



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Lent starts "Ash Wednesday" Mar. 6 **2019 season of Lent invites us to** **"Listen" and learn**

The Christian Church has observed a special season of rededication since at least the 4th century. The name of the season, "Lent," derives from old English, German and Dutch words referring to the "lengthening" of days at springtime. At RRPC as in many churches, we observe this church season as a time to rededicate ourselves to living a Christ-like life. We do that using a special focus for our Lenten worship services, and by being encouraged to engage in a special time of deliberate study. This year's worship theme and Lenten study are described in the 2019 Lenten Brochure that was mailed to all households recently.

Check your mailbox for the **2019 Lenten brochure** recently mailed to all households

Lent begins with a brief **communion service on Ash Wednesday, March 6**. The service begins at **7:30 p.m.** and takes place in our sanctuary—in a special worship configuration set up in the chancel ("stage") area of the church.

—Worship and Christian Education Committees

Our youth lead worship Sun., Mar. 10 10:30 a.m. **"Praying It Forward"**

Have you ever heard someone complain, "Well, church is always the *same old thing*...!" Not on Sunday, March 10 it won't be!

Our high school youth and their advisors have designed and will present a worship service that morning. They planted the seeds on their Fall Retreat last November and have been developing the service in the weeks since.

Invite your friends to join you for what promises to be a creative, energetic, inspiring and delightful worship experience.

—Christian Education and Worship Committees

"Homeless Jesus" sculpture here until Apr. 1

Since its arrival on Feb. 4, the sculpture has attracted visitors who come to appreciate its beauty and contemplate its message. This gift on loan from the Community West Foundation will be on our campus until Mon., Apr. 1.

—Pastor Fancher

Chili & Pancakes - **what a combo!!!**

Sun., Mar. 3, 5 p.m.: **Annual "Chili Cook-Off"**



Fire up the stove and reach for your Bean-o: on Sun., March 3 at 5:00 p.m. it'll be time for the Deacons' annual "Chili Cook-Off!" Bring your chili (any recipe you choose!), or a side dish or a dessert for our buffet supper in Fellowship Hall. Awards given for "remarkable" food entries.

Tue., Mar. 5, 5-7 p.m. **Mardi Gras Pancake Supper benefits** **summer youth conference**

Mark your calendars and save your calories! From 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 5 our middle and high school youth groups will be hosting a pancake supper. This fundraiser helps them defray the cost of attending the national Presbyterian youth conference (called "Triennium"). Join us for delicious pancakes and all the fixings! Tickets will be available on Sundays following worship as well as at the door. For more information, see Lisa Watts.

Sun., Mar. 24, 3:00 p.m. **"Cut-Time Classical Jazz" puts a jazzy** **spin on classical favorites**

The "cool cats" of Cut-Time Classical Jazz have one goal: to take beautiful, memorable classical music and make it more lively and swinging! Cut-Time has been hailed as "an innovative force in bringing... classical music... to the heart of everyday life" (Detroit Free Press).

Remember to share this foot-tapping opportunity with your friends and neighbors!

—Artist Concert Series

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From Your Pastor

The path set forth by baptism

Like most Presbyterians I was not born into the Presbyterian tradition. Some Presbyterians start off Methodist or Episcopal, Catholic or Lutheran. I started off in a Protestant denomination called the Church of the Brethren.

Out of college my father was first licensed, then ordained to be a Brethren preacher. My first memory of attending church was at Mt. Zion Church of the Brethren in Luray, Virginia (the little town famous for the massive underground caverns). My memories of that church include the gravel parking lot, the large hedge separating that lot from the grassy church lawn, the limey-mossy green-colored paint of the church basement, and the man who opened and closed the windows before and after every summertime service in that God-air-conditioned church: if you followed The Window Man around without pestering him as he closed all the windows, eventually he'd reach into his pocket and give you a stick of chewing gum.

From there we moved to Chicago so my father could attend seminary. We attended whatever church he was serving as a student minister on that particular Sunday, ranging from small urban churches to large cathedral-like places with separate chapels and sometimes even their own gymnasium—right there at the church!

After seminary he was called to serve Sylvan Church of the Brethren in suburban Rockford, Illinois. The small, wood-frame church building had been moved several miles to its location from the U.S. Army's Camp Grant where it had served as a chapel. (Just a few years ago I learned from RRPC member Welton (Reg) Regula (deceased) that he had served at that base and been in that chapel!) Our parsonage was next door to the church.

On Sundays my mother played the organ in the church balcony. We kids sat with her, or with another family on the main floor. On one occasion when I was about 7 I sat by myself about 3 pews in front of the pulpit. As the service progressed, I built myself a little booster seat out of nearby hymnals—3 hymnals high, 4 hymnals high, 5 hymnals high... until my father stepped down from the pulpit, lifted me off of my hymnal throne, and firmly replanted me directly onto the pew bench.

It was around my junior-high years that our family relocated to Elgin, Illinois, half-

way between Rockford and Chicago. We joined Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren. You might consider it the "mother church" or the "cathedral" of the Church of the Brethren only because the denomination's national offices were there in Elgin, so many of the Church of the Brethren bigwigs and national staffers attended that church.

At that church I was active in Sunday school and Children's Choir and the summer camping program. My brother and I developed a game we'd play before choir practice: we'd lay on our backs under the last row of pews. Then reaching up, we'd grab the front edge of the pew bench and pull ourselves along the floor. Eventually this became a race to see who could propel himself from the back of the church to the front the fastest. (I haven't tried that at RRPC, though it wouldn't surprise me if someone else has.)

It was in the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren in Elgin that I was baptized by their Associate Pastor, the Rev. J. Wayne Judd. The Church of the Brethren practices what is called "believer's baptism" or "adult baptism." That means that they don't baptize babies; they believe a person has to be sufficiently mature (an "adult") to make his or her own decision to receive the sacrament of baptism. (Like many other traditions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will baptize people of any age, even infants. We believe that infant baptism "witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith" (Book of Order, W-3.0402).

I did some research recently and confirmed that this month marks the 50th anniversary of my Christian baptism which occurred March 23, 1969. Most churches practicing "believer's baptism" either have a baptismal pool built into their church (often right behind the communion table, often masked by a curtain when not in use), or they go "old school" and baptize at a nearby lake or stream or river.

Happily, Highland Avenue had a baptismal pool—a *heated* baptismal pool. My memory of the event is foggy. I remember that I wore blue jeans under the white robe we donned for the event. The baptismal pool was about the size of a small hot tub, with steps built into the pool leading to the bottom surface. There I knelt in the water which was about chest-high.

In my years I had seen "take-your-time" baptizers and "go-for-it" baptizers. The "go-for-it" ministers would place one hand on your back, the other on your forehead, and *splash!-splash!-splash!* plunge you backward in the water three straight times. Rev. Judd,

on the other hand, was a "take-your-timer," which was great as far as I was concerned because I was already afraid of water and hated to swim. With his hand he covered my mouth and nose, then plunged me backward, and then let me spit and sputter until I was ready for Dunk Number Two, and again before Dunk Number Three. Then he helped me stand up and sent me back up the stairs to the boys' changing room.

According to Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus, "As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you'" (Mk. 1:10-11).

According to *Jon's* account of my baptism, I don't recall seeing the heavens opening themselves to me invitingly. I don't remember hearing God voice a blessing upon me at that moment.

But my baptism gave me a boost. It propelled me a little farther on the path that had been placed before me... a path I had been set upon by my parents, and their parents and grandparents, and by Revs. Judd and Shenk and Jarvis and Shepherd and Stewart, and by Miss Greenawald and Mrs. Roetruck and Mrs. Carroll and the other teachers who accepted me unconditionally and encouraged me endlessly.

My baptism has continued to propel me along the path that joined my life with that of my wife and her family.

My baptism propelled me right into what at first I thought was a roadblock or detour... only to discover that my call to ordained ministry was exactly the path God had intended all along. By God's grace at work through my baptism, my life's path has led me to

- Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wooster, Ohio, and
- Kirkridge Presbyterian Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan, and
- and Allen Park Presbyterian Church in suburban Detroit, and now to
- Rocky River Presbyterian Church.

To quote the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," through my baptism "t'was grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

See you on Sunday!





March Birthdays

March 1	Cathy Magnus Mike Gero Trevor Stohr Hazel Sakai
March 2	Mary Fancher Jeff Rayle Elise Myers
March 4	Mary Ann Blunk John Kirchner Dave Hensel
March 6	Nancy Buettner
March 9	Jane Doughman
March 11	Sharon Hensel Shawn Harrison Arianna Davis
March 12	Julie Arnold
March 13	Thomas Clark
March 14	Deb Furry
March 15	Beth Katterle Bob Sweet Eric Kanner
March 17	Elaine Cook Sara Doan Zach Dillon Jocelyn Brown
March 20	Dan McKenzie Karli Katterle
March 21	Amy Gilkison
March 22	Madelin Shaver
March 23	Hayes Jenkins Aidan Cashmere
March 24	Russ Carson James Penning
March 25	Taylor Pedone Andrew Watts
March 26	Christopher Jakupca
March 27	Jessica Dillon Flannery Costello
March 28	Eric Fancher
March 29	Liliana Harrison
March 30	Jeffrey Koberg Cameron Krizman
March 31	Mark Esdon Susan Flynn

****If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: info@riverpres.org or (440) 333-4888.**

Pastor's sabbatical happens this summer

Who, me? Give a sermon this summer?!?

That's right—RRPC members just like you are going to be our "guest preachers" this summer while our pastor is away on his Sabbatical Summer. The last time Jon enjoyed a sabbatical back in 2004, that's what happened: church members "filled the pulpit" every Sunday. Many people recall how exciting it was to anticipate hearing what fellow church members would share week by week.

Now it's your turn. "Everyone has at least one sermon in 'em," Jon's fond of saying. If you're wondering, "I'm not sure I could do it—what, actually, is involved?" he looks forward to hearing from you.

- He'll help you figure out what message you might want to share.
- He'll give you whatever guidance you want in how to go about preparing a message.
- He'll even give you feedback on what you prepare if you wish.

There are 13 chances to preach this summer (you'd get to preach at both Early Worship at 8:30 *and* the 10:30 service). A few "veterans" are planning to be guest preachers again, but this will work only if we have some people take a "leap of faith" and commit to give the gift of a sermon to our church this summer. So look within your heart, and check your calendar!

To learn more, or to claim one of the Sundays, speak with Jon.

—Session's Human Resources and Worship Committees



Offer a helping hand at Coffee Hour

The Deacons' Coffee Hour Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help out the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are also in need of substitutes who would be able to fill in occasionally. Contact Deb Furry debffurry@northernitle.com or 440-336-5114 for further information and/or questions.



Middle School Fellowship RETREAT MARCH 2-3 CAMP ALDERSGATE

Attention all 6TH-8TH graders: Don't miss out on our annual retreat on March 2-3. We will be travelling to Camp Aldersgate, near Carrollton. Cost for the retreat is \$30 and includes lodging and meals at the camp. Scholarships are available based on need—please see Lisa Watts for more information. We will be exploring the many different ways that make a difference in God's world. This promises to be a great weekend—you don't want to miss this one! Registration forms are available in the Christian Education office.

“Pray it Forward” YOUTH SUNDAY: MARCH 10, 2019

It seems that we find more ways to divide ourselves today than we ever did before. We focus on our differences instead of the things we have in common. How are we supposed to find the common ground and be a community based on the love of Christ? How can one little act of kindness bring about a better world? Never fear, Youth Sunday is coming! You may see a thing or two that you don't normally see in worship. You may take part in an “energizer.” You may hear music that is a bit different, but these kids are hard at work, planning a wonderful, family-friendly worship experience for all of us. Our group began planning this service during their retreat in early November and they have much to share with you. Our youth have a unique blend of gifts and talents and they can't wait to lead you in worship. Their enthusiasm and energy are a blessing to this church. They NEED the support of their congregation. Please make every effort to get to church and show them you support them as they share some ideas on the changes we can make in our world and in ourselves. You'll be very glad you did.

VBS IS COMING...

Mark your calendars now for June 10-14 this year's Vacation Bible School experience. This program is open to all children age four through 5th grade, and will run from 9-11:30 am each day. Look for registration forms to be available in the office and on the church website in early April. RIGHT NOW...we are putting together the planning team that makes this incredible week happen—regular meetings have begun. We are looking for adults and teens who are willing to help out in a variety of areas: worship, snacks, recreation, mission, music, crafts and shepherding. If you would like to be involved in this week of fun, faith and fellowship, you can get more information in the Christian education office. Don't miss it!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to Benefit Summer Triennium Participants

Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, March 5. From 5:00-7:00 pm, our middle and high school youth groups will be hosting a pancake supper to help defray the cost for our your attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer at Purdue University. Join us for delicious pancakes and all the fixings! Tickets will be available on Sundays following worship as well as at the door. For more information, see Lisa Watts.

Summer Camp Information is Available

Are you starting to plan your summer, even though it is still cold and gray? We have information on several excellent Christian camping opportunities for kids of all ages. For more information or to pick up camp flyers, see Lisa Watts.

RRP Preschool news

You can get FREE MONEY for RRPC!

If you ever shop on Amazon, you can generate free money for our church to underwrite our preschool! If you already have an Amazon.com account, you can click on the link below and it will direct you to our site for “Rocky River Presbyterian Church.” Each time you shop on Amazon, 0.5% will be donated to our church! Doesn't cost you a thing... and it's **free money** for our church's preschool program!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0895882>

After you have registered your Amazon account, all you have to do is sign into **smile.amazon.com** and your donation will be automatic with every purchase.

Thank you for your support of RRP Preschool!

—Ellen Schickel & Lindsey Glavin, Co-Chairs,
Session's Preschool Committee





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, March 11th** at **12:00 p.m.** in the West Room. If you have questions you may contact Carolyn Watilo 440-799-4779 or Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. Newcomers are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh.

Expressions of Faith

Our group will meet **Tuesdays, March 12th** and the **26th** at 9:30 a.m. in Room D-3,4. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

Women of Grace

Are you looking for a chance to get together with other women for Bible study, fellowship, and mission? Then please join us, we will meet on **Tuesday, March 26th** at 7:00 p.m. in D-3,4. Our Bible study this year is titled "Unafraid" by Adam Hamilton. If you have any questions you may contact Lisa Watts.



How does the church know you're hospitalized? A relative or friend tells us.

Due to privacy laws regarding medical information, the church is not always aware when someone is in need of pastoral care. Please share joys, concerns and sorrows by speaking with the pastor or by calling or messaging the church office.



To the Rocky River Presbyterian Members:

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have given me this past year as I transitioned into a new medical life style.

With all your help I have been able to adjust well. It has been such a comfort to know you are there for me.

Thank you again,
Nancy McGillicuddy

Performance art offers biblical message **"Beating Guns" Tue., Apr. 16**

We read in Isaiah 2:4 *"He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."* Rev. Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin do just that in their national tour that will be in Cleveland on Tue., Apr. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Claiborne and Martin are taking the "Beating Guns" book and their forge on the road with the "Beating Guns Tour." This is a 90-minute event that will feature music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. Their local appearance is co-sponsored by God Before Guns and Pilgrim Congregational Church (2592 W. 14th St., Cleveland) which will host the event.

Free registration is required: visit www.GodBeforeGuns.org

Online Lenten devotionals

Delivered to your inbox daily! Sign up for free at: <https://www.pts.edu/email> fill in your information and at the bottom of the page select "Devotionals (Advent & Lent)"





March 2019 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian



NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

Picture Book Fiction:

The Loving Shepherd

This book, based on Psalm 23, is a wonderful first Bible board book.

BOARD WEH

The Berenstain Bears Go to Sunday School

Sundays find the Bear family busily enjoying all sorts of activities, but church isn't one of them. In this book, children discover the value of going to church and Sunday School as a family.

E BER

My Princesses Learn to Share

Grace and Hope love playing dress up, but what happens when they both want to wear the sparkly, pink dress? They learn a valuable lesson, straight from the Bible and one of Jesus' parables.

E CAR

This Little Light of Mine (Sing and Read Storybook)

Enjoy singing along with a new, beautiful version of this classic song- plus, sheet music at the back of the book.

E THI

Gigi: God's Little Princess

Gigi, who has always known she is a princess, is confused at first by her parents' explanation of what makes her royal- we are all children of the greatest King of all.

E WAL

NEW EASTER BOOKS:

The Legend of the Easter Robin: an Easter Story of Compassion and Faith

Robins have built a nest on the window ledge and Tressa is concerned because she spots raccoon tracks below and a blue jay nearby. As more eggs appear, she learns how God cares for all creatures. There are also Easter eggs to color and a special story to hear about how the robin got its red breast.

E MAC



Easter Love Letters from God: Bible Stories

Children will love opening and reading their own personal mail from God as they follow 7 illustrated Bible stories centered on Holy Week. Each story includes God's own words of love, encouragement, and hope.

E NEL

The Legend of the Easter Egg: the Inspirational Story of a Favorite Easter Tradition

When Thomas's sister falls ill, he goes to live with friends in their candy shop. When Easter comes, he gets his first chocolate egg, and learns the meaning behind Easter eggs, the empty tomb, and the hope found in Jesus.

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Young Elementary Nonfiction Books (yellow dot):

The First Easter and Other Bible Stories

A selection of Bible stories simply retold and wonderfully illustrated. Read about the first Palm Sunday, Jesus' last supper with His disciples, and the story of the cross.

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Upper Elementary/Junior High Nonfiction Books:

The Bible Explorer's Guide: 1000 Amazing Facts and Photos

This book gets children up close and personal with everyday life during Bible times. They'll explore the Bible through photos, maps, and illustrations, highlighting interesting people, places, objects, and buildings.

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HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Many of us eat more prepared foods now, than we ever did before and we are all looking for fast, easy and good-tasting foods to fit into our busy lifestyles. Just remember, it's not all bad because whether it's carry-out, food court, office cafeteria or sit-down restaurant, there are smart choices everywhere. Here are some tips from the American Dietetic Association to help you make healthy choices.

Think ahead and plan where you will eat. Consider what meal options are available. Look for restaurants or carry-out with a wide range of menu items. Think about your food choices for the entire day. If you're planning a special restaurant meal in the evening, have a light breakfast and lunch.

Read restaurant menus carefully for clues to fat and calorie content. Menu terms that can mean less fat and calories: baked, braised, broiled, grilled, poached, roasted, steamed. Some restaurant menus may have a special section for "healthier" choices

Menu terms that can mean more fat and calories: batter-fried, pan-fried, buttered, creamed, crispy, breaded. Choose these foods only occasionally and in small portions. Order the regular or child-size portion. Mega-sized servings are probably more than you need. For a lighter meal, order an appetizer in place of a main course. Or split your order. Share an extra-large sandwich or main course with a friend or take half home for another meal.

It's OK to make special requests, just keep them simple. For example, ask for a baked potato or side salad in place of French fries; no mayonnaise or bacon on your sandwich; sauces served on the side. A baked potato offers more fiber, fewer calories and less fat than fries if you skip the sour cream and butter. Top your potato with broccoli and a sprinkle of cheese or salsa.

Hunger can drive you to eat too much bread before your meal arrives. Hold the bread or chips until your meal is served. Eat your lower-calorie food first. Soup or salad is a good choice. Follow up with a light main course and at the end of the meal, if you are tempted by sweet, creamy desserts, order one dessert with enough forks for everyone at the table to have a bite.

- * At the sandwich shop, choose lean beef, ham, turkey or chicken on whole grain bread or wrap. Ask for mustard, ketchup, salsa or low-fat spreads. And, don't forget the veggies. Boost the nutrition in all types of sandwiches by adding tomato, lettuce, peppers or other vegetables.
- * At the salad bar, pile on the dark leafy greens, carrots, peppers and other fresh vegetables. Lighten up on mayonnaise-based salads and high fat toppings. Enjoy fresh fruit as your dessert.
- * Pass up all-you-can-eat specials, buffets and unlimited salad bars if you tend to eat too much. If you do choose the buffet, fill up on salads and vegetables first. Take no more than two trips and use the small plate that holds less food.
- * Load up your pizza with vegetable toppings. If you add meat, make it lean ham, Canadian bacon, chicken or shrimp.
- * Build a better breakfast sandwich: replace bacon or sausage with Canadian bacon or ham and order your sandwich on a whole grain English muffin or bagel. Be size-wise about muffins, bagels, croissants and biscuits. A jumbo muffin has more than twice the fat and calories of the regular size.
- * Try a smoothie made with juice, fruit and yogurt for a light lunch or snack.
- * If you are grabbing dinner at the supermarket deli, select rotisserie chicken, salad-in-a-bag and freshly baked bread. Or, try sliced lean roast beef, onion rolls, potato salad and fresh fruit.
- * If you are always eating on the go, tuck portable, nonperishable foods in your purse, tote, briefcase or backpack for an on-the-run meal. Some suggestions are peanut butter and crackers, granola bars, a piece of fresh fruit, trail mix, single serve packages of whole grain cereal or crackers.
- * For desk-top dining, keep single-serve packages of crackers, fruit, peanut butter, soup, or tuna in your desk for a quick lunch.

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RRPC Member Spotlight

Each month our church randomly puts the spotlight on four members whose birthdays occur during that month. You can see two of them at a time in the box-frames on church lobby wall, and all four here in the Pulse. Please make a point of greeting these people and wishing them a happy birthday!



Dan McKenzie



1. Profession
Happily retired following 38 years with AT&T
2. Hobbies / Interests
Spending time with family (ranging from two aging parents to four grandchildren), volunteer work, reading and exercise
3. Favorite trip you've taken, or where you'd like to go
Trips to Scotland, London and Paris. Always enjoy trips with our family.
4. Why do you worship here at RRPC?
The worship services and the people. The fellowship, learning opportunities, and opportunities to contribute.



Deb Furry



1. Profession
Real Estate Attorney and owner of Northern Title Agency, Inc.
2. Hobbies / Interests
I really enjoy sports, cooking and spending time with my family
3. Favorite trip you've taken, or where you'd like to go
I have 2: Family trips to Turks and Caicos and to California. Our sons still talk about those trips.
4. Why do you worship here at RRPC?
I grew up attending Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Solon and have fond memories. Youth programs were important to us and I do enjoy Jon's sermons!

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3 Communion/Food Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 5:00 p.m. Deacons Annual Chili Cook-off 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>4 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>5 8:30 a.m. Three Arts Club of Lakewood Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>6 Ash Wednesday  7:30 p.m. Ash Wed. Service 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>7  8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p>	<p>1 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p> <p>8 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>2 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>10 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Evang. & Mem. Committee 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 3:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Pre-concert lecture 4:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Concert 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>11 12:00 p.m. Semi-Circle Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting 9:30 a.m. RRP/Preschool Com. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>13 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>14  8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p>	<p>15 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>16 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>17 Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper 6:45 p.m. Pastor's Lenten Class #1 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>18 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Lenten Class #1 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg.</p>	<p>19 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>20 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>21 7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle</p>	<p>22 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>23 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>24 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 3:00 p.m. ACS Presents—Cult-Time Classical Jazz Concert 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>25 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 6:00 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Anniversary Dinner 7:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace</p>	<p>27 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>28  8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p>	<p>29 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>30 7:00 p.m. AA Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>31 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship /Children/ Nursery 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:40 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper 6:45 p.m. Pastor's Lenten Class #2 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>						



Easter Gifts to Your Church: Flowers... In His Name.. Endowment

At Easter time, we like to make a special gift in honor or memory of loved ones. Rocky River Presbyterian Church (RRPC) offers three ways to remember someone special. We print these remembrances in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **The deadline for Easter contributions is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.**

- 1) *Holiday Flower Fund* - Contributions to the *Holiday Flower Fund* provide plants for our sanctuary (**suggested minimum donation \$10 for a plant**). The RRPC Deacons' sanctuary decorating group purchases adequate plants for a tasteful display. Following the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service we encourage donors to pick out a plant (there will be plants of varying sizes and styles) suitable for giving to someone who is sick, shut-in or needing a lift in spirit! (Added bonus: *Flower Fund* money remaining, after buying flowers, is used for sanctuary flowers on Sundays without flower donations!)
- 2) *In His Name (IHN) Fund* - This is a discretionary fund used by the pastor to address appeals for emergency assistance, special mission support and other unmet needs within or outside of our congregation. Donations to the *IHN* Fund may be in any amount.
- 3) *RRPC General Endowment Fund* - This fund is an *abiding endowment* which is never decreased. All contributions add to the fund and generate increased interest income for the church. Donations to the *RRPC General Endowment Fund* may be in any amount.

Holiday Flower Fund, In His Name and RRPC General Endowment Funds

(Contributors to the RRPC *Holiday Flower Fund* may select a plant after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Include payment with form. Designate: *Holiday Flower*, *In His Name* or *RRPC General Endowment Fund* in your check's memo area.

Fund	\$ Amount	Exact wording for bulletin (In honor/memory/celebration of...etc)
<i>Flower Fund</i>		
<i>In His Name</i>		
<i>RRPC General Endowment</i>		

In Nature's Realm - Beauty and So Much More!

Are you looking for something a little different to get you inspired? Plan to join our adult education Sunday morning class in March. Hal Mitcheltree is returning to lead the class every Sunday during the month.



Join us for this series of energizing discussions that explore the beauty, marvels and impacts of nature on our lives and history. Each week will a tap a fresh, wide ranging array of musical, visual and literary sources of inspiration.

Led by Hal Mitcheltree, the programs this March will thoughtfully explore an engaging range of subjects in a congenial manner imbued with good-natured humor that stimulates thoughtful insights and exchanges.

Come and join us in the West Room from 9:00-10:00 every Sunday in February. Coffee and goodies provided

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