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## FROM THE PASTOR



As we stand on the threshold of Lent, this sacred season invites us to embark on a journey of reflection, self-discovery and renewal. Together, we can explore the depths of our faith and the ways in which we are called to grow, both individually and as a community. As we enter these forty days leading up to Easter, let us remember that this journey is not just about sacrifice, but also about discovering new life and joy in our connection with God and one another.

I encourage each of you to find ways to deepen your spiritual practices during this season. Whether that is through prayer, meditation, engaging in acts of kindness or exploring the teachings of Jesus in new ways, I hope you will take this opportunity to recommit to your journey of faith. This Lent, let us also examine how we can advocate for justice and inclusivity in our communities, living out the love of Christ in tangible ways.

To assist us in our Lenten journey, we invite you to participate in our Lenten Organ Vespers service and engage in our weekly worship series Breaking Bread with Jesus, as we focus on the seven meals of Jesus in Luke's Gospel (*see page 4 of this newsletter*). I hope you will use these offerings to reflect on Scripture, engage in prayer and support one another along the way. Together, may we create a space where everyone feels valued, loved and empowered to embrace their unique calling.

As we move forward, let us carry the light of Christ into the world, transforming our hearts and the lives of those around us. May this Lenten season bring you peace, growth and a deeper understanding of the incredible love that God has for each of us. I will leave you with the words of a song written by Sister Mary Gemma of the Franciscan Sisters in Toronto, Ohio that I believe calls us into this Lenten season:

*Take nothing for the journey, no staff or sack of gold.  
Follow me to Calvary, my cross is yours to hold.  
If you would be perfect, leave it all behind.  
Cause' if you hold it back you'll lose it all,  
but if you die you'll find your life.*

In grace and peace,  
**The Reverend Don Ackerman**

# *The Holy Season of LENT*

## *2025*

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

*March 5, 2025 - 7:00 pm*

### **The 1st Sunday in Lent**

*March 9, 2025 - 10:00 am*

*New Lenten Sermon Series Begins:  
Breaking Bread With Jesus*

### **LENTEN ORGAN VESPERS**

*March 9, 2025 - 4:00 pm*

*Featuring Manuel Halkias, Reader  
& Christopher Dazey, Organist*

### **The 2nd Sunday in Lent**

*March 16, 2025 - 10:00 am*

### **The 3rd Sunday in Lent**

*March 23, 2025 - 10:00 am*

### **The 4th Sunday in Lent**

*March 30, 2025 - 10:00 am*

### **The 5th Sunday in Lent**

*April 6, 2025 - 10:00 am*

### **PALM SUNDAY**

*April 13, 2025 - 10:00 am*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*April 17, 2025 - 7:00 pm*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

*April 18, 2025 - 7:00 pm*



*All Services Will Take Place in Our Sanctuary*

## New Lenten Sermon Series

*Begins Sunday, March 9, 2025*



The Gospel of Luke tells of seven meals Jesus ate with others in his travels. During these meals, Jesus preached about God's Kingdom and revealed important things about himself.

Throughout the holy season of Lent, Pastor Don will explore these deeply meaningful stories in his new

sermon series, *Breaking Bread With Jesus*.

Be sure to be here every Sunday in Lent to explore these Gospel stories through preaching, Scripture and music.

# Lenten Organ Vespers

A Thoughtful & Musical Beginning for Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 4:00 pm

Featuring

Manuel Halkias, Reader

&

Christopher Dazey, Organist



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**Your  
Church Leadership Council  
For 2025**

**Ted Hall, *Chairman***

**Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Crog,  
Jane Fleischer, Jim Groves,  
Jim Kennedy, Renee Lilly,  
Ronald Leonard, Bill Rogers,  
Steve Shoop, Lisa Varavvas**

***The Council meets at 6:00 pm  
on the last Thursday of the month***

*If you have any questions,  
compliments or concerns  
for your church leadership council,  
please contact Ted Hall at  
tedwhall55@gmail.com*

## **Community Action Group**

Our new community action group  
had its first meeting in February!

The group's goal is to make  
the Shorb neighborhood, Canton,  
Ohio and the entire country welcoming for ALL!

Join us in March,  
and bring your top three issues and ideas  
for community improvement and empowerment

Our Next Meetings:

***Sunday, March 9 & Sunday, March 23***

***April & May Dates TBA***

*11:15 am - Wesley Hall*

Contact Megan Smith for more information:  
adchic0819@yahoo.com

## **Happy Birthday March, April & May Birthdays**

3/3 - Patricia Radosevic  
3/5 - Elizabeth Schnegg  
3/4 - Constance Monat  
3/6 - Suzie Rosenbery  
3/7 - Anna Leonard, Elaine Snyder  
3/9 - Jeremiah Konneh  
3/10 - Maya Polen  
3/10 - Chloe Slease  
3/11 - Lucas Ackerman  
3/13 - Darla Sible  
3/19 - Kenneth Roach  
3/24 - Julie Leonard, Annette Woods  
3/26 - Patricia Kuhn  
3/26 - Jennifer Stephan  
3/27 - Melanie Thomas  
3/28 - Jane Hursh

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4/2 - Gerald Dougan  
4/3 - Pauline Adams  
4/5 - Eyvonne Konneh  
4/12 - Christopher Hartshorn,  
Robert Jenkins, Lenny Woods  
4/14 - Tessa Polen  
4/15 - Roger Hegnauer, Terry Hogue  
4/16 - James Ackerman  
4/19 - Tina Perez  
4/22 - Kathleen Smith  
4/24 - Matt Keller  
4/26 - Lilly Brunoni  
4/29 - Robert Weise  
4/30 - Gillian Crog, Jennifer Peters

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5/5 - Lynne Bonser, Janice Boswell, Lynette Klotz  
5/8 - Karen Croston, Russell Graber,  
James Groves, Curtis Rosenberry  
5/10 - JoAnna Lindesmith  
5/11 - Jeanne Coen, Connie Lewis  
5/12 - Paula Neff  
5/15 - Emma Detchon  
5/16 - James Lewis  
5/17 - Patricia Coen  
5/18 - Denette Edwards  
5/19 - Shirley Benedict, Thomas Chapman  
5/23 - Mark Ott  
5/24 - Kathleen Miller  
5/24 - Peggy Pelger  
5/27 - Joan Huff, Michael Smith  
5/28 - Inna Bagrich, Sandra Smith

## ***La Mesa Familia***

**March 3 - April 7 - May 5**  
**5:30 pm - Wesley Hall**

*A monthly dinner and community gathering  
with a play area for young ones  
and delicious homemade food for everyone  
on the first Monday of the month*

## **New Member Class**

**Beginning Sunday, March 30**  
**11:15 am - Conference Room**

*Whether you are a new member or not,  
you are welcome to join Pastor Don's  
weekly New Member Class  
starting Sunday, March 30*

*Learn about the church's history and theology  
and ask as many questions as you'd like  
about your church home!*

## **Camp Wanake Work Day**

Saturday, April 5  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Lunch Included!**

*Volunteers Needed!*  
*Email Jim Kennedy: [jk\\_ref@att.net](mailto:jk_ref@att.net)*



## **Easter Flowers**

**Easter flower order forms  
are available online**

**Visit:**  
**[cantonforallpeople.org/  
church/news-information/](http://cantonforallpeople.org/church/news-information/)**

*Form must be received  
by Palm Sunday, April 13,  
to be included  
in the Easter Sunday bulletin*

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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 20, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

**THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED**

The banner features a sunset background with silhouettes of trees and a large cross in the center. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Every Wednesday at 9 AM**  
**Wesley Hall**

Each week, we offer our men's prayer breakfast in Wesley Hall. All men are always invited to this long-standing Crossroads tradition. You don't have to be a member of Crossroads to come, and we encourage you to invite your friends. We also offer dedicated parking spaces on Cleveland Ave, so there's no reason not to join us!

## Women of Faith Circle

**The First Tuesday of the Month**  
**at 1 PM**  
**Denny's on West Tusc**  
**March 4 - April 1 - May 6**

The Women of Faith Circle meets at Denny's on the first Tuesday of every month for food and lively Scriptural discussion. Contact Nancymae Scheurer (nbshymn@yahoo.com) for more information. All women are welcome!

## Crossroads Online Videos

We produce a video every week with a piece of music from our sanctuary and a special, unique message from Pastor Don.

You can watch these videos when they premiere Sundays at 10 am - or anytime after that! See our social media presence in the next column for the Facebook and YouTube details!

## Our Weekly Email Newsletter

If you are not already on our weekly email news list, visit this link to sign up:

[cantonforallpeople.org/email](http://cantonforallpeople.org/email)

## Our Social Media Presence

We publish videos and updates on our Facebook and YouTube pages weekly

You do not need to be registered or have an account at either site to see our public-facing information, so just point your browser to

[facebook.com/CantonCrossroads](https://facebook.com/CantonCrossroads)  
[youtube.com/@CantonCrossroads](https://youtube.com/@CantonCrossroads)

## Submit Your News

If you have an item for our Sunday bulletin, newsletter, email newsletter or Facebook page, please email it to Christopher Dazey at

[christopher@crossroads120.org](mailto:christopher@crossroads120.org)

## *A Chorus for a Cause* & *Harmony Ringers* *Concerts*

*Join our faithful choir members  
Karen Zotta and Paula Neff  
for several concerts this Spring*

**Visit**  
[achorusforacause.org](http://achorusforacause.org)  
&  
[harmonyringersofoh.org](http://harmonyringersofoh.org)  
**for the dates and times**

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## **Our Crossroads Staff**

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**Worship Every Sunday**  
**In Our Historic Sanctuary**  
**10:00 am**

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