



Gethsemane's Vision Statement

A Christ-centered community empowered by and overflowing
with God's justice, inclusion, and grace.

Reminders

- Be sure to change your clocks for Daylight Savings
- Come this Saturday to quilt (tie a knot) between 9-12:00 pm
- If you wish to learn about how to reduce your property tax value come to the workshop this Saturday from 10-11:00 am
- The new 2024 church directory is complete. You may pick up a copy in the narthex. If you prefer an electronic copy let me know and I will send you one.

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Worship Services In-Person or Online

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 am every Sunday.

Online Live-Streaming Video Worship

The links to our live video worship service is:

Sunday, March 10th: https://youtube.com/live/_e4cIDBW-P8

Wednesday, March 13th: <https://youtube.com/live/wodvHjuFVSM>

A reminder is emailed each week.

OR

Go to <http://YouTube.gethsemane.org> to watch our worship services at a later time.

MAR 10 – ADULT EDUCATION meets in the Multi-Purpose Room at 11:00am to watch and discuss the video "Witness at the Cross" by Amy Levine. Discussion is led by discussion leaders Pastor TJ, Beth Berkani, Joyce Geary, and Sharon Walton. The series runs until next Sunday, Mar. 17. Then on Palm Sunday, Mar. 24, Arnie Klukas will share slides and information on "Art of Holy Week". There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

FUNERAL PLANNING FORMS were distributed to the attendees of the recent "*Winter of Christian Life*" Adult Education class. If you received one of these forms, please complete it and return it to the church office. We have found these very helpful in working with the families to plan the funeral. If you did not attend the class but would like to complete one of these forms to have on file in the church office, please pick one up at the Welcome Center.

Lent 2024: "A Living Echo: Listening Through Lent"

"Catechesis" is the term the early church used to describe the purpose of its three-year process for preparing people for baptism, which often culminated in an intensive final stretch in the third year during **Lent**. For many Christians today, however, the word *catechesis* has become more commonly associated with the word *catechism* – commonly a summary principles/doctrine in the form of questions and answers, used for the instruction of Christians. This is not what the word *catechesis* actually means, though, nor is it what the early church meant by it.

Catechesis (κατηχέω) comes from two other Greek words, "kata" and "akouw," which together literally mean something like "to listen alongside." We get our word "echo" from this word, and that's exactly the sense behind its early Christian usage! Catechesis is the process by which we, the Church, come "alongside" one another to help each other learn how our lives can be a "living echo" of Jesus. Catechesis, and these forty days of Lent, in particular, are about helping us learn how to live the way of Jesus.

This year in worship throughout Lent at GLC, we'll be placing an intentional emphasis on **listening** throughout Lent. We'll engage in several different opportunities to truly pause and *listen* for how God is speaking to us through scripture, through music, through relationships, and so much more.

We hope you will join us at Gethsemane this Lent as we listen alongside one another and living our lives as an echo of Jesus!

***Stay tuned for more info on how our Midweek Lent gatherings & worship will tie into our overarching theme this Lent!**

MAR. 10 – SYNCHRONICITY CONCERT will take place on Sunday, Mar. 10, at 5:00pm in Gethsemane's sanctuary. This special concert is in memory of Richard "Dick" Reuning, co-founder of the group. A freewill donation will be accepted in support of Gethsemane's Food Pantry. More details on the concert will be in Gethsemane's upcoming March newsletter.

MAR. 10 – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – Event with other local congregations. Time will be roughly 5:30pm-7:30pm. We're ironing out details for a fun outing as this is being written, so watch your email & Remind for details very soon!

MAR. 10 – ALL AGES MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL: Everyone is welcome to join us as we carpool to the Maple Syrup Festival at Lutheran Memorial Camp at HopeWood Pines (30 minutes north of GLC). Admission is free and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes & maple sausage for \$12 (ages 10+), \$8 (ages 3-9), and ages 2 & under eat free. Learn how maple syrup is made, enjoy the outdoors at this annual tradition which is a fun and welcoming family and community festival themed on maple syrup. **Carpool from GLC leaves after Sunday school at Noon and returns around 3:45pm.** Contact Ben Buss at bbuss@gethsemane.org if you have any questions.

MAR. 13 – WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES are EVERY Wednesday until Mar. 20, at 7:30pm. We are using the popular Holden Evening Prayer Service.

MAR. 13 – SOUP SUPPERS & STUDY start at 6:15pm with supper. Pastor TJ leads the study followed by Lenten worship at 7:30pm. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE SOUP – SIGN UP** to bring soup and/or bread and to set up and/or clean up. Come for the full experience of soup—study—worship!

MAR. 14 – PROPERTY TAX VALUE WORKSHOP on Thursday, Mar. 14, from 6:30-7:30pm at Gethsemane. The workshop will provide you with tools, resources, information and options for the review of your newly taxed assessed value for your home. Please RSVP to BJWhite@Realty.com no later than 48 hours prior to your preferred workshop day and time. She will give you information on how you may be able to have your evaluation adjusted. The Franklin Board of Revision will accept complaints for tax year 2023 through April 1, 2024.

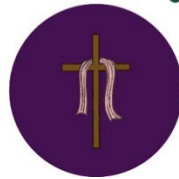
MAR. 19 – BOOK GROUP has been moved to Tuesday, Mar. 19, at 7:00pm to avoid Holy Week. We hope this works for everyone because this is an important meeting – it's our "choosing meeting." Each person is invited to bring 3 books they think the group might enjoy reading. We will vote for each set of 3 books to determine which one makes our list. It would be helpful, if members would bring along their calendars to facilitate determining the months in which they would lead the discussions.

MAR. 22 – GLC WILL VOLUNTEER AT THE FAITH MISSION DONATION CENTER the morning of Friday, Mar. 22. Contact Rick Langner, or sign-up in the narthex. If you want a ride, meet at the church at 9:00 am.

MAR. 24 – EASTER BASKETS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY will be made on Sunday, Mar. 24, during Sunday School. The Outreach Ministry Team will assist the children. Parents and a few extra adults would be helpful.

MAR. 24 – EASTER EGG HUNT for ages 0 -- grade 5 will happen on Sunday, Mar. 24, at NOON. There will be multiple spaces for different age groups to hunt in. Invite friends. Please sign up at <http://tiny.cc/glcegghunt>. Plastic egg donation filled with goodies are needed.

Worship Schedule for **Holy Week**



Palm Sunday, March 24 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 pm Agape Meal

Good Friday, March 29 – 12:00 pm Community Worship on the Village Green

Good Friday, March 29 – 7:00 pm Worship Service

Easter Vigil, March 30 – 7:00 pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday, March 31 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Food Pantry Needs

Hearty soups, canned fruits, canned vegetables, and, always, plastic bags and of course Toilet Paper

Activities Mar. 10--16

SUNDAY

9:30 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Education Hour
12:00 pm	Maple Syrup Festival
1:00 pm	Ibada Ya Kiswahili Service
5:00 pm	Synchronicity Benefit Concert

MONDAY

8:00 am	Reflections
1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:30 pm	Youth & Family Ministry
7:30 pm	A.A., Al Anon, & Alateen

TUESDAY

9:30 am	P&L Chapel
4-9:00 pm	Music Lessons

WEDNESDAY

11 & 4-7 pm	Music Lessons
4-6:00 pm	Food Pantry
6:15 pm	Soup Supper
6:40 pm	Study
7:30 om	Lenten Worship

THURSDAY

9:30 am	Northwest Pastors' Cluster
2:00 pm	Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
6:30 pm	Property Tax Value Workshop
7:15 pm	Vocal Choir

FRIDAY

4:00 pm	Piano Practice
6:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat at LMC

SATURDAY

9-2:00 pm	Music Lessons
11:00 am	IYK Choir
1:45 pm	IYK Meeting
4:45 pm	Return from Confirmation Retreat

We Remember in Prayer

New concerns: Penny Perry-Balonier (friend of Char Jessie and Laurie Burnett) ... Mark Darst (brother-in-law of Laurie Burnett) ... Andy Phalen (friend of Michelle Castrogiovanni) ... Denise Sager ... Joe Muhlenkamp (brother-in-law of Alice Siddall) ... Lynn Bridges (friend of Gary Rader).

Members with ongoing concerns: Don Cumberland ... Howard Feole ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Don Huiner ... David Lagerberg ... James Laspisa ... Rick Nelson ... Doug Sand.

Friends and family with concerns: Chuck Fuller (friend of Stephen Smith) ... Cindi McCullum (sister of Char Jessie) ... Marsha Wynn (friend of Bob and Jan Davis) ... Norma Nickelson (friend of Carole Wilkins) ... Sandy Pawsey (mother of Anna Wildermuth) ... Drew Thomas (son-in-law of Carole Wilkins) ... Mary Jo Muhlenkamp (sister of Alice Siddall) ... Dale Powers (friend of Gary Rader).

Homebound: Bob Cerny (Danbury Senior Living-Westerville) ... Barb Driver (Home) ... Gene Fisher (Home) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Elaine Haines (The Ashford at Sturbridge) ... Don Huiner (Danbury Senior Living-Columbus) ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Bonnie Spring (Wesley Glen).

To fulfill God’s mission here at Gethsemane		
	January 2024	Fiscal Year to Date (7 month)
Budgeted Contributions:	\$29,082.35	\$224,661.17
Contributions Received:	\$38,646.25	\$230,660.86
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$9,564.00	\$6,000.00
Contributions needed for the remainder of the fiscal year.		
Total:	\$140,139.00	
Average Per Month:	\$28,028.00	
Complete financial details are available in Atrium Way.		
Note: The amounts listed above reflect contributions to Gethsemane’s Operating Fund; they do not include contributions to Special Funds, such as the Remembrance Fund and they do not include contributions for IYK.		

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024: These are the various options that you can use to make your contributions to Gethsemane to keep our ministries going. Everyone will continue to get credit for their contributions no matter which option:

- **Gethsemane Online;**
- **Electronic Transfers from Your Bank; *Contact Mark Geary or Rick Langner to make any changes.***
- **“Vanco Mobile App” on Your Smart Phone;**
- **Text from Your Smart Phone;**
- **Write a Check and Mail It to Church, 35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214. Place your contribution in the offering basket at the rear of the sanctuary. Envelopes are provided.**

Go to www.gethsemane.org to see the recent issue of the newsletter or pick one up at the Welcome Center.

Deadline for the newsletter is the second Sunday of the month. To submit an article, email it to glcoffice@gethsemane.org or put it on the secretary's desk.