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*"I believe we are invited to gaze upon the image of the crucified to soften our hearts toward God, and to know that God's heart has always been softened toward us, even and most especially in our suffering. This softens us toward ourselves and all others who suffer." - Fr. Richard Rohr*

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As we journey through the Lenten season, I am filled with a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to grow together as a community in faith and reflection. This month, we have several special events and services planned that I hope will deepen our spiritual connection and prepare us for the joyous celebration of Easter.

**Lent Soup Suppers and Services: March 6, 13, and 20, 6:15 p.m.**

Join us for our last three Lenten soup suppers and services, where we gather for a simple meal and meaningful worship. These evenings provide a space for fellowship and contemplation as we journey through Lent together. This year's theme is "Guided to the Cross." Mark your calendars for March 6th, 13th, and 20th, with soup suppers starting at 6:15 p.m., followed by our service at 7:00 p.m.

**Palm/Passion Sunday Service: March 24th, 10:00 a.m.**

On March 24th, we will come together to commemorate Palm/Passion Sunday. Join us at 10:00 a.m. as we reflect on the significance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to his crucifixion. It promises to be a powerful and reflective service as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

**Maundy Thursday Joint Service: March 28th, 7:00 p.m.**

We are excited to announce a joint Maundy Thursday service with our friends from Columbus Joeun Methodist Church on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. This special service will be a beautiful opportunity to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ, commemorating the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another.

**Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 29th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Christian Church, 1985 Swansford Dr., Dublin**

On the evening of March 29th, we will gather with our wider Sawmill community for a solemn Tenebrae service at St. Andrew Christian Church. This service of shadows and light invites us to reflect on the depth of Christ's sacrifice and the hope of redemption. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. as we unite in prayer and contemplation.

**Easter Sunday Service: March 31st, 10:00 a.m.** Finally, as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, our Easter Sunday service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 31st. Following the service, we invite you to stay for snacks and fellowship as we celebrate the promise of new life in Christ.

As we embark on this journey through Lent and into the joy of Easter, may we open our hearts to the transformative power of God's love and grace. I look forward to experiencing these sacred moments with each of you, as we grow together in faith and community.

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY** located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items for January, February, and March:

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Winter coats, hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Lightbulbs



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

**Sunday School** Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The youth class is taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying the Old Testament, based on a DVD curriculum by Amy Jill Levine.



**Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update** The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Tavern, 50 S. Liberty St., Unit 104, Powell, OH 43065 (614) 825-0500. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Joe's Pub and Grill, 9890 Brewster Lane, Powell, OH 43065 (614) 336-7765. All are welcome!

**Healing Service on Sunday, March 3rd** In the rite of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. If you would like to participate, just remain in the sanctuary after the last hymn. If not, you may quietly exit during the last hymn.





## WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS/LENTEN

**SERVICES** We continue our midweek soup suppers/ Lenten services. Soup suppers begin at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service following at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The theme this year is, "Guided to the Cross."

**Worship Servers Needed!** If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! We are also looking for fellowship hosts following worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sign-up on the table in the narthex.



**Holy Communion** We celebrate Communion weekly. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to join us in the celebration of Holy Communion. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**Thrivent Members** - For those of you with choice dollars. don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!



**Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile** - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

**Pastoral Care Request** If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin know so it can be scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.



**Staying Connected Program for the Elderly** - Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected." You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/> .

**Kroger Plus Fundraising Information:** If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

**Time Change on Sunday, March 10th**



**Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)**

January 7	37/21 views	February 4	39/16 views
January 14	29/14 views	February 11	30/20 views
January 21	29/13 views	February 14 (AW)	16/30 views
January 28	29/37 views	February 18	20/28 views
		February 21 (MW)	14/13 views
		February 25	28/22 views
		February 28 (MW)	15/17 views

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Amy Wargowsky, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee**

President	George Biemel
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

**At-large Council Members**

Angela Kidd  
Bill Lude  
Susan Wolfe

**Team Coordinators**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Vacant
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***

## Worship Servers Schedule for March 2024

	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 17</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Sonya Thelin	Paul Wargowsky	George Biemel
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	Paul Wargowsky	George Biemel
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Farel		Bill Lude
<b>Greeter</b>	Darcy Dom	Karen Harris	Bill Lude
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris

	<b>March 24</b>	<b>March 31</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	
<b>Greeter</b>	Bill Lude	
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris



### Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin. Thanks!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm -	26 7:00 pm - NA	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner & Guys' Night Out	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Service	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
3 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - choir	4 7:00 pm - NA	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Service	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
10 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive	11 7:00 pm - NA	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Service	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
17 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir	18 7:00 pm - NA	19 <i>Election Day</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Service	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm -	25 7:00 pm - NA	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 p.m. - Guys Night Out	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Community Good Friday Service @ St. Andrew's	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
31 <i>Easter</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Fellow- ship time after wor-	1 7:00 pm - NA	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
				<i>Pastor Robin on Vacation</i> -----		

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Don Johnson</b>              |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Lillian Kachic</b>           |
| <b>Carolyn Crispin</b> | <b>Ed Lathy</b>                 |
| <b>Byron Engen</b>     | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>  |
| <b>Dominic Frey</b>    | <b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b> |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>John Votino</b>              |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</b> | <b>Ray Ward</b>                 |
| <b>Zach Jaeger</b>     |                                 |

**March Birthdays**

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|----------------|------|
| Ryan Roll      | 3/10 |
| Gayle Anderson | 3/12 |
| Edwin Madari   | 3/13 |
| Ethan Wolkan   | 3/13 |
| Carolyn Shaw   | 3/31 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Martha Ackerman**, Karen Harris' friend
- Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Lyn Fitzer**, Bill Lude's friend
- William Leach**, Karen Harris' brother
- Nora Murphy**, Margary Gress's friend
- Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend
- John & Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's parents
- Jeff Sielaff**, visitor



**DEATHS:**

- Barbara Higgins**, Frank LeMay's cousin
- Sally Kollin**, Frank LeMay's cousin

*Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!*

**March Anniversaries**

Sarah & Nathan McCormick 3/25





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*Our Purpose:* To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

*Our Vision:* To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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