

THE CARILLON



February 2018

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

February 4	1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 "Labors of Love"
February 11	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "Endurance of Hope"
February 18	Matthew 5:43-48 "Hard Teachings"
February 25	Matthew 8:5-13 "True Authority"

- 4 10am Communion Worship
"Soup-er Bowl" Sunday
- 6 6:30pm 4H meeting
- 11 8:45am Missions Committee meeting
10am Worship - Installation of Officers
- 14 7:00pm Trustee and Deacons meeting
- 18 10am Worship
- 20 5-6:30pm Claridon Community Helps Dinner
- 25 10am Worship
2pm Worship at Blossom Hill

Each Monday: 7pm Grief Support Group

Each Thursday: 6:30pm Bible Study

7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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Linda Pollock

Ron & Sue Rosati
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Joe Bergant
Elaine Vaccariello
Nancy Stephenson



We celebrate February birthday's with Teeter Grosvenor, who will be 94 on February 2. Sadie Stanley celebrates her 94th birthday on February 18, and Al Gollwitzer will be 87, also on February 18.

Greetings may be sent to: Teeter at 12865 Mayfield Rd. #56, Chardon, OH 44024;
Sadie: 9188 Madison Rd., Montville, OH 44064
Al: 12549 Aquilla Rd., Chardon, OH 44024

Mission News

On Sunday, February 4, bring in your donations of soup for the Burton Food Cupboard and vote for your favorite Super Bowl Team! The winners are the recipients of the food cupboard, who need our help throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

Our mission for February will be **Blankets and Tools** sponsored by Church World Service. Church World Service is the relief, development, refugee assistance ministry of Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations. Founded in 1946, they now serve over a hundred countries. They provide emergency blankets and basic tools, water in emergencies. We have all experienced this very cold winter with warm houses and blankets. Remembering this let us contribute to those in need of blankets. With multiple hurricanes, fires and mudslides it has been a tough year for many people. Each blanket costs ten dollars. For each blanket you purchase there will be a paper heart where you can write the name of the person you want to honor with the donation and we will hand the heart on the blanket. Thank you.

Robin Stanley's installation as Licensed Minister at Hartsgrove United Church of Christ on March 18.

For a while now, Robin has been supply preaching once a month at the Hartsgrove United Church of Christ, and seeking to become licensed to celebrate communion and baptisms there. She has now been approved for licensure, and will be installed in Hartsgrove on March 18.

So that our church may participate, we will change our worship time that Sunday. Here in Claridon on the 18th, worship will begin at 9:30 AM. Hartsgrove will move back their service to begin at 11 AM. All are invited to come to their church immediately following our worship service. There will be a luncheon following the installation.

This is a big event for both churches, to celebrate this next step for Robin in Christian ministry. I hope all will strongly consider supporting her and planning to attend her installation.

Mark Your Calendars - Church Retreat on Saturday, March 10. Bass Lake Lodge, 9:30 until 1:30 Bring something for a potluck lunch. We will have time for planning and fellowship, along with a shared meal.

Awards Applications Available

The Awards Committee for the First Congregational Church of Claridon is announcing the availability of nine awards. The purpose of the award is to encourage people to further their education through a traditional college, trade school, or the equivalent. Persons who are graduating high school seniors, college students, or high school graduates are encouraged to apply.

Persons who are interested in making an application for consideration by the Awards Committee will be required to complete an application form.

Application forms will be available at the church after February 26th. Completed applications must be received by the Awards Committee no later than April 16, 2018. Completed forms can be mailed to: Awards Committee, First Congregational Church of Claridon, 13942 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, OH 44046.

The applications will be reviewed and awards made taking into account the following:

1. Church involvement
2. Community and Home involvement
3. School involvement
4. Work Experience (paid or unpaid)
5. Financial need

Awards will be presented on May 20, 2018 during church. Awardees must be present at the Awards Presentation to receive the award.

Lenten Devotional

Thank you to all those who have signed up to write a devotion on the gospel of Matthew for Lent. There are just a few dates left - the sign-up sheet and scriptures are at church, or you may email Mary Ellen to sign up. For those who signed up already, please email your devotion around a week before the date it is to be published on the website. Thanks!

Our church will hold a **Rummage & Bake Sale** on Saturday, May 5 in the Claridon Town Hall. We are asking that you save items to donate for sale. We will not take large items (couches, beds, large dressers, etc.) or computers, TV's or certain electronic items or adult clothing). We will take children's clothing, household items, tools, collectables, bedding, linens, unique one of a kind items, books, toys, games, sports equipment and outdoor items. Drop off day will be Thursday, May 3. You may contact Susan Vokoun 285-3787 or Mary Lou Morgan 968-3216 with questions. The last rummage sale was very successful, with the help and donations of our members and friends. The money raised will benefit our church.

DareToCare

Offers a family kindness challenge for kids and adults to participate in. Here is the article from that was shared in our school newsletter, and I felt it was worthy of passing on. The kindness challenge list follows – submitted by Leslie.

When it seems like there's nothing but stressful news in the world, there's only one thing to do: Spread as much joy as you can! A new program Called The Great Kindness Challenge: Family Edition encourages-and empowers-families to not only deepen their connection with each other, but their communities too. The new program grew out of an in-school initiative created in 2012 by Carlsbad, CA-based nonprofit Kids for Peace, led by veteran teacher and cofounder Jill McManigal. She and a group of students brainstormed a checklist of 50 ways to be kind at school during a single week. "It was a way for kids to do something positive to create a culture of inclusion, joy and respect," McManigal says. The program was a hit at the three founding schools, and the word quickly spread, inspiring hundreds of new schools to join the challenge every year. In 2017, 10 million students in more than 15,000 schools worldwide participated.

The next goal, with the help of partner Hasbro and Be Fearless Be Kind Initiative, is to bring the program into your home. To get started simply make a pledge to complete 50 acts of kindness-use the program's list or make your own! Everything kicks off the week of January 22nd, but there's no time limit to finish. Take a month or a year. The hope is that this will remind you that one family can make a difference and you can give back to your community. "We want parents to know that empathy and kindness are critical skills we all need to cultivate, especially with our kids," says Karen Davis, senior vice president of global philanthropy and social impact at Hasbro Inc. in Providence, RI. Are you ready? Save this page and put it on the fridge, and start checking off your family's good deeds. Share your experiences by tagging #GKCFamilyFun on social media. The FamilyFun editors will be joining in too. We can't wait to see all the good you accomplish!

The Great Kindness Challenge: Family Edition

- o Smile at 25 people.
- o Take a treat to your local firefighters.
- o Do a household chore without being asked.
- o Donate something to an animal shelter.
- o Take a board game to play at a senior center.
- o Read a book to a younger child.
- o Make a thank-you card for your librarians.
- o Entertain someone with a happy dance☺
- o Create a family gratitude jar.
- o Cheer for every player on both teams.
- o Deliver a special gift to a child in the hospital.
- o Make a new friend or welcome a new neighbor.
- o Send a card or gift to a military family.
- o Walk or pet an animal-but ask first!
- o Go a full day without complaining.
- o Hold the door open for someone.
- o Learn to say thank you in a different language.
- o Embrace your family with a big hug.
- o Teach something to a younger sibling or friend.
- o Write or draw a loving note for someone.
- o Make and display a "kindness matters" sign.
- o Raise funds and donate to your favorite cause.
- o Watch the sunrise or sunset together.
- o Breath, stretch, and think a happy thought.
- o Cut out 10 hearts and leave them on ten cars.
- o Donate needed school supplies.
- o Thank a bus driver.
- o Leave a flower on someone's doorstep.
- o Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack.
- o Call your grandparents or an esteemed elder.
- o Walk or bike instead of driving.
- o Say "thank you" to a police officer.
- o Bake cookies and share with your neighbors.
- o Say "good morning" to 5 people.
- o Pick up and recycle trash in your neighborhood.
- o Take a family walk outside.
- o Draw a heart in the sand or dirt.
- o Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
- o Make a wish for a child in another country.
- o Volunteer in your community.
- o Say "hi" to someone who looks sad.
- o Write a happy message with sidewalk chalk.
- o Paint a kindness rock and randomly place it.
- o Share food with someone who is hungry.
- o Sincerely compliment five people.
- o Post a positive message on social media.
- o Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- o Help plant a garden.
- o Reflect on acts of kindness you witnessed today.
- o Create your own kind deed.