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Steeple Views

MARCH 2018

Lenten Prayer Journey Continues

40 Days of Prayer- Lenten Prayer Journey

Wednesdays
March 7, 14 & 21

6:30 p.m.
**Soup & Bread
& Fellowship**

7:00 p.m.
Prayer Journey

Since Wednesday, February 21, Lenten worship has been held weekly in the Narthex. We will continue by sharing soup and bread at 6:30 p.m. The Prayer Journey will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A **Prayer Journal** was introduced the first week of Lent. (Additional copies are available hallway.)

We will explore:

- *Content of Prayer*
- *Various Prayer Practices*
- *Meditation*

Each Wednesday night we will collect food pantry items:

Mar. 7 - Toilet paper and paper towels

Mar. 14 - Canned meals: pasta, stew & chili

Mar. 21 - Hot and cold cereals

Looking ahead, March has many celebrations for us.

Mar. 7 6:30pm **LENT Soup & Prayer**

Mar. 7 6:30pm Jr. YG Movie Night

Mar. 10 9a-4p Pinewood Derby

Mar. 11 6:00p Family Promise Visit

Mar. 12 9am JOY Breakfast

Mar. 13 7pm Council

Mar. 14 6:30pm **LENT Soup & Prayer**

Mar. 18 9:45am Family Promise Mtg

Mar. 18 1:00pm *Spins Bowling*

Mar. 19 4-9pm **Dining to Donate** (Bellacino's)

Mar. 20 6:30pm Facility Task Force

Mar. 21 6:30pm Jr. YG

Mar. 21 **6:30pm LENT Soup & Prayer**

Mar. 25 **PASSION SUNDAY**

Mar. 27 JOY Trip to Akron Art Museum

Mar. 28 **Lydia's Easter Boxes**

Mar. 29 **6:30pm Maundy Thursday Supper & Worship**

Mar. 30 7pm **Good Friday Worship**

Mar. 31 Set up Easter Breakfast





Holy Week Worship Schedule

Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 25
Services at
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Plan to worship at either of the Passion Sunday services, as we begin Holy Week. Service will begin with a processional.

⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Mark 11:8-10



Maundy Thursday Meal & Worship

Maundy Thursday
Reflective Meal &
Worship Service
March 29 6:30 p.m.

Plan to attend a Reflective Meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by worship service and Holy

Communion. At the end of the service, the Altar will be stripped by the members of the Altar Guild. The congregation will be dismissed in silence. This moving service will prepare you for Good Friday.

Please **sign-up** to attend the light supper on the bulletin board, so we may plan for food.



Good Friday Service



Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m.

Worship service on Good Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54

Easter Worship & Brunch

Sunday, April 1

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Hallelujah!

Special music is planned for both services.

Easter Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall between 9:30-11 a.m. (There will be no Sunday School.) Between egg bakes and coffee cakes, there's sure to be something you'll enjoy!

A sign-up sheet to bring food will be on the bulletin board.



Order Easter Flowers

We are once again taking orders for Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. Names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

The cost for flowers is \$6.00 each.

The flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday. You are encouraged take your flowers home with you after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Last day for ordering is **Sunday, March 11.**

Order forms are on the last page of the bulletin as well as in the narthex. Orders can be placed in the collection plate or in the box in the narthex.



Shrove Pancake Supper

Thank you to everyone who came to the Shrove Pancake Supper on February 13. Your support of the Jubellation

Bell Choir will help to send the group to The North Hills Handbell Association 43rd Annual Handbell

Festival, featuring Michael Hellman, that will be held on Sat., April 28th, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Allison Park, Pennsylvania.





Family Promise®

What Can We Do to Help?

On Sunday, January 21, a **Family Promise** presentation was given by Jeff Whilwhite during the Sunday School hour. Family Promise is a program that provides not only overnight housing to homeless families with children, but also provides support for them to get back into a home again. This program strives to keep families TOGETHER. Family Promise also provides services for their pets until the family is settled in a new residence. Overnight housing is provided on a rotated schedule by host and support congregations throughout Summit County

helping approximately 28-35 families per year. They usually serve four (4) families at a time, who are brought to a host church on Sunday. Each family is supplied with sleeping essentials for the week: beds, sheets, towels, pillows. Beds are set up in rooms for each family, as well as beds for the two hosts from the church who spend the night.

The dinner meal is provided by the host, Sunday through Saturday. Breakfast (*grab 'n go* items, cereal, toast, etc.) and a packed lunch are prepared by the family each day.

A 15-person van is

provided by Family Promise for a volunteer driver to take the children to school and the adults to the Family Promise Center to meet with their case worker, look for work and learn new ways of problem-solving during the day. They then return for dinner and overnight stay.

As a host participant, St. Stephen would be on a 13-week rotation (quarterly) which would not start until late summer or fall.

If you have any questions regarding the Family Promise program, please contact Carol Yaquinto.



Thank you for the new bed pillows collected for Family Promise

For additional information please go to: <http://familypromisesc.org/>

Family Promise Update

On Sunday, February 11, a group from St. Stephen visited Holy Trinity Lutheran in Akron to hear about their participation with Family Promise.

Gregg Loesch, their primary coordinator, met

with the group and shared their approach to Family Promise and answered questions. This was their 63rd host week.

Another visit is planned to shadow First Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls

on **March 11th at 7 p.m.** If you are interested in learning more about Family Promise and would like to attend, please contact Carol Yaquinto.

Want to know more about Family Promise?

A meeting is planned on Sunday, March 18 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Dinner Boxes



Lydia's Ministries at
St. Stephen
Lydia's Apron
Lydia's Pantry
Lydia's Kitchen



It's time to help **Lydia's Apron** pack and distribute Easter Dinner Boxes!

St. Stephen delivered boxes at Christmas for 38 very appreciative

families and we now have more families that need our help.

Here's our challenge: 40 Easter Dinner Boxes for our neighbors.

Here's how to help:

Sun., March 11 - Grocery lists & boxes available for pick up

Sun., March 18 & 25 - Drop off packed boxes

Wed., March 28 - **12-4pm** - Bakers need to bake & package cookies

4-6pm - Helpers needed to pack & organize boxes

6-7pm - Helpers need to greet & distribute

Lydia's Pantry

Look for the red grocery cart in the narthex every Wednesday evening during lent; we're collecting items for Lydia's Pantry. Here are the groceries needed in March:

March 7 - Toilet paper & paper towels

March 14 - Canned meals: pasta, stew, chili

March 21 - Hot & cold cereals

Meet Skylar Nicholson



Skylar Nicholson has started as our new Nursery Attendant. She will be in the Nursery to care for our little ones, ages 0-4, during both the Sunday School hour and the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Skylar is a student at

Stark State University. The hours of the Nursery are 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. every Sunday through May 20. We are looking for middle school and High School students to assist Skylar during the 11 a.m. service .

Welcome William & Tracy Montgomery



Welcome
William & Tracy Montgomery to St. Stephen! Bill and Tracy (Lawson) have returned and we are happy to have them as part of our congregation. Please welcome them when you see them at church.

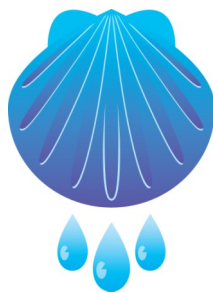


Chryslin & Landon Conley

Chryslin & Landon Conley were baptized on Sunday, February 11 at the 11 a.m. service.

They are the children of Samantha Conley.

Their sponsor was Kayla Taglione. Welcome sister and brother in Christ!



Did Your Souper Bowl Team Win?



Super Bowl LII is over. Did you favorite

team win? At St. Stephen, you chose your favorite team on Scout & Souper Bowl Sunday.

Here are the results:

Eagles: \$331.61

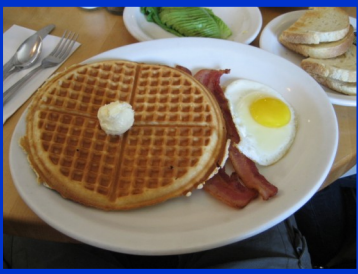
Patriots: \$109.51

And the REAL winner is: Mission Support!

\$441.21



J.O.Y. Monthly Breakfast



The J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth) meets for breakfast the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Stow Café.

Plan to join them to share fellowship with your St. Stephen family and friends.



Crocheting/Knitting Group for a Cause



Saturday, February 10 8:30-10:00 a.m.
A group has formed at St. Stephen to crochet, or knit, scarves, hats, and afghans for Harvest Home (part of Haven of Rest) that

houses 52 women and children, often more, in their residence. Each woman receives an afghan or quilt when they leave the facility so there is a constant need of items.

ALL ages are welcome! We will continue to meet once a month to work on projects together or you are welcome to work alone and join us when convenient.



Crossways Continues



CROSSWAYS INTERNATIONAL
Sharing God's Timeless Story Worldwide

We are pleased to offer Crossways, a Bible Study experience with Pastor Coffman again. This study will focus on the New Testament: from the inter-Testamental period, the Roman Occupation,

Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, to early Church and Paul's ministry, plus the Letters to the churches and Revelation.

Study will be held **every**

Thursday, 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall through the end of April 2018. Please call the office at 330-688-7213 or Lenore Ferg at 330-929-1567 with any questions.

Lydia's Pantry

Acts 16: 12-15



The Lydia's Pantry is open every Sunday morning from 8:30am-12pm and Tues-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Please spread the word that the pantry is available.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, please check out at the list of needed items.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

Updated grocery list



THANK YOU

Lydia's Pantry

Food Items

Hot Cereal: Oatmeal, Single Packs
Cold Cereal: Boxes, Single Packs
Breakfast/Cereal/ Granola Bars
Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup
Macaroni & Cheese Boxed, Single Cups
Hamburger Helper
Manwich Sauce
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter & Jelly Grape, Strawberry
Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix
Rice, Egg Noodles
Fruit, Applesauce, Jello, Pudding Cups
Crackers: Peanut Butter, Cheese Packs
Salad Dressing
Juice, Juice Boxes
Single Chip Snack Bags, Microwave Popcorn
Coffee/Filters/Tea Bags/ Hot Chocolate Packs
Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Pasta
Canned Soup
Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Ham
Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Beans, Tomatoes

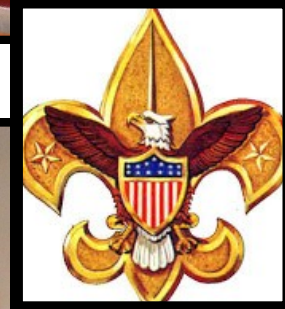
Hygiene Items

Soap/Shower Gel, Hand Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Feminine Products
Diapers & Baby Wipes

Paper & Cleaning Products

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue
Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent

Scout Sunday





March Youth News



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All students grade Pre-K through 6th grade will meet in the Sanctuary for the opening and then will proceed to different Centers each week.

The Sunday School class schedule:

- Mar. 4** Cooking/.Games
- Mar. 11** Classroom
- Mar. 18** Crafts/Science
- Mar. 25** Cooking/Games

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Mar. 11 - Bowling**
- High School Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings.

We now have TWO Youth Groups:

Jr YG (7&8 grades) will be the 1 & 3 Tuesdays of the month.

HS YG (9-12 grades) will meet the 2 & 4 weeks of each month (which day TBD)

March 6 - 6:30pm
Jr YG will have Movie Night!

Lakeside Lutheran Week

DEPOSIT OF \$100 IS DUE NOW

June 16-23, 2018

Watch for updates!

2018 Youth Trips

2018 Youth Trips are planned for Affirmation of Baptism students and High School Youth. This is an excellent opportunity to explore your faith with St. Stephen friends.

Affirmation of Baptism Students
June 1-3, 2018
Columbus Retreat (tentative)

High School Students
June 16-23, 2018
Lakeside Retreat
Chautauqua, OH



Dining to Donate

Dining to Donate
Monday, March 19
4- 9 p.m.

Join us for some delicious pizza and grinders at Bellacino's, located at 3657 Fishcreek Rd. in Stow.

15% of your total purchase will support the St. Stephen Youth Group.

Flyers will be available for you to present to your server.

See you there!



Youth Quake 2018



High School Youth Group



at Bellacino's



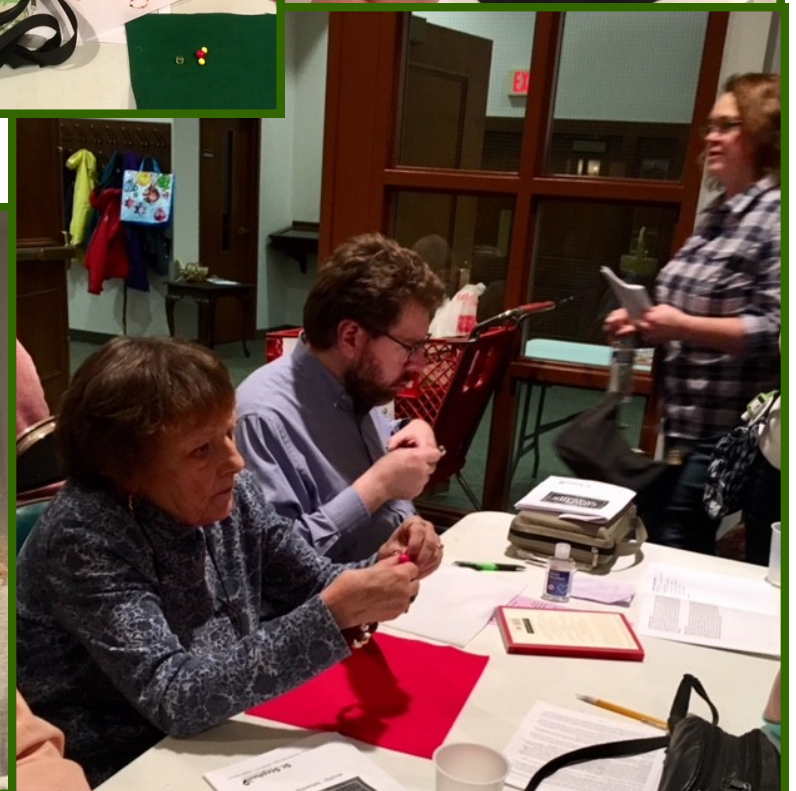
Ladies' Night Out



at Pad Thai Hudson



Lenten Prayer Journey



Wear Your Easter Hats!

Easter, April 1

Bonnie Karlson and family will be in church on Easter Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Bonnie would like to ask the ladies to wear Easter bonnets or hats.

Spring is coming!



Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee of St. Stephen has a vacant position and

they are looking for an interested person to join the committee to oversee the results of

the various financial instruments that comprise the St. Stephen Endowment Fund.

No previous financial background is required. Contact Chris Collins at chricollin@yahoo.com

Men in Mission Bible Study



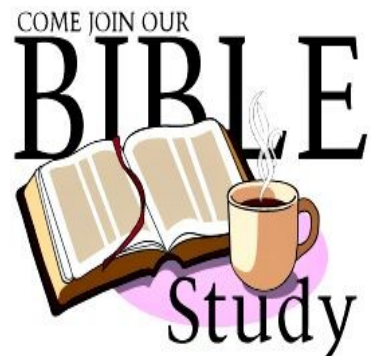
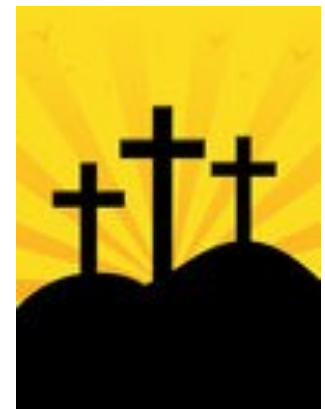
MEN in Mission

**Saturdays
8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Men in Mission meets every Saturday from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

Please contact Mike Yaquinto with any questions.

All men are welcome to attend.



Women's Bible Study

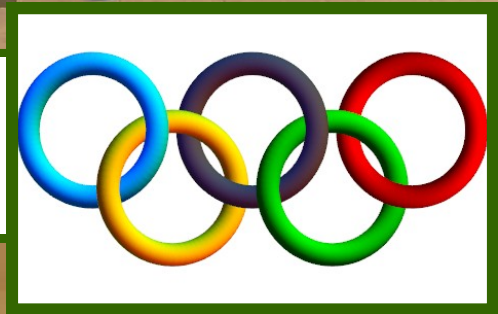
**Thursdays
10:00 a.m.**

The Women's Bible Study with Pr. John

meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

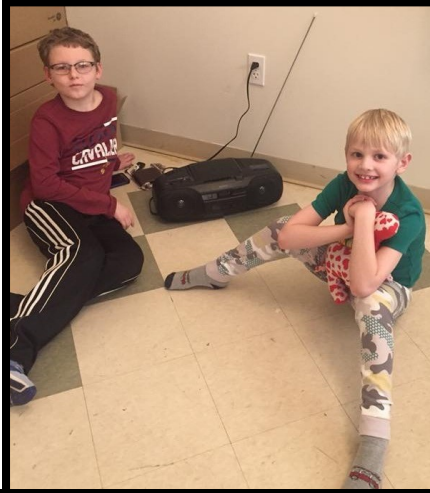
Come and join the group for learning and fellowship.

Winter Olympics





Kids' Night In - Parents' Night Out



Save your Box Tops



Please remember to clip and bring your box tops to church to help Stow- Munroe Falls schools. Mary Appleby is collecting box tops for

Echo Hills, but will get the box tops to any elementary or middle school that you prefer. A collection box is in the narthex.



Bulldog Bags, Inc. Volunteers Needed



Bulldog Bags, Inc. is a community non-profit volunteer organization that provides school children in the Stow-Munroe Falls School District who are in need with a “bridge of nutrition” on the last Friday of the month.

Ten volunteer drivers (and 10 assistants to do some lifting) are needed for the coming school year. Deliveries are always on Friday mornings and require less than one hour of your day.

A truck or large SUV is needed to haul the bags. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

An assistant and driver is needed on March 23.

Thank you to all who have helped during the past two years.



2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to celebrate or recognize an occasion, please sign-up for your preferred date.

Dates that are noted as holidays on the calendar will be supplied by the church; however, if you wish that date, please contact the office. Please include your name and the reason for

celebration or remembrance so the information can be included in the bulletin. You are welcome to bring your own flowers or order from a local florist.

Trust in the
Lord and do
good;
dwell in the
land and enjoy
safe pasture.
Delight
yourself in the
Lord
and he will
give you the
desires of your
heart.

Psalm 37:3-4

Family Bowling Fun - March 18

Spins Bowl
Sunday, March 18
1 p.m.

The Fellowship
Committee is planning a
fun event on Sunday,
March 18 at 1:00 p.m.
at Spins Bowl, located at
2245 State Rt. 59, Kent.
The cost is \$5 per per-
son for two games and
shoes rental.

Pizza and beverages will
be provided by the
Fellowship Committee.

*(Please note the date
change.)*

Come and share in the
fun!



J.O.Y. Trip - March 27

J.O.Y. Trip
Tuesday, March 27

The J.O.Y. Group will be
visiting the Akron Art
Museum on Tuesday,
March 27 with lunch at
Luigi's.

A carpool will meet at the
church.

Please contact Gary
Parker with any
questions.

A sign-up sheet will be
on the bulletin board.

More information to
come.





Share
your gift
of Music

St. Stephen Concert Band

1st & 3rd Sundays

12 noon - 1 p.m.

A concert band has formed at St. Stephen and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome to join. The music will fit all skill levels, so please give it a try!

Practice will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from 12noon - 1 p.m.

Performances will occur 3 to 4 times from November to May.

If you are interested or have questions, please

see Connie Wilson, or send your name, instrument and phone number/text to Dawn Zinsmeister at drcz59@msn.com.



Do You Enjoy Singing?



St. Stephen Choir has rehearsals beginning at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.

The choir sings at

8:30 or 11 a.m.

Services and occasionally for both services, on a Sunday mornings. Please see Connie Wilson, if you are interested.

Join Jubellation Handbells

Wednesdays

7-8:30 p.m.

The Jubellation Handbell Choir rehearses on

Wednesday evenings from **7-8:30 p.m.**

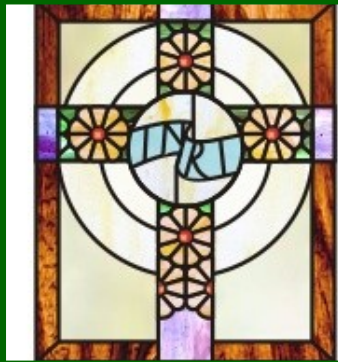
A one-day, overnight trip is planned in the spring.

Please contact Connie Wilson if you would like to join the bells.



March

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 11
SPRING one hour
AHEAD

*Photos used in St. Stephen's publications, i.e. **Steeple Views**, Facebook and its website, are the property of St. Stephen.*

If you do not want a photo included, please inform the church office.

Happy Anniversary

4/27 Will & Gretchen Laible

Sunday Morning Announcements

The beginning of our Sunday services has moved to a new format. Rather than start services 5 minutes early to allow for general announcements, we will begin at the normal service time. Anyone who will have an announcement, is asked to contact the church office in advance so that we may allow for the time. Verbal announcements should be brief. (one minute in length). Announcements can also be included in the printed Announcement page and in email Sunday Reminders.

- 4/1 Bob Dieter
- 4/1 Sara Holm
- 4/2 Barbara Brown
- 4/2 Eliza Goosby
- 4/5 Liam Slater
- 4/6 Mary Gleghorn
- 4/7 Katie Daugherty
- 4/8 Janice Carlson
- 4/10 Schaun Laible
- 4/12 Grace Edmond
- 4/12 Missy Stultz
- 4/12 Jacqueline Winkler
- 4/14 Andrea Edmond
- 4/19 Jeff Thomas
- 4/20 Christine Cheline
- 4/20 Cindy Thompson
- 4/21 Logan Slater
- 4/22 Bobby Hoff
- 4/22 Jennifer Miller
- 4/22 Sharon Ohnmeiss
- 4/22 John Raymaley
- 4/24 Charlie Brown
- 4/24 Ed Eiloo
- 4/27 Brian Clark
- 4/28 Anne Lohmann
- 4/29 Tiffany Ott
- 4/30 Erin Lyons
- 4/30 Rachel Stultz



March Volunteers

8:30 Worship

Date	Asst. Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter	Usher
4	Jane Koch	Emma LaMantia	Doug Henderson	Jim Karlson	<u>Brian Clark</u> , Fred Ohnmeiss, Doug Henderson
11	Barb Reid	Rachel Ott	Bob Dieter	Fred Ohnmeiss	<u>Jim Karlson</u> , Andrew, Emma & Caroline Karlson
18	Beth Reynolds	Olivia Amato	Renna Knotek	Mary & Ray Appleby	<u>Dave Daugherty</u> , Barb Reid, Ron Lombardo, Mary & Ray Appleby
25	<u>Doug Berkey</u> Jane Koch		Multiple Lectors	Renna Knotek	<u>Ted Edmond</u> , Dan Camburn, Gary Reynolds

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Date	Asst. Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter	Usher
29	Dan Camburn		Dan Camburn	Jane Hecht	

11:00 Worship

4	Dave Renninger	Autumn Johnson	Wendy Raymaley-Hoffman	Nancy Brown	<u>Ed Holland</u> , Rhonda Holland Kevin Dwenger
11	Valerie Huddleston	Jaxx Cheline	Dave Renninger	Autumn Johnson	<u>Anjalee Wagers</u> , Janet Koch Stephanie Gress, Jane Hecht
18	Jane Hecht	Ethan Corsi	Val Huddleston	Anne Lohmann & Linda Knapp	<u>Steve Finley</u> , Zach Finley Jacob Finley, Samantha Huddleston
25	<u>Steve Hodges</u> Val Huddleston	Taylor Yaquinto	Multiple Lectors	John & Chris Lawrence	<u>Rick Vaudt</u> , Don Brooker John Huddleston, Chris Collins

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Date	Asst. Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter	Usher
30	Nancy Brown		Jane Hecht	Jim & Janet Erickson	

Altar Guild

Dawn Zinsmeister

Family Service

Sara Holm

Date	CPOD	Counters
4	Don Brooker	Pam Collins & Lenore Ferg
11	Sandee Davis	Jim & Janet Erickson
18	Gary Reynolds	Jim & Janet Erickson
25	Scott Schlea	Jane Koch & Chris Collins

March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10am  7pm Crossways	2	3  8am MEN in Mission
4	5 7pm Scouts	6 6:30pm Cubs	7  6:30p Jr YG 6:30 Soup & Prayer Journey	8  10am 5:30 District Mtg 7pm Crossways	9	10  8am MEN in Mission 8:30 Crochet 9am-3pm  Pinewood Derby
11  Daylight Savings 6:00pm Family Promise visit	12  9am JOY Breakfast 7pm Scouts	13  6:30pm Cubs 7:00pm Council	14  6pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Soup & Prayer Journey 7:30 Bells	15  10 am 6:30pm Cubs Mtg 7pm Crossways	16	17  8am MEN in Mission
18 9:45am Family Promise Mtg 1pm Spins  Bowl(Kent)	19 4-9pm Dining to Donate (Bellacino's) 7pm Scouts	20 6:30 Facility Task Force 6:30 Cubs	21  6:30 Soup & Prayer Journey 6:30 Jr. YG 7:30 Bells	22  10am 7pm Crossways	23	24  8am MEN in Mission
25  Passion Sunday	26 7pm Scouts	27 JOY Trip to Akron Art Museum 6:30pm Cubs	28 Lydia's Easter Boxes	29  6:30pm Maudy Thursday Supper and Worship	30  7pm Good Friday Worship	31  8am MEN in Mission Set-up Easter Breakfast