



# MARCH COFFEE HOUR



# Central Lighthouse



Remember to keep in your prayers those who are shut in or in nursing homes.

Pauline Nicely	James & Eleanor Cooper	Sue Knittel	Don & Genevieve Gregory
Rocky Knoll	287 W. Parkway Blvd.	Park Haven Home	465 E. Main St.
1150 W. Market St., Rm 216	Madison, OH 44057	4533 Park Ave., Rm. 9	Madison, OH 44057
Akron, OH 44313		Ashtabula, OH 44004	



## ATTENDANCE — FEBRUARY

	Adults	Children	Total
2/06 10am	66	05	71
2/13 10am	68		68
2/13 6:13pm	10		10
2/20 10am	75	05	80
2/20 6:13pm	08		08

# SCRIPTURE

## Psalm 51:10-12 NIV

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



	Year to Date
Inflow	\$12,314
Outflow	\$10,743
GAIN	\$1,570

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS NOW FORMING**

These sessions are scheduled to meet in the Lounge on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9pm. Dates: March 16, 23, 30.

**CALENDAR DATE**  
**3/01 10am Card Ministry**

COLLEGE KIDS ADDRESSES

For the college kids to receive the newsletter, prayer partner mail, etc., we need their addresses. Please call the church office at 428-3802 with the new addresses or drop them in the secretary's box.

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## DEACON'S



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Mar. 9th. Many people give up something for the Lenten season. Deacons are suggesting we take on a project JUST FOR LENT. Here are some suggestions:

**JUST FOR LENT** contact someone each day with a visit, phone call, or card or letter.

**JUST FOR LENT** forgive someone each day.

**JUST FOR LENT** pray for someone different each day—a relative, a friend, a stranger, someone you don't like.

**JUST FOR LENT** while waiting for a light to change or a train to cross, pray for the people ahead or behind you or near you.

**JUST FOR LENT** give something away—a possession, a dish of food, a smile, a hug.

**JUST FOR LENT** get friendly with someone from the church or your neighborhood that you don't know very well.

**JUST FOR LENT** every time you hear a siren, pray for the person on the receiving end as well as the workers going to the scene.

**JUST FOR LENT** pray to soften the hearts of bullies and terrorists everywhere.

**JUST FOR LENT** pray for those who have problems with drugs, alcohol, and mental conditions.

**JUST FOR LENT** thank God for all he has given us.

God, let me so live my life that there will be no doubt that I am one of YOURS. Help me to grow, to adopt some of the above as part of my being, and not JUST FOR LENT, but for always. Amen.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



Our official Anniversary is March 4th. We will celebrate 197 years. We are nearing the 200 year mark.

What an amazing heritage from those who have gone before us faithfully serving the Lord and our community.

May we continue to do so in the same Spirit & love as they have. Thank you, Lord!

### LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Sponsored by the Madison Ministerial Association, these luncheons are held every Wednesday at Park UMC. This is a time to enjoy fellowship around the table, and to be enlightened and inspired by the devotional program that accompanies the meal. *Join us at Noon on March 9th* for the first episode of this year's theme: "Christ in the Strangest Places."



# **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** **March 9th, 7:30 p.m.**

If you have never taken part in this kind of service, please consider joining us. Over the years, I have met many folks, usually of Protestant descent, who were skeptical—even suspicious--of Ash Wednesday and its observance in worship ("Ooh, that's too 'catholic' for me.") However, when they finally decided to attend, they discovered that the experience was deeply meaningful and entirely transcended their skeptical expectations.

The Ash Wednesday worship is not about maudlin self-punishment, but about an clear-eyed assessment of our spiritual state, and the first step of a journey into a new and glorious freedom from the "stuff" that can weigh our spirits down (such old guilts, grudges, regrets, doubts, fears, and that all-time favorite, Spiritual Second-guessing ("if only I had done this instead of that, things would have turned out differently...")) Is that kind of journey worth taking? Come find out.

# March Scriptures & Readers

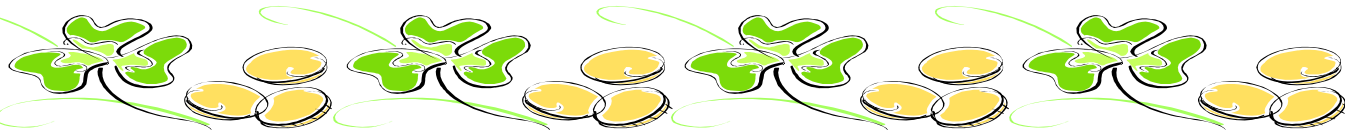
3/6 Transfiguration Rowena Baldwin  
 Ex. 24:12-18  
 Psalm 2 or Ps 99  
 2 Pet. 1:16-21  
 Matt. 17:1-9

3/20 2nd Sunday in Lent Kit Donaldson  
 Gen. 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17 or Matt. 17:1-9


3/9 ASH WEDNESDAY  
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12  
 Psalm 51:1-17  
 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10  
 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

3/27 3rd Sunday in Lent Judi McIntyre  
 Ex. 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Rom. 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

3/13 1st Sunday in Lent Helen Crawford  
 Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Rom. 5:12-19



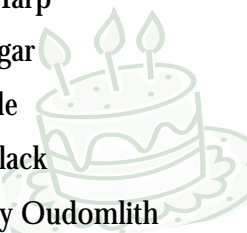
## CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

We will have an  Easter Egg Hunt during Children's Church on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to help with this year's Vacation Bible School please see me.  
 Kim Franco



3/01 Jennifer McIntyre	3/10 Barb Sabo
3/02 Jonathan Harp	3/11 Robert Wilson
3/04 Kayla Longar	3/12 Jessica Fleischer
3/04 Edith Wilde	3/22 Jack Higley
3/05 Gregory Black	3/27 Barb Piispanen
3/06 Khammany Oudomlith	3/29 Phyllis Smith
3/08 Luba Fomenko	3/30 Rachel Harp



## STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUND

Following is a list of contributions graciously given to the Stained Glass Window Fund— in memory/honor of:

**Alice VanJura** from Pam & Dan Sabo  
**Dorothy S. Martyn** from B.J. & Joe Green  
**Bob Rose** from the Rose family  
**Buzz Nicely** from Reba & Tom Reichert  
**Matthew Wilcox** from Phyllis & Jim Wilcox  
**Glenn & Charlotte Kershaw** from Denise & Ken Kahr  
**Frank Kahr** from Denise & Ken Kahr  
**Sheldon R. Whipple & our parents** from Joan Whipple  
**Robert Wilde** from Edith Wilde  
**Margaret Nash, Mary Nash Frink & Catherine Nash Merkel** from Evelyn Teleha  
**Edith Piispanen** from Tom & Barb Piispanen  
**Edith Piispanen** from Edith Wilde  
**Edith Piispanen** from Vicki Hauser  
**Eleanore Mayhew** from Phyllis Smith  
**Loved ones** from Helen Nicely  
**Our Parents** from Candace & Bob Barr  
**My Dad** from Diane Stegkemper  
**Wade & Agnes Laurence** from Karen Austen  
**Samuel Hathaway** from Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Francis  
**Samuel Hathaway** from Dale & Alma Meacham  
**Amy & Gill McLean** from Ellie & Jim Cooper  
**Catherine Wheeler** from Mary Martha Group  
**Friends at Central Congregational Church** from Wendy & Steve Broache  
**B.J. Green** from David & Sylvia Kuch  
**Catherine Wheeler** from Kit & Sue Donaldson  
**Catherine Wheeler** from Helen Towne  
**Catherine Wheeler** from Helen Nicely  
**Caroline & J. Leon Jenkins** from Gwen Krauter  
**Harold Scheve, Sr. & Jennifer Scheve-Hunger** from Harold Scheve, Jr.  
**Merle Billington & Jon Billington** from Louanna Billington  
**Edward & Catharine Rose, Bill & Dudley Rose** from Gladys Newby  
**Bernard Steindam** from Harold & Jenny Steindam  
**My Husband & My Mother** from Doris Royer  
**Isabel & Lemuel White** from Sue & Kit Donaldson  
**Beverly & Frank Donaldson** from Sue & Kit Donaldson  
**Raymond Walters & George Huxel** from Marsha & Jack Huxel  
**Given** by John & Carmella Barr  
**My husband & daughter, Jim Porcello & Carol Porcello** from Betty Porcello  
**Eleanor & Boyd Mayhew** from Wendy & Joe Kephart  
**Boyd & Eleanor Mayhew** from Family & Friends  
**Rev. Dr. William & Margaret Dupree** from Jeanette & Tim Behm  
**Louanna Billington** from Barb Piispanen  
**Louanna Billington** from Robert & Candace Barr  
**Louanna Billington** from Dan & Pam Sabo

**The Green Family** from B.J. Green  
**Louanna Billington** from Sue & Kit Donaldson  
**Louanna Billington** from Grace Reese  
**Catherine Wheeler** from Family & friends  
**Our Parents & Bob Reese** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**Russell Whipple** from Roy & Winifred Whipple  
**Jane Boerner** from Richard Boerner  
**Loved ones** from Alma Paine  
**Our parents** from Bob & Candace Barr  
**Jennifer Scheve Hunger** from Evelyn Teleha  
**Children & Granddaughter** from Jerry & Judi McIntyre  
**Carmella E. Barr** from Louanna Billington  
**Louanna Billington** from Joe & Gwen Krauter  
**Louanna Billington** from Rebekah Group  
**Louanna Billington** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**J. Leon Jenkins, Caroline Louise Jenkins, Elmer Roth & Mabel Roth** from Richard & Jo-Anne Roth  
**Louanna Billington** from Helen Nicely  
**Norb Malin** from Barb Piispanen  
**Norb Malin** from Carolyn Malin  
**Norb Malin** from Bob & Candace Barr  
**Howard W. & Marilda B. Donaldson** from William & Ramona Donaldson  
**Carroll E. & Martha VanDyke** from Leland & Laretta Gerwin  
**Kenneth Whipple** from Joan Whipple  
**Rev. Dr. William & Margaret Dupree** from Tim, Jeanette and Nick Behm  
**Dick Pohl** from Donna Pohl  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Edith Wilde  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Barb Piispanen  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Kit & Sue Donaldson  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**Sally Broadwater** from Carl & Lorena Broadwater  
**Norb Malin** from Carl & Lorena Broadwater  
**Kenneth Whipple** from Roy & Winifred Whipple  
**Kenneth Whipple** from Barb Piispanen  
**Sally Broadwater** from Dan & Pam Sabo  
**Sally Broadwater** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Helen Crawford  
**Dick Pohl** from Helen Nicely  
**Dick Pohl** from Dan & Pam Sabo  
**Dick Pohl** from Sue & Kit Donaldson  
**Sally Broadwater** from Sue & Kit Donaldson  
**Norb Malin** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**Dick Pohl** from Barb Piispanen  
**Dick Pohl** from Carolyn Malin  
**Dick Pohl** from Bob & Dorothy Hall  
**Dick Pohl** from Carol Shorts  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Cheryl Swackhamer  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Helen Nicely





**STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUND CONTINUED:**

Following is a list of contributions graciously given to the **Stained Glass Window Fund**— **in memory/honor of:**

**Pastor Herbert Reichert** from Kit & Sue Donaldson  
**Sally Broadwater** from Jeff, Lori, Casey & Loren Jevnikar  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Nancy Ruck  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Jerry & Judi McIntyre  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Jack & Marsha Huxel  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Sherry McIntosh  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Dan & Pam Sabo  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Denise & Kenneth Kahr  
**Pastor Herbert Reichert** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**Pastor Herbert Reichert** from Steve & Wendy Broache  
**Dick Pohl** from Dale & Carol Gibbon  
**My husband & daughter, Jim Porcello & Carol Porcello** from Elizabeth Porcello  
**Dick Swackhamer** from Family & Friends  
**Raymond Walters & George Huxel** from Jack & Marsha Huxel  
**Bert & Helen Toth** from Gary Toth  
**Family & Friends** from Doris Royer

**REMAINING BALANCE FOR THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW FUND: \$3,909.04**

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**

Praise be to God...and to each one of you and to all the friends of Central Congregational Church. As of the 8th of February 2011, the total debt remaining to repay the loan from the William Knittel Memorial Fund for the windows restoration is at \$3,909.04. The total amount for the entire project was \$56,420.69 and the very first payment was made to Azure on June 4, 2008. When the Trustees embarked upon this monumental project, we were confident that our church family, and all the friends of Central would embrace what we were doing to preserve the single largest physical asset of CCC, aside from the church building itself. So confident, our Chair, Jim Wilcox, estimated the loan to be paid back within three years. I, being much more conservative, agreed that would be a wonderful thought, but cautioned the Board not to be overly optimistic and a more realistic expectation might be within five years. Friends, we are “within a nine iron shot” of making Jim look like a genius, and because of all of you who have made your own sacrifices to make this happen.

It is just wonderful to see in the Fellowship Hall and the Monthly Newsletter all that have held up friends and loved ones in honor of and memorial of with your gifts. If you have not looked at these recently, please do so. We also would like to acknowledge Nancy Ruck who made it possible for this fund to receive a sizable donation due to the unfortunate demise of the Grand River UCC church. However, we can all take heart with the knowledge that the church is now been resurrected as a “community church” and Nancy reports that it is beautifully restored and doing quite well. In addition, we must mention all the others who have just given because they wanted to...God bless you all!

Before we are too carried away, we still have \$3,909.04 to go. If any fear, as I do, we get it completely paid off by June 3, 2011 Jim Wilcox will be even more difficult to live with than he is now, post date your checks to June 5, 2011. Seriously, thanks to everyone for your generosity and we know that all will do what you can to get this paid down just as soon as possible. I might mention, the church can accept a stock transfer from anyone looking for capital gains relief...just a thought for this purpose or any church donation.

Peace and God's Love to All, Kit



**MISSION MOMENT**

The March mission spotlight is the “One Great Hour of Sharing.” This organization has been around along time and provides resources (to over 80 countries) for international development in health, education, and agriculture, refugee ministries, emergency relief, and disaster relief ministries both domestic and internationally. A heartfelt thank you to our congregation for you love, compassion and support of our Church's ministries to give hope and support to our sisters and brothers of faith across the world. This Church does actively demonstrate our vision statement-outreach. Please prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful cause! For we DO make a difference and offer hope to those less fortunate and those in need.

Thank you, In Christ, Reba



# EASTER FLOWERS



It's time to order **Easter Flowers!** You may choose to order either lilies or tulips. All will come in 6 1/2 in. pots, with green foil. **Lilies (white), tulips (red) each are \$8.50.** There will be order blanks and envelopes by the order box in the lounge. Please indicate your special information and include your check made out to Central Congregational Church. **You can start placing orders on Sunday, March 6, 2011 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 27, 2011.** Thank you for your devotion to our services of worship, and to the memories of your loved ones. Your Worship Committee!

**IN CELEBRATION OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW MANY? LILIES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TULIPS** \_\_\_\_\_ **(\$8.50 ea.)**

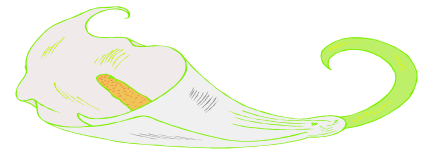
**PLEASE CHECK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PICK UP PLANT(S) AFTER THE 10AM EASTER SERVICE (APR. 24th )**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PICK IT(THEM) LATER THAT WEEK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LEAVE THEM AT THE CHURCH**

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_



*THANK YOU!*

My thank you & blessings to Pastor Harry & members of CCC for their prayers & best wishes during my hospital stay & rehab.

I am looking forward to a productive & healthy spring.

With God's grace a few more good years.

Prayers really do work!!

Thank you, Carol Garrett



## TIME TO GET READY FOR CAMPING!

The Ohio Conference of the UCC owns and operates 2 campsites, each offering a variety of summertime Church Camp experiences for people from age 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)—older adulthood (grandparents+). Take a look at the poster on display in the Lounge, or ask one of our veteran campers (such as B.J. Green) The fee schedule for summer camps is structured to give a generous discount through March 31, with the fee rates rising thereafter. Visit the Ohio

### THE MORSE FAMILY'S NEW ADDRESS & INFO



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Conference website at to learn more about how the camping program helps campers draw closer to God and grow in faith. Go to: [www.ocucc.org](http://www.ocucc.org)