

# The Disciple Newsletter



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## Pastor's Ponderings

Today as I sit in my office, I am thankful for the quietness of the weather knowing that tomorrow is projected to look very different. One thing you can count on is for the weather to change!

Change surrounds us; it is evident when we look around our current church. While our surroundings and location have changed what remains is what's most important: **As a family of faithful Christians, we prayerfully serve and reach out to others with compassion – intentionally sharing the love of God through our actions and words.** That is the statement we chose to define who we are and what we do.

During our year in "the wilderness" we took a hiatus from many of our ministries, especially in the area of outreach. Now, we have the space to gather and reignite these important missions. So I ask you...in what will you put your energy? Where will you spend your time? How will we make a difference in the community around us?

**Outreach and missions** are what makes a church differ from a country club. When we serve others we truly follow in the footsteps of Christ. If we fail to have an active outreach and mission focus we fail to be the church.

As we move toward Lent and Easter let's begin reengaging in outreach to our community and beyond. We can make a difference in the world...but we must take the first step. Let's discover together what new thing God is calling us to do.

In God's Service,  
Pastor Laurie

## 6 Week Lenten Study *The Grace of Les Misérables*

March 3 until April 7  
Tuesdays at 12:30 or 7:00 pm

Contact Pastor Laurie for more information.



## Easter Lily Order Form

Help decorate our  
gathering space for Easter.

Dorothy Jones will take your Easter lily order until Sunday, March 22. The cost is \$8.00 per lily. Please include check or cash with the order.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check/cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers can be taken home on Easter Sunday

# Getting to Know You

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How long have you been coming to FCC:

I imagine my mother stayed home for a few weeks after I was born in 1936 but basically I have been coming to the First Christian Church since then.



Where do you live:

I live on Bryn Mawr St. just a few blocks from our Gladys St. location

Favorite season:

My favorite season is probably Spring, closely followed by summer and fall.

Favorite vacation:

Favorite vacations were our trips to Italy and Germany to visit our daughters whose husbands were stationed there.

Hobbies:

Music could be my hobby. Loved playing the flute in high school, church, and college (KSU Twin Marching Bands). Learned to play the hand chimes and sang in the choir at the church.

Fun fact about you:

When I was 16 years old, my sister and I rode our bicycles to visit an aunt in Akron. Camp Christian and youth group with the Congregation Church were great fun!

Got married and raised four children. That was an experience! They all participated in activities at the church.

Words of wisdom:

Words of wisdom? Hmm. Just that it is not a perfect world with perfect people. Try not to worry too much but that is what moms do. Blessings to all.

Week of  
**Compassion**

**Invest in Futures**



Team Leaders: Debbie Parshall & Jennie Sprague

What we do: Our main goal is to make everyone feel welcome, both regulars and visitors. We plan special events, arrange potluck fellowship dinners, and schedule the greeters.

How you can participate: You already do by being friendly to our visitors! If you want to help even more, we would love to have help with set up and clean up for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunches. Talk to Debbie or Jennie, we can put you to work.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

03/01 Margaret Swauger  
03/02 Mary Lou & Robert Vair  
03/02 Laura Hammond  
03/06 Gary Long  
03/06 Kathy Parsons  
03/07 Rich & Carolyn Belvin  
03/07 Mark Stahl  
03/09 Diana Cook  
03/09 Nancy Davis  
03/11 Troy & Carrie Wilcox  
03/11 Jo-Ann Shanabrook  
03/13 Don & Margaret Swauger  
03/13 Charlie Davis  
03/13 Marlaena Michl  
03/13 Carol Patch  
03/14 Peggy Howard  
03/15 Rosemary Schwinn  
03/16 Vonna Klamut  
03/18 Elaine Wimer  
03/21 John Metzko  
03/22 Nancy Long



## Serving in March

**Worship Leader:** Dorothy Jones

**Elders:**

3/1 Bob Kunst  
3/8 Mel Bryte  
3/15 Debbie Parshall  
3/22 Linda Lauck  
3/29 Bob Kunst

**Diaconate Serving:**

Don Swauger, Larry Frankland,  
Karen Frankland, Kathy Evans

**Communion Prep:** Gary Long, Fred James

**Greeters:** Ken & Debbie Parshall

**Sound Tech:**

3/1 Jennie Sprague  
3/8 Mike Sprague  
3/15 Owen Sprague  
3/22 Carol Brockelman  
3/29 John Metzko

**Altar Flower Delivery:** Janelle Harold

## Snow Days!



Please keep in mind, if Ravenna or Crestwood schools are closed, the church office could be closed as well. Call the church to make sure we are here before you brave the weather.

Online Giving

[www.fccravenna.org](http://www.fccravenna.org)





# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Stewardship 12:00	2	3 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	4	5	6	7 
8 Elders 12:00	9	10 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	11 CWF 10:00	12	13	14
15	16	17 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00 	18	19	20	21 
22 Worship Team 12:00	23	24 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	25	26	27	28
Jennie out of the office returning 4/7						
29  BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!	30	31 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 9:00 Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Office Hours</u> Tuesday – Friday 9:00 - noon</p>			