

The Bethany Bulletin

2020 ANNUAL "BETHANY CHILI COOKOFF"

Sunday, March 1 after the service in the Social Hall!

Make your favorite pot of chili & compete with your friends and/or just come stay for lunch! Beverages, crackers, corn muffins, desserts, and kid-friendly chicken noodle soup will be provided! Beans can be purchased that day at the social hall door: "Family pack" \$20, Adults \$8, kids ages 4-12 \$4, kids ages 3 & under are free.

You can taste any and all of the entries and your beans can be used to vote for your favorites. This is a music ministry sponsored event with proceeds to benefit Bethany's general fund. You can sign up on Sundays (in the social hall on the clipboard) or call/text Bob 330-620-8251 or Martha 330-571-3752.

As always, it will be a fun and energetic event for all ages!

Lenten Conversations beginning Sunday March 8th

On Sunday morning following worship, Pastor Kim will be available in the Social Hall to have a Lenten conversation about the previous week's readings from ***Deliver Us: 2020 UCC Still Speaking Writer's Group Lenten Devotional***.

So grab some refreshments and join in a conversation about what you found helpful – or not helpful – in the previous week's devotional readings.

Lenten Soup Supper-Study 2020

Thursdays beginning March 5th – 6 pm in the Social Hall

Plan now to be with us for this year's Lenten Soup Suppers and Study. We will begin with grace and a delicious soup supper. After supper we transition to a simple time of worship, with music provided by our own Raquel Teare. Then we will spend about 45 minutes in study/discussion. Study options for Lent 2020 are as follows:

Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life by Harold S. Kushner – led by Pastor Kim

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to Our Culture of NOW by Walter Brueggemann – led by Harry Cool

We are again asking for volunteers to make soup and bring bread for all to share. We are also in need of two volunteers each week to help set up the tables at 5:15 p.m. Please contact Carolyn B. Hofmann to volunteer. Here is the schedule for the first week March 5. We have openings for the next 4 Thursdays. Thanks in advance for your support!

March 5

Meat	Rollie Seguin and Sharon Holle
Cream	Martha Peyak (Potato)
Vegetarian	Becky & Tim Hermann
Other	Beth Lees (Stuffed Pepper) & Nancy Jensen
Bread	Jan Charton, Martha Peyak & Tammy Jensen
Set up	Tammy Jensen
Clean up	Bob Read

We hope you will join us for this time to nourish body, mind and spirit.

Lenten Devotionals 2020

You may want to include a Lenten devotional as part of your Lenten discipline.

Some Useful Devotionals recommended by Pastor Kim:

Deliver Us: 2020 UCC Still Speaking Writer's Group Lenten Devotional

We have ordered 30 copies (suggested donation of \$ 5.00 per copy). You can pick up your copy in the sanctuary and social hall on Sundays or in the church office during the week. This devotional explores the ways in which we promote (or prevent) the deliverance we seek.

The Way of the Cross: The Path to New Life by Joan Chittister
Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent by Richard Rohr
(one of Pastor Kim's favorites)

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter by Orbis Books (a traditional devotional – very good)

Cross-Shattered Christ: Meditations on the Seven Last Words by Stanley Hauerwas

Jesus and Mary: Finding Our Sacred Center by Henri J.M. Nouwen

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan (excellent Bible study)

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine (excellent)

Between Midnight and Dawn: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Lent, Holy Week and Easter compiled by Sarah Arthur (excellent for those who enjoy poetry and prose)

Small Surrenders: A Lenten Journey by Emilie Griffin

Woman Wrapped in Silence by John W. Lynch (a classic)

The Way of the Cross by Caryl Houselander (a classic)

A Way Other Than Our Own by Walter Brueggemann

God for Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter by Greg Pennoyer, Editor (very good)

Lent and Easter Wisdom from Henri J.M.Nouwen by Judy Bauer (a great series)

Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Therese of Lisieux by John Cleary

Devotionals Pastor Kim is trying in 2020:

Deliver Us: 2020 UCC Still Speaking Writer's Group Lenten Devotional

Sacred Space for Lent 2020, The Irish Jesuits

We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads, by Kristen E. Vincent

Tending the Garden of Our Hearts: Daily Lenten Meditations for Families by Elissa Bjeletich and Kristina Wenger

Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing by Gayle Boss (environmental theme)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will meet Monday, **March 9th** at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to knit prayer shawls, pray for the recipients of the items we create; we pray for those who deliver our items; and we pray for **hope, healing and peace** throughout our world. **New knitters always welcome**

Save the Date: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Sponsored by Scouts BSA Troop 160

Saturday April 4th, 2020
at Bethany UCC
Details to come



Pastor's Lenten Bible Study
Thursdays at 12:30 pm

Join Pastor Kim for an hour-long Bible Study and time for prayer each Thursday at 12:30 pm (so those who are working can attend on their lunch hour). Bring your lunch (if you'd like to) and a desire to experience how our still-speaking God's voice can be heard in scripture.

During the six weeks of Lent we will be working with the book and dvd ***Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*** by Amy-Jill Levine. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Kim. All are welcome!

Two New Working Groups Forming at Bethany

Adult Faith Formation/Spirituality Working Group

What adult education/faith formation experiences should we create here at Bethany? Who should lead them? When might they happen? Should it be every week or twice a month or once a month? Should we have a book club, Bible study, social justice study group, spirituality or growth group? Should we use books or dvds or artwork, all of the above or none of the above?

If these questions interest you than speak with Pastor Kim about joining this special working group that will plan Adult Faith Formation activities for this summer and program year 2020/21. Come and join us – and shape how adult faith formation is approached here at Bethany.



Calling All Green Team Members Past and Future

Are you interested in environmental justice and looking at ways we can help to heal our planet? Are you frustrated by the national and international conversations about global warming and want to do something here at Bethany to make a difference? If so, the Bethany Green Team needs you! During the Season of Easter (April 12-May 30) Pastor Kim would like to see Bethany incorporate environmental awareness/justice into the Easter Season – and Bethany's future. If you are interested in helping Bethany to become engaged in important environmental questions and behaviors, please speak with Pastor Kim. Once she knows who is interested, she will gather folks together to get things moving!



Reception of New Members Palm Sunday – April 5th during Worship

If you are interested in formally joining the Bethany Community please speak with Pastor Kim. She will arrange a new member orientation class for a mutually convenient time.

From the Family of Jack Scott

Many thanks for the outpouring of love and support we received from the Bethany Family during Jack's illness and after his death.

A special thanks to Pastor Kim for her many visits, phone calls, and help in preparing the beautiful memorial service for Jack, to DeAnne for preparing the bulletin, Kathy Keenan and Harry Cool and their many helpers for providing the delicious meal, Sue Jensen for preparing the sanctuary, lounge and social hall, and John Seymour and Karen Fratz for ushering.

We so appreciate all your prayers, words of comfort and cards. We truly feel surrounded by your love. Thank you!

Pastoral Visits

If you become aware of anyone in our church community who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact the church office (deanne@bethanyucc.org) or Rev. Kim Mislin Cran (pastor@bethanyucc.org) so a visit can be scheduled.

Body Balance Class Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am -12:30 pm

This class is also designed for those who have been sedentary and need to increase their activity level. These exercises are great for rehabilitation for those that have been inactive or bedridden due to injury or illness. Additionally, these exercises are used to enhance balance for fall prevention and give each person the confidence to stay independent!

Each class lasts 45 minutes. There is no set fee to participate – a basket will be available to make a donation to the instructor (suggested donation of \$ 5 per session).

Melissa DeMattio is a trainer with the Cleveland Clinic/Akron General Lifestyles program. If you are interested in this class please call DeAnne in the church office to register.



The future is now!

YF meets Sunday nights from 5:30-8pm. We share a meal together and fellowship time. We are looking for volunteers for the following dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 17.

Volunteers are needed to help with dinner, spend time with the youth doing an activity, playing games, exploring bible study or just to get to know them.

We will also need help for the Easter brunch on April 12th.

We also need adult volunteers for the two short trips we will be taking this summer. If you are interested, please contact Meig at meig.heyburn@gmail.com ASAP. Thanks!!

Birthdays in March

<i>Jacob McClellan</i>	3/01
<i>Joann Boling</i>	3/03
<i>Tara Corathers</i>	3/04
<i>Kathleen Davison</i>	3/09
<i>James Jacobson</i>	3/09
<i>Donna Koudela</i>	3/09
<i>Frank Lid</i>	3/09
<i>Tonia Morris</i>	3/09
<i>Greg Fratz</i>	3/10
<i>Nancy Miller</i>	3/11
<i>Larry Thompson</i>	3/11
<i>Taylor Koudela</i>	3/12
<i>Molly Boland</i>	3/13
<i>Chad Renner</i>	3/15
<i>Linda Stadelman</i>	3/16
<i>Debra Ocepek</i>	3/23
<i>Julia Urasek</i>	3/23
<i>Allan Butler</i>	3/24
<i>David Mislin</i>	3/27
<i>Brian Miller</i>	3/28
<i>Tammy Jensen</i>	3/29
<i>Beverly Edwards</i>	3/30
<i>Patricia Mansfield</i>	3/31
<i>Mary Joe Trail</i>	3/31

Property Committee Update

The Property Committee has been busy in the month of February.

On Saturday the 8th, we painted the two (2) children's classrooms in the basement and upgraded the lighting in one. Thanks to John Mansfield for leading the charge!

On Saturday the 15th, we painted the two (2) children's restrooms off the gym and upgraded the lighting in the church and finance offices and four (4) closets. Again, thanks to John Mansfield.

Bethany Breakfast Bunch met on Wednesday the 19th to eat, plan and decorate the social hall for Fat Tuesday. We had a large turnout and completed the job. Thanks to Rollie Seguin for a delicious, filling breakfast!

The Property Committee

Thoughts from Kim—



Each year Lent invites us to slow down, pair down and focus on what truly matters. Through a variety of opportunities we are invited to acknowledge and release the past, simplify the present, and build a future that makes space for the new life of the resurrection – all packed into six weeks!

I invite you to look at the many good opportunities Bethany is offering during Lent and pick one or two as your focus. Perhaps it will be working with a devotional and setting aside a few minutes to just sit with God each day (***highly recommended as a first choice***). Or maybe it will be taking on a service activity as sponsored by Bethany's Mission Committee. You might decide to make worship a priority and attend both Sunday and Thursday evening services. Or maybe you will attend one of the classes offered on Thursdays during Lent. Whatever you decide to do, *please do something!* Lent is powerful medicine – please give yourself the opportunity to benefit from this ancient prescription.

And speaking of medicine...during Lent we revisit stories about Jesus bringing healing and wholeness to people, noticing how Jesus demonstrated deep care and compassion with those who were in need. In keeping with Lent being a time for *Compassion and Care*, Bethany is launching two new initiatives:

Care Notes – Thanks to a generous donation from a friend of the church, Pastor Kim was able to purchase our first set of **Care Notes**, which are simple brochures that deal with important situations like grief and loss, change, illness, addiction, experiences teens face, and spiritual issues like prayer and observing Lent (and many more topics). Pastor Kim will put three racks of **Care Notes** in the back of the church and one rack by the elevator. If you see a **Care Note** that you think will help you or someone you know, take it and read it or pass it along! Over time Pastor Kim will add to our selection of **Care Notes** so as to address additional issues. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards our **Care Notes** outreach, make your check payable to Bethany UCC and write *Pastor's Discretionary Fund* on the ledger line.

Care Team – It is time to build on the good work of our Lay Visitors, Jan Charton and Lynette Sheppard, by expanding our Visitation Ministry to include others who would like to visit a home-bound member of our church family. The commitment would be to visit your assigned person once per month and remember them on holidays and their birthday, and to meet with Pastor Kim and other **Care Team** members twice per year for a check in and skills training. Each **Care Team** member will have an orientation with Pastor Kim and become part of this ministry team. If you are interested in joining the Bethany **Care Team**, please speak with Pastor Kim. She is hoping to launch the **Care Team** by Easter!

Whatever you choose as your Lenten opportunity/discipline, I trust that God will bless you and open your heart to new life and new growth – to spring – which, after all, is the meaning of the word *Lent*. And just as the new shoots are poking through the outdoor soil, let the spiritual growth within us commence!

With love and Lenten (Spring) blessings,
Kim



**1st Annual Bethany UCC Mardi Gras-
Shrove Tuesday Party!**

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Nursery Program begins

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Children preschool through elementary school begin in worship and then leave for Faith Formation after the children's time. Faith Formation concludes at noon. Jr. and Senior High youth remain in church for worship.

11:30 am Fellowship Time

Volunteers for the month of March

March 1

Custodian: Chuck S
Greeters:
Fellowship: Chili Cook-Off
Liturgist: Tonia Morris
Nursery: Kim Shaffer
Sound System: Mark B
Ushers: J Seymour, S Ward, B Pletzer

March 8

Custodian: Bart C
Greeters:
Fellowship: Girl Scouts
Liturgist: Bob Peyak
Nursery: Laura Rorrer
Sound System: Chuck S
Ushers: J Mancinelli, K Booth, M Spring

March 15

Custodian: John M
Greeters:
Fellowship: Mission Committee
Liturgist: Martha Peyak
Nursery: Sue Gaskill
Sound System: John M
Ushers: C Hofmann, S Gaskill, L Sheppard

March 22

Custodian: John S
Greeters:
Fellowship: Coffee
Liturgist: Jason Roach
Nursery: Arlene Thompson
Sound System: John W
Ushers: T Hermann, J Grazulis, S Holle

March 29

Custodian: John W
Greeters:
Fellowship: Coffee
Liturgist: Laura Rorrer
Nursery: Pat Cochran
Sound System: John M
Ushers: J Seymour, M McDougal, K Fratz

A Brief Guide to Lenten Opportunities at Bethany

More detailed information can be found throughout this Newsletter

Worship

- Sundays at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
- Thursdays at 6:00 pm (soup, fellowship, worship and class)
- Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday (10:30 am in the Sanctuary)
 - Maundy Thursday (6:00 pm in the Social Hall, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
 - Good Friday (7:00 pm in the Sanctuary)

Reflect

- Select a devotional – read it each day (some suggestions are on the next page).
- Spend as little as 5 minutes each day sitting in God's presence (don't talk, just sit and be with God – and see what happens).
- Use the UCC devotional and come to the *Lenten Conversations with Pastor Kim* beginning Sunday March 8th in the Social Hall after worship – We'll talk about what touched your heart in the readings for the prior week.

Study

- Attend the Pastor's Bible Study on Thursdays at 12:30 pm where we'll look at the events of Holy Week through the lens of Amy Jill Levine's book and DVD *Entering the Passion of Jesus*.
- Attend the Thursday Lenten Soup-Supper-Study and stay and be part of one of the two classes:
 - *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life* by Harold S. Kushner – led by Pastor Kim
 - *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to Our Culture of NOW* by Walter Brueggemann – led by Harry Cool

Serve

- Join the Bethany Care Team.
- Make time to be a good neighbor.
- Take advantage of one of these many services opportunities provided by the Mission Committee:
 - Consider supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in the month of March.
 - Donate one of the Foodbank's super six items of canned tuna, beef stew, vegetables and soup or cereal and peanut butter. Donations will be taken to Good Neighbors.
 - Follow the suggestions on the Mission Lenten calendar to give back to our community.
 - Save your change each day for our Palm Sunday Noisy offering which will benefit Bethany Missions.
 - Attend the Mission Committee meeting on Monday, March 2:00 at 6:00 p.m. at Rocco's to help us plan our Bethany Missions.
 - Volunteer at Bethany Kitchen on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Start your spring cleaning to identify items to donate to the Treasure Sale April 25.
 - Volunteer to help with our Family Promise Host week for homeless families April 12 – 19. We are in need of van drivers at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., meal preparers and overnight volunteers.
 - Missions is hosting social hour on March 15 and could use some help providing the refreshments.
 - Donate items for the Family Promise Glendora Project that will eventually house 9 homeless families. See the "Stuff the Bus" list for needed items for kitchen, bathroom and general cleaning.
 - Volunteer to help with the Treasures Sale by pricing items the week of April 19, bring in a baked good for bake sale, work as a cashier or help carry out purchases and/or help with clean up from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on April 25.

Worship during the Season of Lent

Wed 26 February
Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10
Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21

*From stardust you come, and
to stardust you shall return...*

01 March
First Sunday of Lent

Communion (intinction)
Psalm 32
Matthew 4: 1-11
Theme: Temptation

Chili Cookoff

08 March
Second Sunday of Lent

Psalm 121

Girl Scout Sunday
International Women's Day
Lenten Conversation

15 March
Third Sunday of Lent

Celebration of Celtic Christianity
John 9: 1-26
Theme: Living Water

Celtic band Mo Chairde.
to play for worship
Lenten Conversation

22 March
Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 4: 5-42
Theme: Impediments to healing

One Great Hour of Sharing
Lenten Conversations
Putting pain on the cross
begins in the sanctuary

29 March
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Theme: Can these bones live?

Lenten Conversations

Holy Week

05 April
Palm Sunday

Communion (in the pews)
Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29
Matthew 21: 1-11

Reception of New Members
Noisy Offering for Mission
Lenten Conversations

Thu 09 April 6 pm
Maundy Thursday

6 pm: Communion Meal
John 13: 1-17; 31b-35
7 pm: Tenebrae (Sanctuary)
Appropriate music between the readings

Shadow of Betrayal
Shadow of Desertion
Agony of the Soul
Arrest in the Garden
Misunderstood
Abused
Denied

Matthew 26: 20-25
Matthew 26: 30-35
Matthew 26: 36-46
Matthew 26: 47-56
Matthew 26: 57-64
Matthew 26: 65-66
Matthew 26: 69-75

Fri 10 April 7 pm
Good Friday

Matthew 27 (dramatic reading)
Chancel Choir
Removing the pain from the cross

Please remember our homebound members

Betty Caiola	The Briarwood, #708 3700 Englewood Dr., Stow, OH 44224
Maureen Craddock	4940-B Friar Road, Stow, OH 44224
Nancy Dietz	Cardinal Retirement Village, Rm 81 171 Graham Road, CF, OH 44223
Phoebe Gero	6918 St. Ives Blvd., Hudson, OH 44236
Mary Jo Graves	1110 Chestnut Blvd., CF, OH 44223
Dick Holle	Mulberry Gardens Memory Care 47 Steeplechase Ln., Munroe Falls, OH 44262
Hugh Kleasen	1947 19th Street, CF, OH 44221
Addie Mabie	3308 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH 44286
Mary McCauley	Maplewood @ Cuyahoga Falls 190 W. Bath Road, CF, OH 44223
Katherine McMillen	Danbury Senior Living, Rm 121 73 East Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278
Edna Truby	Danbury Senior Living, Rm 251 73 East Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278

Bethany Leadership & Staff

2020 Council

President, John Wachovec
Secretary, Jason Roach
Treasurer & Financial Secretary, Andy McVan

Jan Charton, Sue Gaskill, Bob Pletzer,
Marcia Spring, and Martha Peyak

2020 Committee Chairs

Church Growth, Marcia Spring
Endowment, Rollie Seguin
Faith Formation, Aimee Boland
Finance, Tim Truby
Ministry, Jan Charton
Mission, Carolyn B. Hofmann
Nominating, Bob Peyak
Pastoral Support, Tim Hermann
Property, John Mancinelli
Stewardship, Tim Hermann
Worship & Music, Becky Hermann/Bob Peyak

2020 Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Kim Mislin Cran, pastor@bethanyucc.org
Office Manager, DeAnne Bohl, deanne@bethanyucc.org
Director of Music, Fred Heyburn
Church Musician, Raquel Teare
Superintendent of Building, Susan Jensen
Nursery Teachers: Emma Jensen & Marissa Kirk

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Pastor Kim's Schedule (generally speaking)

Sundays: Worship, Fellowship and visitation

Mondays: In the office (I will take Mon off if I work Fri/Sat)

Tuesdays: Visitation and presence in the community

Wednesdays: Writing and study from home (and monthly Association meetings)

Thursday: Bible Study and time in the church office

Friday and Saturday: Sabbath and personal activities, attendance at church activities as needed

Pastoral Care Emergencies: Whenever they occur regardless of my schedule

MISSION UPDATES

Mission Committee—Our next meeting is Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. at Rocco's on Portage Trail. Members of this committee are responsible for planning the missions Bethany will support. Being on the committee does not commit you to participating in every mission. All are welcome to attend. Mission is going to provide the social hour for our special Irish Service on Sunday, March 15. If you are interested in assisting us, we would appreciate the extra help.

Successful Collection—Thanks to everyone who brought in personal care items for Good Neighbors. We collected a total of 405 items. Many will benefit from your generosity.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Red Cross Blood Drives—We are excited to announce we will begin hosting Red Cross Blood Drives on Tuesday, May 19 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. As the date of the first drive draws near, we will provide information about donating and ways our members can promote this outreach opportunity to family and friends. ***Every two seconds someone in America needs blood.***

Lenten Calendar - Missions has provided a Lenten Calendar to encourage members to step up and support our members, our church events, our community and the food drive for Good Neighbors. We hope these suggestions will encourage you to give of yourself during Lent. The calendar is included in this bulletin and will be available in church on Sunday to serve as a reminder.

Family Promise Updates - Many of you will remember 16 years ago when Bethany hosted our first homeless family. We knew we were a part of a special mission that would help many families in Summit County. The rotation model that we have been using and will continue to be a part of helps up to 4 families at one time. The Family Promise Network is now taking on a new adventure that will allow this mission to help an additional 9 families to accomplish their goal to find housing. This is a very exciting time for the Family Promise mission. We have included information on this new model in the attached Family Promise update. Many items are needed to furnish the 9 apartments. There is a list included of items needed to Stuff the Truck. On March 28 we will organize Bethany members to go to this new facility to deliver the items we have collected. Thanks for considering supporting this new additional model of Family Promise. Our next Bethany host week is April 12 – 19 with many volunteer opportunities available.

Noisy Offering - The mission committee is asking members to save their pocket change during Lent. On Palm Sunday we will have our traditional noisy offering where we ask member to donate the change to benefit Bethany Missions. We hope to hear a loud clamor!

Good Neighbors Collection - Our focus for March for Good Neighbors is food. We are collecting a different food item each as listed on the Lenten calendar: Canned beef stew, vegetables, tuna and soup and peanut butter and boxed cereal. This is a great opportunity to support our neighbors and our local community. Food insecurity is real in our own backyard.

Bethany Treasures Sale - Mark your calendars for the Bethany Annual Treasure's sale on Saturday, April 25, 2020. If you are starting your spring cleaning be sure to put aside your treasures for the sale. We will NOT be accepting clothes, big TVs or computers/printers. Please put this date on your calendar to help us raise money for Bethany Missions.

Stuff the Truck!!



Donate Supplies for Glendora House

Cleaning Supplies:

- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent/dish soap
- Cleaning products (all-purpose, floor, bath)
- Trash bags (all sizes)
- Broom/dust pan
- Mop/bucket
- Air fresheners
- Sponges/rags

Bathroom

- Shower curtains/hook
- Floor mats
- Bathroom accessory set
- Hand soap
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue

Linens

- Bath towel sets
- Twin sheet sets
- Twin fleece blankets
- Pillows

Kitchen

- Trash can (13 gallon)
- Dish drainer
- Toaster
- Coffee maker/mugs
- Plastic plates/bowls/cups
- Kitchen utensil set
- Oven mitts
- Dish towels
- Pots & pans/cookie sheets
- Cutting board
- Silverware w/ organizer
- Mixing bowls

Saturday, March 28th | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
Glendora House 1100 Copley Road | Akron

Saturday, April 4th | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
First Congregational Church of Hudson
47 Aurora Street | Hudson

26th Anniversary Bethany United Church of Christ Treasure's Sale



When: Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Why: Benefits Bethany Missions

The mission committee is always asking the congregation to support fund raisers and special offerings. This time we need your help so we can raise money from the community.

How: These are ways we could use your help:

1. Do some spring cleaning and discover some of your treasures to donate to the sale (no clothing, computer/printers or large old TV's please) Ideas include items for the accessories table (purses, jewelry, scarves)
2. Bring your donations to the church beginning Sunday, April 19 to the social hall (Carolyn B. Hofmann's garage is available if you absolutely cannot hold onto items until April 19 and there is some storage at Bethany to hold items)
3. **We are asking ALL DONATIONS be at the church by the evening of Wednesday evening April 22.**
4. On Wednesday, April 22 we are asking for volunteers to help from 6 – 9 p.m. to help organize and price the many donations. Supper will be available as well as having fun and being in community with Bethany members. We need your help!
5. Offer to help pick up donations at member's homes who are not able to bring in the items themselves
6. We will have a bake sale and need to have donations of baked goods
7. We need help with setting up the sale during the week beginning on Monday, April 20 and continuing through Friday. This involves displaying the donated items on the tables and pricing the items.
8. We need help at the sale on April 25
 - a. Cashier
 - b. carry sold items to the cars
 - c. be on the sales floor to help and negotiate sales ☺
9. We need help with clean up after the sale on April 25 from 2 – 4 p.m.



In order for this event to be successful we will need many volunteers to help this week.

Please contact Kim Shaffer at 330-388-4435 or Carolyn B. Hofmann at 330-929-7704 to volunteer, if you have questions or need a pickup of large items. Thanks.

Family Promise Update

What is the Glendora House for Homeless Families with Children?

The Glendora House is an apartment building which was built in the 1920s. It is located at the corner of Glendora Avenue and Copley Road next to the John R. Buchtel Community Learning Center.

Ownership and Operation

The building is owned by the **Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties**. Family Promise of Summit County took possession of The Glendora House from Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties on April 4, 2018 via a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the two organizations. Battered Women's Shelter is, and will remain, the owner of the property. Family Promise of Summit County will occupy and operate the building to shelter its clients, homeless families with children, for many years to come.

Increased Capacity to Serve Homeless Families with Children

The Glendora House will compliment our existing, congregation-based Rotation Model of services and assist Family Promise in serving more families. It will also allow us to serve larger families of five members or more. The addition of the Glendora House will allow us to increase the number of families serve at one time from four, using our congregation-based Rotation Model of services, to up to 13 homeless families with children!

Building Details

The Glendora House is a four-story building. The ground floor will include a laundry room, children's learning and play space and computer room for families, similar to our Day Center on Voris Street.

It will also hold a case management office where families will develop their Sustainable Independence Plans, as well as receive financial literacy education and Open Table Mentoring Services. We will continue to work with the **University of Akron's School of Social Work** to offer valuable internships for their students. In order to meet the needs of the increased number of families served, we are going to hire a part-time case manager this Spring.

Lastly, the ground floor will contain an Emergency Shelter Unit. The Emergency Shelter Unit will provide temporary housing to families until they are placed in a traditional shelter program via the Homeless Hotline. The average stay in the Emergency Shelter Unit will be approximately 3 to 5 days. The Emergency Shelter Unit will be in partnership with the **Summit County Department of Job and Family Services (SCDJFS)** who will financially support the unit annually.

The second, third and fourth floors contain three, identical apartments for a total of 9 apartments in the building.

Renovations

Total renovation expenses for the Glendora House are \$560,000 and we have raised \$500,000 toward this goal.

Since taking possession of the property, we have:

- Installed new windows throughout all four floors of the building.
- Replaced the entire boiler heating system with a brand-new system and new duct work throughout the building.
- Updated the electric system.
- Updated the plumbing system.
- Sealed the asphalt driveway.
- Installed a new roof.
- Installed an external camera system.
- Installed new LED lights for energy conservation throughout the building.
- Completed one apartment which will house the first family starting February 6th!
- Renovation is in progress on the eight remaining apartments.

We are working with **Truly Reaching You (TRY)** to help with the renovations. TRY is a nonprofit organization that provides a healthy reentry support system for men reconnecting with self, family, and community. Once Glendora House is complete and open, TRY will provide regular maintenance on the building to keep it clean and safe.

Help Finish the Glendora House

You can help us finish the renovations to the Glendora House by donating to our capital campaign. Naming opportunities are available. Contact Laura Shank at laura@familypromisesc.org or 330.382.5660 for more information.

Donate to the Glendora House Capital Campaign (link to: <https://www.familypromisesc.org/support#Glendora>)

We are also recruiting volunteers to help with the renovations. If you like putting together furniture, painting, cleaning or organizing, contact Pauline at pauline@familypromisesc.org or 330.253.8081 to sign-up!

Feb/March/April 2020 Bethany Lenten Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February 25 Participate in our Fat Tuesday event to benefit our church	February 26 Participate in our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.	February 27 Save your change throughout Lent where it will be collected on Palm Sunday and will benefit our Bethany missions	February 28 Invite a friend to attend church with you	February 29 Support Good Neighbors with a donation of peanut butter on Sunday
March 1 Attend and support the "Chili Cook Off" after worship to benefit our Music Program	March 2 Pray for your family, the Church and friends	March 3 Be positive, think positive, and say positive words only	March 4 Learn more about how you can help with a cause in the community where you want to see improvement	March 5 6 p.m. Participate in our Lenten Soup & Study	March 6 Make a call to one of our members who is not able to make it to church	March 7 Pick up a trash wherever you go
March 8 Support Good Neighbors with a donation of canned vegetables	March 9 Who do you want to have a better relationship with and what actions can you take to make it better?	March 10 Fast from Facebook and Twitter the whole day	March 11 Donate clothing to a charity	March 12 6 p.m. Participate in our Lenten Soup & Study	March 13 The change you are saving will benefit Bethany Kitchen	March 14 Talk with someone you wouldn't normally chat with
March 15 Support Good Neighbors with a donation of canned soup	March 16 Affirm someone with the good he/she has done	March 17 Send a card to one of our members who is not able to make it to church	March 18 Read a book or article on spiritual growth	March 19 6 p.m. Participate in our Lenten Soup & Study	March 20 Donate the toys your children no longer use to a charity	March 21 Volunteer today with Bethany Kitchen
March 22 Support Good Neighbors with a donation of boxed cereal	March 23 The change you are saving will benefit Family Promise	March 24 Forgive yourself. Resolve to begin again	March 25 Volunteer to help with our Family Promise Host Week April 12 - 19	March 26 6 p.m. Participate in our Lenten Soup & Study	March 27 Send a note of encouragement to someone who needs it	March 28 Smile at someone you do not like
March 29 Support Good Neighbors with a donation of canned tuna or beef stew	March 30 Be extra kind to someone you do not like	March 31 Send a get well note to a member in need of your caring	April 1 The change you are saving will benefit the Akron-Canton Foodbank	April 2 6 p.m. Participate in our Lenten Soup & Study	April 3 The change you are saving will benefit Good Neighbors	April 4 Tell your family how much you love them
April 5 Palm Sunday Participate in our Noisy Offering	April 6 Work on changing a habit that will save energy	April 7 Support our Treasures Sale with your donations on April 25	April 8 If you forgot to save your change for the noisy offering consider a general donation to benefit missions	April 9 6 p.m. Participate in our Maundy Thursday Meal & Service	April 10 7 p.m. Participate in our Good Friday Service	April 11 Prepare for Easter Sunday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am - Worship/Co 11:30am - Chili Cook- 5:30pm - YF	2 11am - Balance Class @ 5:30pm - Girl Scouts- 6:30pm - AA - Lounge 7pm - Boy Scouts-gym	3 10am - News Deadline 6pm - Bell Choir 8pm - AA - Lounge	4 11:30am - Balance 6pm - Faith Formation- 7pm - Bethany Band	5 12:30pm - Bible Study 5:30pm - Girl Scouts - L 6pm - Lenten Soup & 7:30pm - Choir	6	7
8 10:30am - Girl Scouts 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship- 5:30pm - YF	9 9:30am - Knitters 11am - Balance Class @ 6:30pm - AA - Lounge 7pm - Boy Scouts-gym	10 10am - News Deadline 6pm - Bell Choir 6pm - Finance Mtg 8pm - AA - Lounge	11 11:30am - Balance 7pm - Bethany Band 7pm - Council Meeting	12 10am - Credentialing 12:30pm - Bible Study 6pm - Lenten Soup & 7:30pm - Choir	13 6pm - Buckeyes	14 10am - Sanctuary Rsvd. 1pm - Gym Rsvd.
15 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship- 5:30pm - YF	16 11am - Balance Class @ 5:30pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - AA - Lounge 7pm - Boy Scouts-gym	17 10am - News Deadline 12pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Bell Choir 8pm - AA - Lounge	18 8am - Bethany 11:30am - Balance 7pm - Bethany Band	19 12:30pm - Bible Study 6pm - Lenten Soup 7:30pm - Choir	20 11:30am - Bethany	21
22 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Coffee Hour 5:30pm - YF	23 11:30am - Balance 6:30pm - AA - Lounge 7pm - Boy Scouts-gym	24 10am - News Deadline 6pm - Bell Choir 8pm - AA - Lounge	25 11:30am - Balance 7pm - Bethany Band 7pm - Committee Night	26 12:30pm - Bible Study 6pm - Lenten Soup 7:30pm - Choir	27 10am - Sanctuary Rsvd.	28
29 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Coffee Hour 5:30pm - YF	30 11:30am - Balance 6:30pm - AA - Lounge 7pm - Boy Scouts-gym	31 10am - News Deadline 6pm - Bell Choir 8pm - AA - Lounge	1 10am - News Deadline 6pm - Bell Choir 8pm - AA - Lounge	2	3	4