

FEBRUARY 2015

CHAPEL

Chatter

"Lent"

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 18. This season continues through the Saturday before Easter. We will gather at 7 pm for a service of singing and imposition of ashes.

The earliest celebration of Lent was called the Pasca—a Christian Passover. Jesus Christ was proclaimed as the new Passover lamb. As Israel was delivered from bondage in Egypt, the people of God were now delivered from the bondage of sin and death. This celebration began at sunset on Easter eve and climaxed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper when the rooster crowed Easter morning.

Over the period of four centuries, this all-night celebration was lengthened to forty days, symbolic of the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness. In preparation for Easter, Christians practiced fasting, prayer and almsgiving—the concrete expression of the Church to the poor, the sick and the less fortunate:

Today it is traditional to "give something up for Lent." This comes from the tradition of fasting or giving up food for forty days. Prayerfully consider what you need to give up that will have a lasting spiritual impact on your life.

If you count on your calendar, you will find more than forty days. That is because the Christians never fasted on Sunday. Every Sunday was a mini-celebration of Easter—a time for praise to the risen Lord. One didn't fast on such a special day.

The author, Jay Rochelle, writes, "It is a time to recapture some of the ground you think you have lost in the rush of life....Lent belongs not as an addition to the meanings of life, but as a part of the search for depth and meaning within life. It is a time of testing, a time for reflection upon the direction of your life."

May Easter be extra special this year, not because of eggs or new clothes. May it be special because each of us has done our spiritual preparation.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad



From
the
Pastor's
Heart



2015 has been off to a great start for the youth group. We kicked the year off right by staying up all night over MLK weekend! We had a lock-in that started at 8 pm on Sunday night and went until 8 am Monday morning. 26 high school students came, wore themselves out, and had a great time! We played a bunch of games, enjoyed some worship, had a team competition, took a look at deception in the context of Genesis 3, and devoured a 10 foot long ice cream sundae!

The youth also have a mission trip to North Carolina coming up this summer. In order to afford the trip, there will be a fundraiser on March 1st. Mark your calendars for the Soup and Pie dinner! It will be a great way to enjoy some good food, spend time with each other, and help support our youth as they prepare to take a step out in faith this summer.

Maybe you're wondering who this new youth pastor guy is. Maybe you've met me, but want to find out a little more about me. Maybe we're already best friends and none of this will surprise you. Wherever you fall in this category, I'd like to give you a little insight to who I am. I'm Tom Gerberich. I was born and raised in Akron, OH as the middle of three boys. I ran cross-country and track at Ohio Northern and worked with several campus ministries before graduating this past December. For those of you that already knew that, and want some more interesting information, here are some fun facts* about me: I am technically a semi-professional video gamer because I have received money for winning Halo tournaments. My personal best in the 5k is 14:57. I am an avid sleepwalker and do so about 2-3 times per week. My dad used to be a professional bowler. I love thrift shopping and about half of my wardrobe comes from second-hand stores. I have broken 8 bones and have had 3 surgeries in my life. I hope you have enjoyed these. Make sure to read the fine print!

*These facts may or may not be true. There is candy on the line for anyone who can tell me which ones are correct! Also, if you would like to find out the right answers; come and talk to me. I'd be glad to tell you which are true!

We apologize for the lateness of February "Chapel Chatter". The Chapel computer and internet gremlins have been hard at work this month. Thank you Darren Estelle for taming the gremlins.

Name the Chapel Newsletter.....

And the winner is Julia Masuwa for
"CHAPEL CHATTER"



Please join the children & youth of the church as they celebrate the beginning of Lent. This service will be a part of our Wednesday Night Ministries programming. This is open to all.

Liberty Chapel
will be hosting



Sunday, February 22 at 1:30 pm

Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to all children. As Christian church leaders, we are charged with engaging children and youth while making every effort to assure their safety. Safe Sanctuaries® is more than implementing guidelines, policies and procedures. Safe Sanctuaries® creates an environment with boundaries of safe space for children, youth and vulnerable adults, and the adult servants who work with them.

*****We would like those who are a part of Chapel's kids & youth ministries to attend this important training. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center or see Carol Witte for further information.

Women of God, Growing in Grace Women's Conference.

March 7, 2015 -----8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Shiloh Christian Union Church – 2100 County Road 5 – Delta, Ohio

Please see Laura Case for registration. Early registration (by Feb. 21) \$15.00.

Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

The Pantry & Closet will be open

Monday, February 16, 6-7:30 pm & Friday, February 20, 9 – 11:00 am.

Days and hours for our new food pantry have been set: 3rd Monday of every month 6:00- 7:30 pm and the following Friday of that week, 9:00– 11:00 am. **Six to eight volunteers** are needed to help each time to meet and greet, set-up and takedown, help carry out food and to help people in other ways. The Clothing Closet is open at the same times as Bountiful Blessings. This is another much-needed outreach. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the office.

The Clothing Closet cannot accept any new donations at this time.
Thank you for your continued support of the ministry.

LA. MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS---KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Youth Pastor Tom Gerberich, Dan Bare, Marcia Bearley, Louise Dalton,
Max & Pat Fetterman, Boyd & April Mozingo, Ileah Gutierrez, Ethan
Gutierrez, Tenny & Sue Krugh, Steve Seagrave, Lowynn Atkinson, Jacob
Clapp & Joe & Carla Gillen



Traveling on Sat. & Sun., Feb. 7 & 8, working Mon. through Fri., Feb. 9-13, traveling home on Sat., Feb.14.



† In the Welcome Center, please sign up to hang out with some great kids at THE ROCK.
Open daily 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., & Thurs.



† In an attempt to reduce sugary snacks, **fruit is needed each week for THE ROCK snack time.** If you would like to donate fruit for a week please sign-up in the Welcome Center and bring your items to church on Sunday of that week. “Thank you so much from THE ROCK kids and team!!

† A Sunday School Teacher and Helper are needed for the 3-4 yr. old class. See Marci Nash or Dawn Sharpe for further details.

Choir practices will begin Wednesday, March 4 @ 7:30 pm and run through the month of February. Join the Fun!!!!



Cam Meyers – Nephew of Julie and Ron Zenz, burst appendix and infection.
Pastor Brad & Family – They are traveling to Denver to welcome a new granddaughter.
Mike Witte – Eric Witte's brother, Cancer.
Lavon Patton – Health Concerns.
Friends and Family of "Cat" Catherina Lautar -She passed away Sunday Jan. 25 because of an auto accident.
Herb & Carolyn Arps – Ongoing health issues.
Brenda Winters – friend of Carrie Quigley, serious damage to diaphragm muscle, major surgery and serious chronic pain.

Billy Sharpe – Health Concerns.

Cole Spangler - Upcoming Surgery Feb 17.

Joyce Schwyn – Max Fetterman's sister, Cancer

Jack Kruger – surgery for broken femur & surgery for hip replacement.

Mike Collier – Recovering from knee surgery.

Maddie Dishop – Recovering from thyroid surgery

{You are invited to use the Prayer Request forms in the pews.}

Please keep the following long-term needs in your prayers:

*Ruth Gramling; Winnie Leatherman; Kent Spiess; Billy Sharpe; Ruth Whitman; Leo "Bud" Zenz;
 Members of the Military and their Families; Our Missionary Families*

Eric Gutierrez, Whitehouse Country Manor, Room #201
 11239 Waterville St., Whitehouse, OH 43571
(visits always welcomed)

[Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks. For continued prayer listing, please resubmit.]

	8:15 Service Nursery/ Door Greeters	Sunday School Nursery/ Door Greeters	10:30 Service Nursery/ Door Greeters	Greeters
1	Barnes/ Jenny Hartford/ Howe Family	Ileah Gutierrez Howe Family	Oelkrug Family Howe Family	Tenny Krugh Family
8	Overmier Family Kevin Mohler Family	Shadday Family Nash Family	Spangler Family Nash Family	Todd Shafer Family
15	C. Carter Family John Sharpe Family	Shadday Family John Sharpe Family	O'Neal Family John Sharpe Family	Ken Silveus Family
22	L. Mack & C. Bowers Gretchen Tedrow	Witte Family Conner Family	Graber Family Conner Family	Bill Sharpe Family
	Little Lambs Christy M.			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Patty McIntosh
 2 - Judy Strayer
 3 - Alex Tedrow
 4 - Emily Leatherman
 Andy Spiess
 5 - Evan Hogrefe
 6 - Wyatt Leatherman
 Toby Ernsberger
 David Kessler, Sr.
 Sharon Sharpe
 8 - Tim Mack
 9 - Brad Howe

11 - Viki Mack
 12 - Johnny Danford
 14 - Todd Mohler
 Deb Leuthold
 15 - Jessica Trapp
 Ross McLaughlin
 Matt Vollmar
 17 - Jeanette Saneholtz
 18 - Matthew Orr
 19 - Josh Wiechers
 20 - Lucas Bare
 23 - Lydia Murrey
 24 - Lillian Case

26 - Lowynn Atkinson
 27 - Jake Sharpe
 Beth Thobe
 John Sharpe

FEBRUARY ANNIVER-SARIES

1 – Bob & Arlene Griteman
 Steve & Mary Seagrave
 4 – Dan & Brenda Hogrefe
 7 – Gary & Lori Graber



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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

***"A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that
He is overflowing to others."***

Return Service Requested

February 2015





Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Classic Worship (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. Praise Celebration (Nursery Provided)
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Worship With Us Communion 6:00 pm Scouts	2 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Finance 8:00 pm Ad. Council	3 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:30 – 8:00 pm Beth Moore Study	4 3-5 pm "The ROCK" Wed. Night Ministries CrossRoads Café 6-7pm 6:15 pm Ages 3- Grade 8 6:45 pm Sr. Hi Youth	5 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:00 Centershot Archery Ministry	6 	7 6:00 am Mission Trip Leaving → 7am Men's Prayer Time @ church
8 <i>Louisiana Mission Trip</i> Worship With Us 6:00 pm Scouts	9 6:00 pm UMM	10 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 7:00 pm SPRC	11 3-5 pm "The ROCK" Wed. Night Ministries 6:15 pm Ages 3- Grade 8 6:45 pm Sr. Hi Youth	12 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:00 Centershot Archery Ministry	13 	14 → 7am Men's Prayer Time @ church
15 Worship With Us	16 6 – 7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	17 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:30 – 8:00 pm Beth Moore Study	18 Noon Sr. Luncheon 3-5 pm "The ROCK" Wed. Night Ministries 6:15 pm Ages 3- Grade 8 6:45 pm Sr. Hi Youth 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	19 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:00 Centershot Archery Ministry 7:00 pm ROCK Team	20 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	21 7am Men's Prayer Time @ church
22 Worship With Us 1:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training 6:00 pm Scouts	23 7:00 pm Missions	24 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm "The ROCK"	25 3-5 pm "The ROCK" Wed. Night Ministries 6:15 pm Ages 3- Grade 8 6:45 pm Sr. Hi Youth 7:00 pm Unity Team 7:30 Confirmation Class	26 3-5 pm "The ROCK" 6:00 Centershot Archery Ministry	27 	28 7am Men's Prayer Time @ church Noon-4 Fellowship Hall Reserved.

Change of Policy

*****The Administrative Council has changed our cancellation policy. Only under level 3 will worship or meetings be cancelled. Please use your discretion under other levels.