

# Tidings of Peace



**March 2021**

*The mission and purpose of Peace Community United Church of Christ is to make and nurture disciples for Jesus Christ.*

## **Annual Meeting Part II**

**Sunday, March 14th Following Worship**

Now that we are able to gather back in the sanctuary, we will hold our Annual Meeting that was postponed a couple times. It will still be broadcast over the FM radio so those in the parking lot can participate too. This will be a brief meeting. The final financial report for last year (2020) will be received and Pastor Joel will share a few highlights about the year.

### ***Three Options for Worship***

In-Person with masks & Social Distancing

Parking Lot (91.3 FM)

On-Line

## **Installation of Church Officers**

**Sunday, March 14th**

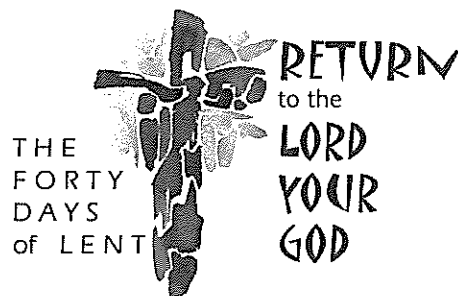
**During Worship**

Each year the Consistory that is elected to serve that year is installed during a worship service. This typically takes place in January. With COVID, we had not done the installation, so it will be held on March 14th. It is brief. Those that feel comfortable being present will be invited up front. We understand that there will still be those in the parking lot and on-line. That is okay. This gives a chance to officially recognize our lay leadership.

## Our Lenten Journey

### Sunday Mornings

Date	Scripture	Theme
3/7	Psalm 19	Jesus, Our Bridge
3/14	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22	A Servant's Heart
3/21	Psalm 51:1-12	A "Clean" Heart
3/28	Palm Sunday  Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29	Steadfast Love



4/1	Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.	We will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion.
4/2	Good Friday 7 p.m.	The Seven Last Words of the Cross
4/4	Easter Sunrise 7 a.m.  Easter Breakfast 8 a.m.	We will gather at the tomb and celebrate a simple Holy Communion service

## Why Are Masks Still Required in Worship?

It is a comforting feeling being back with the people of faith in person. At the same time, it is important that we practice safety. You may not be concerned about COVID, but there are other people around you that may feel differently.

1. The simple answer is that masks are still required in "public" places. *Please cover your mouth and nose.*
2. While a fair number of our members may have been vaccinated already, there are also others who have not had that same opportunity (and *may* even be at higher risk).
3. While the vaccination is a big step, with the mutations out there, the mask provides protection.
4. Even if you have been recently vaccinated, there could be enough of the virus in the nose or mouth to be passed along.
5. It will take time for the country to reach "herd immunity". While experts do not agree on the exact percentage, 60-70% seems like a fair number.

## I Want Worship Like It Was?!

People in all areas of life want things to be "normal" again. We are at the year mark and it is hard to still battle with COVID. Progress is being made. We need to take small steps. The same is true of worship. In the coming weeks, as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday approaches, Pastor Joel will work with leaders to consider the elements of what we can do safely in worship and those things that *we should not do*. So, with Easter upon us we will likely return some of the elements that are familiar. These decisions will be made based on three criteria. First, Pastor Joel will consult with the wider church and other pastors in the area. Second, the medical community helps all sorts of organizations, including congregations to evaluate practices. Thirdly, the Consistory of our own congregation will look at the needs of the entire faith community and make decisions based on that information.

# This and That

## Winter Storm Damage

This year the winter was more harsh in February than it has been for a number of years. The snow/ice that we had caused a build up of ice to form in the gutters. As the snow melted slowly, there was no place for the water to go and so it came into the building along the sides of a couple classrooms and also the kitchen. Most of the damage was limited to ceiling tiles and those will be replaced soon.

## No Special Easter Flowers

When we needed to order tulips and lilies for Easter, we were not sure what April was going to look like in terms of whether we would still be in the parking lot only or in the sanctuary. The sanctuary will be decorated with some flowers and other items in celebration of the resurrection., but we will not be taking orders for flowers this year. Now that we are back in-person, a flower chart will be posted for those who would like them for a Sunday service.

## Accessing the Building

- A reminder that the key that gives access to the door outside the office and the Fellowship Hall has returned to the telephone pole. The key is in a locked box, The code is 4061.
- You may have already noticed, but we have started keeping the outside door to the office area locked even when someone is present. This provides safety when only one staff person is present. A video door bell will be available soon. In the meantime, you can knock on the glass and we will let you in,

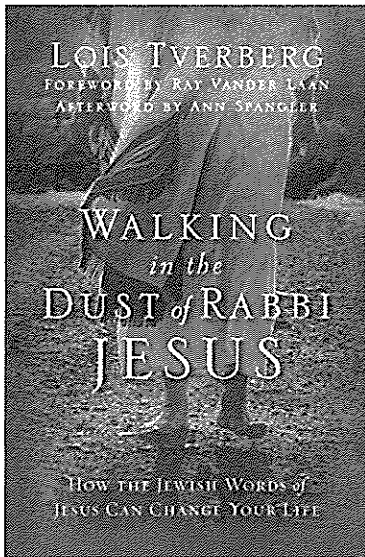
## People In the News

- **Eli Axline** was part of the River Valley Musical.
- **Luke Axline** and **Eyan Axline** were on the 8th grade championship basketball team.
- **Ava Roseberry** received honorable mention in the 7th grade MOAC Basketball championship game.
- **Klayton Kenney** received the Esther Kneisley Award. This is given to a student who is a good sportsman, works hard, encourages others, and has academic success, among other things.

# Opportunities for Faith Formation

## Lenten Prayer Activities

### Lenten Study Continues



On February 23rd, a series of five Bible Study sessions began to discuss section 2 of "Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus". You are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The meeting ID is 687 657 4149.

The three remaining sessions are listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
3/9	"Taking My Thumb Off the Scale" (giving the benefit of the doubt)	Luke 6:36-38
3/16	"Praying with Chutzpah" (praying boldly)	Luke 18:1-8 Matthew 15:22-28
3/23	"Thinking With Both Hands" (looking through the divine lens)	Deuteronomy 6:4-9

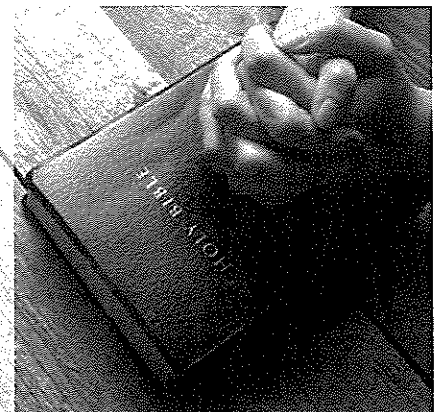
At the beginning of Lent, there were a couple of sheets that were made available for people to use during this season. The first one is a family activity calendar. It focuses on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting (giving up fattening treats or social media), and giving (reaching out to others). The other is a prayer sheet. It includes some traditional prayers, writing/drawing, and practical actions. You may contact the church office or get on our website, [www.peacecommunityucc.org](http://www.peacecommunityucc.org).



A reminder that each month Tracy Johnson has been preparing boxes/bags for our elementary, middle/high school youth. This is a great opportunity to continue to learn about Jesus while Junior Church and our gatherings during worship do not meet.

*Stay alert  
and be  
persistent  
in your  
prayers.*

*Ephesians 6:18b NLT.*



A reminder that those who signed up to be prayer partners in 2020 are invited to continue to pray for your partner. Your secret prayer partner will be revealed in June.

# Celebrations & Concerns March 2021



2	Bonnie Beckel	18	Thomas Dutt		
5	Tim Dutton	21	Brian Schrote	17	Dan and Virginia Dunlap
6	Dan Dunlap	25	Jill Chitwood	21	Bob and Sue Miley
15	Tom Kenney	27	Dick Axline		
16	Katie Wetzel Eichorn	28	Jayne Klingel		

## OUR CONGREGATION

### Health Concerns

Gina Klingel, Joan Klingel, Ron Salyer, Joni Wolfinger, Dave Haberman, Joyce Jaycox, Jeff Klingel, Karen Mahaffey, Frank Isaacs

### At Home; Activities Limited

Vella Yager

**Sympathy:** We pray for the families of Gene Trimble and Joan Groll.

### In A Health Care Home

Anita Beckel	Memorial Gables	Room 207	390 Gables Dr.	Marysville, OH 43040
Twila Loyer	Marion Manor Nursing	Room 21 B	195 Executive Dr.	Marion, OH 43302
Les Yager	Heartland of Marion	Room 609	400 Barks Rd. W.	Marion, OH 43302
Edith Loyer	Kingston	Room 209	464 Jamesway	Marion, OH 43302

## OUR GREATER CHURCH FAMILY

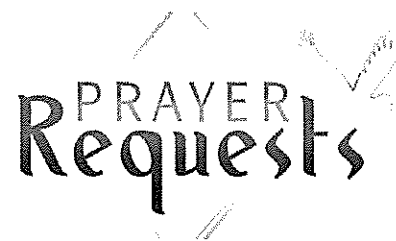
Fran Mahaffey

Sharon Farst

Charlie Farson

Those affected by Covid-19

Our Nation



The list of folks under "Our Greater Church Family" came from the green prayer cards collected during worship. This list will change each month. If there is someone that you would like listed for an extended amount of time, please contact the church office.

# January Financial Report – Balance Sheet

	Jan 31, 21	Dec 31, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
Mack Fund	222,834.88	222,834.88
Operating Account	47,765.56	43,807.80
PARSONAGE FUNDS EJ ADVISORY ACC	114,422.32	114,422.32
<b>Special Accounts</b>		
Business Savings	1,855.24	1,855.24
Capital Improvements	5,112.38	5,112.38
Community Meals/Outreach	2,290.51	2,290.51
Dulcimers' Special Fund	335.10	335.10
Education/Enrichment Fund	6,100.00	6,100.00
Endowment fund for Mission Trip	10,094.44	10,094.44
Fund Raising Account	200.00	200.00
Good Samaritan Fund	1,360.70	1,395.70
Ice Cream Social	6,205.31	6,205.31
Interest Account	316.98	310.12
Kitchen Rehab Project	4,082.96	4,022.96
Memorial Funds	11,706.74	11,706.74
Music Fund	530.04	530.04
Plant-A-Seed Fund	2,501.58	2,501.58
Programming	17,635.22	18,113.41
Scholarship & Theo Ed Fund	4,489.85	4,489.85
Spiritual Care	1,593.07	1,593.07
Women's Guild Fund	8,321.07	8,321.07
Youth Fund	2,152.34	2,152.34
Special Accounts - Other	21.73	21.73
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	86,905.26	87,351.59

# January Financial Report – income/Expenses Page 1

	Jan 21	Dec 20
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Tithing</b>		
Tithing - Current Expenses	11,557.00	16,911.00
Tithing - Initial	33.00	0.00
<b>Total Tithing</b>	11,590.00	16,911.00
<b>Total Income</b>	11,590.00	16,911.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Non-Budgeted Miscellaneous</b>		
Easter Flowers and Poinsettias	135.89	0.00
<b>Total Non-Budgeted Miscellaneous</b>	135.89	0.00
<b>Operating</b>		
<b>Administration Expense</b>		
Copier Maintenance (Equip.)	60.11	46.94
Offering Envelopes	112.41	0.00
Office Supplies/Treasurers Exp.	36.35	107.68
Telephone and Internet	169.96	173.74
Administration Expense - Other	0.00	87.09
<b>Total Administration Expense</b>	378.83	415.45
<b>Church Property and Maintenance</b>		
Insurance Expense	0.00	1,071.00
Property Repair and Maintenance	0.00	27.86
Snow Removal	0.00	384.00
<b>Total Church Property and Maintenance</b>	0.00	1,482.86
<b>Pastoral Compensation Package</b>		
Automobile Expense	250.00	250.00
Health Insurance	1,092.00	1,092.00
Housing Allowance	1,100.00	1,100.00
Pastor Salary	2,583.16	2,520.18
Pension	434.43	434.43
<b>Withholding</b>		
City Quarterly WH	84.60	0.00
<b>Federal Monthly Deposit</b>		
Pastor's Federal WH	360.06	360.06
<b>Total Federal Monthly Deposit</b>	360.06	360.06
<b>Total Withholding</b>	444.66	360.06
<b>Total Pastoral Compensation Package</b>	5,904.25	5,756.67

# January Financial Report – Income/Expenses Page 2

<b>Support Staff</b>		
Choir Director	143.58	140.08
Church Portion of FICA/MEDC	191.35	191.35
Janitor Salary	832.83	812.50
Nursery Attendant Salary	47.40	47.40
Organist Salary	310.50	302.92
Secretary Salary	1,228.50	1,198.50
<b>Withholding</b>		
<b>Federal Withholding</b>		
Employees Share of FICA/MEDC	191.35	191.35
Employee's Withholding	14.00	14.00
<b>Total Federal Withholding</b>	<u>205.35</u>	<u>205.35</u>
State Quarterly WH	241.08	0.00
<b>Total Withholding</b>	<u>446.43</u>	<u>205.35</u>
<b>Total Support Staff</b>	<u>3,200.59</u>	<u>2,898.10</u>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electric	0.00	660.45
Water	12.00	12.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>672.45</u>
<b>Total Operating</b>	<u>9,495.67</u>	<u>11,225.53</u>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>196.07</u>	<u>191.35</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>9,827.63</u>	<u>11,416.88</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Capital Improvement	0.00	2,820.72
Mack Dividends	0.00	-2,431.79
Mack Fund Change in Value	0.00	4,418.85
<b>Mission Receipt</b>		
Adopted Christmas Families	0.00	150.00
Back Bay Mission	544.95	0.00
Christmas Fund	0.00	220.00
Christmas Offering Envelopes	0.00	95.00
CUE	40.00	110.00
OCWM	225.00	165.00
Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes	0.00	10.00
<b>Total Mission Receipt</b>	<u>809.95</u>	<u>750.00</u>
<b>Non Budget Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Poinsettias	0.00	110.00
<b>Total Non Budget Miscellaneous Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>
<b>Non Budgeted Miscellaneous Inco</b>	0.00	18.00
<b>Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income</b>		
Change in value (gain)	0.00	2,707.35
<b>Total Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,707.35</u>



# January Financial Report – Income/Expenses Page 3

<b>Special Funds Income</b>		
Community Meals/Outreach	0.00	100.00
Endowment Fund for Mission Trip	0.00	100.00
Good Samaritan Income	50.00	0.00
Interest Income	6.86	6.76
Kitchen Rehab Project	60.00	0.00
Programming Income	0.00	2,431.79
Spiritual Care	0.00	320.00
<b>Total Special Funds Income</b>	<b>116.86</b>	<b>2,958.55</b>
<b>Special Funds Expenses</b>		
Capital Improvements Fund Exp	0.00	61.41
Community Meals/Outreach	0.00	43.83
Good Samaritan Fund Expenses	85.00	346.73
<b>Programming Expenses</b>		
Adult Faith Formation Expenses	0.00	21.87
Children's Ministry Expenses	300.98	47.69
<b>Communication Expenses</b>		
Newsletter Mailings Exp	0.00	55.00
<b>Total Communication Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>
<b>Worship - Arts Expenses</b>	<b>177.21</b>	<b>16.07</b>
<b>Total Programming Expenses</b>	<b>478.19</b>	<b>140.63</b>
Spiritual Care Expenses	0.00	39.00
<b>Total Special Funds Expenses</b>	<b>563.19</b>	<b>631.60</b>

# February Consistory Minutes

Those present: Sue Klingel, Deb Honaker, Nancy Salyer, Eileen Chappell, Shannon Robinson, Matt Axline, Karen Mahaffey

Excused: Joyce Jaycox, Pastor Joel Fetter

Sue Klingel called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

## Consistory Minutes:

A motion was moved by Eileen Chappell, seconded by Nancy Salyer to accept the January 2021 Consistory Minutes as presented.

## Financial Report:

A motion was moved by Shannon Robinson, seconded by Karen Mahaffey to accept the January 2021 Financial Report as presented.

## Deacons Report

Did not meet

## Elders Report

Did not meet

## Pastor Joel's Report

Pastor Joel was not present. He was called to a pastoral emergency at the hospital.

## Old Business

Discussion about opening sanctuary for services again. Motion was made to take a vote on opening the sanctuary by Eileen Chappell, seconded by Shannon Robinson. Vote was taken and the majority voted to open sanctuary beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Services to also be offered in parking lot, online and on CDs.

## New Business

None

A motion was moved by Matt Axline, seconded by Deb Honaker to adjourn.



# B I B L E

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalms 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalms 23
Sinned	Psalms 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In Danger	Psalms 91
Depressed	Psalms 27
Lack of Faith	Hebrews 11:7-10
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalms 73:21-26
Seeking Peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a Trip	Psalms 121
Struggling with Loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalms 37
Discouraged with Work	Psalms 126

AVAILABLE 24/7 | PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED  
DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

Spring Ahead  
Coming Soon!



Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
March 14, 2021



Sunday, April 4th

10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

PEACE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4061 Columbus Sandusky Rd. S.

PO Box 176

Worship is available IN-PERSON, on-line  
(Facebook and YouTube) and in the parking lot  
(91.3 FM). No Sunday School at this time.



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