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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

The Latch - March 2019

MISSIONS UPDATES

March Mission Bank

Mission Bank monies collected in March will be designated for Harvest for Hunger, a campaign which supports the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Oaks Family Care Center

Our collection in support of the Oaks Family Care Center was very successful! More than a dozen baby bottles filled to the brim with change, bills and checks are on their way to the Oaks. Thanks to all that contributed.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The last Sunday in March we will take the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This once-a-year collection supports disaster, refugee and development activities of the United Church of Christ.



2019 LENTEN FISH FRY DATES

There are 3 "Fry-Day" night fish fries scheduled at EUCC for the upcoming Lenten season.

The first is March 8, 2019

4:30-7:00 PM

Meals include: rolls, beverage & dessert,
plus choice of sides

\$10 Fish Dinner (baked or fried)

Add \$2 for Shrimp

Kids 8 and Under Eat for Half Price



Additional dates include:

March 29 and April 12

Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Renovation

Work continues on the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen renovation projects. Thanks to all for your grace and patience as the timeframe has extended beyond what was originally expected. Things are coming along well, and the Hall/Kitchen should be ready in time for our first Fish Fry. Watch for information to come later on an official Open House to celebrate our beautiful "new" facilities.



FROM PASTOR BERT'S DESK

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On Sunday, March 10 at 2 AM we “spring ahead,” turning our clocks ahead one hour and begin Daylight Saving Time. For some, our bodies will adjust easily, for others (and the older we get!) it may take a few weeks. The experts say the best way to adjust to this minor change is to reset our clocks as we go to bed and set the alarm for the next day. And, if we don't think about that hour, the adjustment will “go almost unnoticed.”

“Unnoticed!” Like we don't notice it's dark again as we get up and it's still light after supper.

There are all kinds of constantly changing reasons for Daylight Saving Time. Officially adopted in the U.S. in 1918 as, “an Act to preserve daylight.” (I didn't know you could put light in a Mason jar and save it.) Some say fewer accidents happen during daylight hours, so more time in the morning in winter and more time in the evening in summer reduces automobile accidents. Others say there is an energy savings. Still others say “extending” daylight provides more time to work in the fields. Now, most farmers I know pay more attention to daylight and dark, than the time on the clock.

I've always been partial to my dad's reason for Daylight Saving Time. He called it Golfer's Time because “it allowed those office folks with the 9 to 5 jobs to have more daylight after work to play golf” in the warmer months. I tend to believe this last reason is probably truer than all the others. It seems that the general consensus is that really most of those things that were used as arguments for having Daylight Saving Time in the past do not really apply nowadays. Every year, the question is: Why are we continuing with this, particularly when in some cases, it is more of a nuisance than benefit? This twice a year adventure of fooling around with the clock doesn't really give us MORE time – doesn't extend our days or our years of life. A statement often heard is, “I wish I would have had more time.”

There are some words from the Tim McGraw song, “Live like You Were Dyin,” about what a friend said when he found out he didn't have more time.

I went skydiving. I went rocky mountain climbing . . .

And I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter

And I gave forgiveness I'd been denyin'

*And he said, Someday I hope you get the chance
to live like you were dyin'*

*He said, I was finally the husband that most the time
I wasn't*

And I became a friend, a friend would like to have

And all of a sudden goin' fishin'

wasn't such an imposition

And I went three times that year I lost my dad

*And he said, Someday I hope you get the chance
to live like you were dyin'*

We can't fence time, nor even save it. We have just so much, no matter how we fiddle with the clock, and we don't know how much. Maybe we need to stop playing with time, and live each day to its fullest and “love deeper and speak sweeter!” and maybe even go fishin'!

Blessings,

Pastor Bert





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Office Hours
 Monday 8:30-12:30
 Tuesday 7:30-11:30
 Wednesday 8:30-12:30
 Thursday 8:30-3:00

Special Occasions & Dates - March 2019

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pat Barnum 3/9
 Carol Zeigler 3/9
 Lucille Bargar 3/10
 Marge Naftzger 3/11
 Tom Casada 3/12
 Betty Good 3/13
 Dorothy Meyer 3/14
 Marilyn Cleveland 3/19
 Rod Knight 3/19
 Richard Maringer II 3/19
 Alysa Healy 3/21
 Janelle Healy 3/23
 Kristin Seeley 3/23
 Sally Hunter 3/24
 Judy Broucker 3/26
 Dan McMullen 3/26

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

John & Chris Neal 3/17
 David & Channie Gavlak 3/28

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6
SERVICE IS @ 7:00 PM



DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS
MARCH 10, 2019

COMING SOON!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesdays during Lent @ 5:45 PM
 Beginning March 13, 2019

GIVING REPORT



2019 Weekly Budget (Need)	\$3,200
February Giving	\$12,271
YTD Giving	\$20,572
YTD Shortage	(-\$5,028)



Please remember the church in your financial planning and will.

March 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 BHWF 2:00	5	6 Bible Study 9:30 AM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00	7 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM BHWF 3:15	8 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 	9
10	11 BHWF 2:00	12	13 Bible Study 9:30 AM Soup Supper 5:45 Choir Practice 7:00	14 BHWF 3:15	15	16
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24	25 BHWF 2:00	26 Church Council 7:00	27 Bible Study 9:30 AM Soup Supper 5:45 Choir Practice 7:00	28 BHWF 3:15	29 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 	30
31	The deadline to contribute articles/info for the April Latch is March 27.					

Being Healthy With Friends

BHWF's chair yoga classes will meet in the Sunday School room until Fellowship Hall renovations are completed.

Cancellations due to bad weather are communicated to everyone on the call list.

Third Thursday Lunch

March 21 @ Noon

Fellowship Hall

Menu: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes & veggie

VC Garden Club

- March 21 Garden Club activity is off-site beginning at 4:00 PM.

Schedule Changes

- There will NOT be a Martha Circle meeting in March.