

# THE CARILLON



May 2019

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

May 5 Children's Sunday  
Psalm 71:1-8,17-18 "God's Plan for Children"

May 12 Confirmation Sunday  
Colossians 3:12-17 "Christ Dwelling in You"

May 19 Awards Sunday  
Joshua 1:6-9 "God is with You wherever you Go"

May 26 Memorial Day Sunday  
2 Timothy 2:1-10 "Be Strong"

- 5 10am Children's Sunday
- 8 7pm Deacon & Trustee Meetings
- 12 10am Mothers Day  
Confirmands Join Church
- 18 1pm Ladies Luncheon
- 19 10am Awards Sunday
- 21 5-6:30pm Claridon Comm. Helps  
Dinner
- 22 7pm Cabinet Meeting
- 26 10am Memorial Day Sunday  
2pm Blossom Hill Worship

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**PRAY FOR:**

Bill Angstrom  
Benjamin Waida  
Betty Ann Felberg  
The Tuckers  
Ron & Sue Rosati  
Delton Dudley  
Frank Fende

Betty Peck  
Jack Burnett  
Susan Little  
Ken Stanley  
Bruce Johnson  
Kylie McCartney  
Richard Hacker

Keith Streble  
Kenrick Byler  
Joe Bergant  
Shane Chrisitan  
Betsy Griffin  
David Brockway  
Don Burt

Ethel Nance will celebrate her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 10. Greetings may be sent to Ethel at 7705 Monte Carlo Way, Indianapolis, IN 46278

Jim and Karen Sebor will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 24. Greetings may be sent to the Sebors at 9920 Ravenna Rd., Chardon, OH 44024.

**May Food Pantry Needs**

Personal Care items – soap, shampoo, deodorant, first-aid items, etc.

**The Red Cross and local churches are teaming up to provide smoke detectors in Jacques Trailer Park.** Teams of three will go in homes where residents have requested these detectors, to install them. This will be on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10am. Please contact Mary Lou Morgan if you are interested in helping in this way or Denny Bihary for more information.

**Ladies Luncheon**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Bring a friend or a neighbor, Pie auction and fellowship. The luncheon is by donation, proceeds to go in our church general fund. Music and entertainment. The pie auction is a Chinese Auction, to benefit the Geauga Hunger Task Force and our local food cupboards. It is helpful (but not mandatory) if you would sign up in church that you are planning to come - there are several available clipboards. You may also leave a message on the church phone – 440-635-1467. Thank you to Marilyn Morgret, who is organizing this event.

**Confirmation Class**

It is a joy to welcome our newest young people as members of this church. They will join on Sunday, May 12. The youth and their mentors:

- Aiden Kronk** - his mentor is Bill Angstrom
- Andrew Soltis** - his mentor is Bruce Carson
- Maddie Smetana** - her mentor is Nancy Bihary
- Morgan Soltis** - her mentor is Jill Kellogg.

They have been diligently studying throughout this year. In addition, they served a community meal with Andrea Pollock. They sponsored a movie night for our church. They attended a Seder service with their mentors at Fairmount Temple. Thank you to their parents for all their support!

## **New Members**

On Palm Sunday, we joined two new members to our church:

**Patti DeVault**, who has moved here from California, and who is now our new handbell choir director.  
**Stephanie Soltis**, whose daughter Taylor was in a previous confirmation class, and now her daughter Morgan is in this year's class.

Welcome to them both!

## **Notes from the Music Committee**

Thank you to all the musicians that contributed to the beauty of our Holy Week services. What a pleasure to have Gretchen Bryan at the organ to team up with Caroline and Connie for powerful worship. Thank you to the Choir and Hand Bell Choir for the amazing Resurrection celebration. Piano and organ and bells! Oh my!

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE First Congregational Church of Claridon, UCC**

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners! Come meet these outstanding students on Awards Sunday, May 19, 2019. A reception will follow the service.

Future Leaders  
Fenwick Award  
Ruth Starr  
Hyde Award  
Karen Gratton Allen  
William L. Morgan  
Wm and Betty Strong  
Women's Fellowship  
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**Thomas Bihary**  
**Alexander Bihary**  
**Joseph Sweet**  
**Emily Dingman**  
**Lauren Evans**  
**Parker Carson**  
**Allie Malloy**  
**Ashley Gubanyar**  
**Brianna Fedak**

## **Trustees Update**

The repainting of the west side of the Church building is being planned for this summer. We are working to get solid commitment from contractors to do this work, which may also include repair of some of the siding on the west side (front) of the Church. This will be a project requiring substantial funds and hopefully can be completed before fall to protect the historical treasure that we have in our care.

The Trustees have also installed a larger, more efficient, sump pump, serviced the dishwasher and have replaced the outside lighting along with several other minor repairs. Thanks to Bruce Carson for all of his help with our projects!

## **Financial Update**

In the three months ended March 31, 2019 the church received funds from collections, donations, fundraising and one-half of the Parsonage rental which came to a total of \$16,775. Interest earned was \$54. Operating expenditures for the same period including salaries, utilities, and other operating expenses came to \$32,904. Our receipts are substantially less so far this year than the amount we spent to operate the church. Your continued prayers and gifts are very much appreciated. If you have any questions please see Dianne Kellogg or one of our Trustees.