

# THE CARILLON



March 2018

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

March 4	Matthew 10:40-42 "Welcome in Jesus' Name"
March 11	Matthew 13:44-52 "Secrets of Heaven"
March 18	Matthew 18:21-35 "Forgiveness Multiplied"
March 25	Matthew 21:1-11 "Who is This?"
March 29	Matthew 23:37-39 "Jesus in Sorrow"
April 1	Matthew 28:1-10 "Getting Past Fear"

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Mary Lou Morgan, Secretary  
Pastor Mary Ellen Hoffman

- 3 9:30am Church Women United  
12:30 memorial service for Anna May Pollock
- 10 9:30AM - 1 PM Congregational Retreat at Bass Lake Lodge, everyone is invited
- 11 Pancake breakfast after worship
- 14 7:00pm Trustee and Deacons meeting
- 18 **9:30am Worship** – please note time change today only, afterwards Robin's installation at Hartsgrove UCC 11am
- 20 5-6:30pm Claridon Community Helps Dinner
- 25 10am Palm Sunday Worship  
2pm Worship at Blossom Hill
- 29 Maundy Thursday worship  
6:30pm soup & bread supper  
7:00pm Communion worship
- April 1 10am Easter Worship
- Each Monday: 7pm Grief Support Group
- Each Thursday: 6:30pm Bible Study  
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



### PRAY FOR:

Orrin Valentine

Mike & Iyelene Macek

Betty Peck

Benjamin Waida

Betty Ann Felberg

Ron McClintock

Sherry Cindric

Bruce Johnson

Bill Angstrom

Jack Burnett

Susan Little

Linda Pollock

Ron & Sue Rosati

Rich Mayich

Felicia Dixon

Kenrick Byler

Joe Bergant

Elaine Vaccariello

Mary Ann Post

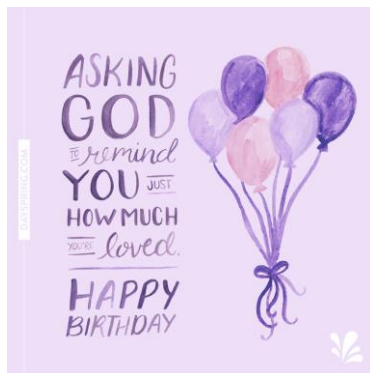
Nathaniel Stolle

Please hold the family of Anna May Pollock in prayer; she passed on to eternal life on February 26. Her memorial service will be on Saturday, March 3, at church, at 12:30 PM. A luncheon will follow.

The youth gathering on Saturday, March 3 at church has been postponed, due to Anna May Pollock's memorial service. Another date will be arranged soon! Thanks for understanding.

Church Women United will meet at our church on Saturday, March 3 at 9:30am registration and breakfast, 10:00 am the program, 10:30 am worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Speak to Carane Ladd with questions.

March Food Cupboard need: cleaning & laundry products. Donated items may be placed in the baskets by the elevator. These items are delivered to the Burton Food Cupboard each month, thank you.



We celebrate March birthdays with Martha Vaccariello who will be 94 on March 17.

Greetings may be sent to her at 200 Deer Dr., Chardon, OH 44024.

After worship on March 11, the Music Committee and Choir are preparing a delicious pancake breakfast with all the trimmings. Come enjoy the food and fellowship. Cost by donation.

On March 18 at 11am, Robin Stanley will be installed as Pastor of Hartsgrove UCC. Everyone is invited to attend this special day in Robin's life. Please note that our worship will begin at 9:30am so we may attend Robin's installation. Meal following (we will have a sign up at our church so we can give them an idea who is staying for lunch at Hartsgrove).

Sunday, April 1 – 8:45am potluck Easter Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Easter morning worship at 10am.

## Easter Egg Hunt



We will hold our annual Easter egg hunt and celebration on March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 am. Following the hunt there will be a light lunch served along with many Easter crafts to choose from.

We welcome ages 0-12 to participate in the Easter egg hunt and all ages to participate in the crafts and fellowship following the hunt. We love to hold the hunt outside, weather permitting (we have hunted in light snow before☺), so please make sure to dress accordingly.

Candy donation and egg fillers are welcomed and appreciated prior to the event (contact Leslie if you would like to help with the filling of the eggs and Mary Lou will have a basket for candy donations). We look forward to a fun event on March 24<sup>th</sup>!

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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.

## ***Deacon's Corner***

***We entered the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday February 14. We are preparing our heart and mind for Easter Sunday on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The season seems to be aware with significant weather changes daily. The Maple Sap harvesting has begun and the early flowers are peeping out. The melting of snow, the warm weather, and the return of birds all bring forth the excitement of Spring. God blesses the Claridon area with an abundant growth period each Spring. Take time to stop and appreciate all of God's Blessings during this season.***

***Deacon of the Month of March is Barb Petersen She may be reached at 440-285-4348.***

***Deacon of the Month of April is Sara Hamrick***

## ***Upcoming Events:***

***Watch the Daily Devotionals as we lead up to Easter. The daily scriptures are from Matthew. Following Easter Sunday the Daily Devotionals will resume in the Old Testament.***

***Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> Church Planning Retreat Starting at 9:30 sharp at the Bass Lake Nature Pavilion. Goal is to discuss areas of church strengths and areas of change where the church may investigate and evaluate. An open and informal discussion centering on church planning. All officers of the church are especially urged to attend, and everyone is welcome to join in this time of fellowship and planning. Come and share your experiences and participate in the planning of Claridon Church.***

## ***Directions: The Geauga Park Service Bass Lake Pavilion:***

***From Mayfield Road go North on Auburn Road  
Turn RIGHT onto Wilson Mills Road  
Turn RIGHT onto Basswood Road (first road on right)  
Follow Basswood till it dead ends into Lakeview turn RIGHT  
Pavilion on LEFT parking next to building***

***Coffee, tea, water, sloppy joes, hot dogs and condiments will be provided. If possible bring a dessert or side to share. Note: please bring your comfortable lawn chair, as they only provide picnic tables inside. We end at 1 PM.***

***The church is in need of someone with word and Excel experience. Church member lists, mailing lists etc., are in need of updating and also generation of address labels for mailing. Anyone interested in assisting in this area please see Pastor Mary Ellen.***

***Note: Pastor Mary Ellen will be taking a well desired vacation to see her daughter in Spain where she is teaching English at an elementary school. We wish Pastor Mary Ellen and her family a fantastic fun filled time. Aubrey Woods will fill in on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Robin Stanley will be filling in on April 29<sup>th</sup>.***

*Trials are part of life. How we respond to devastating trials is the question of our humanity and future.*

*This was read at our church Annual Meeting in 2006. Thank you Teeter.*

## The Holy Alphabet

- A** Although things are not perfect
- B** Because of trial or pain
- C** Continue in thanksgiving
- D** Do not begin to blame
- E** Even when the times are hard
- F** Fierce winds are bound to blow
- G** God is forever able
- H** Hold on to what you know
- I** Imagine life without His love
- J** Joy would cease to be
- K** Keep thanking Him for all the things
- L** Love imparts to thee
- M** Move out of "Camp Complaining"
- N** No weapon that is known
- O** On earth can yield the power
- P** Praise can do alone
- Q** Quit looking at the future
- R** Redeem the time at hand
- S** Start every day with worship
- T** To "thank" is a command
- U** Until we see Him coming
- V** Victorious in the sky
- W** We'll run the race with gratitude
- X** Xalting God most high
- Y** Yes, there'll be good times and yes, some will be bad, but...
- Z** Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

(This came in an e-mail, author unknown. It seemed fitting for distribution.)

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Historian