

The Reflector

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Trotwood Church of the Brethren

Mission Statement:

*We are a church celebrating diversity,
strengthened by God,
transformed by the Holy Spirit
to serve and unify in the name of Jesus.*

Hello Beloved,

The month of March will carry us faithfully through the majority of the season of Lent. Lent is the period of time when people of Christian faith practice fasting, prayer, and acts of charity or service in order to draw closer to God in Jesus. It is also a time of self-examination. We practice fasting to better clarify the kind of substance we need to be our best selves. We practice prayer to focus our hearts on God's presence in our daily lives. We practice acts of service to draw closer to those who are close to the heart of God. You are welcome to participate in as much of this season as you wish! Perhaps you pick up a Lenten Devotional (Holy Manna by Paula Bowser is excellent so far!), or commit to volunteering once a week, or perhaps you choose to fast from something you enjoy (chocolate, TV, social media, etc.) to make way for something better. However you choose to engage this season, I am happy to be in the wilderness with you.

In the spirit of self-examination, the Church of the Brethren has been deep in that wilderness for a few years now as a team of dedicated volunteers labored to produce a compelling vision for a distracted and divided denomination. They recently released their proposed vision for us:

Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.

The delegate body of our 2020 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan will vote on whether or not to adopt this vision in July. You may want to consider being our church delegate this year for what is shaping up to be a pivotal conference in our denomination's history. In the meantime, I encourage you to check out the well written and scripturally based reflection on this statement at the following link:

<http://www.brethren.org/ac/documents/compelling-vision.pdf>

As we begin our journey through the wilderness of Lent, toward the death and resurrection of our Lord, how might we be inspired and guided by the words of this vision in our own congregation?

Pastor Jen

Save the Date!

Come join us

Sunday, March 15, 2020 7pm
Northmont School Auditorium
4916 West National Road
Clayton, OH 45315

Free admission; offering for Brethren Disaster
Ministries: Memorial Day Tornado Relief

*Sponsored by Southern Ohio/Kentucky
Church of the Brethren congregations

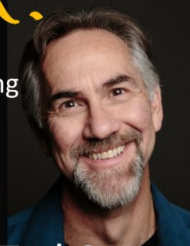
See You There!

Can We Talk?

Conversations for Change
through Story and Song



Ken Medema



Ted Swartz

Can We Talk?

is a rollicking 90 minutes of story, song, laughter and moments of serious reflection around listening and conversation, especially when there is seemingly so much disagreement on issues in the church and society. The show includes classic and new material from Ted Swartz and Ken Medema. You will never be more than a few minutes from a laugh or a moment that makes you hold your breath. Don't miss this opportunity. *More...*



We are taking up a
free-will offering
to help cover the cost
of bringing
Ken and Ted to our area.

Envelopes are available
in the Narthex.

Easter Lily Orders

Once again we will be decorating our church sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. We will order only lilies. We would appreciate your donation of a lily to be placed to the glory of God. Please complete this form and place it, with your payment, in a pew envelope clearly marked "**Easter Lilies**" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. *Checks should be made payable to the church.*

I/We would like to order the following number of lilies to be used for Easter Sunday.

_____ Single stem lily (5-7 blooms) at \$8.00 each.

Please print your name(s) as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

NAME(S) _____

Telephone number _____

REMINDER!!

Last day to order lilies is Sunday, April 5, 2020

You may take your lily home with you following the Easter Sunday worship service.



*Brethren Retirement
Community
Bake Sale*

Saturday, March 21, 2020
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Donations needed!
Check with Norma Shively
or Bert McAdams for details.



**Trotwood
Church of the
Brethren
2020 Scholarships**

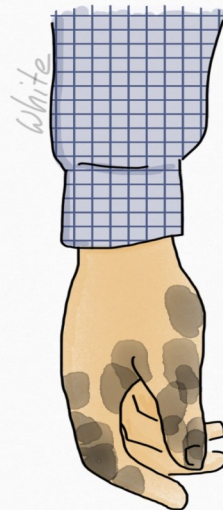
Scholarship applications are
available on the table in the
narthex or you can contact
the church office.

Applications need to be
turned in by April 21, 2020.



THANK YOU THANK YOU

Stephanie Wright sent two cards in appreciation for the prayer quilt that was sent to her. She is very grateful for the love that this church has shown (and continues to show) to her.



never
thumb wrestle
pastors
after
ash wednesday
services.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Reservations are now being taken for our 2020 altar flowers. Arrangements are \$25 and may be placed in memory of or in honor of a loved one or event. Payment for arrangements may be marked as "Altar Flowers" and placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

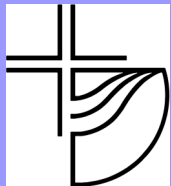
Look on the big poster in the narthex to check the available dates. You can also call Annette Sommer at 837-8643 or send her an email at rastmud@frontier.com

Thank you!

Weekly Lunch Spots



March 1	Company 7 BBQ (1001 S. Main Street, Englewood)
March 8	Carry-in (in the Fellowship Hall)
March 15	Pearson House (28 N. Miami Street, West Milton)
March 22	Yen Ching House (625 S. Main St., Englewood)
March 29	Marion's Piazza (404 W. National Road, Englewood)
April 5	El Toro (9190 North Main Street, Englewood) in front of Meijer
April 12	NO Lunch Spot (Easter Sunday)
April 19	Carry-in (in the Fellowship Hall)
April 26	Marion's Piazza (404 W. National Road, Englewood)



Prayer List for Congregations

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District of the Church of the Brethren invites us to join in prayer for congregations throughout the district.

This is an important way to hold one another in prayer throughout the year.

Please be in prayer for these congregations this month:

- Week of March 1 - Brookville (Brookville, Ohio)
- Week of March 8 - Pleasant Hill (Pleasant Hill, Ohio)
- Week of March 15 - Covington (Covington, Ohio)
- Week of March 22 - Happy Corner (Clayton, Ohio)
- Week of March 29 - Salem (Englewood, Ohio)



Each Sunday there is a card in the Sunday School class that meets in the Fireside room, then it's taken to the narthex for everyone to sign.

Winter Weather Plan



A decision will be made by the Leadership team Chair, the Pastor and the Property manager whether or not to have Sunday School and Worship service. Once a decision has been made, the Pastor will send out an e-mail message and the One Call phone chain will go around. Those members who have an e-buddy are asked to make contact with their partners and let them know. We will contact four Dayton TV Stations to report the cancellation: 2, 7, 22 and 45. If you do not have e-mail or your e-buddy is out of town, feel free to call the Pastor or another member who has access to e-mail to be certain of the plan.



This month our Food Pantry
is in need of
Breakfast Cereal

Your donations can be placed in the
baskets outside the narthex doors
Let's overflow our pantry!

Scripture Chat

*Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
in the Fireside Room*

Each week we discuss the scripture
which will be preached on the
following Sunday.

Join us for lively discussion,
heart felt fellowship, and
deepening discipleship.

No previous Bible knowledge
is needed.

(There will be NO Scripture Chat
on February 4th and 11th!)

NEXT REFLECTOR DEADLINE
March 20

is the last day to get your news
to the office for the April Reflector

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, 2020
7:30 - 10:00 am
at Mill Ridge Village
\$4.00 donation

All you can eat Buttermilk Pancakes
Dohner's Pure Maple Syrup
Baked Landes Sausage Links
Coffee
Orange Juice

*Come Enjoy Breakfast
and Meet Friends*

These are the
scriptures I'll be preaching
on through Lent!
Come on in and join us!
We'd love to see you!



March 1 - Mark 9:30-37

March 8 - Mark 10:35-44

March 15 - Mark 10:46-52

March 22 - Mark 12:28-34

March 29 - Mark 13:24-37

Palm Sunday - April 5 - Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9

Easter Sunday - April 12 - Mark 16:1-8

*Check back to see what
Pastor Jen will be preaching about!*



Please Note: We are happy to publish news about our members
when they win awards, make the Dean's list, get engaged, etc. We
can't keep up with everyone so please feel free to send a digital
photo (or a picture we can scan) and we would love to share your
good news, joys and triumphs.

St Patrick's Day

WORD SEARCH Search across, down, and diagonally



Find the following words:

LEPRECHAUN	RAINBOW	GOLD
ST PATRICK	CLOVER	LUCK
SHAMROCK	GREEN	
IRELAND	MARCH	





In Like
a Lion



March 2020



Out like
a Lamb

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Company 7 BBQ	2 Church Office Closed Pastor Jen's day off	3 10:00 Scripture Chat *4:00 Worship Planning	4 7:00 Choir Practice	5 7:00 BDM Meeting at Mill Ridge Village 7:00 District Women's Bible Study at Salem CoB 7:00 AA Meeting	6	7
8 Bob Ballard Janet Shafer 	9 Church Office Closed Pastor Jen's day off	10 <u>Norma Shively</u> 10:00 Scripture Chat *4:00 Worship Planning 7:00 Neighborhood Watch	11 7:00 Choir Practice	12 7:00 AA Meeting	13	14
15 Can We Talk? 7:00 at Northmont HS Auditorium with Ken Medema and Ted Swartz	16 Church Office Closed Pastor Jen's day off	17  10:00 Scripture Chat 6:30 Leadership Team Mtg	18 7:00 Choir Practice	19 7:00 District Women's Bible Study at Salem CoB 7:00 AA Meeting	20 <u>Travis Phillips</u> <u>Chris Collins, Sr.</u>	21
22 Pearson House	23 Church Office Closed Pastor Jen's day off	24 10:00 Scripture Chat *4:00 Worship Planning	25 7:00 Choir Practice	26 7:00 AA Meeting	27	28
29 Marion's Piazza	30 Church Office Closed Pastor Jen's day off	31 10:00 Scripture Chat *4:00 Worship Planning			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Birthdays Anniversaries Ministries & Rehearsals Community Meetings *Time/Date Subject to Change </div>	

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Prayer List



Seeking peace and comfort for the families of: Martha Davidson, Dean Rogers, Emerson Davidson, Lynn Shough, Ron McAdams, Janet Eby, Johanna Roediger

Seeking health and hope: Dan Royer-Miller, Jonathan Scarr, Mary Wiens, Kirk Hughes, Keegan Portemont; Erma Foust; Bill Landis; Rick Cowdrey & family; John & Karen Bodey; Bert McAdams, Toni Patterson, Audrey Sizemore, Julie Bestabi, Eddie Morgan, Carolyn Armstrong, Ruth Gress, Melissa Phillips, Lynne Brumbaugh, Chris Collins, Monica Hill, Stephanie Wright, Nancy Ward, Johnny Perdue, Jim & Karleen King.

For Our Community: The family of Dayton Detective Jorge Del Rio and Police Departments everywhere; Everyone affected (directly or indirectly) by the senseless act of violence in the Oregon District on August 5th; Tornado survivors in Trotwood, Dayton, Brookville and the surrounding areas and the relief efforts; those who are hungry and lonely; Trotwood Neighborhood Transformation (TNT); Neighborhood Watch groups; Our First Responders; City Council

Around the World: Pindar Nuhu; the violence in northeast Nigeria; Refugees of all countries; the people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala

Those serving our country: Jaren Bush, All of our Military, Christian Peacemaker Teams and Brethren Volunteer Service volunteers

Friends who'd love to hear from you...

Eddie Morgan, Room 340, Friendship Village, 5790 Denlinger Road, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Audrey Sizemore, 5166 Crescent Ridge Drive, Clayton, Ohio 45315

Johnny Perdue, 1074 Alexanderville Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342, phone 937-776-0758

Ruth Gress, 502 W Sherry Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Stephanie Wright, Canterbury Gardens, 1001 Kingston Street #56, Aurora, Colorado 80012