

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." - Galatians 2:20a



JOIN US ON ASH WEDNESDAY: POTLUCK & WORSHIP - MARCH 6

Everyone is invited to a fellowship potluck dinner at 6:00pm, followed by worship, communion, and imposition of ashes at 7:00pm in Beacon Hall.

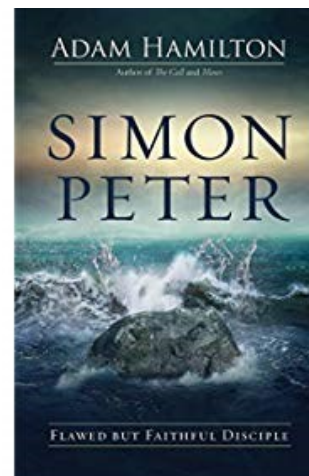
Families and individuals attending the dinner are asked to bring a food item (enough for 12) to share. If your last name begins with:

- ☐ A-F or P-Z: bring a main dish (it's fine to pick up a bucket of chicken, sub sandwiches, or pizza)
- ☐ G-I: bring a dessert
- ☐ J-O: bring a side dish or salad

Beverages and place settings will be provided.

CHURCH WIDE LENTEN STUDY & SERMON SERIES!

This year's church wide Lenten study and sermon series will be **"Simon Peter"** by Adam Hamilton. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of **"Simon Peter."** Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. This is a six week study utilizing both book and DVD with groups beginning to meet the first or second week of March. You may sign up and purchase your book for one of a number of different day and time options beginning on February 17, either in person on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week. You may also sign up on the church website.



EASTER REMEMBRANCES - FLOWER ORDER FORM

Dedicate a spring flower to a loved one and light up the Sanctuary on Easter morning. After the 10:00am service, flowers can be taken home or left for delivery. **Plants cost \$10 each and the order deadline is Sunday, March 31.** Please complete the following information and make checks payable to "RRUMC."

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ *Number of plants to be delivered:* _____

Donation to the Flower Fund: \$ _____ *Total Amount enclosed: \$* _____

Ordered by: _____

Phone: _____ *and/or e-mail:* _____



REFLECTIONS...

by Rev. Dan Bogre

Dear Friends and Family of RRUMC,

As winter slowly loses its grip on us over the next few weeks, we are anxiously awaiting the journey through the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 6th this year. We will be having our potluck family dinner that night in Beacon Hall followed by our Ash Wednesday worship service. At that service, we will receive communion and have the imposition of ashes. That night will once again begin our journey from the ashes to the empty tomb. How will you approach Lent this year?

This Lenten season, we will be walking through Adam Hamilton's book entitled, "*Simon Peter*." In the introduction, Hamilton says, "While Simon Peter's shortcomings are clearly on display in the Gospels, so also are his courage, his determination, his longing to follow Jesus even if it costs him his life." I feel like Peter represents all of us in our faith journey. There are times when we feel as though we are following Jesus in every aspect of our lives. There are also those times when we deny that we even know our Lord and Savior. We can find solace and peace then when we look at Peter as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Peter lets us know that there are times in our faith story when things are not going as we had planned or hoped for in our lives. He also lets us know that there will be those times when we are dialed in. In all cases, Peter was still a disciple of Jesus Christ. That part of who Peter was never left him no matter where he was in his faith journey. Even after Peter had denied Jesus three times and went right back to being a fisherman, Jesus once again made his way into Peter's life and called him three times to come back into the fold as a sheep following the Good Shepherd.



As you approach Lent this year, think about where you are in your faith story. Which Peter are you as you make your way from the ashes to the empty tomb? The sermon series title for this Lent will be the subtitle of Hamilton's book, "Flawed but Faithful." In our six weeks of Lent, we will wrestle with those two sides of Peter, knowing that those are the same two sides that we battle between as modern disciples of Jesus Christ striving to walk in the way that leads to life. Please be there on Ash Wednesday. Plan to be there at all of the services throughout Lent as each Sunday will be one more step in your very own faith journey from the ashes to the empty tomb. The road will be winding, but it will always lead to Jesus. Let's journey together. I'll see you on Ash Wednesday, March 6. May God bless us as we journey together this Lent as his modern day, "flawed but faithful," disciples.

His, Rev. Dan



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

by Gayle Donahue, MSN, RN

(gdonahue@rrumc.org)

Water



How much water did you drink today? Water is an essential part of healthy life every day and in all seasons. Thirst is not always the first sign of dehydration. Often we will recognize hunger and fatigue before thirst. The aging process decreases our sense of thirst. Some chronic diseases and medications also affect our ability to conserve water. We must be proactive and remember to drink plain water during the day. God has been very generous with us and provided us with living water for both body and soul. **The Wellness Journey Continues** groups will provide the support to keep your healthy life style on track. There will be two weekly opportunities for four weeks starting Monday, March 18. Jeanette Lihani will facilitate the morning group and the evening facilitator will be Lisa Thomas. Jeanette and Lisa are planning great discussions and devotions shared around a healthy recipe with samples for all. As you drink each physical glass of water today, consider how God is also filling you with living water. Isaiah 44:3b-4; 58:11; John 4:10.

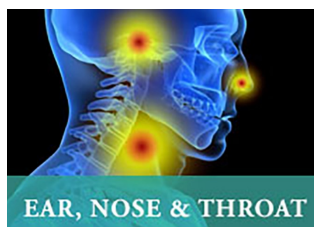


Have you had your blood pressure checked? Leave me a message in the church office or send me an email and we can schedule a convenient time to meet!

Senior Living Education and Tour. Brighton Gardens of Westlake, 27819 Center Ridge Rd., is inviting you to a light lunch with a speaker from Caring Transitions and a tour on Thursday, March 21. The program is scheduled for 12:00-2:00pm. Please call 440.808.0074 to reserve your seat. Brighton Gardens offers assisted living, Alzheimer's and memory care, hospice care, and short term stays. Please call me at 440.331.7676 if you have questions. I am planning to attend.



Conversations of Health: "What is New in Ears, Nose, and Throat Health?" on Sunday, March 24. Come and chat with Dr. D. Bennhoff on the perceptions and misperceptions of ENT health. Perhaps you have questions about ear wax, sinus disorders, tonsil topics, vocal concerns, dizziness, or balance questions. All of



these and more make for great conversation about your ears, nose, and throat health. We look forward to seeing you at 11:10am in the parlor!



UPWARD BASKETBALL REFEREES NEEDED!

Upward is back which means volunteers are needed to make things run smoothly. There are so many ways to help but referees are especially needed. Contact Jason Kraft at 440.476.0861 and/or upwardrrumc@yahoo.com to volunteer or learn more.



COMMUNITY MEAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The next community meal is scheduled for February 24 at Pearl Road United Methodist Church

(4200 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44109). Please refer to the bulletin board located near the Welcome Desk/ Beacon Hall to sign up to donate items for the meal and/or to volunteer to serve during the meal. Contact Jason Kraft at kraft6607@roadrunner.com or 440.476.0861 for more details. Thank You and Blessings to All!

MEMBERSHIP (STORY CONNECTION) CLASS

SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 25

Interested in learning more about the mission and ministries of RRUMC? Ready to consider church membership? Mark these dates on your calendar: March 10, 17, 24, 31. Story Connection Classes will be offered on these four Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm. Please indicate your desire to attend on your Story Connection Card next Sunday morning by writing "Story Connection Class" on the blank line under "New Connection Opportunities," or by contacting the church office by February 25 at office@rrumc.org or 440.331.7676. Feel free to contact Pastor Paul with questions (pbennett@rrumc.org).

New Members Class



MISSION ZONE MONTHLY COLLECTION

Children's Free Store
Donations:

- February - soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- March - underwear



Donations can be placed in the bin outside room 210 or in the Sunday school classrooms.

FAMILY NIGHT AT TWICE BLESSED

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Please join us at the Twice Blessed Free Store for another fun activity. Each month we have an activity to help the families at our Cleveland Campus feel loved and welcomed. We have had children as young as 2 and adults as wise as 90 years of age participate in these fun activities. Anyone and everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!



What: Easter Baskets

Where: The Twice Blessed Free Store, 6515 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102

When: March 10, 4:00pm

Why: To learn to always put others before ourselves!

Questions? Contact Quinn Bennett, Director of Children's Ministries, at qbennett@rrumc.org.

CLEVELAND FOODBANK

MONDAY, MARCH 11

The next Foodbank for adult volunteers (age 12 and older) will be Monday, March 11, 6:00-8:00pm. Those who want to carpool will meet at the church at 5:15pm. Contact Dave Sagerser, 216.525.0779, dsagerser@aol.com to volunteer and receive registration instructions.



LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER

Join us on Tuesday evenings, from March 12 to April 16, 6:30-8:00pm, as we join the church-wide Lenten Bible Study. Questions? Contact Lynn Gorton at ekgluvsgod@gmail.com.

REMEMBER THESE EVENTS:

Social Concerns Discussion Group - March 17, 11:15am in the church parlor. Questions? Contact Dave Sagerser, dsagerser@aol.com.



Algart Hymn Sing - March 19, 2:00pm, at the Algart Home at W89th and Detroit. Questions? Contact Bob Secrist, 216.521.2365.

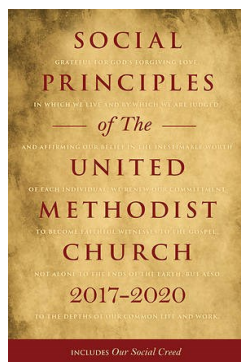
United Methodist Women - Lydia Circle - March 28, 1:00pm in room 209. Questions? Contact Sally Smith, jimsalsmith@ameritech.net.



RIVERMEN STUDY - THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26 & MARCH 19, 7:00PM

Join RiverMen on Tuesdays, February 26 and March 19, at 7:00pm, as we continue our monthly study on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. The topic for February is "the Natural World." The topic for March is "the Nurturing Community." Questions (or need a book)? Contact Steve Harry at 440.668.3514 or StephenT.Harry@yahoo.com.



SISTERS WITH AMAZING GRACE

MARCH 21, 7:00PM

Sister with Amazing Grace will meet at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 21. The topic is Women's Health and Wellness. Check the March Sunday bulletins for room and program details. Questions? Contact Andrea Kimmel, andreakimmel2003@yahoo.com.

CONNECTIONS IN CARING, GOD'S LOVE, PASS IT ON... MARCH 17 & 20

Thank you church family for making January's Connections in Caring a great success. We prepared 100 blessing bags containing a New Year's Snowman with the following poem attached:



The Snowman's Story

*See this little snowman
when you need some love.
May it warm your heart
reminding you of the Lord above.*

*May the Cross be a token
on days you may feel broken
of prayers that are spoken
for you with much love.*

Wishing you God's peace and joy in 2019.

These bags then found their way to hospitals, nursing centers, homes, and even Fairview's NICU to send God's Love to those in our church community and beyond.

Join us the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm in the library and the third Sunday of every month after worship services in the café to prepare more blessing bags. These keepsakes are then placed in baskets located in the Narthex, by the church office, and by the entrance by the parking lot. Take one and **pass God's love on** to a neighbor who needs encouragement, to a teen who you would like to recognize, to a co-worker you would like to thank, ... For more information contact Jane Amata at jamata@seniorconciergeservices.net or MaryElin Halek at maryelin3487@yahoo.com.

MILESTONES

March Anniversaries

(50 or more years and those in 5 year increments)

3/13 Mid & Don Walker 66 years

March Birthdays

(age 90 and above)

3/16 John Rowland 94 years

3/26 Herb Hoppe 91 years

Births

Nolan Gabriel Ponziani, son of Brittany and Kevin Ponziani, born on December 26. Proud big sister is Aubrey.

George Price, son of Kathryn and Kyle Price, born on January 12. Proud big brother is Luke.

In Sympathy

Family and friends of Marjorie (Midge) Christiansen, who passed away on January 18.

Amber Kramer and family, in the passing away of her father, Albert (Al) Nash, on January 21.

Family and friends of Robert Gerish, who passed away on January 23.

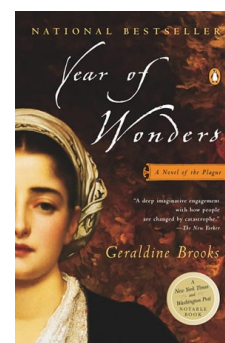
Family and friends of Susan (Sue) Evans, who passed away on February 3.

Family and friends of Glenda Sipes McLane, who passed away on February 3.

IN GRATITUDE

Dear Church Members, Thank you for the lovely red poinsettia plant you brought Dave. It looks cheerful on his table. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, The Dave Glynn Family

I appreciate all of your kindness to me. Thank you, Mrs. Elaine Kirbach



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 10:00AM

Join us on the third Thursday of each month in the church parlor. On **March 21, at 10:00am**, we will discuss "**Year of Wonders**" by Geraldine Brooks. Questions? List of

future books? Contact Bruce Biggin at brbiggin@netscape.net or 216.221.5880. Always happy to see new faces, and regular attendance is not required.

BROOKSIDE FOOD CENTER

MARCH 13 & 14

We continue to offer you the opportunity to serve at the Brookside Food Center **two days each month**, usually the second Wednesday and Thursday. Two volunteers are needed for each of two time periods each day: 10:00am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm.

Volunteers assemble and distribute bags of produce and packaged food products to low income people who use the Center.

Volunteers also help patrons make choices on food items offered. To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Dave Sagerser at dsagerser@aol.com or 216.525.0779. Check the easel in the Gathering Area to sign up.



MARY ANNE & RICHARD CAVICCHI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SEMINAR

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 4:00-7:30PM

Save the date for *"Three Faiths, One Spirit, Deepening Shared Values,"* an interfaith dialogue with **Dr. Alan Kolp**, Faith and Life Professor at Baldwin Wallace University; **Rabbi Enid Lader**, Beth Israel - The West Temple, Cleveland; and **Dr. Carl Sharif El-Tobgui**, Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Brandeis University. Followed by a question and answer session.

Also, at 3:00pm, in the Sanctuary, the Case Western Reserve University Klezmer Music Ensemble will perform.

Please register for the Cavicchi Seminar at: <https://www.rrumc.org/cavicchi-seminar-sign-up>

Questions? Contact cavicchichristianed@gmail.com.

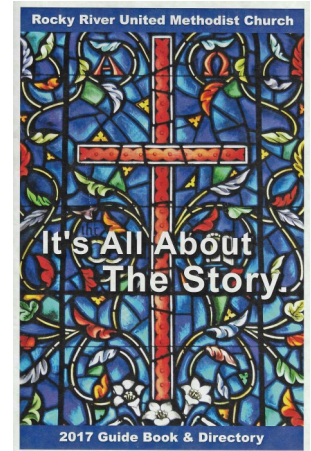
BLANKET SUNDAY RESULTS

Thank you congregation for contributing 114 blankets on Blanket Sunday. The blankets were taken to the following charities for distribution to people in need: Brookside Center, City Mission, Malachi House, May Dugan Center, Providence House, St. Hermans, and Twice Blessed Free Store.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY UPDATE

SEND YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION BY MARCH 1!

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions, and events, plus a complete directory of all members.



Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Have you changed your phone number or e-mail address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record, or have they moved out and now have new households of their own? Do you want / not want your record published? Please take the time to update YOUR family's information so our annual Guide Book & Directory contains the correct information. E-mail the Church Office at office@rrumc.org (preferred) or call 440.331.7676. Thank you for your help!

Advertising Opportunity. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family listed at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please e-mail the Church Office. Surveys by Guide Book Publishing show that families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

BELL CHOIR NEWS

THANKS FOR THE CHOIR ROBES! The Fuller Sounds and Joyful Sounds Handbell Choirs would like to extend thanks to Rev. Dan and the Administrative Council for the purchase of new bell choir robes.

RINGERS WANTED! Have you ever thought about ringing handbells? The Fuller Sounds Handbell Choir has immediate openings for you. They rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm and ring approximately once monthly for the 10:00am worship service. Ringing experience is not necessary but the ability to read musical notation is. Please contact Carmen Massaro, director, at cgmassar@aol.com if you are interested. Thanks!



3RD MONDAYS MARCH 18, 7:00PM

Please join us for this monthly open mic & jam night. Questions? Contact Chris Burns at cburns@rrumc.org.

The poster features a textured, light brown background with vibrant blue and pink paint splatters. A large, bold black treble clef is positioned on the right side. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title in large, bold letters and the location and time at the bottom.

NORTHEAST OHIO WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

3RD MONDAYS

3rd Monday of Every Month

Open Mic & Jam Night

- + Bands
- + Solos
- + Duos
- + Just Listen

BEACON HALL 7PM

Rocky River United Methodist Church
19414 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

PosternMyWay.com

LINK-UP BIKE MINISTRY

by *Brian Hintz*

Greetings church family. I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude, appreciation, and excitement on moving forward with the start of our Link-Up Bike Ministry! The mission of this ministry is to collect used, old, unwanted bikes and repair them to provide for children and families in need. Aside from providing bikes for families, our goal is to introduce Christ's love into the midst of their stories and to allow children and adults the opportunity to participate in this outreach ministry.

My pride in belonging to RRUMC has grown exponentially as I am so blessed to experience the generosity and outpouring of personal interest and devotion to reach out to children and families in getting this ministry in motion. We still have some loose ends to secure before we can officially launch but we are well on our way. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with your ideas, interest in volunteering, questions, and donations.

Thanks again with love and blessings,
Brian Hintz , Hintzbrian@gmail.com or
440-390-9818.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Start your Tuesdays with coffee, conversation, and prayer. Men meet for prayer every Tuesday morning at 7:00am in the church parlor. After hearing a meditational thought, our individual prayers are offered to inspire every man for the day and for the week. The coffee pot is always on and we are most always on our way by about 7:30am. We could imagine some of you have considered "looking in" on Tuesday morning. Come and join us, gentlemen. We believe you will be glad that you did so. Contact Dick Sanders at rbsmls@wowway.com if you have questions.



TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE

by *Craig W. Cowles, TBFS
Manager*

On the last Saturday of January 2019, a new shopper came to Twice Blessed Free Store looking for clothes and household items for her family. She was greeted, received a ticket, registered her family, received information on how our shopping process works, had a cup of coffee, participated in worship, and waited patiently for her number to be called after the announcements. This in itself is not newsworthy; TBFS averages 9 new shopping families every Saturday we are open. What happened throughout the rest of her shopping experience is a God moment!

After she entered the Free Store, it became quickly apparent to a regular shopper-volunteer who was helping her that I should chat with the new shopper. She initially asked me a question about the bedsheets but that quickly became an opportunity for her to tell me how grateful she was for TBFS helping her family. I smiled, said thank you, and told her that we were there to help show people the love and generosity of Christ in the midst of their stories. I then went on to do other things.

After she finished shopping, I was upstairs and heard that she wanted to chat again before she left. I came down to see her near the exit doors. She began to tell me her story of how her family recently came to be in need. The details are not important, but she kept on saying throughout how astounded she was of the generosity shown to her by TBFS volunteers and everyone else that morning. Before she left, she gave me a huge hug. For the rest of the day, I was floating on air and amazed at the power of God doing everyday miracles in our lives.

Have a blessed day!

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DATED MATERIALS - PLEASE RUSH
Mailed February 14, 2019

Ministry

Daniel F. Bogre, Senior Pastor
Paul A. Bennett, Associate Pastor
Robert B. Hibbard, Pastor Emeritus
Christopher M. Burns, Harbor Worship Leader
Sheri B. Swartz, Director of Church Ministries
Quinn E. Bennett, Director of Children's Ministries
Gayle E. Donahue, MSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse
Craig W. Cowles, Cleveland Campus Free Store Director

Music Ministry

Matthew Dolan, Director of Music
Darius J. McBride, Children's/Youth Choir Director
Carmen G. Massaro, and Lynn Young, Handbell Choirs
Jeffrey A. Acker, Organist

Mission Ministry

Rev. Paul Webster, Kanyama, Zambia

Place Address
Label here.

Deadline for April Circuit Rider:
March 5

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STORY!

GIFTS OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 5:00PM

CLOCKS IN MOTION - "new music, new instruments, new sounds"



From classic to modern, manufactured to handmade, and traditional to experimental, **Clocks in Motion** percussion quartet presents new experimental music from around the world. Hailed as *"nothing short of remarkable"* and *"the most exciting addition to Madison, Wisconsin's classical music scene,"* this amazing ensemble performs

new music, builds many of its own instruments, and breaks down boundaries of the traditional concert program. Note the different start time, set your clock, invite your friends, and don't be late! **All freewill offering proceeds will be donated to RRUMC's new Link-Up Bike Ministry which repairs and provides bikes for those in need.** For more information visit www.rrumc.org or see RRUMC literature displays.

SAVE THESE DATES...

February 24 - Community Meal at Pearl Road UMC
March 1 - Church Membership Directory Changes Due
March 5, 12, 19, & 26 - Open Gym Basketball
March 5, 12, 19, & 26 - Men's Prayer Group
March 6 - Ash Wednesday Potluck & Worship
March 10 - Gifts of Music Concert
March 10 - Family Night at Twice Blessed
March 10 - Car Cruise Planning Meeting
March 10, 17, 24, & 31 - Story Connection (Membership) Class
March 11 - Cleveland Foodbank
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16 - Ladies In Faith Together (LIFT) Lenten Study
March 13 & 14 - Brookside Food Center
March 14 - Shawl Ministry
March 17 & 20 - Connections in Caring
March 17 - Social Concerns Discussion Group
March 18 - 3rd Monday's Jam
March 18 & 25 - Wellness Journey Continues
March 19 - RiverMen's UMC Social Principles Study
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