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As children of God, we strive to extend radical hospitality  
through worship, mission, faith formation, and community.

## LENT: SEEKING AWE & WONDER

The FCC-Z faith community is slowing down this Lent to seek out God's Awe & Wonder. Awe is a profound emotional response that can significantly impact our wellbeing and perception of the world. Awe and wonder often arise from experiences that transcend our usual understanding, such as viewing vast landscapes, listening to powerful music, encountering extraordinary acts of kindness, or feeling heightened devotion and a Divine Presence connecting us all. "Seeking Awe & Wonder" is to be intentional about curating a life of spiritual depth. This has implications not only for one's own life, but also as motivation to tend to the wellbeing of others. Let us approach this Lent with awe. We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 5. "Lent in a Bag" kits will be available for each household beginning March 5.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*March 5 @ 1:00PM and 7:00PM*

Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of repentance. We acknowledge our humanity by marking ourselves with ashes. We then partake communion as we reaffirm our connection to God through Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday Worship is offered at 1:00PM and 7:00PM.

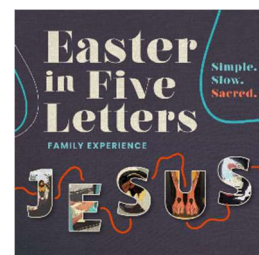
## TRACKING WONDER

Beginning March 9, Pastor Lauren will lead discussion on the book with in the lower-level adult classroom at 9AM on Sunday through Lent. She is using the book, [\*Tracking Wonder: Reclaiming a Life of Meaning and Possibility in a World Obsessed with Productivity\*](#) by Jeffrey Davis. The class will meet in the basement. Purchasing/Reading the book is not required. If you are interested in a second group at another time during the week, please contact Pastor Lauren

## EASTER IN FIVE LETTERS

*March 23 and March 26*

Easter in Five Letters is an opportunity to walk with Jesus through His last days and hours before the cross and then celebrate his resurrection. This experience is made up of five stations and is for families and small groups of about 3-4 people (group size is flexible). Registration is required and time slots for Sunday, March 23rd and Wednesday, March 26th are on the bulletin board. Be sure to sign-up! The entire experience will take your family/group about 45 minutes. This event is hosted by the Christian Education Committee and is for all ages. Your questions can be directed to Kim Paul or Kari Ward.



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## LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship will follow the theme *Seeking Awe & Wonder*. Lent is a time to pay attention. It is historically a time of heightened spiritual practices in the lives of Christians. We make more room for contemplation, more room for prayer, more room for study. This year, we will make more room for awe. Below is a glimpse:



### March 9: Lent 1

Theme: Wonder

Scripture: Psalm 107, Matthew 8:5-13

Focus: Our quest in this season is to promote a state of awe and wonder about the lives we've been given and revel in the sheer miracles of life that surround us. This is a spiritual journey in the tradition of biblical poets and of mystics. In our modern day, researchers who study wellbeing know that when we cultivate elements that deepen our awe of life, our appreciation for others, our dedication to the good, we live longer, more purposeful and more joyful lives. In a time when we are exposed to the weight of the world by the messages around us, we will spend time on a journey of being exposed to the wonder of the world.

### March 16: Lent 2

Theme: Meaning

Scripture: Psalm 19, Luke 13:18-21

Focus: This is a spiritual journey in the tradition of ancient biblical poets, of mystics from yesteryear or today. In our scientific day, researchers are confirming what these poets and mystics knew all along—awe is essential for a life of wellbeing. In a time when we are flooded with a culture of competing soundbites, we are slowing down and spending time on a journey that leads to a precious stream of the deeper meanings of ordinary life.

### March 23: Lent 3

Theme: Curiosity

Scripture: Proverbs 2, Matthew 7:7-11

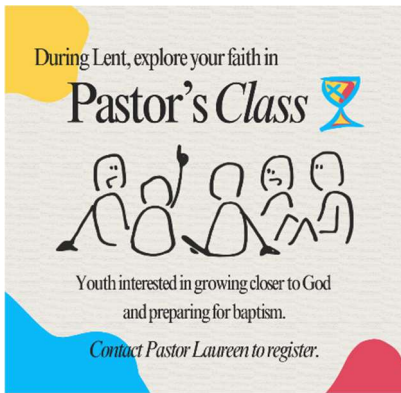
Focus: The ancient poets of our faith and the mystics of old wrote prolifically about "seeking" as a spiritual attribute. Faith is not about certainties; instead, it is about taking the stance of humility that we cannot know everything and that the spiritual quest is what it means to be faithful: to be on a quest to discover more and to experience more of the holy in our lives. In a time when so much emphasis is on what we know, we remember in our Lent journey that it is what we don't know that is most valuable, for discovery and staying curious is a condition for awe.

### March 30: Camp Sunday!

Theme: Delight

Guest Preacher: Rev. Allen V. Harris, Regional Church Pastor & President of the Christian Church in Ohio

Focus: Worship will embrace the delight of God found at Camp Christian. Everyone is invited to wear their Camp Christian/FCC-Z/faith t-shirts.



## PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor Laureen will offer Pastor's Class for youth interested in baptism. Topics of discussion include Disciples of Christ history, baptism, church membership, what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and more. If you have a young person who would like to participate, please let Pastor Laureen know. The group will meet on Sundays at 4PM. If this time does not work for you and your family, please contact Pastor Laureen. Mentors are needed for our Pastor's Class participants. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please let Pastor Laureen know.

## LENT IN A BAG

The Worship Committee is creating Lent in a Bag kits for every household to use at home. The kits will contain supplies to create a small worship center at home along with devotions. The bags will be available in the Narthex on Ash Wednesday and on Sundays that follow for as long as bags remain.

## DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It has been several years since photos were taken for the FCC-Z digital directory. You can update your photo at any time. To do so, email a digital photo to Church Secretary, John Grubbs at [zvillefcc@gmail.com](mailto:zvillefcc@gmail.com). If you do not have a recent digital photo, but would like to update your photo, stop by the church office and someone can take your photo for you.

## SCAM TEXT MESSAGES

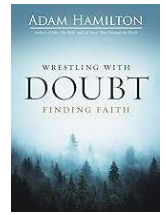
Recently, scammers have once again been circulating text messages posing as Pastor Laureen asking for help. The most recent message read, "Good Afternoon! *Your name!* This is Rev Laureen Roe. I urgently need a favor from you, please text me back as Soon as you receive this message In Christ" **Do not respond to this message. It is not Pastor Laureen.** These messages do not come from the church phone number or Pastor Laureen's phone number. Typically these messages lead to asking for gift cards. Pastor Laureen and the church do not solicit help in this manner. Unfortunately, scammers are out there. Delete the message and mark it as spam. If you ever have questions about a message you receive from the church, call the church office or Pastor Laureen directly. Thanks to those who alerted the church to this current SCAM.



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## LIBRARY BOOK THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST:

**Hamilton, Adam. Wrestling with doubt: finding faith. 2023.** Call number: 248.4 HAM  
Some of the questions addressed are: Is there a God, Are all non-Christians going to hell, Is heaven real, and Why do prayers go unanswered. In the introduction Hamilton says, "Doubt is normal. There is a measure of faith required in almost everything in life. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, but often leads to a deeper faith."



## OUTREACH MARCH 2025 UPDATE

The Outreach Committee will meet on March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

### Gracious Givers 2025


In February, we are collecting peanut butter for Eastside Community Ministries.

Month	Organization	Item Collected
March	Avondale Youth Center	Easter basket "Stuffers"
April	ZCS	Cereal

### Christ's Table 2025:

We next serve on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rick Griffin will be the coordinator. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Our dates are:

Date	Coordinator	
March 22	Rick Griffin	
May 24	Denise Baker	
July 19	Lisa Tice	
September 20	Christy McCandlish	
November 22	Kris Hawk	



FCC-Z is doing something new for March Gracious Givers. We are collecting Easter Basket stuffers for the youth living at the Avondale Youth Center. Suggested items: lotion, lip gloss, nailfiles, makeup sponges, socks, gel pins, stickers, slime,

orbes, books, notebooks, journals, water bottles, straws, plastic eggs filled with candy, puzzles (rubix cube, etc.), personal hygiene items.

### FCC-Z RECEIVES AWARD

Forever Dads recently awarded FCC-Z's All-Pro Dads Breakfast Team with their 2024 Director's Award. The award is "in recognition of the leadership of an organization which has demonstrated strong partnership support through their resources and influence to the furtherance of the work and mission of ForeverDads." The award will be received at the *Tribute to Fatherhood* banquet on March 11, 2025. The award is a great honor and celebration of the radical hospitality we extend through the All-Pro Dads Breakfasts. Thanks to the entire team.





**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
*April 12 @ 11AM*

All elementary age children and younger are invited to join us as we hunt for eggs, hear the Easter Story, and share cookies and fellowship. All children in attendance will also take home a free gift. This annual event is open to the community. ***Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this fun event!***

***Donations of wrapped candy (no hard candy) will be accepted through April 6th. We will stuff 3,000 eggs, so we appreciate your generous donations! Thank you for making this annual tradition a community event that everyone looks forward to! If you would like to help as a Greeter at the event, please sign up on the bulletin board.***



**EASTER PARTY**  
*April 20 @ 9AM*

Everyone is invited to join us for an Easter Party at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will make Resurrection Rolls and enjoy intergenerational fun. Help us plan by using the QR Code or [this link](#) to RSVP.

**FEBRUARY DISCIPLES ON WHEELS**

The Disciples on Wheels spent a cold Sunday in February delivering Valentines and Valentine cookies to some of our members.





**Celebrating the Ministries of Camp Christian (Marysville)**

**March 30th**

**Guest Pastor  
Rev. Allen Harris**

**9:00AM  
Camp Fun and Info  
ALL ages**

**CAMP SUNDAY**  
*March 30*

Join us on Camp Sunday to lift up and celebrate our camp ministries and learn more about camp opportunities for this summer. All ages are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am where we will sing camp songs, hear from past campers, receive your camp registration packets, and get an update on the CCIO Financial Campaign. Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle for \$50 off of one camp registration. We are thrilled that our Regional Minister, Rev. Allen Harris, will share the message during worship. Put on a favorite camp/FCC-Z/faith t-shirt and join us for a very special morning!

**COFFEE HOUSE THANK YOU!**








The FCC Youth would like to extend a huge thank you to all who attended the Coffee House. Your generous donations brought in over \$1,000 for our youth summer mission work. We also want to extend special thanks to those whose gifts made the evening so special: the talented guest musicians, Ben Appleby and Matt McCandlish (sound), Susan Davis (Musical Director), and all of those who baked yummy desserts. It was a lovely evening full of music, desserts, and time with friends.





# MARCH 2025

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

<p><b>Sundays:</b>            9:00am Christian Education classes            10:00am Worship            4:00pm Chi Rho Middle School Youth Group            4:00pm CYF High School Youth Group</p>					<p>1</p>	<p>1 First Day of Women's History Month              Cub Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Banquet 6:30-9:00pm</p>
<p>2             Youth Group 4-5pm   </p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4             Worship Team Meeting 7-8PM</p>	<p>5             1pm Ash Wednesday Worship              7pm Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>6             10am Needle Workers             6pm Property Committee  </p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Daylight Saving Time Starts               Youth Group 4-5pm  </p>	<p>10             5pm PRC Mtg.            6pm Outreach Mtg.             6:30pm 4-H  </p>	<p>11             6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg.  </p>	<p>12 Breakfast 7-8am               1pm Worship             7pm Christian Education Meeting</p>	<p>13             10am Needle Workers               7pm Board Meeting  </p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8-9am Men's Breakfast               9am-12pm Climate Lobby Meeting</p>
<p>16             Youth Group 4-5pm  </p>	<p>17               St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19             1pm Worship  </p>	<p>20             10am Needle Workers  </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22             Serving at Christ's Table  </p>
<p>23             Youth Group 4-5pm  </p>	<p>24             6:30pm 4-H  </p>	<p>25 11:30am Pairs &amp; Spares @ Pizza Cottage  </p>	<p>26 1pm Worship  </p>	<p>27             10am Needle Workers  </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30             CAMP SUNDAY            Youth Group 4-5pm</p>	<p>31</p>					



**2025 Schedules**



Date	Greeters	Elders		Worship Leaders	Deacons	Pew Crew
		Offering	Communion			
<b>Mar</b>						
<b>2nd</b>	Dave & Betsy Devoll	Connie Coleman	Lori Buchanan	Cato Coleman	Bev Dick, John Dick, Lori Ryan-Griffin, Rick Griffin, Ed Henderson, Marianne Henderson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
<b>9th</b>	Mike & Amy Whitson	Bill Factor	Jason Kehrberg	Peggy Moon	Bev Dick, John Dick, Lori Ryan-Griffin, Rick Griffin, Ed Henderson, Marianne Henderson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
<b>16th</b>	Lori Ryan-Griffin & Melissa Lichtner	Joan Barr	Anne Blood	Courtney Jackson	Bev Dick, John Dick, Lori Ryan-Griffin, Rick Griffin, Ed Henderson, Marianne Henderson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
<b>23rd</b>	Philip & Rolanda Hunt	Brady Neal	Cato Coleman	Denise Baker	Bev Dick, John Dick, Lori Ryan-Griffin, Rick Griffin, Ed Henderson, Marianne Henderson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
<b>30th</b>	Joyce Haddox & Kim Fouch	Marcia Coleman	Susan Grubbs	Mike Whitson	Bev Dick, John Dick, Lori Ryan-Griffin, Rick Griffin, Ed Henderson, Marianne Henderson	Sandy & Virgil Untied





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<b>Apr</b>						
<b>6th</b>	Virgil & Sandy Untied	Ellen Dagneau	Beth Fineran	Lori Ryan-Griffin	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
<b>13th</b>	Ellen Dagneau & Norma Jardine	Lori Buchanan	Connie Coleman	Amy Wilson	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
<b>20th</b>	Cato & Marcia Coleman	Anne Blood	Bill Factor	Valencia Clark	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox
<b>27th</b>	Suzann & Tim Wilson	Jason Kehrberg	Joan Barr	Kari Ward	Alex Kehrberg, Melissa Lichtner, Judy Newsom, Rylee McCuen, Kim Fouch, Matt Perry	Jana Fulks & Joyce Haddox



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		Offering	Communion			
<b>May</b>						
<b>4th</b>	Joan Barr & Joyce Haddox	Mary Arnold	Brady Neal	Lori Ward	Riley Patton, Skyler Patton, John Wheeler, Chloe Buchanan, Susan Frye, Jared Moon	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
<b>11th</b>	Denise Baker & Kim Fouch	Cato Coleman	Marcia Coleman	Kim Fouch	Riley Patton, Skyler Patton, John Wheeler, Chloe Buchanan, Susan Frye, Jared Moon	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
<b>18th</b>	Lori Ward & Kari Ward	Susan Grubbs	Ellen Dagneau	Philip Hunt	Riley Patton, Skyler Patton, John Wheeler, Chloe Buchanan, Susan Frye, Jared Moon	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
<b>25th</b>	Jason, Ana, & Alex Kehrberg	Beth Fineran	Lori Buchanan	Peggy Moon	Riley Patton, Skyler Patton, John Wheeler, Chloe Buchanan, Susan Frye, Jared Moon	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson

# MARCH

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

**Happy Birthday to:**

David Spragg March 1  
 Wesley Devoll March 2  
 Zachary Dilley March 3  
 Caribeth Legats March 3  
 Fred Grant III March 6  
 Rachel Glass March 8  
 Renee Ward March 8  
 Jane Richardson March 9  
 David Allen March 10  
 Taylor Erwine March 10  
 Chad Gibson March 10  
 Danny Pennington March 10  
 Kathy Darr March 11  
 Carolyn Grubbs March 11  
 Katie McCuen March 11  
 Scott Wegner March 11  
 Steel Calendine March 13  
 Lori Erwine March 13  
 William Cooper March 14  
 Judie Snyder March 15  
 Mel Granberg March 16  
 Pat James March 16  
 Sadee McCuen March 16  
 Trisha Dilley March 17  
 Peggy Moon March 17  
 Wilma Riley March 19  
 Sandra Grizzard March 20  
 Jeremy Fouch March 21  
 John Tolley March 21  
 Rob Russell March 22  
 John McCuen March 23  
 Jerry Lavy March 24  
 Mason Erwine March 26  
 Kim Fouch March 30  
 Gloria Moore March 30  
 Kathy Short March 30  
 Zack Schreiner March 31

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Kim & Bob Fouch March 2  
 Ted & Nancy Garber March 11  
 Jim & Lee McPherson March 17  
 Marianne & Ed Henderson March 23  
 Dr. Herbert & Shirley Hicks March 25

**Special Birthday this month:**

Fred Grant celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 14. His address is, Inn at Library Way 4615 Library Way Hilliard, OH 43026

William Cooper celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 6. His address is, 300 Whites Rd Zanesville, OH 43701

Pat James celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 16. Her address is 1855 Newark Rd. Zanesville, OH 43701

Wilma Riley celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 19. Her address is 474 Military Rd. Zanesville, OH 43701



Celebrating You  
 on Your  
 Special Day

**Your Special Day**

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.



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