

Bainbridge Beam

The Newsletter of the Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ April 2011

From Your Acting Pastor

Dear friends and church family at BCUCC,

As part of their Passover celebration, the Jewish people sing a song called the “Dayenu”. They commemorate fifteen events in song, and end each line with the refrain, Dayenu, which translated means “It would have been enough for us.” For example: if He had brought us out of Egypt, it would have been enough for us. If He had executed justice upon the Egyptians, if He had split the sea for us, if He had fed us manna, if He had brought us into the Land of Israel, if He built the Temple for us. . . .It would have been enough for us.

This chorus might describe our Lenten to Easter celebration. If God had just been born and lived among us, it would have been enough for us. If Jesus had just taught us how to live, had just suffered, had just died, it would have been enough for us. Lent remembers Jesus’ life, focusing mainly on his journey to the cross, his suffering and death. All of that would have been enough for us. But God has gone beyond, has conquered sin and death, and has raised Jesus in order that we too might live life fully, here on earth and in eternity.

This is what we celebrate on Easter morning. I invite you to partake fully of the rest of the Lenten journey, so that Easter becomes even more meaningful. We continue to have Bible Study each Monday morning at 10:00 AM, where we delve into the scriptures for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join us. Also, the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches Lenten Soup Suppers are a wonderful way of deepening faith and community. The April Lenten schedule is:

April 6th Lord of Life Rhythm Are our lives in tune with God’s plan for the World?
April 13th Bainbridge Breathe Is our physical breath actually a picture of a deeper, physical reality?

The week of April 17th through 25th is Holy Week. Please join us:

4/17 Palm / Passion Sunday

10: 30 am Worship, 5:00 pm Bainbridge / Solon / Twinsburg joint choir Cantata
Solon Community UCC (See details on page 2)

4/21 Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Stew Supper (Bring table setting and stew – see details on page 5)
7:00 pm Worship with Communion and special music in the sanctuary

4/22 Good Friday

12:00 pm Stations Meet at Gazebo in Chagrin Falls and walk the 14 stations of the Cross
(Begin at St. Joan’s in case of rain or snow)
7:30 pm Joint CVCC worship service at Lord of Life Lutheran church.

4/25 Easter Sunday

6:15 am Easter Sunrise service with Auburn Community Church, Ladue reservoir at Washington Street
10:30 Worship Special music by the BCUCC Youth Choir and Adult Choir

Just as we look at Easter through the eyes of Lent, so too are we invited to look at Lent, and at all the times of our lives, through the experience of the resurrection. We know that in our Lenten disciplines, in our sacrifices and in our taking more time for prayer and penitence, the joy of the resurrection still permeates all that we do. Even in our troubles and sorrows, even in our valleys of life, there looms the promise that light always overcomes the darkness, that life overcomes death. That what God has done for us is more than enough. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Yours in the Risen Christ

Pastor Susi
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SOUP SUPPERS AND DISCUSSIONS FOR LENT 2011

The Chagrin Valley Council of Churches Lenten series for this year will be based on the NOOMA® Series. **NOOMA®** is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. **NOOMA®** is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

6:00 PM – Come feed your body with a Free Soup Supper (freewill donations accepted)

6:45 PM – Feed your soul with inspirational film and discussion

DATE	PLACE	TITLE	THEME
March 30	Holy Angels Catholic Church	<i>Name</i>	Are we so concerned with what others think that we miss out on being who God created us to be?
April 6	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	<i>Rhythm</i>	Are our lives in tune with God's plan for the World?
April 13	Bainbridge Community UCC	<i>Breathe</i>	Is our physical breath actually a picture of a deeper, physical reality?

May these evenings enhance your Lenten journey as they deepen your relationship with God and with others

THREE CHOIR CANATA – PALM SUNDAY



“WONDROUS LOVE”

*In honor and memory of E. James Katora, Sr.
Longtime Director of Music at Solon Community Church*

Free and Open to the Public
(Reception following Cantata)

Conductor: Dr. E. James Katora, Jr.,
Director of Music, Dover Congregational UCC, Westlake

Location: Solon Community Church
SOM Center Rd. and Sherbrook Park Drive

Date: Sunday, April 17 – 5:00 pm

FEATURING 60 VOICES AND 15 GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

The Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ, Joshua Chenoweth, Director of Music.
First Congregational Church of Twinsburg, Chrissy Sterling, Choir Director
Solon Community Church, Jeremy Gilpatric, Director of Music

Our upcoming Easter Service will be an opportunity for a family worship service;
therefore, childcare will be provided only for children through the age of four.





Easter Lilies are available this year to purchase and decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and then to take home. The price will be \$7.50 for a six-inch pot. The final Sunday to order will be April 10th. Forms and payment can be placed in the offering plate, in the secretary's mail box, or mailed to the church at 17751 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.

Please make your check out to the church and enclose it with the form below. We will not be able to accept any orders after April 10th ; or without prepayment.

Name : _____

Number of Lilies _____ at \$7.50 ea = _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

(Write information here as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)

We will also be trying something new here at BCUCC to support each other - we will begin a "Prayer Partners" ministry. Each month, those who would like to participate will be randomly paired with a partner. The two will commit to praying for each other throughout the month. After that, the partners will be reassigned for the next month. It is our hope that this will strengthen the bonds that exist between those in this faith community, and add support and friendship in this church. You may also call the church or email bainbridgecommunity@gmail.com if you would like to be included. Prayer Partners begins in April.

I would like to participate in the Prayer Partners ministry:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone email either

Grief Recovery Support Group – Being offered at Valley Presbyterian Church

Reverend John Wahl at Valley Presbyterian Church will be leading the sessions for the GriefShare Support Group. They will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm February 22nd through May 17th. They are open to anyone, and each session is independent of the others, so you do not have to attend all. Registration fee is \$15.00 to cover the cost of a workbook that you keep.

Call 440.543.1071 to register or for more information.

Christian Education Corner



Have you looked in our Church Nursery lately? The room has been refreshed with a bright coat of paint, and a frame around the "Noah wall". The chalkboard also has a new look. The room has been cleaned of all excess and broken toys thanks to Sue Johnson and Ellen Klaiber. We thank all in our congregation who helped to make this refreshing change possible.

A special thanks to all who gave to the Campership Fund. If you still wish to give, mark your check memo "Campership" and place in the offering plate. Did you know that the cost for one camper to attend a UCC camp is approximately \$400.00? This offering helps to provide a UCC camp experience to a youth who might otherwise not be able to attend.

The theme in our Church School classes the next few weeks includes the discussion of pictures or symbols that help us understand God's Love. The Church School class is also doing a Lenten Tree and adding symbols to remind us of how we can better follow in God's way. Our Leaves remind us about making caring choices and our Stars that it is important to ask questions as part of our learning to walk in God's way. The Church School students will be creating a Psalm of their own based on the 23rd Psalm. We look forward to the student's designs on the front cover of our Palm Sunday bulletin. They will also be lending their voices to our Easter Sunday service. What a great group of youth we have!! Easter will be Family Sunday. There will be no Church School that day. Nursery care will be provided for those up to 4 years of age.

At the time of this writing we attended the first Lenten series video. It was very thought provoking and generated much discussion. The Lenten Soup Suppers provide great soups for eating and much food for thought as we gather with our community friends. Plan to attend the next Wednesday evenings in Lent. This is a meaningful education opportunity.

Have a very Blessed Easter,

Sandy Allard and Karen Dunasky
Christian Education, Co-Chairpersons

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Our Youth Group is hosting an Easter Party and Egg Hunt for children, ages nursery through 6th grade. The date is Sunday, April 17th as an extension of Church School programming. There will be food, crafts, games, and face painting. Rumor has it there may be a special visitor. Please see Brittney Allard for more information.



We Offer Our Prayer Support

Please hold the following people in prayer:

Jeanne Shelton, Muriel Lappert, Bette Eberhard, Karen Brown (former BCUCC secretary), Bill & Irene Hein's daughter, Barbara Timmons, Terri Schaefer, Jean Eames, John Townsend's daughter Sara and husband, Bruce, Barb and Al Phan in the loss of Barb's sister, Betty Unger, and sister in-law, Dottie Taylor, Bob Denne's nephew, Bill, Josh Schell and family, Wendy Jones & family, Barb Hincke, and Dorothy Hurd.



From the Worship Committee



The Worship Committee wishes to remind the congregation of not only the many worship opportunities available during the remaining weeks of Lent, but also of several gifts that the church has recently received.

Once again, the congregation's gratitude is extended to the Patterson family for the gift of the oil fueled candles in the sanctuary. Thanks are also extended to Andy Gall who placed our three large wooden crosses in the front church yard for Lent.

Members of the congregation are also invited to participate in special Lenten season activities on the upcoming dates:

- April 3rd Communion Service
- April 10th Order Deadline for Easter Lilies
- April 13th Soup Supper and Program at BUCC, 6pm
- April 17th Palm Sunday
- April 21st Maundy Thursday Stew Supper at BUCC, 6pm 7pm Service with intinction
- April 24th Easter Youth Choir performs

Additionally, the Worship Committee invites members to take part in our time together on Sunday mornings by being an usher or worship leader. Please speak with Sarah Popovic if interested.

Finally, those individuals interested in signing up to provide altar flower arrangements for the Sunday services need only consult the flower chart on the narthex bulletin board to reserve a Sunday.

Respectfully, Sarah Krejci Popovic, Worship Committee

Mission Moment

Chicago United Eden Seminaries Mission went very well. Our generous gift provides a vital ministry in the UCC by training and equipping leaders for Ministry and supporting Christian Discipleship.

March 6th and 13th our youth collected for the Campership Fund. These Gifts will be put towards the fees for those of our youth wanting to go to summer camp. Christian Education will report more on this very important giving. March 27th was One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday. This is one of our UCC Five for Five giving. Through this offering disaster victims quickly receive shelter, food, water, medical supplies and the list goes on and on. Sharing your resources really does change lives - your own life and the lives of others.

April 9th will be the Annual Chagrin Valley Council of Churches Clothing Drive. The truck will be at Valley Presbyterian Church from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. A great time to give those wonderful items of clean clothing, too small, too large or whatever the reason might be, for a good cause. Palm Sunday, April 17th at 11:30 am we will honor Trisha Ford - and her Field of Dreams Team with a Bake Sale, in our Social Hall. All area Churches and the wider community are Welcome to stop in and shop for Holiday bakery.

Many, many Thanks again for your Generous Giving,
Your Mission Committee



'HOP INTO SPRING' CRAFT SHOW March 19th 2011

With all the snow this winter, crafters have been able to focus on their hobbies. By the time you read this, you will know how the event came together. It was one of the hardest shows to put on due to many outside circumstances – especially the kitchen fire. We came together through much hard work to 'Hop Into Spring.' My thanks to Dick Newton for staying with me through it all and supporting me in many ways.

Thanks to all those that stayed and cleared out the furniture in the foyer the Sunday before to get the set-up started and the Friday night set-up crew. Bill Hein, Al Phan and Dick Newton for their consult on placing additional tables in the hall. Thanks to those that placed flyers in stores and Vivian and Kayla for leading this effort. I would like to thank the following: Vivian DeRolf for all the bake sale phoning, Muriel Lamppert for the press releases that were in many of the area papers to publicize the event, kitchen staff Irene Hein, Barb Phan, Ann Sekerak, Thelma Payne, Sue Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Ethelann Duncan and Kathy Meier, Barb Gamble and Karen Dunasky for greeting attendees at the door, Muriel Lamppert for luncheon cashier responsibilities, Eileen Dickerson for coordinating the church craft table and clean-up crew that included Sue Johnson, Ellen Klaiber, Al Phan, Dick Newton, Tim, Sandy and Brittney Allard and many others.

Thanks for all your support,
Julia Newton, Chairperson

FUNDRAISERS

While we are speaking of fundraisers, our Annual Auction is September, but it is not too soon to begin thinking about your donations. We can use handcrafted items, gift baskets, new or gently used housewares, antiques, and postmark surprise packages. Get the word out: we accept donations from non-church members, as well as our church family. Do not be shy about gently nudging your friends away from posting items on "Craig's List" and steering them towards donating their good quality items to our auction.

Auction Committee Chairperson, Patty Willson

BOOK CLUB



On the first Sunday in April the Book Club will be meeting to discuss Kathryn Stockett's most recent novel entitled, The Help. This novel takes place in Jackson, Mississippi during the height of the twentieth century civil rights movement. The plot centers on the lives of several black women, who take care of the children of white families, yet are not trusted to polish the family silver. It is a fascinating glimpse back at our society of over fifty years ago and provides insight on not only how much America has changed, but also how far we, as a society, need to go.

There are many print copies of this book at all of our local libraries. Some of these libraries also stock an audio version of this book.

Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ
is holding our annual Malley's Chocolates fundraiser.



Catalogs and order forms are available at the church or by contacting Sue Johnson. Due date for paper orders is March 30th. Additionally, a website has been setup specifically for the Bainbridge Community Church fundraising campaign. All purchases made on that site will directly benefit Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ.

To connect to this site, click on the link below:

<http://www.malleys.com/?id=391f2846-91fa-4d18-9e3c-37a42be27b42>

Thank you very much,

Sue Johnson, Chairperson
Bainbridge Community UCC

Happy Birthday



April 15th John Townsend
April 16th Brittney Allard
April 17th Missy Shelton
Christian Chenoweth
April 18th Karen Dunasky
Susi Kawolics
Jorg Barenwald
April 24th Julia Newton
April 26th Alma Williamson
April 27th Jeanne Shelton
April 28th Amy Rickelman
April 30th Jeanette Fakadej

Gary Johnson's father, Carl turns 90 May 1st. Many may remember him from when he helped with our Chicken BBQ dinners and others. If you wish to send a card, he would love to hear from you!

Carl Johnson
Athenian Village
12799 Doula Lane #220
North Royalton, OH 44133



Happy Anniversary

April 24th Darlene & Andy Gall

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Many Thanks to our March Helpers

Worship Leader: Vince Meier

Prayers and Sermon, March 27: Judith Campbell

Organist and Pianist: Reed Walters, March 20th

Children's Sermon, March 27: John Fudella

Ushers: Greg Marous, Eileen Dickerson, Tim Allard, Nancy Hammel, Ethelann Duncan, Kathy Meier, Patrick Giebner, Ellen Klaiber, and Kayla Rumford

Greeters: Eileen Dickerson

Communion Helpers: Ethelann Duncan, Eileen Dickerson, Greg Marous, Patrick Giebner, Karen and Henry Dunasky

Coffee Hosts: Ellen and Phil Klaiber, Vivian DeRolf and Kayla Rumford

Flowers: Karen Dunasky, Sandy Allard

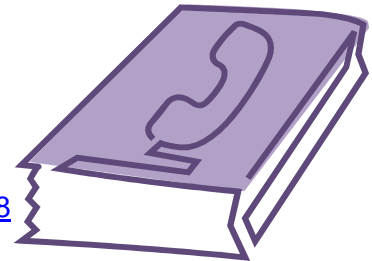
Sunday School Teachers: Karen Dunasky, Kayla Rumford, Brittney Allard, Doug Giebner, Sandy Allard

Nursery: Virginia Johnson, Eileen Dickerson

Helpers: Thank you to Al Phan and Dick Newton for maintenance to the church office to keep heat in on a snowy day. Let's hope we don't need to turn the heat on again until next winter.

Please make the following address update in your church directories:

Doris Jean Dart
Masonic Village
4931 Nettleton Rd.
Apt.# 5112
Medina, OH 44256
Phone: [330-721-3068](tel:330-721-3068)



A Case of Pneumonia

A Health Message from your Parish Nurse and
The International Parish Nurse Resource Center (www.parnurses.org)

What is pneumonia?

- It is a serious lung infection caused by either bacteria or a virus.
- It is spread through contact with respiratory secretions from sneezing, runny noses, and coughing.
- It is an illness that when caught early, can be treated with antibiotics.
- It is an illness that can cause death if the person is not treated appropriately and if he/she has a poor immune system.

What are the "at risk" populations?

- Children under age of 2
- Children & adults between 2 & 64 with a chronic illness like heart or lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, or alcoholism; have a depressed immune system from cancer, leukemia, diabetes, or alcoholism; or take drugs that suppress the immune system such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, steroids
- Adults over 65 years of age
- Adults living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities

Signs & Symptoms include a sudden onset of:

- Fever
- Productive cough
- Shortness of breath or rapid breathing
- Severe chest pain
- Nausea
- Chills

Only 58% of adults receive a pneumonia vaccine.
Get yours now to protect your health and that of others!

For more information on pneumonia visit:
Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.org
Web MD www.webmd.com



Prevention includes:

- Good hand washing
- Regular cleansing of hard surfaces that are touched like counters, doorknobs, and phones
- Coughing and sneezing into a tissue, elbow, or sleeve
- Limiting one's exposure to smoke and smoke-filled areas

Treatment includes:

- Antibiotics if diagnosed with pneumonia
- Vaccination at any time of year for:
 - Children under age of 2
 - Any person between 2 and 64 who: has asthma, is a smoker, has a chronic disease, or has a depressed immune system from illness or medications
 - Anyone over age of 65
 - Anyone living in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- No vaccination if one is:
 - Allergic to pneumococcal vaccine
 - Taking chemotherapy
 - Undergoing radiation treatment