



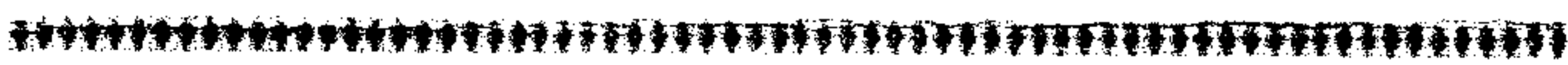
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Church Newsletter March 2017

Adult & Youth ..Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service... 10:30 A.M.

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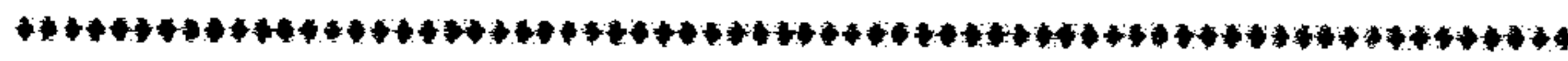
March 1 Ash Wednesday
 7:00 pm in the sancutary



March 5 ...Communion

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Daylight Savings Time.
March 12
 Set clocks ahead one hour



Important Dates in Lent

April 13 is Maundy Thursday.

Mark your calendars now at 7:00p.m.

Light refreshments will be available following the service.

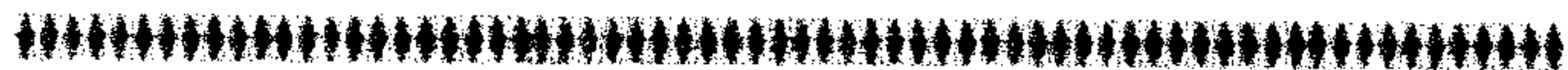
April 9th Palm Sunday

April 16 is Easter Sunday,

Sunrise Service is a 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Regular worship follows at 10:30 a.m. respectively.

Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service.



Session will meet Wednesday March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

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Bible Study with Willis Davis will meet each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Welcome and bring a friend.

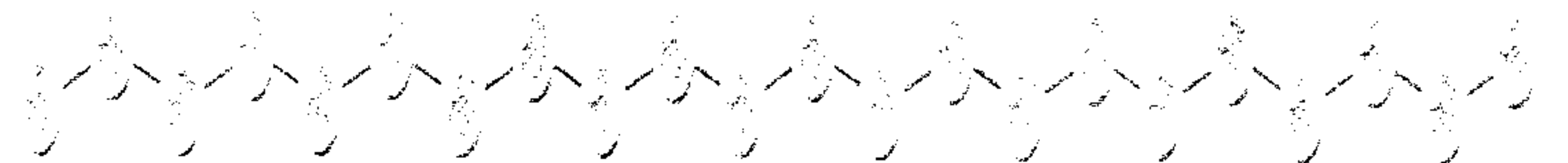
 The Mission Committee is collecting pop tabs for The Ronald McDonald home in Toledo. Save and bring to the container in the Fellowship Room.

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The gift of God is eternal life

Romans 6:23



March/April Usher/ Lay leader list

March

- 05 - Tim & Vickie Nofziger
- 12 - Frank & Bev Perkins
- 19 - Jason & Kortney Kessler
- 26 - Corey Whitman & family

April

- 02 - Andy & Emily Schlosser
- 09 - John & Gloria Paine
- 16 - Sandy Runkel & Carman Oxender
- 23 - Lowell & Tina Bavin
- 30 - Jason & Amy Hancock

(If you're not able to do either task please find a replacement, and contact Gloria Paine).



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Notes from the Pastor's Desk

Pastor's Thoughts

I will keep this brief this month, since I am limited to typing with one hand - actually with one finger. I can report that my surgery went well and the long recovery period has begun. I will be wearing an immobilizing sling on my left arm for an indefinite period of time. I will be back in the pulpit on March 12. I'm not sure when I'll be able to drive or be able to come to the office during the week; Vicki will bring me to the Session meeting on the 15th. The strength of the congregation is the fellowship you enjoy in Jesus Christ. That continues regardless of who is in the pulpit. But I know that attendance suffers when I'm not there. Surely it can't be that "When the cat is away, the mice will play!" That's bad symbolism for both of us! I hope you will continue to support regular Sunday worship. Not only do you need it for your own spiritual enrichment, but you need to support other's in theirs.

Please don't hesitate to call me for pastoral needs while I am gone. I can still talk on the phone and I can get a ride to West Unity for an emergency. Please use my home number - 419-393-4111. I look forward to seeing you all soon! Peace and blessings to you!

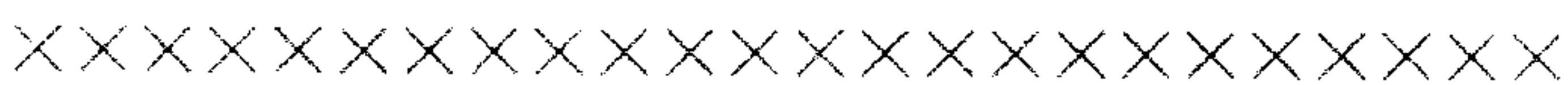
Pastor Tom



Stained Glass Windows

Many thanks to all in the congregation who have supported the renovation work on the stained glass windows. We have enough money pledged to do all of the windows, plus extra to cover contingencies. This will be a beautiful and lasting tribute to the glory of God!

A work crew will be in town to take final measurements in the next month or two, which will require use of a lift truck. Actual renovation will not begin until the end of summer.



Ash Wednesday

We will mark the beginning of Lent with the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00pm. Please take time to begin this most holy season in the proper frame of mind.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 - Jessica Runkel
Kristen Boyer
- 8 - Tina Bavin
Tracy Rohlf
- 12 - Kristy Bell
- 13 - Jason King
- 14 - Carrie King
- 19 - Willis Davis
- 24 - Darian Grant
Tim & Vickie Nofziger (A)
- 27 - Lynn Wyse
- 29 - Jackson Hancock

Recipe Corner

Beef & Broccoli

- 1 lb. boneless beef sirloin or top steak, 3/4" thick
- 1 T. veg oil
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) Campbell's condensed tomato soup
- 3 T. soy sauce
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1 T. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- 3 cups fresh or thawed frozen broccoli flowerets
- 4 cups hot cooked rice

Slice beef into very thin strips. In skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add beef and stir-fry until browned and juices evaporate. Add soup, soy, vinegar, garlic & pepper flakes. Heat to a boil. Add broccoli and cook over medium heat until broccoli is tender-crisp, stirring often. Serve over rice. Serves 4.