

# THE CARILLON



March 2020

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Scripture for Lent:

- March 1     Luke 5:12-16  
"I Am Willing" - Healing Ministry of Jesus
- March 8     Luke 6:41-49  
"Why Do You..." - Teaching Ministry of Jesus
- March 15    Luke 9:28-36  
"This is My Son" - the Glory of Jesus
- March 22    Luke 12:35-40  
"Be Ready for Service" - Warnings  
and Encouragements
- March 29    Luke 15:1-10  
"Suppose..." Parables of Jesus

- 1     10am Communion Worship
- 8     10am Worship
- 11    7pm Deacon & Trustee Meetings
- 15    10am Worship
- 17    5-6:30pm Claridon Community  
Helps Dinner
- 21    7pm Spirit Bound Concert
- 22    10am Worship
- 25    7pm Cabinet Meeting
- 29    10am Worship

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**PRAY FOR:**

Bill Angstrom  
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The Holtz family  
Bruce Johnson  
Delton Dudley  
Karen Sebor  
David Clark  
Luann Sayre  
Randy Rose  
Connie Streble  
Patrick Carver

Betty Peck  
Joann Giovannelli  
Susan Little  
The Rosati's  
Matthew Christian  
Ken Stanley  
Richard Hacker  
The Bryan family  
Sarah Lanza  
Fred Hunter  
Albert Ricer

Keith Streble  
Kenrick Byler  
Kathy Hogamier  
Franke Fende  
Don Burt  
The Taylor family  
Larry Fox  
Janice Stanek  
Mary Jane Troyer  
Judy Irvin  
Kevin O'Reilly



We celebrate the birthday of Martha Vaccariello, who will be 96 on March 17. Greetings may be sent to Martha at Thistle House, 526 Water Street, Chardon, OH 44024.

## BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm Bible Study will begin a study of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter in March. All are welcome. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Philippians 1:9-10

Have you ever read a book or watched a movie more than once and each time had a deeper understanding or saw something you missed the first time?

The Bible is not meant for a one time read. We can think back on our understanding of Bible stories we learned as children and know it has a much deeper meaning today. Each time we read a scripture passage it can take on a different meaning depending on our circumstances and our maturity level, but also God's intent for our message at that given moment from His *living* word.

**12** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Meditation and study of God's word increases our knowledge and deepens our understanding in a way that is hard to put into words. It goes beyond mental comprehension to knowing at a spirit level. At attitude, life changing level. To study with other believers offers a deeper yet understanding with discussion of life application and hearing other perspectives can broaden my frame of reference. Iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17.

We study God's word to understand the very nature of God. We get a glimpse into the infinite depth of love He has for us and in doing so our love abounds more fully. We more easily recognize that which is false in ourselves as well as in others.

Lord, Thank you for your Holy word. Thank you for other believers willing to share and help further my understanding. May I continue to more deeply abound in love as I leave behind my old mindsets and behaviors so I may be a reflection of your love to others. In Jesus name, Amen

### **Claridon Congregational Church Missions Committee**

Just before Jesus was taken up into heaven, he spoke these final words to His disciples:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Missions Committee vision is to provide ways for each of us to participate in this Great Commission to our towns (Jerusalem), our county (Judea), our state and country (Samaria), and foreign countries around the globe (the ends of the earth). Some of the areas we will support in 2020 are:

- The Burton Food Pantry
- Ministry to Geauga's homeless, Next Step, WomenSafe
- Church World Service
- Heifer International
- CROP Walk
- USO
- Adopting 2 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Hope Ministries-An overseas mission to children's homes in India.
- Network of Helping Hands – sending cards, providing rides or addressing other unmet needs of those in our Congregation (please provide addresses etc. to Patti DeVault)
- Sock & Mitten Tree
- And there are others.

March is the month for the Missions Committee to share the vision, present further details, and provide coffee hour with a Missions twist!

Let's work together as witnesses of the love of God our Father and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to see the power of God made real in the lives of those who are touched by these ministries.

Your Committee Members:

Pam Plott (chair), Jill Kellogg, Jan Wargo, Patti DeVault, Betsy Griffin, Mark & Vicki Solomon

## **LENT**

During this season of Lent we are reading through the gospel of Luke. Our worship themes will be from Luke's gospel. On our website and for those who are on our email distribution, the daily devotions will include the full reading as well as a reflection on some of the verses for the day. If you wish to be added to the email list, please contact us at [claridoncongregationalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:claridoncongregationalchurch@gmail.com).

### **This month's events**

Spirit Bound is having a concert on Saturday, March 21 at church, followed by light desserts.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Easter Egg Hunt** - We will hold our annual Easter egg hunt & celebration on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate and we will do the hunt outside in the park area (please dress appropriately as we will try to go outside in most weather☺). We will then have lunch, an Easter story, and crafts downstairs in the church fellowship hall. All children up to age 12 are welcome to participate in the egg hunt. *All ages* are welcome to join us for lunch and crafts following the hunt. If you would like to make a donation, we can always use candy and small prizes (stickers, etc.) to use in filling the eggs. Please come and join us for a fun filled Easter egg hunt and Easter activities!

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Chagrin Cinemas, there will be a special showing of the film "Jesus." This is a production put on by the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA, put into a film format. It was a tremendous live show on a huge stage, complete with live animals, music and drama. We would like to bring a group to see the film that evening, and the Hoffman's are inviting all to come to their home dessert after the show. Let them know you are coming and we could possibly get a group rate for tickets. There will also be a showing of "Jesus" on Saturday April 11 at 12:55 PM in several other area theatres.

Saturday, April 18 at 7 PM there will be a special program at our church for bird lovers, presented by a local birding enthusiast and photographer, Matt Valencic. Please invite friends who enjoy our fine-feathered friends - it will be a wonderful program, followed by light desserts.

We are in the beginning stages of planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre, tentatively planned for July 21-22, costs yet to be determined. The live theatre production this year is on Esther, from a book in the Old Testament. The trip will include transportation, one night's accommodation at a nearby hotel, several meals, and of course, tickets to the show. Keep tuned for more details to come.

Thank you to all who contributed, helped in the kitchen, and enjoyed the food and fellowship of our Music Ministry's Annual Pancake Breakfast. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



# *Spirit Bound*

*An Evening of Worship in Song*



*Saturday March 21, 2020*

*7:00 PM*

**First Congregational  
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13942 Mayfield Rd  
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**Corner of Mayfield & Claridon Troy**

Join us to celebrate God's greatest gift of love as we sing songs of the  
Lenten Season and of Jesus' life and resurrection.

*Spirit Bound is a quartet of friends who have been singing  
together since 2003. They share their faith and love of music.*

*Laura Christian, Joy Leirer, Gary Hunter, Aubrey Woods*

A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit  
the missions of the church.



The Annual  
Musical Benefit



for the

Geauga Hunger Task Force

Selections from

**G.F. Handel's "Messiah"**

Sunday, March 29, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Notre Dame Center Chapel

13000 Auburn Road, Munson, Ohio

Presented by the

**Good Tidings Benefit Choir**

Goodwill Offering and Food Drive