



Accountability for Life

In keeping with the UCC focus on Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation, Council has chosen the Love of Children in choosing a non-profit in the community to support with our Lenten and Advent Envelopes this year. At this point we are only committing funds for one year, and then re-evaluate our commitment.

Council has chosen for this year's Mission partner, is AFL-- Accountability For Life, program at York City High School.

AFL mentors at-risk adolescents through a revival of the lost pathway of developing strong, traditional core values that were such a prevalent part of our parent's and grandparents' generations. They provide coaches, educators, and other community-based partners with a character-building resource toolkit aimed at teaching and modeling the concept of integrity, and requiring ownership of one's actions. AFL's time-tested "Old School" approach arms students with the intangible tools they need to succeed in academics, behavioral and life skills, personal growth, benevolence, and leadership---all through the powerful vehicle of sports.

Representatives of AFL will present an overview of the program to the congregation in the near future. Date to be announced soon.

//JoAnn Teyral

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BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 • Wanda Donnelly | 13 • Dorothy Riley |
| 5 • Deanie Lloyd | 19 • Kamryn Brenneman |
| 5 • Ethan Knaub | 19 • Mara Hetrick |
| 5 • Conner Nguyen | 21 • Michael Knaub |
| 5 • Michael Snyder | 22 • Tina Noll |
| 6 • Nick Donnelly | 22 • Michael Rupert |
| 7 • William Klinedinst | 24 • Shirley Klinedinst |
| 9 • Mae Duncan | 24 • Leah Shaffer |
| 10 • Phyllis Miller | 25 • Kyra Schirk |
| 11 • Steven Schirk | 27 • Levi Yohe |
| 13 • Anne Noll | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 • Eric & Jodie Strausbaugh
- 4 • Stan & Wendy Parson
- 5 • Cory & Tasha Keller
- 11 • Carl & Donnie Gladfelter
- 18 • Roger & Linda Wetzel



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PRESCHOOL NEWS

At this time, should we resume classes, April will be another busy month. We will talk about April showers, insects, safety and plants. The Pre-K classes will continue on their letters and numbers. The 3 year old classes will also be focusing on their numbers and reviewing colors and shapes.

It is hard to believe we will have only one month until graduation.

Registration continues to go well and we are hoping to get more children registered for Summer Fun.

We are so glad it was not a bad winter.

//Jackie Bailey, Preschool Director

PRESCHOOL



Pastoral Reflections . . .

Our Lenten journey this year has taken a bit of a twist that we were not expecting. Every Lent, we talk about how it is to be a time to contemplate our own mortality, and to bring us into closer relationship with God.

We often look at giving up something that keeps us separate from God and one another – like judging others, swearing, or other vices like social media, chocolate, smoking, even drinking – alcohol, caffeine.

Other times we think about taking on something that helps us come into closer relationship with God and one another – the practice of looking for the good in others and naming it, of collecting and donating something useful to others – food, toiletries, etc., and even taking on a public clean-up project, or volunteering with the foodbank, clothing bank, etc.

This year, we have had to halt our usual lives in a way no one anticipated – a way that no one willingly chose, it was chosen for us. Schools and businesses have closed down, most everything has come to a grinding halt. “This is too much!” our hearts’ cry. Yet, our minds say.... “Is it enough? I hope so!”

We have all felt the pinch of giving up so much more than we ever anticipated. We have even had to contemplate the deadliness of this virus for so many people who are already challenged by chronic medical conditions. Yet, we hold on to the promise that our inconveniences and sacrifices are helpful in the long-run. That we may help keep a loved one from being exposed by changing the way we are living right now. We hope that we really are able to flatten the curve and less folks are being exposed, that the cases are less severe, and finally, we hope that our healthcare system is able to keep up with the needs of the community.

I would love to hear how your Lenten experience has been this year.

- What has brought you closer to God, what has strengthened your faith?
- What has challenged your faith?
- Where have you seen God at work during these challenging times?

- Where have you found hope?
- How are you showing love and care for yourself and others?

In the next couple of weeks, we will be walking with Jesus as he makes his final entrance in Jerusalem, and through his final days as we move towards his death and eventual resurrection.

This year, it takes on a whole new meaning for us. We too are experiencing a time of trial and suffering. Many in our midst are feeling the pinch more than we are. Those who are homeless, who are already living on tight budgets – their access to funds and supplies has become even less.

Fortunately, we are seeing signs of hope, signs of compassion: meals being provided by the Red Cross, local schools, and various companies and agencies in our area. Some landowners waiving rent payments for at least a month. Utility companies waiving late fees and refusing to shut-off utilities for those who can’t make payments due to the financial burden of this unexpected time. And other means of financial help is being promised by our government – more access to unemployment, financial stimulus checks, etc. Hopefully in these early days of April we are starting to feel the effects of these efforts easing our concerns for our financial future.

We know that out of the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday comes the bright dawn of Easter morning. No matter what this year brings for us as a country, our joy and celebration will not be dimmed. We look forward to a new day, a time of renewal and resurrection within our communities and our lives as we move back into our more “normal” routines. As we do, may we be able to look back over this Lenten season and see how God has been at work and moving within it for us and through us. May we be able to point to the signs of God’s healing presence in our midst.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Brenda



From your President---

The Coronavirus (COVID-19), an infectious disease, will make 2020 a year to remember and not for positive reasons. My perspective is to respect the potential severity of the virus without allowing the virus to consume my life with fear. My first advice is to know your own body. How good is your immune system and how well has it held up over the course of your lifetime fighting off diseases? At the same time, be cognizant of all of those around you, both young and old, and reflect on how well their immune systems may or may not be able to confront this virus. Secondly, you need to understand whether or not you are in a vulnerable group. What is your age and what medical conditions are you currently facing?

Early indications are the worldwide mortality rate is very low for those individuals who have contracted the virus. This is particularly reassuring to everyone who does not fall into a vulnerable group. However, if either you or a loved one has a rare medical condition, you understand that statistics are meaningless when you become part of the small, but negative number. Hopefully, each of us will fall into the category of not contracting the virus and the few that do, will fall into the successfully recovering from the virus category.

We still need to live our lives. Please use common sense and good risk aversion. Do not expose yourself to vulnerable situations. About 10 years ago at a Thursday night golf league match at Heritage Hills, there was a lightning storm in the area. The Heritage Hills golf course is on top of a hill and is one of the last places I would want to be during a storm. In my opinion, we should not have been out on the course. My opponent informed me that he had previously been struck by lightning, but he had no issues starting the match. We were on the green of our 2nd hole when all of a sudden there was a loud crack. Lightning had struck about 300 yards away. His response. "OK, I am done". Please realize when you are putting yourself in harm's way.

It is difficult to witness all of the hysteria surrounding this virus. Two examples that I recently heard at work. One of my co-workers

was near the canned goods section at a store. One of the woman asked a second woman "What do you use to open the cans?" The other woman responded, "I use an electric can opener". The first woman responded, "In case they shut down the electricity, you may want to purchase a manually operated can opener". The second woman responded, "I had never given that a thought". Please understand that electricity will not be shut down due to the Coronavirus. A 2nd co-worker had a relative tell them they could smell the coronavirus. What were they smelling? A farmer had recently spread manure over their fields to get ready for their planting season. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to someone that you trust will give you honest answers.

Please try and view the coronavirus virus with the proper perspective. Recently, a lady took blood from me. I mentioned how much of a difference there was in human beings' bodies and their immune systems. Chemo that has helped so many people beat cancer, can also be the cause of death in another cancer patient. She then told me that she had a sister who died of ovarian cancer and a 2nd sister that died of breast cancer. She had outlived both of her sisters. Both of her brothers have so far stayed clean of cancer. Since she deals closely with the public, she is at a much higher risk of contracting coronavirus. I am sure every morning she wakes up, she is most grateful about being cancer free.

Respect the virus, but do not allow it to consume your life. A positive attitude will give your immune system a better chance of fending off the virus. If you are unfortunate enough to contract the virus, then a healthy attitude will speed up the recovery time.

Thanks to all of the wonderful people in our medical field. No matter what your role, we appreciate your efforts and bravery in taking care of those who need you the most at this difficult time.

Stay healthy and God Bless each and everyone,

//Scott Shue

Cleaning Greener

At the beginning of Lent, we started exploring ways that we can Love Creation more faithfully. One of the ways we came up with was to explore greener options of keeping our church clean. Council met with a representative from Norwex to hear about their cleaning system. Here are a few things they learned:

- The BacLock in the cloths—Norwex's exclusive micro silver antibacterial agent—goes to work to self-purify and inhibit odors from bacteria, mold and mildew growth within the cloth within 24 hours so that it is ready to use again.
- Cleans any surface including bathrooms (taps, sinks, tubs, counters, toilets and more), walls, windows, floors, vehicles, toys, tools, kitchen appliances and surfaces, outdoor furniture and much more.
- Extra-absorbent and ultra-durable. At just 1/200th the thickness of a human hair, Norwex microfiber has much more surface area per square inch – it literally picks up everything with water only!
- Can be folded and refolded to create multiple surfaces for nonstop cleaning.
- No need for harmful chemicals.
- Saves time and money by using only water.
- Eliminates residual chemicals left behind by typical cotton cloths and harsh cleaning products.
- Traps dust and grime in the cloth and leaves surfaces cleaner, so you won't have to clean as often.

After having a discussion and seeing first-hand what Norwex can do, Council has voted to start to make the switch to us becoming a greener, healthier and cleaner church. We will continue to use chemical cleaners for the sanitization of our toilet bowls and floors only as we move forward, until those items we currently have in stock are used up.

If you have any questions, please see a member of Council or speak with Pastor Brenda.



Hayshire Food Bags Volunteer Schedule

This was to be our last month to pack backpacks until the new schedule comes out in the fall again. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped make this program a success for Hayshire Elementary. If we hear anything differently, we will reach out to the team leaders.

//Barb Crum

Lawn Mowing

Lawn mowing season is approaching quickly. Anyone interested in helping with the mowing, who I haven't already spoken to, please contact me.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

//Dick Lloyd



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"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We discussed getting another quote for repairing the sidewalks.
- A concert by "Re-creation" has been scheduled for June 28th during service.
- We had a demonstration by a Norwex consultant to give details on how it works. We are looking into a greener way of cleaning.



MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

April 5, 2020

Palm/Passion Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 12, 2020

Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Worship News

Come join us as we break bread together by celebrating communion.

Apr 5, May 3, June 7



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 10

Good Friday Service
6:30PM via conference
call

Apr 12

Easter Worship
10:30AM via conference
call

Messy Church

Next Messy Church is Friday,
May 15th, 6-7:30PM



Worship Conference Call



To hear our worship message, call
605-472-5713. Use code 910762#

Open starting at 10:15AM. You may
need to try a few times, be patient.

Northeastern Food Pantry

Thank you for helping to provide
supplemental groceries and personal care items
to 181 people during the month of February.

The Pantry shelves are in great need of the
following: canned fruit, juice, cereal, canned
beans, carrots, mixed vegetables, potatoes and
sauerkraut, and jelly.

Northeastern Food Pantry is happy to
announce that they have been selected for **Bags
4 My Cause!** For the month of April, every time
a reusable \$2.50 **Bags 4 My Cause** bag is sold at
the Giant store located at 205 Glen
Drive, Manchester, Northeastern Food
Pantry will receive a **\$1 donation.**





CALENDAR //April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30AM	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday Service 6:30PM Office CLOSED	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Worship 10:30AM	13 Council Meeting 6PM	14	15 Pastor Parish Relation 5:30PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Stewardship/ Finance 5:45PM Choir 7PM (?)	30		



WORSHIP SUPPORT //April

*Due to worship services being held via conference call, no volunteers are needed and altar flowers will not be ordered.

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Worship Leaders				
Greeters				
Nursery				
Bulletin Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor
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