

The STEEPLE CHASE MARCH 2020 Chris

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CHURCH NEWS & NOTES—MARCH 2020



Current

Bring gloves and any gardening tools you may want (hand trowels, rakes etc.) Contact Bill W. or Scott J. if you have any questions. Rain Date April 11th if needed.



First Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2020
World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2020
Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2020
Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 8, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2020
First day of spring, March 19, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2020



Please check your emails or see the table in the narthex for Easter Flower Order Envelopes.



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"Restoration: That God's Works Might Be Revealed"

March 1 Psalm 32 & Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 Psalm 121 & John 3:1–21

March 15 Psalm 95 & John 4:5-42

March 22 Psalm 23 & John 9:1-41

March 29 Psalm 130 & John 11:1-45

April 5 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 & Matthew 21:1–11

> April 12 Isaiah 25:6-9 & John 20:1-18

SIXTY-SIXTH (66TH) NACCC ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE



400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival at Plymouth in New England. "Jesus said to them, Let us go across to the other side." Mark 4:35

JUNE 27-30, 2020

The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine Hosted by the Congregational Christian Council of Maine and the Massachusetts Association of Congregational Christian Churches

For more information, please see Colleen Murray or visit NACCC.ORG



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES— MARCH 2020

GRIN collection items for March are:



Pancakes & Syrup & Toilet Paper



Just Breathe.....

Join us for our Beginner's Yoga class held on most Monday and Wednesday evenings.



<u>MARCH</u> Mondays MARCH 3,10,17& 31 at 6 pm Wednesdays MARCH 4 & 18 at 6 pm

We will be using space upstairs in the nursery. No previous experience necessary. We will start with the basics, breathing and stretching. All you need is a little curiosity and some comfortable clothes.

If you have any questions, please contact Geni Jacobs

Check out Geni's Facebook Page Just Breathe - Yoga for Everyone



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OUTREACH & MINISTRIES ~ MARCH 2020

<u>New Possible</u> Opportunity for Outreach....

Looking for those interested in helping to create a ministry that would reach out to those in our community that are differently-abled. This would be a group discovery and development process to determine what that ministry would look like, but might include a "gentle" or "joyful noise" type service once a month or occasional events. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Robb or Chrissie in the office.





<u>G3C Crafters' Sale ~ 50% off</u>

Store bought gifts & greeting cards can be expensive! All our items are handmade can be created just for YOU. Our gifts (jewelry, journal books, etc.) & cards are so much more special than a store bought item.

Need a special card design that we haven't already created? Let us know what YOU would like designed & we will create one for YOU.

~Bring us that wedding invitation YOU received & we will create the card for YOUR gift from it!

We also create invitations for parties, showers, weddings, etc. Bring us YOUR idea! Small gift boxes of various shapes are also available to be made, ask to see our selection that we can make them for YOU.

Shop at the Generous Creative Christian Crafters Gift & Card tables. See Debbie M., Darlene R., & Nancy R. to pay for an item or place an order. Thanks for supporting the Creative Christian Crafters. (Our earnings support projects throughout the church.)

The Lions Locker is an anonymous pantry located at Gahanna Lincoln High School. We provide food, toiletries, school supplies and other needed items to PreK-12 students of Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools.

The Lion's locker is in need of individually-wrapped or single-serving size: Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit Bars, Peanut Butter (individual Jiff cups)/crackers

Another thing they do use a lot is gift cards.... Larger gift cards- Kohls and Kroger- they use these to go shopping for specific needs as they arise. Smaller \$5-\$10 cards for local fast food McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Abyss, Subway (cannot sell alcohol...so no Chipotle, MOD, or larger "dine in" style restaurants).

> We will place a bin in the narthex for the collection of these items. You may give any gift cards to Colleen. As always, thank you so much for your generosity for the students of Gahanna Schools.

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CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES— MARCH 2020



Our New Web Design With Faithlife is Live!

Visit GahannaC3.org to see all the changes. More to come! Thank you, Pastor Robb! (and yes, I do need to thank him...)

News from the Office

Please check out the office door for Assistance and In-Kind Donation forms! Please see Robb or Chris for more information



<u>Assistance Application</u> If you or someone you know are going through a tough time, we want to help to the best of our Capacity.

In-Kind Donation Slips Please let us know how you are helping.

Church Email Addresses



The office has new email addresses that align with our website address!

Chrissie ~ Office@GahannaC3.org

Robb's ~ RobbTarr@GahannaC3.org

<u>General Office Hours:</u> Monday 9-12 Tuesday - Thursday 9-3 Friday 9-12

Dedicated Pastor Availability:

Tuesday 12-3 Wednesday 9-12 Thursday 12-3 Friday 9-12



*Please watch bulletin for any changes



- 2020 Directory Update through Faithlife
 - New Missions & Service Opportunities
 - Continued Website Updates



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS — MARCH 2020

The Sunday Adult Bible Study Group will be starting a new series of lectures March 8th

"Jesus and His Jewish Influences"

by Dr. Jodi Magness Professor of Early Judaism at University of North Carolina



Join Pastor Robb Thursday evenings from 6:00 (ish) to 7:30 (ish) during Lent for a bible study series that will further explore the Lenten Lectionary scriptures.



"I put in a jelly bean for pastor."

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

We will begin collecting Easter Candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 22nd.

Look for more information soon!

Gahanna Community Congregational Church To Host A Benefit Concert Featuring Capitol City Chorus

Price of admission will be a free will offering or your donation of non-perishable food items.



Tuesday, March 24, 2020 At 7:00 PM

> Gahanna Community Congregational Church 470 Havens Corners Road Gahanna, OH 43230

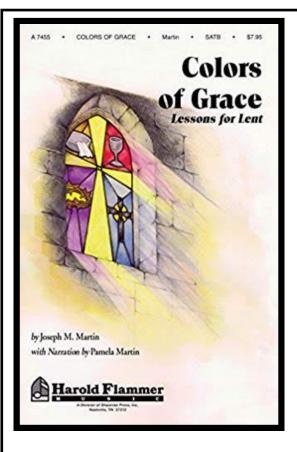


2020 Maundy Thursday Cantata **"The Colors of Grace"** Thursday, April 9th 7:30pm



Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 8AM Breakfast 8:30AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:30AM Worship Service 10:30AM





The GC3 Chancel Choir Will Present

"The Colors of Grace"

By Joseph and Pamela Martin

on Maundy Thursday, April 9th At 7:30PM

During Holy Week, the last days of Christ are often characterized with words like suffering and darkness. Taking a closer look, however, we can see suffering and darkness were, in fact, instruments of great joy and light.

From Thursday evening's Passover meal through Friday's dark hours on the cross, the light of Christ continued to illuminate the Truth. With intense clarity, the Teacher was showing us by example the greatest lessons of his ministry: service, obedience, humility, and forgiveness. Through Christ, the full spectrum of God's grace is reflected in beautiful hues upon our lives.

In the suffering of this Holy Week, find joy. In its darkness, see Light. "For Light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." This is the power of Christ's grace and the source of great joy. (Source: Foreword to Colors of Grace)







<u>C.R.A.S.E. TRAINING</u> <u>CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO</u> <u>ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT</u>

SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM FREE TO ALL

PRESENTED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LUNCH FROM 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM ON YOUR OWN



1:30 PM to 3:00 PM FREE AED & BASIC CPR TRAINING BY CERTIFIED TRAINERS RICHARD & LINDA BISHOP

IF YOU WANT CERTIFIED IN CPR IT IS A 3 HOUR CLASS WITH A \$25.00 CHARGE & CAN BE DONE THE SAME DAY

HOSTED BY THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND THE SQUARE DANCE COMMUNITY 470 HAVENS CORNERS RD GAHANNA OHIO 43230

PLEASE BRING A SMALL SNACK TO SHARE

PLEASE USE THE BOTTOM PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

CONTACT DEBBIE KITTS AT DEBSQDNCRKITTS@AOL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate which courses you plan to attend.



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Visit our Puzzle Library!

Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Or perhaps you have some puzzles at home you would like to get rid of (they do multiply quickly!)?



Please visit our puzzle table in the choir room. Help yourself to a puzzle or two, or drop off your donations. After the puzzles have made the rounds, or have been sitting there for a long while, we will donate them elsewhere. Thank you!



Dear supporters. Please consider adding "Gumdrop by Goodshop" to your computer's Chrome, Safari, or Firefox web browser. It is free, easy and an automatic way to raise more money for our Church. When you shop online, most of your purchases will generate an automatic donation back to us.

Gumdrop also shares special discounts and unique savings opportunities with you.

Please visit the Goodshop website today to get started!

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Just a reminder, if you haven't done so yet, you need to update your Kroger card to direct earnings to the our church.

This must be done every year in order to keep the earnings coming to the church.





Lent: Giving... Taking... Connecting

One of the things my kids are really into right now is challenge videos on YouTube. Their favorite personalities take a break from reviewing toys, or showing tricks on video games, or whatever it is and face off against another YouTuber or their friends or family members in something as weird as they can think up. It could be eating strange foods, seeing who can stay in one room or a car for the longest, trying a silly game like who can eat the most marshmallows out of a swimming pool, or something else. The one my kids have been most excited about lately - and trying to get their mom and I to do - is the "say yes to whatever we say" challenge. (We do actually see through that one, believe it or not.) If 16 year old me could have seen this in the future, I would have been sure my friends and I would be rich because it's basically just broadcasting all the weird things you do when you're growing up to pass the time and be goofy with your friends. Now, admittedly, it makes me feel old cause the novelty wears out fast for me.

I did have a new way of relating to these videos when I was thinking about Lent this week, though. Lent, to me, is an example of a beautiful and powerful tradition of the church taking images and meaning from scripture to develop a new ongoing practice even though it's not found in the bible. I think it's really important we have a season when we consider our mortality, our failings, and our frailty helps us have a good perspective about life in general - especially as it is also tied to the hope of transformation, perfect weakness, and new life in the anticipated death and resurrection of Jesus. Most of us are probably familiar with the Lenten practices of giving something up or taking something up as ways people can acknowledge things that have undue power over them or things they leave undone, and try to put more focus on God and living a life of the Kingdom. I do think there's a temptation for these practices to end up like challenges, though. We might fall into giving up chocolate, or meat, or Facebook - or doing a service project, or having a prayer journal, or giving to a cause to show ourselves, or our friends, family, or church, or even God that we have the will to do this unusual thing as a mark of our faith commitment.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBB ~ MARCH 2020

I don't mention this to be specifically critical of anyone doing any of those things. No matter what, it's good to have a way of recognizing the patterns we stuck in that keep us from doing things we should or get us in a rut of things we shouldn't - and then interrupt them with God's help and insight. Hopefully it will lead not just to a temporary practice, but new ways of engaging in our normal rhythms. Hopefully it gives us a relational experience to go through with God and others, and not just a thing to try to prove ourselves - especially to God who's love doesn't need that or want that any-way. But I think it's worth recognizing how in this season we might think giving something up or taking something up is something to accomplish as an end in itself, when the point of these practices should maybe be something else entirely. I will fully admit that I have often operated in such a mindset when I've done Lenten practices - thinking about having discipline within myself, or doing something for God. Neither or which is implicitly bad, but I'm beginning to think it also wasn't the point.

One of our Ash Wednesday scriptures this year was Isaiah 58, which asks a question that actually comes up in some form or another a decent amount from God, "is this not the fast I have chosen?" It's basically, "you've got all these interesting practices to be faithful, so what's the point?" And God always answers that the point is not to be disciplined individuals, or even to love God so much we do difficult things. The point is to create a life of shared dignity, security, and wholeness for all of God's creation. (Check out the verses, there's lots of good ideas.) And that makes sense for the other aspects of Lent, too. Remembering we're dust and to dust we will return encourages a common sense of humanity by seeing deeper than all the accumulation of life we can pretend makes us different. Being honest about our own failings and frailties hopefully helps us be less judgmental and more gracious when we are prone to noticing those of others. So as any of us try to give something up or take something up this Lent, let's all try to do so in spirit of commonality and connectivity God has chosen for us - not as solo challengers. If we give something up, maybe we're able to notice that some people don't have it in the first place to choose to take a break. If we take something up, maybe we find a way to experience the world from another perspective we're prone to discount. (We should also make sure we don't do this in a token way, or as experiential tourists - hopefully our chance and connecting with someone else's experience develops enough respect for them that this becomes the first step in a long, shared journey, not a temporary detour just for ourselves.) We can connect with each other in sharing and supporting our attempts, with more of God's children by stretching ourselves to seek commonality beyond our comfort zone, and with God by joining in what God is always doing - a Lent that's not a challenge for us, but a transformative camaraderie for all.

~ Pastor Robb



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Ma	ke music to the	LORD
	People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through mu	
Direction	ns: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instrum Psaim 150. Then write the circled letters in order in below to complete verse 6.	
	A type of horn	MURTETP
1	Played by D King David	PRHA
	Plucked to	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a	MRBELIT
.	A type of harp	ELRY
Æ	Blown through	EPPI
	A percussion	YBLACMS
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March 4th~ Spread the Word: Inclusion Day



Join Special Olympics & Best Buddies & Spread the Word for Inclusion... "Be a teammate. Be a friend. Welcome someone who has been left out. Sit next to someone alone at lunch. Say hello to someone in the hallway. There are so many ways to spread inclusion. Choose yours. Make a pledge and start today. Join us to make inclusion a reality for all people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities." Make your pledge At Spreadtheword.global



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp) Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
 Markers and stickers

What you do:

- 1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
- 2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
- 3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
- 4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
- 5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday in Lent Sunday School~ All Ages @ 9A 10:30AM Worship & Communion 6-7:30p Cantata Rehearsal	2 12:45a AA Group (CR) 5:30p Wt. Watchers (FH) 6:00p Yoga (N) 6:00p Barbershop (CR) 7:00p Barbershop (CH) 7:00p Venture Crew (CR)	3 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:30p Dance (S/S) (FH)	4 11:30a-1p AA (FH) 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:00p Yoga (FH) 6:00p Stamp n Club (CR) 6:30p Hi Timers (FH) 7:30p Chancel Choir (S) 7:30p BSA Girls' (R2)	5 4-6:00p AA No Dance Group 6-7:30p Lenten Bible Study	6 6p Orbiting Sq. (FH)	7 4p SFA Game Night (FH)
8 Daylight Savings Begins Second Sunday In Lent Sunday School~ All Ages @ 9A 10:30AM Worship 6-7:30p Cantata Rehearsal	9 12:45p AA Group (CR) 5:30p Wt. Watchers (FH) 6:00p Yoga (N) 6:00p Barbershop (CR) 7:00p Trustees Mtg (R2) 7:00p Venture Crew (CR) 7:00p Barbershop (CH)	10 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:30p Dance (S/S) (FH) 6:30p Worship Mtg (R2)	11 11:30a-1p AA (FH) 4-6:00p AA (FH) NO Yoga (FH) 6:30p Buckeye A2s (FH) 7:30p Chancel Choir (S) 7:30p BSA Girls' (R2)	12 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:30p Orbiting Sq. (FH) 6-7:30p Lenten Bible Study	13	14 12-5p Buckeye A2s
15 Third Sunday In Lent Sunday School~ All Ages @ 9A 10:30AM Worship WOH Birthday Coffee Hr & Mtg 6-7:30p Cantata Rehearsal	16 12:45p AA Group (CR) 5:30p Wt. Watchers (FH) 6:00p Yoga (N) 6:00p Barbershop (CR) 7:00p Barbershop (CH) 7:00p Venture Crew (CR) 7-9p Election Set-up	17 St Patrick's Day ELECTION DAY (No Fellowship Hall activities) 4-6p AA in Sanctuary 7p Finance Cmte Mtg (R2)	18 11:30a-1p AA (FH) 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:00p Yoga (FH) 6:30p Hi Timers (FH) 7:30p Chancel Choir (S) 7:30p BSA Girls' (R2)	19 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:30p Orbiting Sq. (FH) 6-7:30p Lenten Bible Study	20 All Day Crafting Retreat (FH)	21 Piano Recital (S) All Day Crafting Retreat (FH
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29 Fifth Sunday In Lent Sunday School~ All Ages @ 9A 10:30AM Worship 2p Buckeye Round Dance 6-7:30p Cantata Rehearsal	30 12:45p AA Group (CR) 5:30p Wt. Watchers (FH) 6:00p Yoga (N) 6:00p Barbershop (CR) 7:00p Barbershop (CH) 7:00p Venture Crew (CR)	31 4-6:00p AA (FH) 6:30p Dance (S/S) (FH)				Key FH~ Fellowship Hall S~ Sanctuary CH~ Choir Room N~ Nursery R1~ Room 1 R2~ Room 2

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