off to the church office during office hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Melody Woessner at (419) 447-7837. Thank you!



March 7th: Courtney McGinnis & Enola Ramirez

March 14th: Braden Drosky & Hezekiah Ramirez

March 21st: Enola & Ariana Ramirez

March 28th: Hezekiah & Elijah Ramirez

If your son or daughter is in
Third grade or older and would like
to serve as Acolyte, please contact
Jill Lindhorst at (419) 443-0273.



Our 2021 confirmation class has begun their studies. We are blessed to have a class of ten young people. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve as prayer partners

for the confirmation students. Prayer partners will be praying for their students daily and checking in with the students throughout their confirmation classes.

Confirmation students have mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Please consider dropping them a note of encouragement.

2021 Confirmands

Remington Arnold	Bailey Barnes
Gavin Bogner	Grant Bogner
Braden Drosky	Sophia Paradiso
Elijah Ramirez	Hezekiah Ramirez
Enola Ramirez	Emma Sheets

Lent







March 28th – Palm Sunday

April 1st – Maundy Thursday

April 2nd – Good Friday
Tenebrae service at St. Paul’s UMC at 7:00 p.m. Combined services with Melmore UMC and Republic UMC

April 4th – Easter Sunday
10:15 a.m. – Easter Service

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

We celebrated Ash Wednesday at St. Paul’s by participating in prayer stations that were set out in our sanctuary. The prayer stations corresponded with our Lenten sermon series “Called to More”.

Prayer station one invited us to consider the blessings in our lives. Prayer station two asked us what darkness surrounds us and we prayed for light to be shown. Prayer station three invited us to consider our own personal sin and pray with a repentant heart. Prayer station four allowed us to acknowledge what barriers stand between us and God and we brought those to the cross. At prayer station five we were offered the opportunity to remember that we are dust and to dust we will return. Finally, at prayer station six, we were encouraged to keep the word of God front and center in our lives by keeping scripture cards visible to us during lent.

Check out some photos from our prayer stations. It was a wonderful evening and an intentional way to begin this season of lent.



Opportunity to Support a Community Impact Project

Kiwaniis
One good deed can change everything.

DONATION DRIVE

A LITERAL DRIVE THROUGH AND DROP OFF!!

Stay in your car and we will collect items from you!

at the Tiffin Kiwanis Manor

4:30PM | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

We are accepting:

- Easter basket items for Project NOELLE
- Non-Food Items for The Tiffin Area Non-Food Pantry
- Cash Donations for Foster Birthday Bags
- Final day for Candy Sale Order Drop Off

FOR THE HUB

Hot Cocoa, Gatorade, Water, Fruit Snacks, "Mini" bags of chips, Candy Bars, Microwave Popcorn, Ramen Noodles, Popsicles, & Granola Bars

Important 2021 Dates in the United Methodist Church (Local, East Ohio, Jurisdiction & General Conference)

- East Ohio Annual Conference: June 16-19, 2021
- General Conference (Previously Postponed): August 29-September 7, 2021



Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, or Tulips ~ flowers from Wagner Flower Shop and Greenhouse

We are offering three choices of flowers for display on Easter Sunday. You may select lilies, hyacinths, or tulips. If you do not want to purchase a flower, you may designate your donation for one of the outreaches listed below.

Deadline for your order is Thursday, March 25th

Lily - \$9.00 each pot

Hyacinths - \$9.45 each pot

Tulip - \$9.45 each pot

Quantity:

___ Lily

___ Hyacinth

___ Tulip

___ Youth Fund - amount \$ _____

___ The Sharing Kitchen – amount \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for your order: \$ _____

Name: (please print) _____

In Honor Of: (please print) _____

In Memory Of: (please print) _____

Total amount of order \$ _____

Ash Wednesday Prayer Stations







