

Bainbridge Beam

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

February 2012

From your Pastor

Hello Bainbridge Community UCC,

I pray this message finds everyone well. The fact that it is time to write something for the newsletter again means that I've been here almost two months now and (I am happy to report) things continue to be going very well. On Sunday January 22nd I officially joined the church. I want to thank Ellen Klaiber for leading the new member liturgy and thank everyone for greeting me with a "welcome" as you exited the sanctuary. It really helped me feel like I became a greater part of this community. So almost everything is done now. All we have left to do sometime in the near future is an installation service. I am looking forward to that but right now I'm just happy to be a member.


I am also very pleased with the energy that this church has shown around gathering and implementing new ideas. When I started there was a call for new members of the Worship Committee and several people signed right up. Recently we have been asking for people who have new ideas to join the Mission Committee. As I write this message it sounds like we might have a couple of people answering that call. I'm certainly happy with the mission work this church has been doing and I don't want to negatively impact any of that. However, I'm really looking for this church to get its members out into the community more. My hope is that people will hear about this church by meeting members while we're outside the church walls, making a difference in our community. And I hope that if someone wants to join our church, it will be because they know we have connections and programs that are an outlet for their own creative and caring energy. This can be a church of active faith.

Finally, after writing about Christmas and New Year's for the last two newsletters respectively, it is already time to think about Lent. This year the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches is again doing their rotating soup supper and program on Wednesdays during Lent, which begins in February. You can find information on dates, times, and locations for the suppers in the BEAM calendar. BCUCC will host the supper on Wednesday, March 21st. Members of each hosting church will provide the program. We need members who are willing to speak about a moment during a time of mission or service that really struck them. We want to hear about a time you really experienced the Spirit or saw the face of Christ in someone while you were doing the work of the church. The emphasis is on the power and the meaning of the event, not the details and planning that went into it. Let me know if there is something you think you would like to share!

I continue to try to call on members as I learn about this community. If you need to talk or you would just like to reach out to schedule a visit with me, that's wonderful. I am here. Feel free to drop me an email or call the church. Otherwise I'll be calling you as soon as I can in my quest to get to everyone.

Thanks again to everyone for being so welcoming. I continue to feel blessed to be here.

The Peace of Christ be with you all,



Pastor Shaun

From the Worship Committee:

The Lenten season is upon us with the Ash Wednesday Service taking place February 22nd, hosted by Lord of Life at 12 pm and 7:30 pm. The Lenten Soup Suppers will begin February 29th at Valley Presbyterian Church, with supper at 6 pm and the program at 6:45 pm. Please note the following dates and locations for the soup suppers:

March 7th – Auburn Community UCC

March 14th – Holy Angels

March 21st – BCUCC

March 28th – Lord of Life Lutheran

There will be a new addition to our communion services in the near future. Gluten-free communion wafers will be offered along with the bread, for individuals with food sensitivities.

Sunday services are available on CD for anyone interested. Each Sunday's service is recorded on a CD and placed in the lounge. Please borrow the CD you'd like and return when finished.

Interested in signing up to share altar flower arrangements in our services? Please see the flower chart on the bulletin board at church to reserve a Sunday.

Sarah Popovic

Relay for Life

We are pleased to announce that we will hold a kick off for this years Relay for Life on Saturday, February 18th from 1PM until 3PM at Heinens in Bainbridge. We invite any and all members of your congregation to attend and learn more about Relay for Life and determine if they would like to be a part of this community effort in the ongoing fight against cancer. Thanks,

Joe Allen, Event Co-Chair

From the Mission Committee:

Knitting Group: We started to meet and gals are learning to sharpen their knitting and crocheting skills. This is open to anyone who would like to come. If you already knit, you can help someone learn. And if you want to learn, just come. It is a fun group. Remember, every Monday at noon to 2:00.

Where did the school supplies go? Remember the wagon with all the school supplies collected in September? As I needed to move these boxes of supplies out of my living room to put up the Christmas tree, inspiration struck. Our member, Mary Wideman, is the principal of Hattie Larlham high school. I asked her if they could use these articles. Since the children are so handicapped, they could not use much. But, her high school is in a network of 10 magnet schools in northeast Ohio. They meet every week, and the following week they were meeting at Hattie Larlham. So the supplies were delivered there, and one of the magnet schools in Collinwood took first dibs. Mary tells me that most of the 20 schools are in poverty neighborhoods. Collinwood students come from homes with 97% poverty. The children must have appreciated the items since they sent our church a thank you card. This will be posted on the bulletin board. I was glad everything went to a group that really needed it.

Kathy Meier Chair

Phone Number Change

New numbers for Jim Kuyon

Home 330-548-4728

Cell 330-564-5893

Youth Group

Saturday, January 14th, the Youth Group went sledding at Punderson State Park. The hills were perfectly packed with snow and the day was amazing for sledding. The Youth Group had a blast going down the hills with different sleds and even trying to go down all at once by linking the sleds together. After all the exciting sledding we were worn out, so we got some nice warm cocoa and relaxed. It was a great get together.

Reminder: The Youth Group is collecting card tables for the Valentine's Day Dinner February 18th. If you have one that you could lend us, that would be a great help. You can leave them at the church in the Youth Group room; or if you call the church we can have someone pick them up for you. If anyone has card table size red, white or pink tablecloths to lend we would appreciate having those as well. It would be great if they could all be collected by February 16th. Thank you!

Hop Into Spring VIII

Now that we have snow, it's time to think about spring! Our spring craft show will be held on March 10th. If you make any kind of craft, our church table would love to have your donation. We will have a list of needed food items to donate for the kitchen lunch counter. Will hope you will be able to help with donations there. We always have an excellent luncheon. The bake sale will be in the foyer as usual. If you know of anyone who wants to rent a table, see or call Julia Newton for an application . Mark your calendars so you can plan to be here. We have a great variety of crafters and food. Julia Newton, Chair

In Sympathy

On January 14, 2012, a memorial service was held at our church for Paul Gamble, who died December 20, 2011. Our prayers of sympathy go to his wife Barbara and the Gamble and Blazek families.



Worship Leaders: Dave Schell, Robert Duncan, Reed Walters

Ushers: Greg Marous and Annette Schell, Andy Gall and Sue Johnson, Ken Moss and Gary Johnson, Al and Barb Phan

Greeters: Patty Willson & Greg Marous, Phil & Ellen Klaiber, the Allard Family

Coffee Hosts: Vivian DeRolf & Kayla Rumford, the Ladies Auxiliary, Vince & Kathy Meier, Missy & Jean Shelton

Flowers: David Edmondson & Judith Campbell, Phil & Ellen Klaiber, Ann Sekerak

Nursery: Brittney Allard, Ellen Klaiber, Kayla Rumford, Virginia Johnson, Eileen Dickerson

Communion Ushers: Karen and Henry Dunasky

Teachers: Lisa Ruzga, Sandra Allard

Congratulations!

Praise to Brittney Allard and the Kenston Gymnastics Team for taking a first in their meet against West Geauga, Orange, Chagrin Falls, Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, Chardon and Kirtland on Friday, Jan. 13th! Kudos on your Uneven Bar performance, Brittney!

Cheers

Leander Held, an eighth-grader at Kenston Middle School, was recently named student of the month. Congratulations, Leander!

Spread the Love

It's February: the month of hearts and flowers. It also marks the second anniversary of our Random Acts of Kindness project. The Church Growth Committee initiated this ongoing project to encourage all of us to look for ways to do something nice for others. Whether spontaneous, such as opening the door for a laden shopper or letting a harried mother go ahead of us in the checkout line, or preplanned, such as taking a meal to a housebound friend or driving an ailing neighbor to a doctor's appointment or a treatment center, many opportunities to help present themselves each day. "Random Acts of Kindness" cards are available in the church foyer and can be given to the recipients of your thoughtful actions.

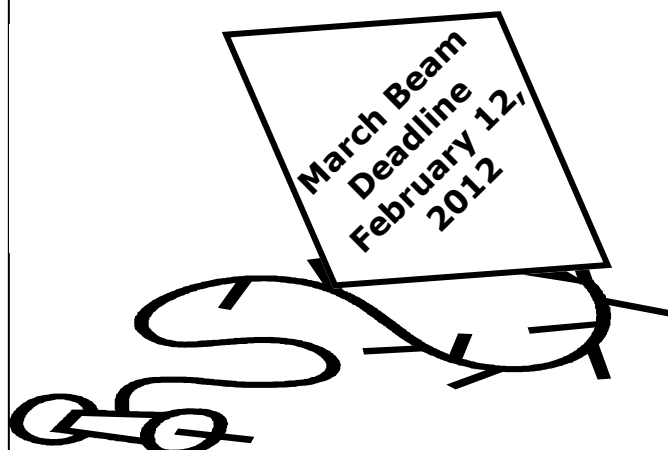
Please take a few and use them to help spread the word that we are an active church that cares about others -- our own church family as well as folks out in the community.

Happy Birthday February

1	Shelby Berger	12	Katelyn Giebner
	Jason Johnson	21	Leander Held
	Joshua Johnson	24	Carly Moss
3	Donna Patterson	27	Ken Moss
6	Thelma Payne		

Happy Anniversary February

12	Rick and Thelma Payne
18	Jorg and Brenda Barenwald



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Valentine's Day



Dinner!

**Saturday, February 18th
6 – 8:30 PM**

Reservations Recommended

sign-up sheet at the church
or please call the church office at
440-543-5117

or e-mail bainbridgecommunity@gmail.com

\$15/ticket or
2 for \$25

*Pasta, homemade sauce & meatballs,
rolls, salad bar & dessert*

FREE babysitting!

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*Proceeds go to support BCUCC youth attendance at the
UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University, July 2012*