

# Ohltown U.M.C.

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



**March 2022**

Fat Tuesday is Tuesday, March 1. A day that we will eat and drink what we want with little or no guilt served as a side dish. And then ... Ash Wednesday starts the 40 days (excluding Sundays) of Lent. A time when we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Covid has changed many of the things we do and changed many of the ways we celebrate, but it will never change the fact that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and went to the cross on our behalf. It will never change the fact that he took the sins of that generation and future generations and when he was nailed to the cross so were our sins.

We were at dinner with family members and were talking about the upcoming Ash Wednesday preparation. The one person said that they did not believe that was a Methodist tradition and did not understand the meaning of the ashes. Do you???

Ash Wednesday – officially known as the Day of Ashes – is a day of repentance, when Christians confess their sins and profess their devotion to God.

Ashes are placed on a worshiper's forehead in the shape of a cross. This is meant to show that a person belongs to Jesus Christ, and it also represents a person's grief and mourning for their sins – the same sins that Christians believe Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross. Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter, when we Christians believe Jesus was resurrected.

Why Ashes??? There is a tradition of donning ashes as a sign of penitence that predates Jesus. In the Old Testament, Job repents "in dust and ashes," and there are other associations of ashes and repentance in Esther, Samuel, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

So whether you come to our early morning time of self-guided scripture reading, prayer and then come to the altar for communion and imposition of ashes or not ... I pray in your heart you remember that YOU belong to Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa

The Bridge

## Ash Wednesday Service

The Administrative council voted to have a time of self-reflection, prayer and scripture on Ash Wednesday. The Church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to Noon. You may enter the church through the back door and then pick up a sheet to help you with Scripture text, prayer and a moment of silence. When you are ready to receive communion and Ashes, you may approach the Altar rail and Pastor Teresa will serve you. Then you may leave.

IF you want a more traditional Service in the evening, Boardman U.M.C. will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in their chapel at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Teresa will be assisting with this service if you would like to attend.

### Thank you

Our Chili Sales were a BIG success this year. Thank you, Kevin Hood, and all those who helped make, package, sell and buy the chili. You are all so wonderful.

### Thank you, trustees!

We had a great deal of snow and ice this past February and the Trustees were wonderful about keeping the parking lot clear. They are also very good about sucking up the water in the kitchen when the water came sneaking in. Thank you for all you do for our Church.

### Dear Friends of Ohltown Church

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the Humility House Resident Activity Fund of \$500! We are planning to meet with the residents to gather ideas for some fun activities in the near future, made possible by your generous hearts. Thank you once again. Amanda Miller, LNHA, MHA Administrator

### Dear Church Family

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.  
John & Mary Jane

**Words are certainly inadequate** to express my gratitude at this time of loss. Randy loved Ohltown Church. Even though times are dark at this moment for me, I know that my faith and Church family will carry me through this time. Thank you for all you have done and will do. Cheryl



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, **March 13, 2022, at 2:00 A.M.** As we sleep, the clocks "spring forward" one hour! Don't forget!

### 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. *(Books are available on the table in the back of the church)*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Cheryl & Baron in the passing of their youngest son.*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to the Hornberger family in the passing of their cousin, Heather.*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Cheryl in the passing of Randy.*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Mary Jane & Linda in the passing of their friend, Penny.*

*Our condolences go out to the Opencar family in the passing of Nick.*


*Congratulations to Angie for the birth of her third grandchild!!*



### Dear Ohltown UMC Missions Committee:

Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful donation to our resident activities! It will bring much joy and many wonderful opportunities to our residents! Thank you, Victoria House Staff & Residents

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 11:00 AM Bible Study	2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Open Sanctuary 7 AM - Noon  Quilters 10 - 2	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	7	8 11:00 AM Bible Study	9 Quilters 10 - 2	10	11	12
13 Worship Service 9:30 AM  <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	14	15 11:00 AM Bible Study	16 Quilters 10 - 2	17  <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18	19
20 Worship Service 9:30 AM 	21	22 11:00 AM Bible Study	23 Quilters 10 - 2	24	25	26
27 Worship Service 9:30 AM	28	29 11:00 AM Bible Study	30 Quilters 10 - 2	31	1	2

APRIL

Date	Attendance	Online Views	Gifts
Feb. 6	48	73	\$2855
Feb. 13	43	58	\$2320
Feb. 20	56	109	\$2473
Feb 27	58	96	\$1995

Hold on, it's coming!!!

The First Day of Spring is Sunday March 20, 2022



March Liturgist Schedule

March 6	Sandi Rich
March 13	TBA
March 20	Lois Ann Phillips
March 27	Ron Fleet

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

6	Michael Fisher
9	Stephany Darby, Ashley Cardwell, Margie Ford, Janet Welliver
13	Linda Robb
17	Hannah Baird
28	Rhonda Goist
29	David Darby, Willovene Plant, Guy Shively
30	Krista Bowers

Happy Anniversary!

24 Mike & Debbie Fisher

Easter Flowers

It's time to place your order for Easter Flowers. An order form is below, or you can pick one up at the church.

Orders are due by Sunday, March 13  
*(money is due when your order is placed.)*

Make checks payable to *Ohltown Flower Fund.*

*No late orders will be accepted.*

Qty

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils @ \$9.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths @ \$9.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips @ \$9.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies @ \$10.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas @ \$20.00 each

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given to the Glory of God

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Given by:

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THE BRIDGE  
Ohltown United Methodist Church  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
Teresa C. Krueger, Pastor  
Nancy Goddard, Custodian  
Betty Harness, Secretary