

Ohltown U.M.C.

We believe in making disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.



February 2022

As I write this article, it is hard to believe that February is upon us. It seems that January wanted to leave an impression on all of us. As the snow fell in January, there were many stories of the kindness of others helping those that could not help themselves. I watched a video of an amazon driver that decided to take time from his route to shovel the driveway of a 90-year-old woman that was struggling to clear a path. As the 16 plus inches of snow that fell this last month, we experienced the kindness of our neighbor that came over to use his new snowblower to help clear our driveway. The cold, snowy days of January gave way to the warmth and kindness of many.

February is the month that people customarily associate with love, as Valentine's Day is approaching, I would remind you that the greatest love we will ever receive is the love of God. The children, during our "Children's Chat" this past Sunday, reminded us that Love is something we cannot see but we know is there. How do you *show* to others something that cannot be seen? Do you plow a driveway, bake a pie, make soup to share, send a card, or make a phone call? Do you reach out just to say hello I have been thinking of you? Love isn't just about hugs and kisses. It is about a kind smile or a warm and welcoming voice on the other end of a phone line that has been silent for days. It is sharing an abundance that you have with someone that is lacking. Sometimes love is expressed in the ministry of being present....JUST being there! It is amazing how healing a warm presence can be to someone that has been lacking. I know, I know, Covid is still around and we must be careful. But perhaps you can help someone set up a zoom meeting or a duo call. Just seeing a friendly face can be the most loving thing you can do.

I know there are many scriptures about loving one another, but I thought I would share this one with you today: 1 John 4:7 "*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*" Beloved, show your love, let God Shine though.

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa

THE BRIDGE



The snow fell fast and hard, but the Trustees were able to keep ahead of it and allowed our parking lot to be cleared so that we could gather for worship. Thank you, Jeff McCracken, Connor Keller and Dayle Hornberger for helping to keep us safe.



Dear Ohltown Family: Thank you so much for the overwhelming Christmas gift! Your generosity is astounding and the timing was perfect to treat my little ladies on Christmas morning. Thank You! Beverly

To our wonderful church family: We would like to thank “anonymous” for the generous gifts we received. They came when they were truly needed. Harold would like to thank you for all the cards and phone calls he received during his hospitalization. They brightened his day. Thank you for all of your prayers and concerns. They were appreciated very much. God Bless all of you. Harold & Sheryl Baringer



Thanks to all who helped with last month’s Chili Sale. It was another huge success!! The last Chili Sale for the season is Saturday, February 12. Let’s make it another good one! Deliver your chili to the church on Thursday, February 10 (9AM-1PM); Packing the chili on Friday, February 11; and the Chili Sale on Saturday, February 12 (10AM – Noon or until sold out). If you can help with any part of the sale, please contact Kevin Hood.

Wednesday, February 2nd



Which will it be??

SPRC -- A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 13 following the worship service.

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President’s Day.

The Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items to restock their shelves: canned tuna and/or chicken; cans or jars of fruit; spaghetti sauce; and boxes of cereal. The Backpack Program is in need of individual fruit cups and jello cups.

Upcoming Events

Bible Study

Beginning on March 1 and running through April 5, Bible Study will be on Tuesday’s from 11:00 AM – Noon. We will study “The Easter Experience” by *Thomas Nelson*. During the Easter Experience, we will feel...meet...and enter the last few hours of Jesus’ natural life, as well as the first few hours of His resurrected life. Come join us for this experience. *(The cost of the book is \$6.50.)*

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday March 2, 2022. The church will be open from 7:00 AM until Noon for the imposition of ashes and communion. There will be sheets available to assist with self-guided prayer, reading, and reflection. When you are ready to receive ashes and communion you will come to the altar and Pastor Teresa will give them to you.

Job Well Done!!



Congratulations to Willow Keller on making the Dean’s List!!

Congratulations to Sandi Rich on graduating and completing her student teaching!!



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Quilters 10 - 2 	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 AM Communion	7	8	9 Quilters 10 - 2	10 Deliver Chili to Church (9A-1P)	11 Quart Chili 6:00 PM	12 Chili Sale 10 AM - Noon
13 Worship Service 9:30 AM SPRC meeting following worship	14 	15	16 Quilters 10 - 2	17	18	19
20 Worship Service 9:30 AM Message by Rev. Krueger	21 Office is Closed 	22	23 Quilters 10 - 2	24	25	26
27 Worship Service 9:30 AM	28	1 Bible Study 11 AM	2 Ash Wednesday Open Sanctuary 7 AM - Noon	3	4	5

March

Date	Attendance	Online Views	Gifts
Jan. 2	44	79	\$2145
Jan. 9	36		\$2110
Jan. 16	46	57	\$1475
Jan. 23	34	81	\$1680
Jan. 30	45	69	\$1150



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Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.



February Liturgist Schedule

- 6 Cheryl Emrich
- 13 Margie Ford
- 20 Pastor Teresa
- 27 Becky Eckles-Hood

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

- 5 Dorothy Mellott
- 6 Joey Baird
- 7 Andy Welch
- 12 Violetta Shofroth
- 14 John Gehring, Betty Ann Genetta
- 15 Silas Carlson
- 16 Linda Whittlesey
- 18 Debbie Fisher
- 19 Seth Welch
- 22 Debra Bogniard
- 23 Matt Gingrich
- 24 Don Welliver

Happy Anniversary!

- 18 Harold & Sheryl Baringer

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