

Parish Paragraphs

MARCH

2018

Holy Week @ Point Place UCC



Palm Sunday: March 25th, 10:30a Palms in hand, we celebrate with a festive, contemporary worship service.



Maundy Thursday: March 29th, 5-7p Dinner and Communion at Uptown Green Park (Madison/20th St.)



Good Friday: March 30th Community CrossWalk begins at the Lighthouse at 11am & proceeds to St. John's. 4-Church Tenebrae Service 7pm @ RiverPoint UMC.



Easter Sunday April 1st, 10:30a A Resurrection celebration with joyful music, Easter message, & Communion. Breakfast and prayer celebration at 9:15am.

Point Place UCC is located on the corner of 116th & 297th, across from the Point Place library.

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

We need the Church.

The world needs the Church.

These are my convictions.

As we face school shootings, addiction, divided politics, and countless other evidences of the world's sin and brokenness, God has endowed the Church with the resources to bring healing, hope, and transformation.

In a world where we are isolated and increasingly “disembodied” by technology, connected virtually but not face-to-face, the Church has the theology of Creation and Incarnation—God made our bodies good and even came to us face-to-face—as well as the Table that draws us back to the very bodily practices of eating and gathering.

In a world where people are scrambling for meaning and purpose, we believe that we are a part of a great Story being inhabited by a God of love who calls us to lives of love.

In a world where different kinds of people are segregated from others based on our differences, we have a great vision of a community of all ages, races, tribes, and experiences that come together in the Name of the One who created us all and breaks down all of our dividing walls.

So what are we doing?! Are we convinced that the Church (not just our building and institution, but the community) is where we need to be to live into the fullness of God's Love?! Are we convinced that the Church is meant to go to the ends of the earth to invite all people into this great Story?!

Come on, Church! Let's repent of our apathy this Lenten season, and recover the joyful inspiration of the Cross and Resurrection! Let's go all in on these two convictions: We need the Church. The world needs the Church.

~ Pastor Jon

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



March 4th: 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:30am: Worship w/ Communion

Luke 15 and 19: "Forgiveness...and Restoration"

March 11th: 4th Sunday in Lent

10:30am: Worship

Luke 6:37, 11:4: "Forgiveness...and Spirituality"

March 18th: 5th Sunday in Lent

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

TBD: "Forgiveness...and Your Questions"

March 25th: Palm Sunday

10:30am: Worship

Luke 19:41-43, 23: "Forgiveness...and Judgment"

March 29th: Maundy Thursday

5-7pm: Table in the Park (Uptown Green Park on Madison and 16th downtown); leave church at 4:30pm.

March 30th: Good Friday

11am: Community CrossWalk (meet at Lighthouse, walk to St. John's—parking at each stop)

7pm: Ecumenical Tenebrae Service at RiverPoint

April 1st: Easter Sunday

10:30am: Worship w/ Communion

Luke 24: Forgiveness and New Life

** Thursday (3/8) at 10:00am Worship at Genesis HC **

Forgiveness Workshop

So far we have asked the question, “Why forgive?” and begun Desmond and Mpho Tutu’s “Fourfold Path for Healing.”

This path is 1) Telling the Story, 2) Naming the Hurt, 3) Granting Forgiveness, 4) Renewing or releasing the relationship.

Even if you’re a little behind, we encourage you to join us the first 3 Tuesdays in March as we explore the practice of forgiveness in our own lives. March 6 and 13 will be simple soup suppers beginning at 6pm. On March 20, our meal will be the Feed My Sheep meal. On all three days, the workshop will begin around 6:45pm.



FORGIVENESS

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:30AM
TUESDAY WORKSHOP – 6:45PM
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HOLY WEEK AT POINT PLACE UCC

(3/25-4/1)

- Palm Sunday (3/25, 10:30am)
- Maundy Thursday (3/29, 5-7pm): Serving meal at Uptown Green Park downtown—prep Wednesday evening 3/28, 6pm)
- Good Friday (3/30): Community CrossWalk (11am), Ecumenical Good Friday Service (7pm at RiverPoint)
- Easter Sunday (4/1, 10:30am): Easter Worship

A SERMON FROM YOUR QUESTIONS

You probably have some questions about this whole forgiveness thing. Great! Share those questions with Pastor Jon in the next couple weeks. Pastor Jon’s March 18th sermon will be totally built around your questions about forgiveness in your real life. You can submit these via email (JonKomperda@gmail.com) or in personal conversation. But please make sure they are written/typed out somewhere so Pastor Jon can go back and read them—just throwing a question out in conversation will likely not be remembered!



Monday Growth Group

March 5th and 12th at 7:00pm



On the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month this group gathers for fellowship, Scripture, prayer, bible studies, missions, and social time. We gather at various members' homes. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the group, please contact Susan at 419-297-4674 or at sdkorecki@gmail.com.

Elizabethans Women's Group

Monday, March 5th at 6:30pm



Welcome Back! The Elizabethans will meet again on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to this "small but mighty" fellowship group.

Retired Men's Group

****Note New Time****

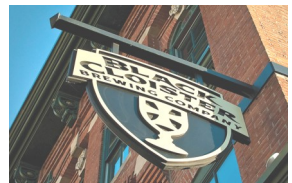
March 1, 2018 at 9:30am



The **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Thursday of the month at 9:30am. Please join us for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. All men are welcome.

Something Brewing March 2nd at 7:00pm

This men's group meets at Black Cloister Brewing (Monroe & Erie St. downtown). You don't have to have a beer to enjoy conversation about what God has brewing in our lives and the world around us.



Opportunities to Serve



FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

We will pass out bags on Sunday March 4th and collect them the following week on the 11th.

March Focus: Look for something green! Jello, jams, pantry items. Be creative!

Candy Donation Request

Mustard Seed is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy so their families can make Easter Baskets for their children.

"If you love me, feed my sheep."
John 21:15-19

<u>Monday, Mar. 12</u>	<u>Tuesday, Mar. 20</u>	<u>Tuesday, Mar. 27</u>
Dinner at RiverPoint Ministries 2862 131 st Street	Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Vegetables Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water	Hot Chicken Sandwiches Vegetables Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water



THE GIVING TREE



The Monday night Growth Group is still sponsoring the **Giving Tree** but we're trying something new. Instead of asking for different items each month we'll be emphasizing our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lo-

tion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.

Community Event

TRUE STORIES: ADDICTION AND HOPE TEEN FORUM

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 7:00PM-8:30PM

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

4212 ONONDAGA AVE.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL TEENS TO ATTEND. THIS COMMUNITY EVENT WILL BE BOTH INFORMATIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL. IT WILL FEATURE GUEST SPEAKERS WHO WILL BE SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES AND VIEWPOINTS ABOUT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT [FB.ME/COALITION FOR HOPE](https://fb.me/CoalitionForHope)

Celebrate

Anniversaries

- 13 Terry and Becky Brocus
- 16 Todd and Nancy Slater

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.



The Birthday Club

The Birthday Club celebrates our Birthdays of the month with a lunch at a local restaurant. Look for March's lunch details in a future Worship Folder.

Birthdays

- 1 David Mayfield
- 3 Lauren Komperda
- 3 Scott Berry
- 7 Leah Grace Komperda
- 11 Jeff Dickson
- 11 Megan Seybold
- 14 Dick Evanoff
- 15 Alice Evanoff
- 15 Charles Grindle
- 16 Chuck Geletzke
- 17 Tricia Crane
- 17 Kimberlee Wioland
- 22 Ken Dickson
- 23 William Langlois
- 24 Robert Berry
- 24 Michael McMullen
- 29 Alexander Korecki
- 29 Michael Dyer
- 29 Joyce Schulz



Spring Forward!
Remember to set
your clocks ahead
on Sunday 3/11/18

Financial Information for January 31, 2018

	1/31/18	Year to Date (1/31/18)
Total Income	\$ 6,915	\$ 6,915
Total Expenses	—\$ 12,052	—\$ 12,052
Net Income	—\$ 5,137	—\$ 5,137
Balance in General Checking Acct 12/31/17		\$14,807.29
Money designated to Funds (FMS, Celebrate)		(\$7,244.57)
Amount available in General Funds 12/31/17		\$7,562.72

Just For Laughs

A Pastor went to his church office on Monday morning and discovered a dead mule in the church yard. He telephoned the police. Since there did not appear to be any foul play, the police referred the Pastor to the Health Department.

They explained, "Since there was no health threat you'll need to call the Sanitation Department."

When the pastor called the Sanitation Department, the Manager of the Sanitation Department said, "I can't pick up that dead mule without authorization from the mayor."

The Pastor was not at all too eager to call the mayor, who possessed a very bad temper and was always extremely unpleasant and hard to deal with, but, eventually, the Pastor called the mayor anyway.

The mayor did not disappoint the Pastor. The mayor immediately began to rant and rave. After his continued rant at the pastor, the mayor finally said, "Why did you call me any way? Isn't your job to bury the dead?"

The pastor paused for a brief prayer, and asked the Lord to direct his response. The lord led the pastor to the words he was seeking, "Yes, Mayor, it IS my job to bury the dead, BUT I always like to notify the next of kin first!"

~A cheerful heart is a good medicine ~ Proverbs 17:22

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*To care for one another
as God cares for us.*

