

Today, January 21, 2018

TODAY – PRELUDE played by *Synchronicity Trio* (Bruce Posey, Dick Reuning, Sharon Walton). Want to hear more? Join us on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 4:00pm for their annual Faith Mission Benefit Concert at Gethsemane.

TODAY – 70TH ANNIVERSARY – PICTURES! If you have any pictures of Gethsemane, past or present, please bring them to church and put them up on the green sheet in the narthex to share with others. There will be some double-sided tape and a pen to mark names! Take the time to look at all the pictures that have been posted around the building.

TODAY – 70TH ANNIVERSARY – POTLUCK! On Sunday, Feb. 11, following worship Gethsemane will celebrate their 70th Anniversary with a potluck dinner. If you plan on attending the meal, please sign up to bring a salad, hot vegetable, pasta or potato dish. Meat and dessert will be provided. It would be helpful to know how many are coming so that we can order the right amount of meat. Volunteers are also needed for clean up and set up.

TODAY – CHILDREN’S OFFERING: The Sunday School youth are collecting for Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS), which is a refugee resettlement agency serving the growing refugee and immigrant populations in Central Ohio. They are invited to bring their offering forward to the altar and place it in the glass jar.

TODAY – SIGN-UP FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: A new chart has been posted by the coffee station in the Atrium. If you enjoy “goodies” before or after worship consider signing up to provide them on a Sunday or two. We also accept cash donations to purchase “goodies” when no one has signed up.

TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING today at 10:45am in the Multi-Purpose Room. “Alcoholism” will be led by Kitty, secretary of the AA group. Our guest speaker will share her story, addiction and what we should know and how to help . . . and take questions. This is the 44th year of Gethsemane hosting their group. Next week: “Human Trafficking.”

TODAY & JAN. 28 – IT’S YOUTH SUB SALE TIME! Our annual youth sub sale starts today and continues through the 21st and 28th. Subs will be available for your dining pleasure on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$7. Order subs at the table in the narthex. Proceeds will go to this year’s ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

TODAY & JAN. 28 – RECRUITING FOR HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM: Interested in serving the health and wellness needs of your Gethsemane family? The Health Ministry Team (HMT) offers you two opportunities for serving. During the month of January the HMT will be recruiting for new members for our team and also for those with an interest in becoming a Caring Contact. We will have a visible presence in the narthex both prior to and after the Sunday services today and next Sunday to discuss these opportunities with you. Won’t you consider this important ministry of addressing the health and wellness needs of your Gethsemane family? Please contact Pam Seidelmann (Chair for HMT) for more information - 740/548-5387 or pseidelmann@insight.rr.com.

JAN. 24 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH meets on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Bring your lunch and favorite Bible to the library at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to come and join in on the discussion of the First and Second Petitions of the Lord’s Prayer.

JAN. 27 – THRIVENT BUILDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Gethsemane is scheduled to help with renovations (installing new floors, cleaning, and painting) on a house previously built but being made ready for a new Habitat partner family. Our date is Saturday, Jan. 27, 7:45-3:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please indicate if you need transportation. Whether you have never volunteered,

helped a few times, or are a regular at Habitat, please join us. Contact Rick Langner (312-361-4047) or see Bill Darlage if you have any questions. Lunch will be served to the workers.

JAN. 31 – BOOK GROUP meets on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30pm in the library to discuss the book *Life of Galileo* by Bertolt Brecht. The discussion will be led by Carol Prigan. All are welcome.

FEB. 4 – “SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY is Feb. 4 when we collect food and money for both the LSS Food Pantry and Gethsemane’s CRC Food Pantry. On that Sunday bring your bags of groceries, cash and/or checks (*made payable to Gethsemane Lutheran with “Souper Bowl” written in the memo*). What is collected will be divided between the two pantries. The money is used to purchase food items at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at a greatly reduced cost. Most needed items toothpaste, toilet paper, bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, sanitary products, baby food, diapers, cereal, snacks (bags of chips, crackers, etc.), canned beans (black, red, great northern, kidney), peanut butter and dried pasta.

FEB. 4 – G.I.F.T. FOR ALL AGES: Our time together will include learning and activities geared around celebrating Gethsemane's 70th anniversary. We'll even visit one of the basement areas to "worship like it's 1948." All ages are welcome to participate in this special of time of learning!

FEB. 24 – NEXT QUILTING WORKDAY will be Saturday, Feb. 24, 9am-12noon. We'll have lots of quilts to knot so please join us in the church lower level. No skills necessary except tying a knot. For information, see Quilting coordinator Terri Siebert at 614/890-6820 or tsiebert@columbus.rr.com.

MAR. 17 – BLOOD DRIVE—SAVE THE DATE: Health Ministry's next Red Cross blood drive: March 17. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet next month.

MAR 17-25 – THRIVENT BUILDS WORLDWIDE – EL SALVADOR: Joe and Bonnie Reilly will be making their annual Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip March 17-25, 2018 to work with Habitat for Humanity El Salvador. Registration is now open if you’d like to join their team. If you think this sounds like an awesome way to #LiveGenerously, and you’d like to transform the lives of a hardworking family while basking in the warmth of the Salvadoran people and tropical sunshine, please contact the Reillys for more information – 614/563-2421 or bonnie.reilly@thrivent.com. Deadline: Jan. 31.

MEALS NEEDED: Since our friend and member, Howard Spring, is now under hospice care, the Health Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to provide a meal for Bonnie and Howard twice a week, if possible. Bonnie has told us that Tuesdays and Thursdays are her busiest days, so an evening meal would be especially helpful on those days. Wendy Luedke will be coordinating the schedule. For those willing to participate (on a one-time basis or rotating schedule), please contact Wendy (614-764-2515-home), (614-736-9277-cell), or by email at wloedke@columbus.rr.com. She will get you scheduled and provide essential details.

Activities Jan 21—27

TODAY

9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Education Hour
4:00 pm Ibada Ya Kiswahili

MONDAY

8:00 am Reflections Bible Study
7:30 pm AA & AI Anon

TUESDAY

9:30 am P&L Chapel
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:45 pm Swahili Choir

WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Bunch
6:30 pm Food Pantry

THURSDAY

6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:15 pm Vocal Choir

FRIDAY

11:00 pm Mkesha

We Remember in Prayer

New Concerns: Khloe Pekar (granddaughter of Brian McLean).

Members with ongoing concerns: Donna Baer ... Alice Gerken ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... Arlene Hendrickson ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Gary Rader ... Carol Savolaine ... Howard Spring.

Friends and family with concerns: Wayne Brengman (father of Jill Woods) ... Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) Pat Reilly Exner (mother of Joe Reilly) ... Jack Karako (father of Linda Mackov) ... Chris Kasselmann and her daughter Maura (friends of Joanne Leussing) ... Janice Lord (cousin of Patti Nelson) ... Monica McLean (daughter of Brian McLean) ... Megan Ottesen (relative of Patti Nelson).

Homebound: Marie Cooper ... Beryl Cumberland ... Carolyn Fergus (Wesley Glen) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Sue Jones (Mayfair Village) ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Joanne Vollrath (Worthington Christian Village) ... Phyllis Wei ... Reva Woodruff (Columbus Colony).

History Tidbit—Missouri Synod & Seminex

My first inkling of trouble came when after graduating from River Forest, a Missouri Synod college, the Synod office asked me to turnover my notes from certain professors' classes. I did not respond and taught for four years in a Lutheran school. When we moved to Columbus, naturally, we joined Gethsemane, a nearby Missouri Synod church. News of controversy at Concordia Seminary over the "historical critical" method of Bible study became known. Rev. Enno Gahl, pastor of Gethsemane, and Rev. Walter Bouman, professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, patiently explained the issues. I thought that Seminex, the walkout of students at Concordia, was just a protest movement and that the synod would change some and hold together. That was not to be. When Gethsemane called Gerald Miller from Seminex to be our Assistant Pastor for Christian Education and then later left the Synod altogether, it felt like breaking up of the family.

Joyce Geary as told to Judy Reuning

To fulfill God's mission here at Gethsemane

	December, 2017	Fiscal Year to Date (6 months)
Needed:	\$67,811.00	\$267,622.00
Contributions received:	\$67,212.00	\$209,102.00
Other income:	\$14,575.45	\$73,691.74
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$13,976.00	\$125,172.00
Contributions needed for the remainder of the fiscal year to pay for budgeted costs		
Total:	\$169,780.00	
Average per Month:	\$28,297.00	
Complete financial details are available in Atrium Way.		