

March 13th Update

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All Church Worship Services and Activities Suspended Until Further Notice

Dear Friends,

In response to this evolving situation and guidance provided by our UCC Conference and Association, we have now suspended all activities in the building, including worship, for at least the month of March. Fred, Raquel and I will endeavor to record a mini worship service that we will post on our Facebook page and website (fingers crossed) sometime on Sunday.

Over the next days we will be working to provide our committees and groups with access to Zoom so you can continue to meet remotely. Your church staff continues to work – reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. As the building will be closed we will not always be in the building – so reach out to us by phone and email if you have any questions or concerns.

We will continue to keep you informed of changes as they develop, and will regularly update you on plans. We will also include spiritually enriching information in the weekly update.

I will be posting frequent meditations on my blog, so please feel free to access that resource:

<https://throughtheweaverseyes.blogspot.com/>

In the meantime, we encourage you to do your part to safeguard your health and the health of our surrounding community – wash your hands, cover your cough, stay home when you are sick, and keep your physical distance from others. Modify your practices so that you can continue to minister in a socially responsible way. Be the church!

This is not the Lenten journey we expected, but it is the Lenten journey we have. We trust that God will guide us through this time in the wilderness and help us as we continue to love and serve in new ways.

Faithfully yours,

John Wachovec and Pastor Kim Mislin Cran for the Bethany Church Council

Christ Has No Body - by Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Christ has no body but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Question: How can we act as the Body of Christ during a public health crisis?



Bethany UCC has recently signed up with **Amazon Smiles** to receive potential donations from certain companies. It is fairly simple for individuals to sign up. Just follow the directions below.

1. Log into your Amazon account
2. Go to the Account tab
3. Select Your Amazon Smile from the drop down
4. Go to change charity
5. Type in Bethany United Church of Christ – make sure it says Cuyahoga Falls
6. Then Select
7. When placing orders, go to smile.amazon.com Bethany earned almost \$30.00 in donations from Amazon Smile for the last quarter of 2019. If you need assistance signing up, please speak with DeAnne in the church office and she will be happy to walk you through it. Thanks!

Mardi Gras Update...

Thanks to the many, many people that helped with setup, decorating, food prep and clean up to make the first annual Bethany Fat Tuesday Party a success. Special thanks to Kathy Keenan for the delicious food, Brad Bebout for his "cannot eat enough" beignets and Kim Fratz for finding the Dukes of Darrowville. We raised \$698 towards the general budget goal of \$4,000. Do not put your party shoes away just yet as our Taco Tuesday Cinco de Mayo party will be coming later in the year!

The Fatter Tuesday Committee

MISSION REMINDERS

Lenten Calendars are still available in the social hall. We hope you find these suggestions helpful every day during Lent.

Noisy Offering – We hope you are saving your change for a loud clamor on Palm Sunday.

Good Neighbors – Our members brought in 103 items the first 2 Sundays of our collection. Thank you. Check your Lenten calendar for food requested this week which benefit those in need.

Treasures sale is postponed until later in the year.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – please consider a donation.

Family Promise Glendora Project – the first family is now living in the building and second family will be placed later this month. Many household/program supplies are needed to operate the new facility. Items are being collected in the social hall.

2020 Directories

If you need a church directory, let me know and I can mail it to you.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

How can one person change the world? Sponsor a child, plant a tree, rebuild a home, visit a prisoner, be a mentor, teach, serve a meal, pray donate?

The opportunities are endless and they are all right here. The One Great Hour of Sharing is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering funds disaster, refugee/immigration and development of ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes, you are part of the immediate response and of the long term recovery.

You meet the immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. What part of our world is waiting for you to make a difference? Thank you for your consideration with this mission.

Remembrance List

UPDATED December 2019

Betty Caiola The Briarwood #708 3700 Englewood Drive Stow OH 44224 Oct. 12, 1928	330.688.1828	Addie Mabie 3308 Brecksville Road Richfield, OH 44286 May 14, 1929	234.400.0555
Maureen Craddock 4940-B Friar Road Stow, OH 44224 October 31, 1921	330.673.9599	Mary McCauley Maplewood @ Cuyahoga Falls 190 W. Bath Road Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223	234.208.7980
Nancy Dietz Cardinal Retirement Village, Rm 81 171 Graham Rd. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223 May 29, 1931	330.928.7888	Katherine McMillen Danbury Senior Living 73E. Avenue, Room #121 Tallmadge, OH 44287 November 21, 1927	234.901.6301
Phoebe Gero 6918 St. Ives Blvd. Hudson, Ohio 44236 February 6, 1917	234.380.1338	Edna Truby Danbury Senior Living 73 East Avenue #251 Tallmadge, OH 44278 January 27, 1922	234.901.6381
Mary Jo Graves 1110 Chestnut Blvd. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223 April 15, 1932	330.928.1037		
Dick Holle Mulberry Gardens Memory Care Route 91 Munroe Falls, OH July 7, 1940	330.628.8223		
Hugh Kleasen 1947 19 th Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	330.923.5856		



Welcome to Remote Worship!

(please check on Facebook or our website for instructions on how to watch)

Sunday – March 15th, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

A Celebration of St. Patrick and Celtic Christianity

PRELUDE

Raquel Teare

A TIME OF GREETING

Rev. Kim Mislin Cran

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MAKING SPACE

*WORDS OF INVITATION

Rev. Kim Mislin Cran

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

(BUNESSAN)

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We realize, O Jesus, your presence among us, for we are gathered together in your name. Awaken us to your glory that we may see you in your creation the goodness of those who live with us and touch our lives. May we be true to God the Father who created the world, to the Son of God who redeemed us and to God the Holy Spirit who sustains and guides us. Amen

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Kim Mislin Cran

SPECIAL MUSIC





SCRIPTURE READING

John 4: 5-42

SERMON

Rev. Kim Mislin Cran

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

MORNING OFFERING

***CLOSING HYMN**

Christ Beside Me

(BUNESSAN)

1 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

4 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me never to part.

***LORICA OF ST PATRICK** selected verses

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven:
Light of sun
Brilliance of moon
Splendor of fire
Speed of lightning
Swiftness of wind
Depth of sea

Stability of earth
Firmness of rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me:
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's host to secure me
against snares of devils
against temptations of vices
against inclinations of nature
against everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and anear,
alone and in a crowd.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Thrones,
Through confession of the Oneness
Towards the Creator.

***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE

Rev. Kim Mislin Cran
Raquel Teare

Thank you to Fred Heyburn, Raquel Teare and Meig Heyburn for leading worship today.

